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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CREATE A MOPED
TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CLASSIFYING MOPEDS
LIKE MOTORCYCLES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

1 WHEREAS, as the economic downturn continues to affect many
2 state residents are looking at ways they can reduce their
3 monthly expenses; and
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5 WHEREAS, one way people are seeking to reduce their
6 expenses is by reducing their daily transportation costs; and
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8 WHEREAS, residents are increasingly turning to mopeds as
9 their means of transportation because of their high miles per
10 gallon fuel use and low maintenance costs; and
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12 WHEREAS, moped registrations in the State of Hawaii
13 continue to rise and are now over 23,000; and
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15 WHEREAS, currently in the State no special education or
16 training is required to obtain a license that would allow you to
17 operate a moped; and
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19 WHEREAS, as a result of these increased registrations and
20 no special training moped related accidents and fatalities
21 continue to rise; and
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23 WHEREAS, amending the way mopeds are classified and handled
24 within the Hawaii Revised Statutes to treat them more like
25 motorcycles and less like bicycles could drastically reduce the
26 amount of accidents and deaths in the state as well as improve
27 the quality of life of all citizens by reducing the amount of
28 illegally retrofitted mopeds that are often loud and disturbing;
29 now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that a task force on mopeds
2 be created within the Department of Transportation to explore
3 the feasibility of treating mopeds more like motorcycles; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moped taskforce shall meet
6 a minimum of five times between June 1, 2010, and December 31,
7 2010. The task force may continue to meet beyond December 31,
8 2010, if necessary. The Department of Transportation shall
9 provide administrative support to the illegal fireworks task
10 force, and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall consist of the
13 Director of transportation Services or his designee; who shall
14 serve as the chairperson, a representative from each of the four
15 counties' transportation departments, a member of the moped
16 industry; as selected by industry members, the Attorney General
17 or his designee, a representative from each of the four
18 counties' police department, and a representative from the
19 Department of Motor Vehicles Budget and Finance office, and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moped task force shall
22 submit a preliminary plan and strategy report to the legislature
23 no later than January 10, 2011, and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor
27 of the City and County of Honolulu, the Mayor of the County of
28 Hawaii, the Mayor of the County of Maui, and the Mayor of the
29 County of Kauai.
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