

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 926
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 926 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide pedestrians with greater freedom by allowing them to cross the street when a reasonably careful pedestrian would determine it is safe to do so.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Public Health Institute and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that existing laws relating to pedestrians are needlessly restrictive and have a disproportionate impact on people who do not drive and who primarily rely upon walking as a means of transportation. Additionally, in many situations, the perception and judgment of pedestrians can be more effective in mitigating injuries than traffic lights or street markings. Your Committee believes that pedestrians should be trusted to cross the street when the absence of oncoming traffic makes it reasonably safe to cross. This measure will provide



pedestrians with greater freedom to make determinations about the safety conditions of vehicular traffic.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of March 22, 2075, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 926, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 926, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓		✓	
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.				
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	1	—

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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