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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 is a
2 traffic safety program that seeks to end traffic deaths and
3 serious injuries.

4 The legislature further finds that the idea originated in
5 Sweden, which adopted vision zero as a national policy in 1997
6 and by 2013 had achieved a record low of road accident
7 fatalities. In 2000, the state of Washington became the first
8 in the United States to adopt the program and to set an
9 aggressive goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by
10 2030. Washington reported that the state averaged twenty-two
11 fewer traffic fatalities and eighty fewer serious injuries each
12 year from 2002 to 2011.

13 The legislature finds that many of the country's large
14 cities, including New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and Chicago,
15 have adopted vision zero or similar programs. The Federal
16 Highway Administration is also committed to eliminating traffic



1 fatalities and serious injuries, adopting a policy called
2 "toward zero deaths."

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

5 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation shall
6 implement a vision zero program by July 1, 2020.

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

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

13 (d) The director of transportation may adopt rules
14 pursuant to chapter 91 for the purposes of this Act.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





S.B. NO. 565

Report Title:

DOT; Vision Zero

Description:

Requires the Department of Transportation to implement a vision zero program in Hawaii by 7/1/2020. Establishes a goal of no traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2030.

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