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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 291C-33,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to pedestrian-control signals,
3 was last substantively amended in 1981. This section needs to
4 be updated to include countdown timers and to clarify what a
5 pedestrian must do when in a crosswalk while the countdown timer
6 is operating. Countdown timers show pedestrians how many
7 seconds are left to cross the street before the pedestrian
8 signal changes from a flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't
9 Walk" or upraised palm indication.

10 SECTION 2. Section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals. Whenever special
13 pedestrian-control signals, exhibiting the words "Walk" [ⓘ],
14 "Don't Walk" [Ⓢ], the symbols of a walking person or an
15 upraised palm, or a countdown timer are in place, such signals
16 shall indicate as follows:



- 1 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing such
2 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction
3 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by
4 the drivers of all vehicles[-];
- 5 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall
6 start to cross the roadway in the direction of such
7 signal, whether flashing or steady, but any pedestrian
8 who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
9 on the Walk or Walking Person signal shall complete
10 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the
11 Don't Walk or Upraised Palm signal is showing[-]; and
- 12 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is
13 equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who
14 has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing
15 while the countdown timer is operating shall complete
16 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the
17 countdown timer is operating."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Pedestrian Walk Signals; Countdown Timers

Description:

Clarifies what pedestrians are required to do when in a crosswalk while a countdown timer is operating.

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