HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE INFORMATION ON ANNUAL INJURIES AND DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, off-road all-terrain vehicle (ATV's) deaths and 1 injuries have climbed over the past years due to their 2 popularity as recreational vehicles; and 3 4 WHEREAS, ATV rollovers, collisions and ejections can cause 5 fatalities as well as serious injuries; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Hawaii has had 14 ATV related deaths from 1982 9 through 2007; and 10 11 WHEREAS, nationwide the Consumer Product Safety Commission 12 staff has received reports of up to 151,000 injuries a year and 13 8,995 ATV-related deaths between 1982 and 2007; and 14 15 WHEREAS, since 1998, the ATV industry has observed 16 voluntary guidelines restricting the sale of adult-sized ATV's 17 for use by children under age 16, but the number of children per 18 year injured on ATV's is alarming; and 19 20 WHEREAS, Hawaii, Mississippi, Montana, Wyoming, and 21 Washington D.C. are the only areas that do not have any safety 22 laws pertaining to ATV's; and 23 24 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that review of state 25 statistics on ATV injuries and deaths can help it understand the 26 problem and find ways to keep injuries and deaths to a minimum; 27 28 and 29

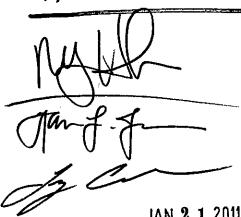


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1 WHEREAS, knowledge and extent of the problem will aide in 2 creating legislation to help keep the injuries and deaths from increasing; now, therefore, 3 4 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 6 of 2011, that the department of health is requested to gather 7 annual state statistics on deaths and injuries related to all-8 terrain vehicles; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health shall 11 request statistics on ATV-related deaths and injuries from 12 13 hospitals, clinics and private physicians; and 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health is 15 requested to report current and past statistics, if any, to the 16 Legislature and also to recommend appropriate legislation to 17 18 help prevent deaths and injuries; and 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of 21 Health, Hawaii Medical Association, Healthcare Association of 22 23 Hawaii, American Academy of Pediatrics-Hawaii, and American Orthopedic Association-Hawaii Chapter. 24 25 26 27 Darhara Marumoto OFFERED BY:



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