HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COLLABORATE WITH
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE PRIVATE ENTITIES TO
CONDUCT A STUDY TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT THE
INTERSECTION OF ALA MOANA BOULEVARD AND KAMAKEE STREET.

WHEREAS, pedestrian fatalities in Hawaii have drastically increased from fifteen fatalities in 2017 to forty-four fatalities in 2018, the highest amount by far in sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, three pedestrians were injured and three pedestrians lost their lives after a vehicle collided with them while standing on a traffic island at the intersection of Ala Moana Boulevard and Kamakee Street; and

WHEREAS, similar injuries and fatalities may be mitigated or prevented in the future if enhanced pedestrian safety measures such as pedestrian bridges over roadways or all-stop, vertical crosswalks, also known as pedestrian scrambles, allowed for the speedy, uninterrupted transit of pedestrians across intersections without the need to pause at any island or median between lanes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Department of Transportation is requested to collaborate with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services and appropriate private entities to conduct a study on potential pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Ala Moana Boulevard and Kamakee Street, including but not limited to constructing pedestrian bridges or instituting all-stop, pedestrian scramble-types of crossing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to consider enhanced safety measures at high volume crossings across the State; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to enhance pedestrian safety, including any proposed legislation and estimated costs of implementation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Transportation, Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Senior Vice President of The Howard Hughes Corporation.