
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EACH COUNTY TO STRICTLY ENFORCE ANY APPLICABLE COUNTY REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF STICKERS OR DECALS ON MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOWS OR WINDSHIELDS AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REQUIRE ALL OFFICIAL SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THESE COUNTY REGULATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Transportation,
2 there were one hundred three traffic fatalities in the State
3 between January 1, 2019, and December 11, 2019; and
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5 WHEREAS, blind spots are areas surrounding a motor vehicle
6 where the vehicle driver's views are obstructed; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety
9 Administration, each year approximately eight hundred forty
10 thousand accidents and three hundred deaths in the United States
11 are attributable to blind spot-related issues; and
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13 WHEREAS, although technological innovations have been
14 developed and implemented to address the issue of blind spots,
15 including the use of cameras and sensors to detect objects
16 located in blind spots, universal adoption of these technologies
17 has been slow and costly, especially in older motor vehicles;
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20 WHEREAS, although rear-view visibility system cameras
21 became mandatory on all new cars, sport utility vehicles,
22 trucks, and vans sold in the United States on or after May 1,
23 2018, these cameras only address blind spots directly behind a
24 motor vehicle; and
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1 WHEREAS, stickers and decals are widely affixed to motor
 2 vehicles throughout the State as, among other things, parking
 3 permits, decorations, and memorials for deceased loved ones; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these stickers and decals, especially
 6 larger stickers and decals, can obstruct a driver's view and
 7 create additional blind spots if affixed to motor vehicle
 8 windows; and
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10 WHEREAS, sections 24-102(a), Hawaii County Code; 15-
 11 19.30(a), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu; 16-17.29(a), Kauai
 12 County Code; and 10.20.420(A), Maui County Code, each prohibit
 13 the placement of any materials, including stickers or decals, on
 14 windows or windshields of certain motor vehicles if the
 15 materials obstruct the motor vehicle driver's view; now,
 16 therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 19 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 20 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Honolulu Police
 21 Department, Hawaii County Police Department, Kauai County Police
 22 Department, and Maui County Police Department are urged to
 23 strictly enforce applicable county regulations governing the use
 24 of stickers or decals on motor vehicle windows or windshields;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 28 Transportation is also urged to require all official safety
 29 inspection stations to strictly enforce these county
 30 regulations; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 34 Transportation, mayor of each county, chair of each county
 35 council, and chief of police of each county police department.
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