
HOUSE 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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26 WHEREAS, stickers and decals are widely affixed to motor
27 vehicles throughout the State as, among other things, parking
28 permits, decorations, and memorials for deceased loved ones; and
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1 WHEREAS, many of these stickers and decals, especially
2 larger stickers and decals, can obstruct a driver's view and
3 create additional blind spots if affixed to motor vehicle
4 windows; and

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6 WHEREAS, sections 24-102(a), Hawaii County Code; 15-
7 19.30(a), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu; 16-17.29(a), Kauai
8 County Code; and 10.20.420(A), Maui County Code, each prohibit
9 the placement of any materials, including stickers or decals, on
10 windows or windshields of certain motor vehicles if the
11 materials obstruct the motor vehicle driver's view; now,
12 therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
16 2020, that the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii County Police
17 Department, Kauai County Police Department, and Maui County
18 Police Department are urged to strictly enforce applicable
19 county regulations governing the use of stickers or decals on
20 motor vehicle windows or windshields; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
23 Transportation is also urged to require all official safety
24 inspection stations to strictly enforce these county
25 regulations; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
29 mayor of each county, chair of each county council, and chief of
30 police of each county police department.

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