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S.C.R. NO. 116

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 City and County of Honolulu
2 Police Department, as of November 2010, traffic fatalities on
3 Oahu exceeded the number of traffic fatalities that occurred on
4 Oahu in all of 2009; and

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6 WHEREAS, as of November 2010, speed was a factor in over
7 forty per cent of traffic fatalities on Oahu; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2010, Oahu experienced almost two times the
10 number of pedestrian deaths than in 2009; and

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12 WHEREAS, many of these pedestrian fatalities involved
13 individuals using a marked crosswalk; and

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

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20 WHEREAS, for instance, neighborhood speed watch programs in
21 communities in Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Utah, Washington, and
22 Ontario, Canada train residents on how to use radar equipment
23 and collect speed data in their neighborhoods; and

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25 WHEREAS, participating residents record the speed and
26 license plate information of speeding motor vehicles and send
27 this information to the owner of the vehicle, informing the
28 owner of the violation and encouraging the owner or driver of
29 the vehicle to drive at or below the posted speed limit; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Road Watch program in Richmond Hill in
32 Ontario, Canada gives residents an opportunity to report



1 aggressive and unsafe driving in their neighborhoods to the
2 police through the use of Citizen Report forms; and
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4 WHEREAS, this information assists the police in identifying
5 unsafe driving acts or "hot spots" that are traffic problem
6 areas; and
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8 WHEREAS, a similar initiative in Hawaii could help deter
9 speeding in local neighborhoods by raising public awareness of
10 the issue and educating drivers about the negative consequences
11 of speeding; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the
16 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are
17 requested to convene a task force to recommend a process to
18 create a Citizen Road Watch program; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of:
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- 22 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
23 the Senate;
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25 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
26 by the Speaker of the House;
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28 (3) The Director of Transportation or the Director's
29 designee;
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31 (4) The Director of the Honolulu Department of
32 Transportation Services or the Director's designee;
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34 (5) The City and County of Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney
35 or the Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
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37 (6) The State Public Defender or the Public Defender's
38 designee;
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40 (7) The City and County of Honolulu Police Chief or the
41 Police Chief's designee;
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(8) The Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization or the Executive Director's designee;

(9) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(10) One representative of the Oahu Neighborhood Boards appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Director of Transportation, the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney, the State Public Defender, the Honolulu Police Chief, the Director of the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, and the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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