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IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 26, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Child Passenger Safety Report as required by House Concurrent Resolution 113. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/library/reports/reports-to-the-legislature/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay", written over the typed name and title.

JADE T. BUTAY  
Director of Transportation

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S  
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
OF  
THE STATE OF HAWAII  
REQUIRED UNDER  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113  
2018 LEGISLATURE

**STUDY: CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY**

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DECEMBER 2018

**Child Passenger Safety Study**

At the request of the Legislature, the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) has prepared this report as requested through House Concurrent Resolution 113. The purpose of the resolution was for the HDOT to study ways to encourage all police and fire stations in the State to have certified child passenger safety technicians available to inspect child passenger restraint systems.

Currently, there are certified child passenger safety technicians on each island in the State of Hawaii. Free Community Car Seat checks are held regularly in all four counties with 100 percent of the population having access to these services.

In addition to the community Car Seat checks, all four counties have permanent Child Restraint Fitting Stations.

Below, please see the child passenger safety resources that are currently available in each county.

**City & County of Honolulu**

The Honolulu Police Department has many officers who are certified child passenger safety technicians. These officers regularly assist at Community Car Seat checks that are offered throughout the City & County of Honolulu year-round.

In calendar year 2019, a group of child passenger safety advocates hope to meet with the Honolulu Fire Department to encourage them to incorporate child passenger safety into their recruit classes. It is hoped that their personnel can inspect child safety seats whenever time permits.

**Hawaii County**

Most police stations in Hawaii County have certified child passenger safety technicians on staff. The public can call to make an appointment to have their child safety seat checked for free.

The Hawaii Fire Department has already incorporated child passenger training into all their recruit training. Those fire fighters who have passed the certification training, can inspect child safety seats at their fire stations in addition to volunteering at community child passenger safety checks throughout Hawaii County.

## **Kauai County**

The Kauai Police Department has certified child passenger safety technicians at their police stations. The public can call to make an appointment to have their child safety seat checked for free.

American Medical Response personnel have been trained to conduct car seat checks and offer their services at their offices in Kapaa, Lihue and Waimea. The public can call to make an appointment to have their child safety seat inspected for free.

Wilcox Medical Center on Kauai has partnered with the Kauai Police Department to offer free child safety seat checks once a month at the hospital. The goal is to train Wilcox Medical Center personnel to offer these services on a regular basis to their clients and the community.

The Kauai County Child Passenger Safety coordinator has been working with the Kauai Fire Department to establish a child passenger safety program. The program would allow all fire personnel to become certified child passenger safety technicians and to allow for their fire stations to become permanent Child Restraint Inspection Stations.

## **Maui County**

The Maui Police Department has certified child passenger safety technicians who can check child safety seats upon request. All police stations in Maui, including Hana, have certified technicians on staff.

In Maui County, grant funds were used to conduct a standardized child passenger safety technician training on the island of Molokai, as well as a renewal class. It was the first time that this class was offered on the island. A total of five people, including two police officers, a firefighter and a nurse attended these classes.

On Lanai, the police station has a certified technician who can assist residents and visitors with their child safety seat. Those who need assistance can make an appointment by calling the police station.

The Maui Fire Department is in the process of incorporating child passenger safety training into its recruit classes.

The HDOT and all four counties will continue to work together to expand and improve Hawaii's child passenger safety program.