
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THE PALI HIGHWAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pedestrian safety is
2 a growing concern in Hawai'i. Raymond Endow was wearing a
3 reflective vest as he crossed an unsignalized intersection at
4 Wood street on the Pali highway when he was struck and killed.
5 His death was one of thirty-nine pedestrian fatalities across
6 the State in 2018, up from just fourteen in 2017.

7 The fact that Mr. Endow's accident occurred at an
8 unsignalized crosswalk is not unusual for pedestrian fatalities.
9 According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Highway
10 Loss Data Institute, forty per cent of all crashes involving
11 pedestrians occur at these types of crossings. Implementing
12 signalized crosswalk lighting to give pedestrians exclusive
13 access to intersections reduces pedestrian crashes at
14 intersections by half.

15 The Pali highway runs through residential areas in Nu'uano
16 and speeding cars create hazards for pedestrians simply trying
17 to navigate their neighborhood. The plan, design, and



1 construction of traffic signals at unsignalized crossings along
2 the Pali highway will help prevent future tragedies and protect
3 pedestrian safety.

4 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to the
5 department of transportation to improve pedestrian safety along
6 the Pali highway.

7 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
8 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
10 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2019-2020
11 for the purpose of designing and installing signalized
12 crosswalks and related pedestrian improvements at the four
13 following intersections with unsignalized crosswalks:

14 (1) Ahipu'u street, where it intersects with the Pali
15 highway;

16 (2) Wood street, where it intersects with the Pali
17 highway;

18 (3) Dowsett avenue (lower), where it intersects with the
19 Pali highway; and

20 (4) Dowsett avenue (upper), where it intersects with the
21 Pali highway.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
4 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
5 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
6 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
7 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of that date.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Pedestrian Safety; Department of Transportation; Capital Improvement Project; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for installing signalized crosswalks and related pedestrian improvements at four specified unsignalized intersections in the Nu'uauu area of the Pali Highway. (HB839 HD1)

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