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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

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

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

12           "§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals. Whenever special  
13 pedestrian-control signals, exhibiting the words "Walk" [~~or~~],  
14 "Don't Walk" [~~or~~], the symbols of a walking person or an  
15 upraised palm, or a countdown timer are in place, such signals  
16 shall indicate as follows:



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

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

12 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is  
13 equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who  
14 has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing by  
15 the time the countdown timer begins shall complete the  
16 crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the  
17 countdown timer is operating."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**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.

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