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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COOPERATE AND COORDINATE EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE PEDESTRIAN WALK SIGNAL LIGHTS WITH THE PEDESTRIAN'S RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALK LAW.

1 WHEREAS, in the first two weeks in 2007, there have been  
2 four fatal pedestrian accidents, some in crosswalks, in  
3 Honolulu, three of which involved senior citizens; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005 (Act 73),  
6 enacted a revision to the law regarding pedestrians' right of  
7 way in crosswalks; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Act 73 requires the driver of a vehicle to stop  
10 and yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway  
11 within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the  
12 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or the pedestrian  
13 is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway  
14 as to be in danger; and  
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16 WHEREAS, elderly citizens generally need more time to  
17 complete crossing the street; and  
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19 WHEREAS, in one of the four pedestrian fatalities in  
20 Honolulu, it was reported that many people in the neighborhood  
21 where the accident occurred, North King Street, speculate that  
22 the woman did not have enough time to get across in the clearly  
23 marked crosswalk because the light turned green to fast; and  
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25 WHEREAS, pedestrian signal light indicators and traffic  
26 signal lights should be timed to allow adequate time for  
27 pedestrians to complete a crossing in a crosswalk; and  
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29 WHEREAS, one of the objectives for pedestrian safety  
30 recommended in 2004 by the American Association of State Highway  
31 and Transportation Officials (in cooperation with the Federal  
32 Highway Administration) is to reduce pedestrian exposure to



1 vehicular traffic by upgrading traffic and pedestrian signals;  
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4 WHEREAS, some roadways and streets are under the  
5 jurisdiction of the State and others are under the jurisdiction  
6 of the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu need  
9 to cooperate and coordinate the timing of traffic signals, as  
10 well as the timing of pedestrian walk signals in order to  
11 enhance pedestrian safety; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
15 that the State Department of Transportation and the Department  
16 of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu  
17 cooperate and coordinate efforts to harmonize pedestrian walk  
18 signal lights and traffic stop lights with pedestrian's right of  
19 way in the crosswalk law; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pedestrian walk signal  
22 lights and traffic stop lights allow sufficient time for all  
23 pedestrians, particularly the elderly, to complete their  
24 crossing in a crosswalk; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Transportation and the  
28 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of  
29 Honolulu.  
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