

SB 217

RELATING TO VISION ZERO.

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



TO: Committee on Transportation and Energy
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Commenting on SB 217 Relating to Vision Zero

Aloha Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy, my name is Kari Benes and I chair the Hawaii Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering and Core Committees. It is important to use this opportunity to explain that Hawaii's current Strategic Highway Safety Plan incorporates the same overarching vision of Vision Zero, which is under Federal Highway Administration but is called "Towards Zero Deaths." This "zero deaths" idea was first adopted in Sweden in 1997 as "Vision Zero" and since then has evolved across the country and across the world. A growing number of state and cities have adopted "Zero" fatality visions.

During the 2013-2018 SHSP plan update, members of the planning committees felt it was important incorporate "zero deaths" into the overarching goal of the plan, which states "working together, we will reduce yearly fatalities from 100, to 80 or fewer by 2018, **toward the ultimate goal of zero deaths.**" The part that makes this "toward zero deaths" goal a reality is when decision makers implement the plan's strategies that reflect the 4 E's of traffic safety which are enforcement, engineering, education, and emergency medical and trauma services. To ensure progress, Federal Highways Administration requires states to update their Strategic Highway Safety Plan every 5 years.

The entire Strategic Highway Safety Plan, its progress, and vision, mission and goals are available for download and view at www.hawaiiishsp.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to share related information on this measure.

Strategic Highway Safety Plan Mission

Save lives and reduce injuries on Hawaii's roadways through strategic partnerships and implementation of the SHSP.

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