
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS
REQUIRING PEDESTRIANS TO WEAR REFLECTIVE GEAR BETWEEN THE
HOURS OF DUSK AND DAWN.

1 WHEREAS, Oahu is seeing a rise in motor vehicle collisions
2 involving pedestrians; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 2024, Honolulu Emergency Medical Services
5 responded to over 130 pedestrian cases, representing a thirteen
6 per cent increase from 2023; and
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8 WHEREAS, streets and roadways are particularly dangerous
9 between dusk and dawn due to the reduced visibility; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the Governors Highway Safety
12 Association report, in 2022 approximately two hundred seventy
13 fatal pedestrian crashes occurred during dawn or dusk; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Transportation finds
16 that wearing reflective material that is visible from both the
17 front and back is the most effective way to increase conspicuity
18 and improve safety; and
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20 WHEREAS, reflective gear makes pedestrians noticeable to
21 drivers under reduced visibility conditions between dusk and
22 dawn, increasing the time to react and avoid accidents; and
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24 WHEREAS, military bases on the island of Oahu have already
25 adopted regulations that require everyone to wear reflective
26 gear whenever outside walking or running during the hours of
27 darkness, referring to the period between evening colors and
28 morning colors; and
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30 WHEREAS, in a township in the state of Ohio, it is
31 considered a minor misdemeanor for an individual to walk or run



1 in any public street or highway from dusk to dawn without
2 adequate reflective clothing; now, therefore,

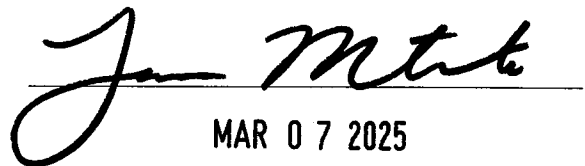
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to
7 implement regulations requiring pedestrians to wear reflective
8 gear between the hours of dusk and dawn; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
11 and Department of Transportation are urged to work
12 collaboratively to identify and clearly designate areas of high
13 risk to pedestrian safety, erect signage warning drivers of
14 pedestrian presence, and post regulations requiring pedestrians
15 to wear reflective gear between dusk and dawn; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
18 and Department of Transportation are urged to create and
19 implement a public education campaign pertaining to pedestrian
20 safety and any regulations that are implemented as a result of
21 this Resolution; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
25 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the
26 Honolulu City Council, and Director of the Department of
27 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.
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