SB 2585

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE

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Senate Committee of Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 2585 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.

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Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy Senator Lorraine Inouye – Chair Senator Mike Gabbard – Vice Chair State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy.

My name is Abby Wong and I am in strong support of SB 2585. I believe that the current law needs to be amended to reflect the use of count down timers at intersections. The law now refers do Don't Walk and Walk signals which haven't been in use for years.

Mahalo and please pass SB2585.