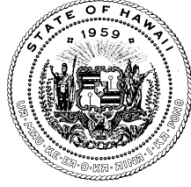


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April 6, 2016
11:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 309

S.B. 2585, S.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2585, S.D. 1 amending section 291C-33 Hawaii Revised Statutes to include pedestrian countdown timers.

This bill will provide consistency with the meaning of the flashing “Hand” or flashing “Don’t Walk” pedestrian signal indications. Clarifying that a pedestrian can finish their crossing when countdown numbers are displayed will reduce pedestrian confusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: Anthony Ferreira <anthonyf25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:14 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: SB 2585, SD1

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

I am in strong support of SB 2585, SD1, Relating To The Statewide Traffic Code. Clarification of pedestrian walking signals is necessary for both public safety and clear enforcement of the law. I urge the committee to pass this bill in its current form.

**Thank You,
Anthony Ferreira**

From: Donald Botsai <dbotsai@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:12 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: SB2585, SD1

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Thank You,

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TO: Chair Henry Aquino and Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Testimony in **Support of SB2585**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

11:15 AM

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Chair Aquino and Transportation Committee Members

My name is Edith Kimball. I am in support of SB2585 because it is important for us to know what the law is regarding count down timers. Most of us believe that it is okay to start crossing the street when we think we have enough time to cross. However, I can't find the law that clearly says when it's safe to start crossing, sometimes I can cross the street before the numbers still flashing. Will I get a ticket if the numbers are still flashing and I'm in the crosswalk?

April 6, 2016

Chairman Henry Aquino
& Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Aquino and Transportation Committee Members

My name is Viola Alo and I'm writing in **support of SB2585**. This bill is needed to any the question we all have about when it's safe not to enter the crosswalk once the countdown starts running. So please pass this bill to answer this question for all those that might have the same thing in mind.

April 6, 2016

TO: Chairman Henry Aquino and Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Aquino and Transportation Committee Members

I am in support of SB2585 because I walk with a cane and need the extra time to cross the street where there are traffic signals. I just ask that more time is added to the timers for walking across the street because most of the time, I'm not finished crossing and there's no time left and the red hand sign comes up.

Sincerely,

Gloria Laimana

April 6, 2016

House Committee on Transportation
Representative Henry Aquino, Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Honorable Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti and Transportation Committee Members

My name is Abby Wong and I am in strong support of SB 2585 SD1. I believe that HRS Section 291C-33 needs to be amended to reflect the use of traffic signals with countdown times and not just the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals that haven't been used in years. Since the law is not clear, the law cannot be enforced and pedestrians shouldn't be cited for being in the crosswalk when the numbers are flashing.

Hawaii has one of the highest pedestrian death rates in the country. Many of the pedestrians were in crosswalks when they died. So, crosswalk safety is paramount and should be one of the legislature's foremost concerns.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

TO: Chairman Henry Aquino
& Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Aquino and Transportation Committee Members

I support SB2585. My name is Violet Murakami and I am handicap and need a wheelchair for mobility. However, someone has to help push the wheelchair. I support this bill because I'm scared sometimes when being pushed across the crosswalk and don't have time to cross because I ran out of time. Please pass this bill and correct this problem.

From: Jonathan Valdez <jonathanavaldez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 4:48 PM
To: TRNtestimony
Subject: Support SB 2585, SD1

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Thank You,

Jonathan Valdez, MBA, RDN, CDN, ACE-CPT