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February 11, 2018
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State Capitol, Room 225

S.B. 98
RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY.

Senate Committee on Transportation

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

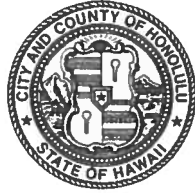
This bill clarifies to the motor vehicle operator when to yield to a pedestrian by specifying when a pedestrian is within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

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.

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February 11, 2019

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Inouye and Members:

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

I am Benjamin Moszkowicz, Acting Major 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.

The passage of this bill would highlight and clarify pedestrians' and motorists' responsibilities at crosswalks and intersections.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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for. Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Benjamin Moszkowicz in black ink.

Benjamin Moszkowicz, Acting Major
Traffic Division

SB-98

Submitted on: 2/9/2019 8:41:55 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee,

I write in support of Senate Bill 98. The purpose of this measure is to add the following language to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS):

(c) For purposes of this section, a pedestrian is lawfully within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk when any part or extension of the pedestrian, including any part of the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch, or bicycle, is beyond the curb or the edges of the traversable roadway or moves onto the roadway within an intersection or crosswalk.

I am in support of such language being added to the HRS, for the purposes of clarifying existing law, and for the prurposing of promoting public safety, and saving lives. We currently lead the nation in having the highest rate of senior pedestrian fatalites.

Traffic among multiple modes of transportation incurs a shared responsibility for safety. It is morally unacceptable to blame pedestrians for all conflict, including accidents, when so many exactly clearly abound of mundane, inattentive driving, and even hostility to pedestrians. I have encountered such instances routinely in my own life, as have countless others. We must instill a culture of shared responsibility, and enforce laws accordingly. That includes vehicle drivers yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks as clarified with this proposed law, by specifying when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk.

Our duty in civic engagement is to save lives and promote the general welfare. With such a high rate of pedestrian deaths, the purpose and intent of SB98 is clear, and necessary. Please support this measure. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
deborah agles	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please, please address this issue! So many cars run red lights downtown, especially at rush hour. I live at Beretania and Alakea / Queen Emma, it is so dangerous to cross the street, because of this behavior. I have had so many near misses; even when I have the walk sign, cars barrel through the red lights, or make right hand turns on red, without looking for pedestrians. I think that for the downtown streets, it would be safest to have all lights go red at the same time, and not allow right turns on red; the pedestrians could safely cross that way. FYI I was hit by a drunk driver on a moped who ran a red light in 2014 (King and Bishop). I was in the crosswalk and had the right of way. He hit me going 30 mph, and then crashed. We went to Queen's ER in the same ambulance. His blood alcohol was .2; he got probation. I got 4 broken ribs, many bruises, and months of pain. Really, I got off comparatively easy and am grateful, as it could have been much worse.

Thank you, Deborah Agles 1200 Queen Emma St 3103, Hon. HI 96813

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Testimony for TRS on 2/11/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Benes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

This bill will provide much needed clarity on both the part of the driver as well as those trying to safely and legally cross the street. This bill will also help enforcement address drivers that violate this section.

Thank you for your attention to safety.

-Kari Benes