

HB562

HD2

RELATING TO CROSSWALKS.

Requires installation of a marked crosswalk at newly constructed, reconstructed, resurfaced, or renovated intersection of two arterial streets. (HB562 HD2)

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H.B. 562, H.D. 2
RELATING TO CROSSWALKS

Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and
Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation **supports** H.B. 562, H.D. 2 to require a marked crosswalk at the intersection of two crossing arterial streets. These intersections represent major hubs in our transportation network and pedestrians need to be accommodated. The installation of crosswalks will define pedestrian routes and enhance the safety for all roadway users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Espero and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill No. 562, HD2 Relating to Crosswalks

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) appreciates the efforts of your Committee to promote pedestrian safety throughout the State of Hawaii. However, DTS has concerns about HB 562, HD2 to the extent it mandates the installation of marked crosswalks at all intersections of two arterial streets without a study to determine need and necessity. While marked crosswalks are effective for moving pedestrians through complex and confusing intersections, they should not be installed indiscriminately at unsignalized intersections or seen as safety devices on their own. The City respectfully requests this Committee defer the provisions found in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 562, HD2.

Very truly yours,


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