
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO GATHER STATISTICS ON
INJURIES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS, BICYCLES AND ATV'S
WITHOUT HELMETS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that persons who operate
2 motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles and ATV's while using a helmet are
3 less likely to suffer severe injuries; and
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5 WHEREAS, a study done by the National Highway Traffic
6 Safety Administration collecting data on motorcycle injuries
7 from 18 states during the period of 2003-2005 (DOT HS 811 208,
8 October, 2009) revealed that those riders using helmets were
9 less likely to experience facial and head injuries and
10 significantly less likely to experience Traumatic Brain Injury
11 (TBI); and
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13 WHEREAS, 56.8 percent of the riders in the study wore
14 helmets and 43.2 percent did not wear a helmet; and
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16 WHEREAS, 7.3 percent of those not wearing a helmet suffered
17 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) while 4.7 percent of those who did
18 wear a helmet suffered TBI; and
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20 WHEREAS, 78.7 percent of those not wearing a helmet did not
21 suffer TBI while 85.5 percent of those wearing a helmet did not
22 suffer TBI; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature similarly finds that helmets
25 provide a safety mechanism for those on mopeds, bicycles and
26 ATV's as well; and
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28 WHEREAS, according to an article: Traffic Safety Facts
29 Laws: Bicycle Helmet Use Laws, April 2004, put out by the
30 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2002,



1 662 bicyclists were killed in traffic accidents and 48,000 were
2 injured in traffic-related accidents; and

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4 WHEREAS, in the same article, the NHTSA also finds that
5 each year, more than 300,000 children aged 14 and under are
6 treated for emergency room injuries from bicycles; and

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8 WHEREAS, also in the article, the NHTSA finds that as of
9 2002, 20 states (including the District of Columbia) have
10 enacted bicycle helmet laws for children; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
14 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health,
15 Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch
16 is requested to gather statistics on injuries involving helmet
17 use for motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles and ATV's and report to
18 the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of
19 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
23 Health, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems
24 Branch, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the
25 Senate.

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