

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 106
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 106, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize pedestrians to act contrary to the statewide traffic code when a reasonably careful pedestrian would determine that there is no immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle if the pedestrian is more than two hundred feet from a crosswalk; and
- (2) Require a driver of a vehicle to yield to a pedestrian when the pedestrian clearly indicates their intention to cross a roadway within a crosswalk.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Department, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, Hawai'i Bicycling League, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, ACLU of Hawai'i, Maui Bicycling League, and twenty individuals.



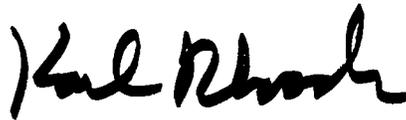
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, and four individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that it is critical to prioritize the environment, health, and culture in the development, maintenance, and operation of the State's roadway and transportation systems. Your Committee further finds that existing state regulations do not adequately protect individuals and pedestrians from traffic and also create restrictions that inhibit walkability throughout the State. This measure will increase accessibility and safety throughout the State's transportation system, by approaching pedestrian infrastructure in a holistic, safe, and accessible manner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 106, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

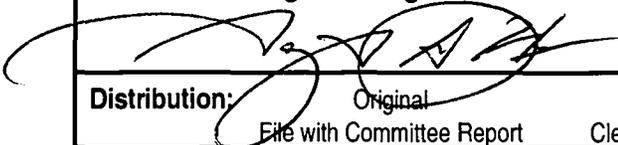


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 106, SD1	TCA, JDC	2/19/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				/
CHANG, Stanley	/			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	/			
AWA, Brenton			/	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes