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February 4, 2019  
1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

**S.B. 693**  
**RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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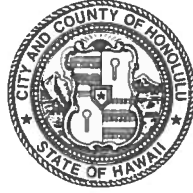
The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 693 amending section 291C-33 Hawaii Revised Statutes to include pedestrian countdown timers.

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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February 4, 2019

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The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 693, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

I am Andre Peters, Acting Captain of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 693, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code.


The passage of this bill would clarify what the responsibilities are for pedestrians. Statewide, there are numerous pedestrian control signals. The section related to pedestrian control signals was last amended in 1981 and has not included control signals with countdown timers. These countdown timers are sometimes used by pedestrians to gauge whether or not they can safely cross the street before the time runs out or if they should wait for the next signal cycle. We have seen faulty control signals where only the countdown timer is displayed without an upraised palm or "Don't Walk" signal.

Although we fully support this bill, we request amending it to say that if there is only a countdown timer, the pedestrian should not begin to cross the roadway once the countdown begins.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 693, Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

  
Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

  
for Andre Peters, Acting Captain  
Traffic Division



## O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 4, 2019

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

RE: SB 693 Relating to the Statewide Traffic Code

Aloha mai kakou Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 693 relating to the Statewide Traffic Code.**

SB 693 provides: Countdown timer. If the pedestrian-control signal is equipped with a countdown timer, any pedestrian who has partially completed the pedestrian's crossing by crossing to a sidewalk or safety island while the countdown timer is operating.

DPH supports safety and security in all dimensions as a basic function of government. DPH supports just law enforcement and enhancement of crime prevention, without compromising civil liberties. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 20, ln. 21-22.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., to support safety and security in all dimensions as a basic function of government, OCCLP supports SB 693 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Transportation.

Mahalo nui loa

Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja

Chair, O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities  
of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i

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**SB-693**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:14:02 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2019 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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