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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING COUNTDOWN TIMERS IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A HIGHER POPULATION DENSITY OF ELDERLY OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, pedestrian crossings countdown timers have
2 traditionally been designed to accommodate people who are
3 mentally and physically agile, with good stamina, vision, and
4 hearing; and

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6 WHEREAS, often, the amount of time provided at pedestrian
7 crossing countdown timers is insufficient for people who require
8 additional time to cross the street such as the elderly or those
9 who have disabilities, leaving them stranded in the intersection
10 when the traffic signal changes; and

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12 WHEREAS, pedestrian crossing countdown timers should be
13 designed to safely accommodate pedestrians of all ages and
14 physical and mental abilities; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
17 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
18 Department of Transportation and the counties are requested to
19 conduct a traffic study which examines pedestrian crossing
20 countdown timers in neighborhoods with a higher than average
21 population densities of elderly or persons with disabilities;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
25 Transportation and the counties are requested to submit a report
26 of its findings and recommendations with regard to pedestrian
27 crossing countdown timers in neighborhoods with higher than
28 average population densities of elderly or persons with
29 disabilities, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2021; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of
 3 Transportation and the Mayors of the City and County of Honolulu
 4 and Counties of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii.
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