



RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE CARRIERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COUNTIES ON UNINSURED DRIVERS.

WHEREAS, Hawaii State law requires that motor vehicles be insured throughout a vehicle's registration period and requires drivers to have a valid Hawaii motor vehicle insurance identification in the motor vehicle at all times; and

WHEREAS, despite these requirements, there are many drivers in the state and within the City and County of Honolulu ("City") who do not have motor vehicle insurance; and

WHEREAS, past studies have estimated that between 10 and 15 percent of drivers in the State of Hawaii lack motor vehicle insurance, although this percentage may have increased recently due to the economic recession; and

WHEREAS, uninsured drivers are a problem for everybody, as those injured by an uninsured driver have to sue to recover damages incurred in accidents with insured drivers; and

WHEREAS, uninsured drivers and motor vehicles are adding to congestion on the City's already overcrowded roadways; and

WHEREAS, several counties around the country have developed systems that allow law enforcement and county officials to find uninsured drivers by accessing information provided by motor vehicle insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, some of these counties have reported a decrease in the number of uninsured drivers; and

WHEREAS, developing a database with information provided by motor vehicle insurance carriers could help the City reduce the number of uninsured drivers and reduce traffic congestion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the legislature pass legislation requiring motor vehicle insurance carriers to provide information to the counties for development of a system to easily identify uninsured drivers and motor vehicles; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and all members of the State House of Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature, the Senate President and all members of the State Senate, the Governor, the State Insurance Commissioner, the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Police Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, and the Prosecuting Attorney.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Berg

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 24 2011

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers