

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

362

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 562
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 562 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CROSSWALKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve pedestrian safety by requiring that any plan or design for a newly constructed, reconstructed, resurfaced, or renovated intersection of two crossing arterial streets shall include a marked crosswalk at each border of the intersection.

The Department of Transportation testified in opposition to this measure.

Pedestrian fatalities in Hawaii remain at an unacceptably high level. While the provision of marked crosswalks across intersections all newly constructed, reconstructed, resurfaced, or renovated intersection of two crossing arterial streets would appear to promote pedestrian safety, your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Department of Transportation that requiring crosswalks to be placed on all sides of an intersection may actually decrease pedestrian safety. According to the Department, adding crosswalks to all sides of an intersection between arterial streets may create new pedestrian and vehicle conflicts, especially where there are significant amounts of turning vehicles.

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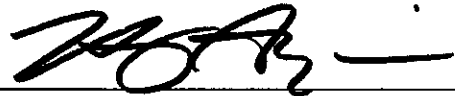


Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring that one marked crosswalk be included in any plan or design for an intersection rather than requiring a marked crosswalk at each border of the intersection.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 562, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 562, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 562	Committee Referral: TRN, FIN	Date: 02/09/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. LOPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)	X			
3. HAR, Sharon E.				X
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.				X
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	X			
TOTAL (12)	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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