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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[~~7~~] exhibiting the words "Walk" or  
14 "Don't Walk" [~~œ~~], 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:

17           (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing such  
18           signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction



1 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by  
2 the drivers of all vehicles [-] ;

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

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

20 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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