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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND A PROCESS
TO CREATE A CITIZEN ROAD WATCH PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Safety
2 Administration in 2008, speeding-related fatalities in Hawaii
3 accounted for nearly half of all the traffic fatalities in
4 Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, in March, 2009, Honolulu police initiated a
7 sweeping crackdown on dangerous drivers in a campaign to reduce
8 the number of speeding-related accidents and fatalities; and

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10 WHEREAS, during the first weekend of the crackdown,
11 Honolulu police issued six hundred and twenty-five speeding
12 citations, including seventeen for excessive speeding; and

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14 WHEREAS, typically, the Honolulu police issue an average of
15 three thousand speeding citations each month; and

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17 WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce speeding in residential
18 areas, a number of communities in other states have established
19 programs to engage local residents in changing driver behavior
20 on their neighborhood streets; and

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22 WHEREAS, for instance, Neighborhood Speed Watch programs in
23 communities in Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Utah, Washington, and
24 Ontario, Canada train residents on how to use radar equipment
25 and collect speed data in their neighborhoods; and

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27 WHEREAS, participating residents record the speed and
28 license plate information of speeding motor vehicles and send
29 this information to the owner of the vehicle, informing the
30 owner of the violation and encouraging the owner or driver of
31 the vehicle to drive at or below the posted speed limit; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Road Watch program in Richmond Hill in
2 Ontario, Canada, gives residents an opportunity to report
3 aggressive and unsafe driving in their neighborhoods to the
4 police through the use of Citizen Report forms; and
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6 WHEREAS, this information assists the police in identifying
7 unsafe driving acts or "hot spots" that are traffic problem
8 areas; and
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10 WHEREAS, a similar initiative in Hawaii could help deter
11 speeding in local neighborhoods by raising public awareness of
12 the issue and educating drivers about the negative consequences
13 of speeding; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
18 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are
19 requested to convene a task force to recommend a process to
20 create a Citizen Road Watch program; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of:
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- 24 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
25 the Senate;
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27 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
28 by the Speaker of the House;
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30 (3) One representative of the Department of
31 Transportation;
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33 (4) One representative of the Honolulu Department of
34 Transportation Services;
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36 (5) The City and County of Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney
37 or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
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39 (6) The Public Defender or the Public Defender's designee;
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41 (7) One representative of the City and County of Honolulu
42 Police Department;
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- 1 (8) One representative of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
2 Organization;
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- 4 (9) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards
5 appointed by the President of the Senate; and
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- 7 (10) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
11 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2011; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
17 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
18 Director of Transportation, the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney,
19 the State Public Defender, the Honolulu Police Chief, the
20 Director of the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services,
21 and the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
22 Organization.
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