

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1176-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1524
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1524, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish that fines for pedestrian violations of the statewide traffic code shall not exceed an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Require state and county agencies to revise applicable schedules of fines, rules, and procedures to comply with the monetary limit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that high fines for pedestrians are ineffective at producing roadway safety results. Your Committee also finds that fines for pedestrians who violate jaywalking laws can be unjustly higher than those for certain driving-related

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traffic violations. For example, jaywalking carries a fine of \$130, while running a red light on Oahu starts at \$97.28, despite the fact that running a red light carries a far greater risk to public safety. This measure will ensure that fines for pedestrian violations are reasonable, proportionate, and not unduly punitive.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that fines for pedestrian violations of the statewide traffic code shall not exceed \$25; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1524, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1524, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB1524 HDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, JHA</i>	Date: <i>2/26/2026</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	<i>R</i> <i>(M)</i>		✓	
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
TOTAL (10)	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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