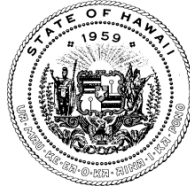


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February 26, 2019  
1:10 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

**S.B. 410**  
**RELATING TO TRAFFIC CODE**

Senate Committee(s) on Ways and Means and Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 410 which increases the penalties for those who violate the pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks.

According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, there were 108 motor vehicle related fatalities on Hawaii's roadways in 2019. Of those fatalities, 37 or 34%, were pedestrians.

Increasing the penalties can help reduce the amount of pedestrian fatalities by making drivers more aware of the presence of pedestrians on and near the roadways, especially in crosswalks.

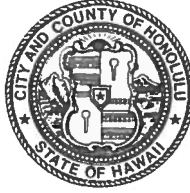
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 26, 2020

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 410, Relating to the Traffic Code

I am Calvin Tong, 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. 410, Relating to the Traffic Code.

The passage of this bill would increase the penalties for motorists who violate a pedestrian's right-of-way while in a crosswalk. It also aims to increase driver awareness and pedestrian safety.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 410, Relating to the Traffic Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Calvin Tong in cursive.

Calvin Tong, Major  
Traffic Division

**SB-410**

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 3:51:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2020 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Taniguchi	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hawaii Bicycling League supports SB410 to raise the fine for drivers intering with those who walk in crosswalks.

Let's be fair. Most drivers are respectful and courteous of people who walk in crosswalks. However, it took on only 43 instances of poor judgment, selfish, rushed thinking, disracted driving to kill 43 people walking in 2018.

People walking are the most vulnerable users of our public places we use for transportation, and they have top priority for space and time.

Driving is a privilege we must exercise with utmost concern for other road users. They are first. Our time and convenience are second. That is the price we pay and the responsibility we have for being allowed to use a dangerous weapon, our vehicles, in public places.

This is not a new concept. Kamehameha I declared the law of the splintered paddle 223 years ago by saying everyone has the right to be safe on our roads. He said the stronger person (warriors with strenght/drivers with cars) have the duty to protect the weaker, vulnerable person (the old, young, weak, innocent people just trying to get to their destination).

Kamehameha I envisioned safet streets. Let's make our laws make them so.

Support Vision Zero! Increase fines for threatening people walking.

**SB-410**

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 2:56:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2020 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB410. Increasing penalties for vehicles who violate a pedestrian's right of way in crosswalks will hopefully raise awareness of the importance to pedestrian safety. This another step to a vision zero future.

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**SB-410**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/26/2020 1:10:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: