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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals.** Whenever special  
4 pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't  
5 Walk" [~~or~~] or the symbols of a walking person or an upraised  
6 palm[~~, or a countdown timer~~] are in place, such signals shall  
7 indicate as follows:

8 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing such  
9 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction  
10 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by  
11 the drivers of all vehicles; and

12 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall  
13 start to cross the roadway in the direction of such  
14 signal, whether flashing or steady, but any pedestrian  
15 who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing  
16 on the Walk or Walking Person signal shall complete



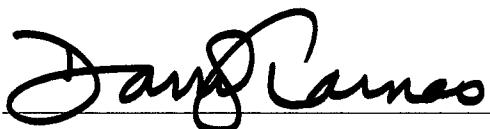
1 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the  
2 Don't Walk or Upraised Palm signal is showing [; and  
3 (3) ~~Countdown timer. If the pedestrian control signal is~~  
4 ~~equipped with a countdown timer, no pedestrian shall~~  
5 ~~start to cross the roadway in the direction of such~~  
6 ~~signal once the countdown begins, but any pedestrian~~  
7 ~~who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing~~  
8 ~~when the countdown begins shall complete the crossing~~  
9 ~~to a sidewalk or safety island before the countdown~~  
10 ~~timer ends].~~"

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1523

**Report Title:**

Pedestrian-control Signals; Traffic Code; Countdown Timer

**Description:**

Removes references to countdown timers as it relates to pedestrian-control signals, including the requirement that pedestrians must begin crossing a roadway before a countdown timer begins.

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