

CITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL APPEAL FORM

DATE: January 7, 2026

TO: COUNCIL CHAIR
FROM: RADIANT CORDERO
COMMITTEE CHAIR

BILL/RESOLUTION/COMMUNICATION AND SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION 26-002 - REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, BICYCLIST RIGHTS AND INTERACTIONS, AND MULTIMODAL ROADWAY USE AS PART OF THE DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

STATUS (Reading/PH):

Introduced on 1/5/26

CURRENTLY REFERRED TO
COMMITTEE(S):

Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology

☒ DESIRED COMMITTEE(S)
RE-REFERRED TO:

Government Efficiency and Customer Services

OR

☐ DIRECT REFERRAL TO COUNCIL
FLOOR

Reason(s) for Appeal:

At the request of the Committee Chair.



Committee Chair (Requestor)

Committee Chair

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Council Chair

1/6/26

Date

Granted ☒

Denied ☐

cc: Councilmembers
City Clerk
Council Assistance



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REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, BICYCLIST RIGHTS AND INTERACTIONS, AND MULTIMODAL ROADWAY USE AS PART OF THE DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, on O'ahu in 2024, 51 people were killed as the result of traffic accidents, and, according to the Honolulu Police Department, in 2025, traffic accidents resulting in fatalities have occurred at nearly double the rate of the previous year, with the 75th fatality occurring on November 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the increase in traffic fatalities is a Statewide concern, and on September 18, 2025, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 25-08 (Establishing a Comprehensive Framework for Statewide Traffic and Roadway Safety); and

WHEREAS, while not everyone drives, most residents use public roads as pedestrians, bicyclists, or transit riders; drivers who understand the rules and vulnerabilities of these other modes can help reduce crashes and improve overall roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, when drivers are aware of the impact their vehicles can have in collisions with pedestrians and other roadway users, they are more likely to drive cautiously and, in turn, become more responsible multimodal and pedestrian users themselves; and

WHEREAS, State law directs the State Director of Transportation to establish and certify a statewide driver education program, which is established in Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 19-139 and provides a framework for drivers under the age of 18 to develop skills over time; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education's Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program teaches teens safe driving habits and attitudes with the aim of reducing traffic crashes, injuries, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive driver's education should include not only safe motor vehicle operation but also awareness of pedestrian safety, bicyclist rights, and multimodal transportation interactions to promote safer roads for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is important to remind drivers that driving is a privilege, not a right, and that increasing awareness of other users of the roadway



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system will promote the health and welfare of all members of our community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests that the State Department of Transportation ensure that the driver's license knowledge test and associated educational materials include questions and information relating to pedestrian safety, bicyclist rights and interactions, and multimodal roadway use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Department of Education is requested to include in its driver education content an increased emphasis on information relating to pedestrian safety, bicyclist rights and interactions, and multimodal roadway use; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Director of Transportation, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of Transportation Services and the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

Radiant Odo

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 5 2026

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:

Driver's License; Driver Education; Traffic Safety; Pedestrian Safety; Multimodal Traffic Safety; Traffic Fatalities; Hawaii Department of Transportation; Hawaii Department of Education

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