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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 423  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Crosswalk Safety

I am Andre Peters, Acting Captain of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Crosswalk Safety.

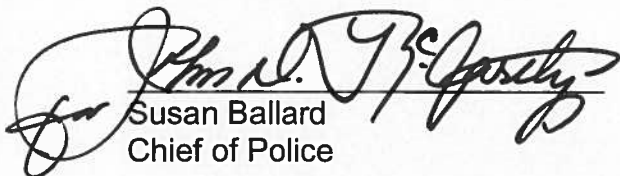
This bill would highlight and clarify the pedestrians' and motorists' responsibilities at crosswalks and intersections. It also clearly defines when a pedestrian who requires an assistive device is legally in a crosswalk. Furthermore, this bill will assist investigators of the HPD Vehicular Homicide Section in determining when a pedestrian is considered a "vulnerable user." Striking a vulnerable user in a crosswalk carries a higher penalty.


The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 98, Relating to Crosswalk Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
Susan Ballard  
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**SB-98**

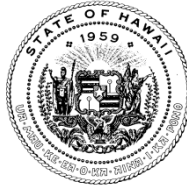
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Comments:

Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition Support SB98 Relating To Crosswalk Safety.



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**S.B. 98**  
**RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY.**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 98.

This bill clarifies to the motor vehicle operator when to yield to a pedestrian by specifying when a pedestrian is within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

By including a pedestrian's assistance devices, this will keep these pedestrians safer by requiring drivers to give them more space to traverse the roads and to be more respectful of those that require additional needs as means to travel to their destinations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.