

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

240

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 375

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 375 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS' RIGHT OF WAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance pedestrian safety by clarifying a driver's duty to stop or yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk when traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation.

The Department of Transportation testified in support of this bill.

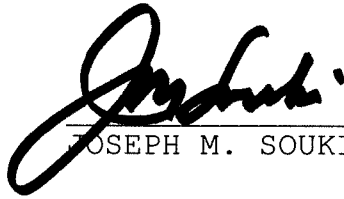
The number of pedestrians crossing the street that are injured or killed continues to increase every year. In fact, over the last four years, there were 122 pedestrian fatalities many occurring in areas where crosswalk signals are non-existent or not operational. While both inattentive drivers and pedestrians share some of the blame, drivers have the greater potential to cause injury with their vehicles. Your Committee finds that clarifying a driver's duty to stop and yield the right of way for a pedestrian in areas with non-existent or non-operational traffic signals will make Hawaii's streets safer for everyone.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 375 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 375		Date: 2-5-07		
Committee Referral: TRN, JUD		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. EVANS, Cindy	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	/			/
9. SONSON, Alex M.	/			/
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	/			/
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose	/			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	/			
TOTAL	11			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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