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Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye & Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to hear SR94.

We are in full support of this Senate Resolution (SR94), Using the Hawaii Department of Transportation to develop and implement, in conjunction with the Police Department of each county, an expanded statewide public awareness campaign to educate the public about the State's Move Over Law.

"Hawaii State law requires drivers approaching stationary emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights, including "TOW TRUCKS", to vacate the lane closest if safe and possible to do so (and if possible move two lanes over), and slow to a speed that is safe, responsible, and prudent." This information, as well as info for all 50 states, can be found in the Digest of Motor Laws by AAA.

According to the Emergency Responder Safety Institute, in 2019 there were a total of 44 fatalities during roadside emergencies. That consisted of 18 - Law Enforcement Officers, 14 - Tow Truck Drivers, 2 - Mobile Mechanics and 9 - Fire/EMS Workers. Just one death is too much and should be prevented. And these statistics doesn't even include how many emergency workers that are injured each year by passing vehicles.

It all starts with EDUCATION!!! That information should be in every "Hawaii Driver's Manual" and part of the questions on the test. There should also be posters in the DMV that shows and teaches awareness for all of those individuals that wish to get a permit/license to drive in the State of Hawaii, and anywhere else in the United States. It should also be a part of Driver's Education (if it's not already).

Its all about PUBLIC AWARENESS!!! Every year there are PSA's about "Don't Drink and Drive" around the holiday season. Are there PSA's about the "Move Over Law"? Is this something that should only be advertised during the holidays? NO.... Senseless injuries and deaths occur throught the year. It is not a seasonal occurance. It happens here in Hawaii and all over the United States. Can it be avoidable? YES, ABSOLUTELY!!!

It is time for the State of Hawaii, including all of our counties to take charge and bring public awareness and education to the MOVE OVER LAW. Stricter enforcement and penalties for those who violate the law.

We ask for your support in this campaign... It's not a "want to have" it's a "NEED TO HAVE"... We don't want a coulda, woulda or shoulda. This needs to be a REALITY and you need to MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration with Senate Resolution SR94.

Help our moms, dads, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, niece, nephews, cousins, grandparents make it home safe and sound....

SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER.... It's the LAW

Aloha,

George & Jeanette Grace