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S.B. 2672
RELATING TO CROSSWALKS.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2672 which requires a vehicle approaching a crosswalk from the opposite direction of another vehicle stopped at that crosswalk to yield and not proceed until a pedestrian, if any, has crossed the roadway.

According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, there were 108 motor vehicle related fatalities on Hawaii's roadways in 2019. Of those fatalities, 37 or 34%, were pedestrians. To address this, it is imperative that we continue to push for pedestrian safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2672

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:00:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Taniguchi	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	Yes

Comments:

Hawaii Bicycling League supports this clarification of the stopwalk law. All vehicles from all directions must stop for people crossing a crosswalk until the crossers have reached the other side. An abundance of caution.

People walking are the most vulnerable users of our public places we use for transportation, and they have top priority for space and time. I believe this law goes beyond the current "stop for half the street" interpretation of the law and requires drivers to stop and wait once people walking enter the crosswalk, until they reach the other side. Safety first. Abundance of caution.

I had a painful experience 27 years ago. My family and I were driving on a dirt road in Kalaheo, Kauai, going fishing at Alexander dam reservoir. A hunter with dogs came walking from the other direction. I politely slowed to 3 miles an hour, took my foot off the gas, and let the engine move us along, knowing I was being courteous and safe. As the hunting dogs passed us, a puppy darted under my front wheel. As I heard the crunch of bones, I was sad, but knew it wasn't my fault. Only years later did I realize I should have just stopped for 30 seconds until the dogs passed. Safety first. Abundance of caution. Driving is a privilege we must exercise with utmost concern for other road users. They are first. Our time and convenience our second. That is the price we pay and the responsibility we have for being allowed to use a dangerous weapon, our vehicles, in public places.

This is not a new concept. Kamehameha I declared the law of the splintered paddle 223 years ago by saying everyone has the right to be safe on our roads. He said the stronger person (warriors with strenght/drivers with cars) have the duty to protect the weaker, vulnerable person (the old, young, weak, innocent people just trying to get to their destination).

Kamehameha I envisioned safet streets. Let's make our laws make them so.

Vision Zero! No deaths or serious injuries on our roads.

Mahalo.

SB-2672

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:08:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2672. This is one more measure that brings us closer to a vision zero future.

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Facsimile Transmittal

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Mr. Arista
Re: Testimony SB 2672 Pages: 22 including cover sheet
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Attached are documents in support of SB 2672. Thank you.

Mahalo.

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Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 12:00pm, Conference Room 016.

Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Kylen Shimamoto and I am in support of SB 2672. I use the crosswalk a lot when going to my day program and I want to be safe from fast cars.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Herman Ki'ili and I am in support of SB 2672. I use the bus every day and I have to use the crosswalk to go to my work at olelo. Sometimes cars don't let me cross because they don't stop.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Audrey Ayer and I am in support of SB 2672. I go to meetings for Best Buddies and have to use the crosswalk. Thank you for making crosswalks safer for me.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Bathey Fong and I am in support of SB 2672. I am in a wheelchair and need extra time to cross the road. Sometimes I don't feel safe because cars go around each other at crosswalks and they don't see me. It is very dangerous, especially in Waipahu where I live. Please pass SB 2672. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Nicole Kelly and I am in support of safer crosswalks for SB 2672.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Ho'opi'o Balaz and I am in support of SB 2672. I attend Leeward community College and need crosswalks to be safe when I go to school.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Kaili Swan and I am in support of SB 2672. I definitely want to have safer crosswalks because I use the bus to go to downtown for volunteer work and to go back home to ewa Beach. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is David Beatovich and I support of SB 2672. I live in Kailua by Jack in the box and the people drive fast by the crosswalk.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Timothy Renken and I am in support of SB 2672. I use the bus and handivan to go to meetings and to volunteer work. I live in Kalihi. I want to have safer crosswalks by my house and by me work. Please pass SB 2672. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Vaipapa Soliai and I am in support of SB 2672. I use an electric wheelchair and I need time to cross the road in the crosswalk. Cars cannot see me sometimes and I get scared when I have to go across the street. I am a person with disabilities that need support with my electric wheelchair. Please pass SB 2672. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Amber Arakawa and I would like to tell you that I support SB 2672.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Cheryl Derby and I support SB 2672. I am a person with a disability and want to have more safe crosswalks.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Sol Ray Duncan and I want to see SB 2672 become law. I know I need to have more crosswalks that are safe to use.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Celeste Kagimoto and I want SB 2672 to pass because I have a disability and I go to Lanakila Day program and need more safe crosswalks.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Paul Landingin and I want you to pass SB 2672. I think I need more safe crosswalks. Sometimes I need more time to cross the street but too many cars go fast and it is easy for me to get scared.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Michael Lee and have a disability and I want to see more drivers slow down and let my friends and I cross the street safely. I support SB 2672.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Ada McFeely and I need your help to pass SB 2672. I support SB 2672. I catch the bus everyday from Pearl City to downtown Honolulu and have to use the crosswalk everyday. I want to have safe crossing.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Ryan Nishikawa and I am person who has Down's Syndrome and support SB 2672. I am at Lanakila day program and I like my day program and want to get there safely at crosswalks.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Johnelle Santos and I have a disability and I support SB 2672. I want to have safe crosswalks.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Zosimo Arista, I support SB 2672. I have Scoliosis and pelvic obliquity and use the crosswalks everyday in downtown Honolulu. I need a little more time crossing at 'Iolani palace and the post office crosswalks, as I use a rolling walker or an upright walking stick. I also work with people who have Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and hope that the drivers can yield to us when we cross the streets.

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Dear Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

My name is Michelle Muralt, I support SB 2672. I have Down's syndrome and help other friends who have disabilities to have a better life. I want to see us have more safe crosswalks in Ewa Beach and in Waipahu, and in Kalihi and in downtown.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/25/2020 12:00:00 PM

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Michael M. Contrades	Testifying for Kauai Police Department	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of Chief of Police Todd G. Raybuck, the Kauai Police Department supports SB2672 as it will enhance pedestrian safety.