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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that measures need to be  
2 taken to make crossing Hawaii's roads safer. In 2004, Hawaii's  
3 pedestrian death rate was the fourth highest in the nation.  
4 Thirty-one pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles, ten of  
5 whom were in crosswalks when struck. Despite a new state law  
6 enacted in 2005 requiring drivers to stop and yield to  
7 pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, this year's pedestrian death  
8 rate is likely to ~~surpass~~ the 2004 rate.

9           In June 2005, Hudson Falls became the first community in  
10 the State of New York to implement a pedestrian safety program  
11 using flags at crosswalks to make crossing pedestrians more  
12 noticeable to motorists at busy thoroughfares. Under this  
13 program, flag-holding containers with Day-Glo flags are  
14 installed on both sides of the street at crosswalks.  
15 Pedestrians wishing to cross the street can retrieve a flag and  
16 wave it to gain motorists' attention when crossing the street.



1           The pedestrian flag approach, now used in thirteen states,  
2 has greatly increased motorists' compliance in giving  
3 pedestrians the right of way at crosswalks.

4           The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot pedestrian  
5 flag program.

6           SECTION 2. **Pilot project established.** There is  
7 established within the department of transportation a two-year  
8 pedestrian flag pilot project. The project shall be designed to  
9 include the provision of flags to pedestrians at designated  
10 crosswalks to make them more noticeable to motorists when  
11 crossing streets. Flags shall be made available at crosswalks  
12 that the department of transportation has identified as being  
13 particularly dangerous to crossing pedestrians.

14           SECTION 3. **Report to the legislature.** The department of  
15 transportation shall provide a report on the pedestrian flag  
16 project to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
17 the convening of the regular session of 2008.

18           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
21 the pedestrian flag pilot project. The sum appropriated shall  
22 be expended by the department of transportation.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
 2 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2008; provided that section 4  
 3 of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.  
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**Report Title:**

Highways; Pedestrian Safety; Pedestrian Flag Program

**Description:**

Establishes a two-year pilot pedestrian flag project within the Department of Transportation to provide flags at crosswalks for use by pedestrians when crossing the street.

