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SENATE RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A "PEDESTRIAN FIRST" POLICY VIA ORDINANCE.

| 1 2 | WHEREAS, walking is the most basic form of transportation; and |
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| 3 4 5 | WHEREAS, safely accommodating pedestrians is a fundamental function of streets; and |
| 6 7 8 9 | WHEREAS, a "pedestrian first" policy establishes pedestrians as the highest modal priority; and |
| 10 11 12 | WHEREAS, a "pedestrian first" policy would inform decision- making when modal trade-offs are considered; and |
| 13 14 15 | WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu finalized its Oahu Pedestrian Plan in July 2022; and |
| 16 17 18 19 | WHEREAS, the Oahu Pedestrian Plan is a long-term action plan intended to create safe and accessible streets that allow everyone secure self-transportation by walking; and |
| 20 21 22 23 24 | WHEREAS, in Honolulu, high-risk pedestrian areas make up just two percent of streets but account for sixty percent of fatalities and forty-two percent of injuries, underscoring the need for targeted infrastructure improvements; and |
| 25 26 27 | WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Priority Network is the network of streets and off-street paths in the City and County of Honolulu |
| 28 29 30 31 | that provide important pedestrian connections to transit, schools, employment and commercial centers, and other major destinations; now, therefore, |
| 32 33 | BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, |

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that the Honolulu City Council is strongly urged to adopt a 1 2 "pedestrian first" policy via ordinance; and 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 4 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of 5 Honolulu, Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, 6 all members of the Honolulu City Council, and Director of the 7 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of 8 9 Honolulu. 10 11 12

OFFERED BY:

