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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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 substantively amended in 1981. This section needs to
4 be updated to include countdown signals and to clarify what a
5 pedestrian must do in response to a countdown signal or flashing
6 upraised hand signal. Countdown signals, often accompanied by a
7 flashing upraised hand signal, show pedestrians how many seconds
8 are left to cross the street before the pedestrian signal
9 changes from a flashing Don't Walk or upraised palm signal to a
10 steady Don't Walk or upraised palm signal.

11 The purpose of this Act is to clarify section 291C-33,
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding the countdown pedestrian-
13 control signals.

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

16 "§291C-33 Pedestrian-control signals. Whenever special
17 pedestrian-control signals, exhibiting the words "Walk" or



1 "Don't Walk" [øæ], the symbols of a walking person or an
2 upraised palm, or a countdown signal are in place [sueh], the
3 signals shall indicate as follows:

4 (1) Walk or Walking Person. Pedestrians facing [sueh] the
5 signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction
6 of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by
7 the drivers of all vehicles[-];

8 (2) Don't Walk or Upraised Palm. No pedestrian shall
9 start to cross the roadway in the direction of [sueh]
10 the signal, whether flashing or steady, but any
11 pedestrian who has partially completed the
12 pedestrian's crossing on the Walk or Walking Person
13 signal shall complete the crossing to a sidewalk or
14 safety island while the Don't Walk or Upraised Palm
15 signal is showing[-]; and

16 (3) Countdown Signal. Pedestrians facing the signal may
17 begin crossing or proceed across the roadway in the
18 direction of the signal and shall be given the right-
19 of-way by the drivers of all vehicles. No pedestrian
20 shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of
21 the countdown signal after the countdown has commenced



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1 unless the pedestrian can complete the crossing to a
 2 sidewalk or safety island with reasonable effort,
 3 without jogging or running, before the countdown
 4 reaches "0"."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Pedestrian Control Signals; Countdown Signal

Description:

Clarifies what pedestrians are required to do in a crosswalk in response to a countdown signal.

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