SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTIES TO
REEVALUATE CURRENT CROSSWALK LOCATIONS AND THE NEED FOR NEW
CROSSWALKS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has too many cases of pedestrian deaths and
2 injuries occurring as a result of being struck in crosswalks;
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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, Hawaii had over forty pedestrian
6 fatalities, which was the highest pedestrian fatality rate in
7 the United States; and
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9 WHEREAS, pedestrian crosswalk safety is such an important
10 community issue that in 2008, the University of Hawaii published
11 a study entitled "Modeling Violation of Hawaii's Crosswalk Law"
12 to analyze the issue; and
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14 WHEREAS, the same University of Hawaii study found that
15 disproportionately more drivers than pedestrians violate the
16 crosswalk law, with the most common violation being not stopping
17 for pedestrians who are in the crosswalk, followed by stopping
18 but continuing to proceed before the pedestrian has left the
19 crosswalk; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that this body
23 hereby requests the Department of Transportation and respective
24 counties to work together to study the effectiveness of current
25 crosswalk locations and the need for new crosswalks; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that roadways with higher pedestrian
28 traffic or those that have experienced higher rates of
29 pedestrian accidents are to be prioritized for study; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
33 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the
34 Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
35 the Regular Session of 2021; and

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2   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, and
4 the mayor of each county.
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OFFERED BY: