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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO CONSTRUCT CROSSWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON OAHU'S
NORTH SHORE.

1 WHEREAS, pedestrian safety and walkable neighborhoods are
2 priorities for Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii averages 28 pedestrian fatalities each year
5 and 560 pedestrian injuries from being struck by motorists,
6 giving Hawaii the fourth highest pedestrian fatality rate, per
7 capita, in the United States, and the majority of fatalities
8 occurred because pedestrians did not cross at intersections; and
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10 WHEREAS, according to a report by the National Highway
11 Traffic Safety Administration, in 2006, 42 percent of pedestrian
12 fatalities occurred on roads without proper crosswalks; and
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14 WHEREAS, the students at Hauula Elementary School and
15 Kaaawa Elementary School are in need of a crosswalk to ensure
16 their safety when they are walking to the bus stop or to their
17 homes; and
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19 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Oahu
20 had five million visitors in 2016, and a large number of these
21 visitors travel to North Shore tourist hotspots including
22 Laniakea Beach, Haleiwa Town, and Laie; and
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24 WHEREAS, people who visit Laniakea Beach, Haleiwa Town, and
25 Laie often jaywalk across Kamehameha Highway and other busy
26 roads due to the lack of crosswalks, which disrupts traffic and
27 puts everyone at risk; and
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29 WHEREAS, traffic on Kamehameha Highway is often backed up
30 for three miles, all the way to Haleiwa Town, because of the



1 visitors at Laniakea Beach, especially on the weekends or
2 holidays; and
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4 WHEREAS, the seven-mile commute along Kamehameha Highway
5 near Laniakea Beach Park now often takes over 45 minutes, and
6 traffic along the North Shore's main artery has been getting
7 worse for years; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
11 that the Department of Transportation and the Department of
12 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu are
13 urged to construct crosswalks for pedestrian safety on
14 Kamehameha Highway at the following five locations:
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- 16 (1) Laniakea Beach;
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18 (2) Haleiwa Town;
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20 (3) Laie, across from Pounders Beach Park;
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22 (4) Kaaawa Elementary School; and
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24 (5) Hauula Elementary School; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
28 Mayor and Director of Transportation Services of the City and
29 County of Honolulu, Castle-Kahuku Complex Area Superintendent,
30 and Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department.
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OFFERED BY:






