
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the measures to
2 reduce the number of pedestrian accidents have not been
3 successful. By the end of opening day of the 2007 Hawaii State
4 Legislature, there were already 6 pedestrian deaths.

5 The legislature finds that we need to effect other safety
6 measures to protect our citizens. One option is to keep
7 pedestrians well informed of the dangers of some of these
8 walkways and intersections, and to install safety devices to
9 reduce the danger of these intersections.

10 The purpose of this Act is to fund a study to compile a
11 list of the most dangerous crosswalks in the State, and to
12 retrofit the crosswalks with safety lights.

13 SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall
14 conduct a bi-annual study of the most dangerous crosswalks in
15 the State. In order to determine the most dangerous walkways
16 the Department of Transportation may include:

17 (1) The amount of accidents between moving vehicles
18 and pedestrians in a given area;



- 1 (2) The number of moving violations on a given
- 2 stretch of road before and after the crosswalk;
- 3 (3) The number of vehicles that move through an
- 4 intersection;
- 5 (4) The number of fatalities at a given intersection;
- 6 or
- 7 (5) Any reasonable measure of safety the department,
- 8 in its discretion, deems relevant.

9 The department may also use similar information compiled by
10 other entities to complete the study. The department of
11 transportation shall submit this report to the legislature no
12 more than 20 days before the start of the legislative session.

13 SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall install
14 flashing lights on the most dangerous crosswalks as determined
15 by the study commissioned by this Act.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
19 the funding of the study of dangerous crosswalks and
20 intersections.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 transportation for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
 4 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2008-2009, for the installation of safety lights at crosswalks
 6 and intersections identified as dangerous by the study mandated
 7 by this Act.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 9 of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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Report Title:

Pedestrian safety

Description:

Requires the department of transportation to conduct a study on the most dangerous crosswalks in the State and to retrofit the dangerous crosswalks to have flashing lights installed.

Appropriates funds.

