

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1633-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2630
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize pedestrians to act contrary to the Statewide Traffic Code when a reasonably careful pedestrian would determine that there is no immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Get Fit Kauai; Hawai'i Bicycling League; America Walks; Kauai Path, Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Honolulu Police Department; Maui Police Department; D. Otani Produce; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that pedestrians should be trusted to cross the street when the absence of oncoming traffic makes it

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reasonably safe to do so. Your Committee further finds that removing jaywalking penalties has not been found to increase adverse public safety outcomes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that limited the authorized action in this measure to only when pedestrians are more than two hundred feet from a marked crosswalk; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2630, SD1, HD1	Committee Referral: TRN, JHA	Date: 3-28-24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. HOLT, Daniel			✓	
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				✓
7. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru			✓	
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.			✓	
10. SOUZA, Kanani			✓	
TOTAL (10)	5	—	4	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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