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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RESPECTIVE COUNTIES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR STATEWIDE INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED SIGNALS FOR CROSSWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has had too many deaths and tragic injuries  
2 of pedestrians struck in crosswalks; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an average of twenty-eight pedestrian  
5 fatalities and approximately five hundred sixty pedestrian  
6 injuries per year, and has the fourth highest pedestrian  
7 fatality rate in the United States; and  
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9 WHEREAS, pedestrian crosswalk safety is such a pervasive  
10 community issue that in 2008, the University of Hawaii published  
11 a study titled "Modeling Violation of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law" to  
12 analyze the issue; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii study "Modeling Violation  
15 of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law" found that proportionately more  
16 drivers than pedestrians violate the crosswalk law, with the  
17 most common violation being not stopping for pedestrians who are  
18 in the crosswalk, followed by stopping but continuing to proceed  
19 before the pedestrian has left the crosswalk; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, requires the  
22 state Department of Transportation and related county  
23 departments to ensure the accommodation of all users of the  
24 road, regardless of their age, ability, or mode of  
25 transportation, and established the Complete Streets Task  
26 Force (CSTF) to review existing road design standards and  
27 guidelines; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the CSTF recommended that concerning the topic of  
30 crosswalk markings, there should be a pedestrian activated



1 signal or warning activation for mid-block crossings that cross  
2 four or more lanes; and

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4 WHEREAS, the current pilot projects involving pedestrian  
5 activated signalized crosswalks require a considerable amount of  
6 community dissemination for pedestrians, drivers, and law  
7 enforcement agencies implementing pedestrian right-of-way laws;  
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10 WHEREAS, drivers are not automatically tested following  
11 changes in crosswalk law; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Hawaii crosswalk law was made stricter to  
14 raise awareness of pedestrians and appears to be working, but  
15 legislation is not a complete solution; now; therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2015, that this body hereby requests the state  
20 Department of Transportation and respective counties to work  
21 together for statewide installation and implementation of  
22 pedestrian activated signals for crosswalks; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that crosswalks with a higher  
25 incidence of pedestrian injuries or fatalities are requested to  
26 be prioritized for pedestrian activated signals and lighting  
27 improvements; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of  
30 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings  
31 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the  
32 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
33 the Regular Session of 2016; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, and  
37 the respective mayors, council chairs, and chiefs of police of  
38 Hawaii County, the City and County of Honolulu, Kauai County,  
39 and Maui County.



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