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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ELIMINATE MID-STREET  
CROSSWALKS ON MAJOR THOROUGHFARES THAT ARE NOT MONITORED BY  
A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHT.

1           WHEREAS, the right to travel by walking or otherwise is a  
2 fundamental human right, the exercise of which in the developed  
3 environment of our communities requires responsibly designed  
4 public infrastructure; and  
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6           WHEREAS, although American society depends heavily on motor  
7 vehicle transportation and many transportation systems are  
8 focused on cars, pedestrians have the right to safely share  
9 public thoroughfares with motorists and other forms of  
10 transportation, such as bicycles and transit vehicles; and  
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12           WHEREAS, walking is an increasingly popular transportation  
13 option and recreational activity that would be greatly enhanced  
14 by well-designed, continuous, connected sidewalks with safe  
15 crossings; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the failure to consider pedestrians in roadway  
18 planning has led to less pedestrian access, faster motor  
19 traffic, and greater distances between pedestrian destinations  
20 which, in turn, have lead to needless injury and death; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the failure to promptly and diligently build and  
23 maintain urgently-needed pedestrian-friendly crosswalks, high-  
24 visibility warning devices, and traffic calming measures has  
25 needlessly prolonged dangerous situations for all pedestrians;  
26 and  
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28           WHEREAS, in 2003, Hawaii ranked fifth in the nation in per  
29 capita pedestrian deaths and first in the nation in terms of the  
30 percentage of all fatal accidents involving pedestrians, holding



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1 the dubious distinction of having the highest fatality rate for  
2 pedestrians over the age of 65; and

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4 WHEREAS, many pedestrian deaths in Honolulu have occurred  
5 at mid-street crossings where no crossing signal and light  
6 exist; and

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8 WHEREAS, oftentimes, a crosswalk with a lighted crossing  
9 signal or stop light exists just a short distance from the mid-  
10 street crossing, and use of this lighted crosswalk may have  
11 prevented unnecessary pain and anguish for the pedestrian, the  
12 motor vehicle driver, and their families; and

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14 WHEREAS, continued use of these mid-street crosswalks,  
15 combined with poor visibility of pedestrians in these  
16 crosswalks, is of major concern; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the City and County  
21 of Honolulu is urged to review all mid-street crossings along  
22 public roadways under their jurisdiction and eliminate those  
23 crosswalks without a pedestrian crossing light deemed  
24 unnecessary or unsafe for pedestrians; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
28 and County of Honolulu and Director of the Department of  
29 Transportation Services for the City and County of Honolulu.

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