HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INSTALL A LIGHTED CROSSWALK ON KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY IN KANEOHE, OAHU, AT THE CROSSWALK BETWEEN LILIPUNA ROAD AND MEHANA STREET AND TO ESTABLISH A MARKED CROSSWALK ON KEOLU DRIVE NEAR KAELEPULU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, in 2003, Hawaii ranked fifth in the nation in per capita pedestrian deaths and first in the nation in terms of the percentage of all fatal accidents involving pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, most of the pedestrian deaths in Hawaii have occurred along major roadways, such as Kamehameha and Farrington Highways, and major collector roads that feed into main thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS, the segment of Kamehameha Highway between Lilipuna Road and Mehana Street is a particularly hazardous segment of highway for pedestrians, with reports of accidents and near misses occurring frequently; and

WHEREAS, though there is a marked crosswalk in this segment of Kamehameha Highway, crossing the street remains hazardous for pedestrians, as evidenced by the pedestrian fatality that occurred in that crosswalk in late 2005; and

WHEREAS, poor visibility of pedestrians in crosswalks, such as the crosswalk in this segment of Kamehameha Highway, is of major concern; and

WHEREAS, students crossing the street on Keolu Drive near Kaelepulu Elementary School are not currently afforded the benefit of having a marked crosswalk, increasing the danger for these pedestrians; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that the Department of Transportation Services of the

City and County of Honolulu is requested to install a lighted 1 crosswalk with lighted reflectors on Kamehameha Highway in 2 Kaneohe, Oahu, at the crosswalk between Lilipuna Road and Mehana 3 4 Street; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of 6 Transportation Services is also requested to establish a marked 7 crosswalk on Keolu drive near Kaelepulu Elementary School; and 8 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation 11 Services. 12