

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2023

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-12, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 137

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 137 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF STATE AND
COUNTY INTERSECTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER TRAFFIC SIGNALS
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE
STREET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to protect the
safety of pedestrians by requesting the Department of
Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with each county, to conduct
a study of state and county intersections to determine whether
traffic signals at those locations provide sufficient time for
pedestrians, especially elderly and disabled pedestrians, to cross
the street.

The Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 testified in support
of this measure. DOT supported the intent of this measure.

Pedestrian safety has become a major concern in Hawaii in
recent months. This is especially true on Oahu where, in the
first few months of 2007, ten pedestrian fatalities have already
occurred. Many of these fatalities have involved elderly
pedestrians.

In a recent survey conducted by the AARP, many intersections
were identified to have inadequate crossing times for elderly
pedestrians. Allowing elderly pedestrians more time to cross the

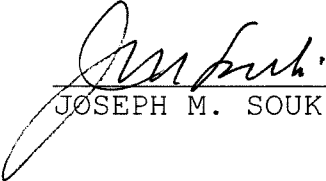
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street will not only increase traffic safety for the elderly but for pedestrians in general.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 137 and recommends its adoption.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



