

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2163  
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2163 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the driver of a vehicle to stop for a pedestrian who is crossing the roadway within a crosswalk and not to proceed until the pedestrian has completely exited the crosswalk and the driver can safely proceed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Executive Office on Aging; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that ambiguity in existing crosswalk laws may allow drivers to proceed before a pedestrian has fully cleared the crosswalk, creating unsafe conditions and increasing the risk of collisions. Pedestrians, including kupuna, children, and individuals with mobility limitations, require clear and consistent right-of-way protections to ensure they can safely traverse roadways. By establishing a clear standard that prioritizes pedestrian safety, this measure promotes safer



intersections and enhances protections for individuals lawfully crossing the street.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes the concerns expressed in testimony regarding the impacts of additional laws on motorists and enforcement challenges with existing pedestrian safety laws.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2163, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



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DARIUS KILA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

*HSCR 431-26*

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2163</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, JHA</i>	Date: <i>2/12/24</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)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KILA, Darius K. (C)	✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
5. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada				✓
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Tyson Miyake</i></div>				
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