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9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

H.B. 562, H.D. 2, S.D. 1
RELATING TO CROSSWALKS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.B. 562, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 to require a marked crosswalk with adequate lighting at the intersection of two crossing arterial streets. These intersections represent major hubs in our transportation network and consideration should be given to enhance the safety of all roadway users.

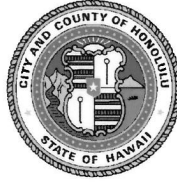
However, marked crosswalks should not be used indiscriminately. The DOT uses the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for the design and installation of marked crosswalks. The MUTCD is a nationally recognized standard developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration and is adopted by the State of Hawaii for traffic control devices on public roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill No. 562, HD2, SD1 Relating to Crosswalks

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) appreciates the efforts of your Committee to promote pedestrian safety throughout the State of Hawaii. However, DTS has concerns about HB 562, HD2, SD1 to the extent it mandates the installation of marked crosswalks with adequate lighting at all intersections of two arterial streets without a study to determine need and necessity. While marked crosswalks are effective for moving pedestrians through complex and confusing intersections, per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), they should not be installed indiscriminately at unsignalized intersections or seen as safety devices on their own. As such, the City respectfully requests this Committee defer the provisions found in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 562, HD2, SD1.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby", is written over a horizontal line.

 Michael D. Formby
Director