

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2093

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug 23, 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 30

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
S.C.R. No. 30 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to enhance
pedestrian safety by requesting the State Department of
Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Transportation Services
of the City and County of Honolulu (DTS) to cooperate and
coordinate efforts to harmonize pedestrian walk signal lights with
the pedestrian's right of way in a crosswalk law.

DOT and DTS testified in support of this measure. The
Disability and Communication Access Board supported this
concurrent resolution with amendments.

The pedestrian fatality rate in Hawaii is extremely high,
especially among our elderly population, with some estimates
reporting that the pedestrian fatality rate for those aged 65
years and older in Hawaii is 169 percent higher than the rest of
the nation. This is despite the fact that Hawaii has a law that is
aimed at protecting a pedestrian's right of way while in a
crosswalk.

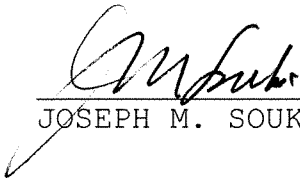
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One possible reason for the high number of these pedestrian fatalities is that a number of intersections in Hawaii do not allow sufficient time for individuals to cross. Moreover, some pedestrian walk signal lights are not synchronized to operate under the conditions stipulated in the pedestrian's right of way in a crosswalk law. Harmonizing the signal lights with this law will help in protecting pedestrians in Hawaii while allowing for traffic to flow smoothly.

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 S.C.R. No. 30 and recommends its adoption.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 30 (SSCR1352)		Date: APRIL 18, 2007		
Committee Referral: TRN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	✓			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				✓
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. SONSON, Alex M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL	7	0	0	6
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<i>Marilyn B. Lee</i>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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