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H.B. 32 RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** with an amendment H.B. 32 that clarifies when a pedestrian is crossing the roadway within a crosswalk. We request SECTION 2 be revised as follows:

As used in this section, a pedestrian is crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when any part or extension of the pedestrian, including any part of the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch, or bicycle, is beyond the curb or the edges of the traversable roadway within a crosswalk with the intent to proceed, except under the conditions established in subsection (b).

This proposed amendment would clarify situations where pedestrians cannot stick out their cane, crutch, or bicycle to make the driver of a vehicle to stop.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 17, 2016

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair and Members Committee on Transportation and Energy State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 32, Relating to Crosswalk Safety

I am Darren Izumo, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of House Bill No. 32, Relating to Crosswalk Safety.

The passage of this bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 291C-72, Pedestrians' Right-of-Way, by clarifying that a pedestrian is crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when any part or extension of the pedestrian, including the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch, or bicycle is beyond the curb or the edge of the roadway while the pedestrian is intending to proceed across the intersection or roadway. This would help the HPD to enforce pedestrian's right-of-way violations.

The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 32, Relating to Crosswalk Safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely

Darren Izumo, Major Traffic Division

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