A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to pedestrian-control signals, was last substantively amended in 1981. This section needs to be updated to include countdown timers and to clarify what a pedestrian must do when in a crosswalk while the countdown timer is operating. Countdown timers show pedestrians how many seconds are left to cross the street before the pedestrian signal changes from a flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't Walk" or upraised palm indication.

SECTION 2. Section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals. Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk", the symbols of a walking person or an upraised palm, or a countdown timer are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:

(1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction
of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by
the drivers of all vehicles.

(2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall
start to cross the roadway in the direction of such
signal, whether flashing or steady, but any pedestrian
who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
on the Walk or Walking Person signal shall complete
the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the
Don't Walk or Upraised Palm signal is showing; and

(3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is
equipped with a countdown timer, no pedestrian shall
start to cross the roadway in the direction of such
signal once the countdown begins, but any pedestrian
who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
when the countdown begins shall complete the crossing
to a sidewalk or safety island before the countdown
timer ends."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
Report Title:
Pedestrian-control Signals; Countdown Timers

Description:
Clarifies what pedestrians are required to do when in a crosswalk while a countdown timer is operating. (CD1)

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