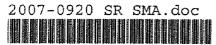
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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COOPERATE AND COORDINATE EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE PEDESTRIAN WALK SIGNAL LIGHTS WITH THE PEDESTRIAN'S RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALK LAW.

WHEREAS, in the first two weeks in 2007, there have been 1 four fatal pedestrian accidents, some in crosswalks, in 2 3 Honolulu, three of which involved senior citizens; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005 (Act 73), enacted a revision to the law regarding pedestrians' right of 6 7 way in crosswalks; and 8 9 WHEREAS, Act 73 requires the driver of a vehicle to stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway 10 within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the 11 12 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or the pedestrian 13 is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway 14 as to be in danger; and 15 16 WHEREAS, elderly citizens generally need more time to complete crossing the street; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, in one of the four pedestrian fatalities in 20 Honolulu, it was reported that many people in the neighborhood where the accident occurred, North King Street, speculate that 21 the woman did not have enough time to get across in the clearly 22 marked crosswalk because the light turned green to fast; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, pedestrian signal light indicators and traffic signal lights should be timed to allow adequate time for 26 27 pedestrians to complete a crossing in a crosswalk; and 28 29 WHEREAS, one of the objectives for pedestrian safety recommended in 2004 by the American Association of State Highway 30 31 and Transportation Officials (in cooperation with the Federal 32 Highway Administration) is to reduce pedestrian exposure to



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vehicular traffic by upgrading traffic and pedestrian signals; 1 2 and 3 4 WHEREAS, some roadways and streets are under the 5 jurisdiction of the State and others are under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu need 9 to cooperate and coordinate the timing of traffic signals, as well as the timing of pedestrian walk signals in order to 10 11 enhance pedestrian safety; now, therefore, 12 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, 14 that the State Department of Transportation and the Department 15 16 of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu cooperate and coordinate efforts to harmonize pedestrian walk 17 signal lights and traffic stop lights with pedestrian's right of 18 19 way in the crosswalk law; and 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pedestrian walk signal 21 lights and traffic stop lights allow sufficient time for all 22 23 pedestrians, particularly the elderly, to complete their 24 crossing in a crosswalk; and 25 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Director of Transportation and the 27 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of 28 29 Honolulu. 30 31 32 OFFERED BY

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