

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 32

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 32 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify when a pedestrian is considered within the intersection or crosswalk of a roadway for purposes of determining when vehicular traffic must yield to the pedestrian.

The Honolulu Police Department testified in support of this measure. The Department of Transportation submitted comments.

Your Committee places a high priority on pedestrian safety and is concerned that many pedestrians are injured or killed when crossing streets each year. Your Committee finds that clarifying when a driver shall stop and yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway will make Hawaii's streets safer for everyone.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides necessary clarity to determine when a pedestrian has entered the crosswalk or intersection. This measure does not affect other laws that prohibit the pedestrian from creating a dangerous situation by suddenly entering the roadway into the path of an oncoming vehicle.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 32 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



