SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTIES TO REEVALUATE CURRENT CROSSWALK LOCATIONS AND THE NEED FOR NEW CROSSWALKS.

WHEREAS, Hawaii has too many cases of pedestrian deaths and injuries occurring as a result of being struck in crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Hawaii had over forty pedestrian fatalities, which was the highest pedestrian fatality rate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian crosswalk safety is such an important community issue that in 2008, the University of Hawaii published a study entitled "Modeling Violation of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law" to analyze the issue; and

WHEREAS, the same University of Hawaii study found that disproportionately more drivers than pedestrians violate the crosswalk law, with the most common violation being not stopping for pedestrians who are in the crosswalk, followed by stopping but continuing to proceed before the pedestrian has left the crosswalk; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that this body hereby requests the Department of Transportation and respective counties to work together to study the effectiveness of current crosswalk locations and the need for new crosswalks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that roadways with higher pedestrian traffic or those that have experienced higher rates of pedestrian accidents are to be prioritized for study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, and
the mayor of each county.

OFFERED BY:

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