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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CROSSWALK SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 291C-33,  
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to pedestrian-control signals,  
3 was last amended in 1981. This section needs to be updated to  
4 include countdown timers and to clarify when a pedestrian is  
5 allowed to cross when the countdown timer is operating.  
6 Countdown timers show pedestrians how many seconds are left to  
7 cross the street before the pedestrian signal changes from a  
8 flashing "Don't Walk" to a steady "Don't Walk" or upraised palm  
9 indication.

10           SECTION 2. Section 291C-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           "**§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals.** Whenever special  
13 pedestrian-control signals, exhibiting the ~~[words]~~ word "Walk"  
14 or the symbol of a walking person; the words "Don't Walk" or the  
15 ~~[symbols]~~ symbol of ~~[a walking person or]~~ an upraised palm; or a  
16 countdown timer are in place ~~[such]~~, these signals shall  
17 indicate as follows:



- 1 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing [~~such~~] the  
2 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction  
3 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by  
4 the drivers of all vehicles[-];
- 5 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall  
6 start to cross the roadway in the direction of [~~such~~]  
7 the signal, whether flashing or steady, but any  
8 pedestrian who has partially completed the  
9 pedestrian's crossing on the Walk or Walking Person  
10 signal shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or  
11 safety island while the Don't Walk or Upraised Palm  
12 signal is showing[-]; and
- 13 (3) Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is  
14 equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who  
15 has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing  
16 while the countdown timer is operating shall complete  
17 the crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the  
18 countdown timer is operating."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Crosswalk Safety; Pedestrians; Countdown Timers

**Description:**

Clarifies when pedestrians may enter a crosswalk equipped with a countdown timer. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD2)

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