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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VISION ZERO.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that vision zero programs  
2 are traffic safety programs that are based on the belief that  
3 death and injury on roadways are preventable and seek to end  
4 traffic deaths and serious injuries.

5           The legislature further finds that the idea originated in  
6 Sweden, which adopted Vision Zero as a national policy in 1997  
7 and by 2013 had achieved a record low of road accident  
8 fatalities. In 2000, the state of Washington became the first  
9 state in the United States to adopt a vision zero program and  
10 set an aggressive goal of zero traffic deaths and serious  
11 injuries by 2030. Washington reported that the state averaged  
12 twenty-two fewer traffic fatalities and eighty fewer serious  
13 injuries each year from 2002 through 2011 and that its national  
14 traffic fatality ranking has been lowered from eleventh in 2005  
15 to fourth in 2010. Many of the country's large cities,  
16 including New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, and Chicago, have  
17 adopted vision zero type programs. The Federal Highway



1 Administration is also committed to the vision of eliminating  
2 fatalities and serious injuries on our nation's roadways under  
3 an approach termed "Toward Zero Deaths."

4 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
5 transportation to adopt and implement a vision zero program.

6 Section 2. (a) The department of transportation shall  
7 implement a vision zero program by July 1, 2018.

8 (b) The goal of the vision zero program shall be to  
9 eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the State  
10 by 2030.

11 (c) The department of transportation, in conjunction with  
12 the counties, shall take necessary steps to implement the  
13 program.

14 (d) The director of transportation may adopt rules,  
15 pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary for  
16 the purposes of this Act.

17 (e) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
18 each regular session, the department shall submit a report to  
19 the legislature on the progress made toward the goal of  
20 eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Transportation; Vision Zero

**Description:**

Requires DOT to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by July 1, 2018.

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