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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 amended in 1981. This section needs to be updated to  
4 include countdown timers and to clarify when a pedestrian is  
5 allowed to cross when the countdown timer is operating.  
6 Countdown timers show pedestrians how many seconds are left to  
7 cross the street before the pedestrian signal changes from a  
8 flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't Walk" or upraised palm  
9 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" [e],  
14 "Don't Walk" or the symbols of a walking person or an upraised  
15 palm, or a countdown timer are in place such signals shall  
16 indicate as follows:



- 1 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing [~~sueh~~] the  
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 [~~sueh~~]  
7 the signal, whether flashing or steady, but any  
8 pedestrian who has partially completed the  
9 pedestrian's crossing on the Walk or Walking Person  
10 signal shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or  
11 safety island while the Don't Walk or Upraised Palm  
12 signal is showing [~~-~~]; and
- 13 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is  
14 equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who  
15 has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing  
16 while the countdown timer is operating shall complete  
17 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the  
18 countdown timer is operating."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 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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# S.B. NO. 556

**Report Title:**

Pedestrian Walk Signals; Countdown Timers

**Description:**

Clarifies when pedestrians may enter a crosswalk equipped with a countdown timer.

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