
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIANS
TO WEAR REFLECTIVE GEAR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF DUSK AND DAWN.

1 WHEREAS, Oahu is seeing a rise in motor vehicle collisions
2 involving pedestrians; and
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4 WHEREAS, in 2024, the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services
5 Department responded to over one hundred thirty pedestrian
6 cases, representing a thirteen per cent increase from 2023; and
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8 WHEREAS, streets and roadways are particularly dangerous
9 between dusk and dawn due to the reduced visibility; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the Governors Highway Safety
12 Association report, in 2022, approximately two hundred seventy
13 fatal pedestrian crashes occurred during dawn or dusk; and
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15 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation
16 finds that wearing reflective material that is visible from both
17 the front and back is the most effective way to increase
18 conspicuity and improve safety; and
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20 WHEREAS, reflective gear makes pedestrians noticeable to
21 drivers under reduced visibility conditions between dusk and
22 dawn, increasing the time to react and avoid accidents; and
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24 WHEREAS, military bases on the island of Oahu have already
25 adopted regulations that require everyone to wear reflective
26 gear whenever outside walking or running during the hours of
27 darkness, referring to the period between evening colors and
28 morning colors; and
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30 WHEREAS, in a township in the state of Ohio, it is
31 considered a minor misdemeanor for an individual to walk or run
32 in any public street or highway from dusk to dawn without
33 adequate reflective clothing; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
4 of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to
5 encourage pedestrians to wear reflective gear between the hours
6 of dusk and dawn; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
9 and Department of Transportation are urged to work
10 collaboratively to identify and clearly designate areas of high
11 risk to pedestrian safety and erect signage warning drivers of
12 the presence of pedestrians and encouraging pedestrians to wear
13 reflective gear between dusk and dawn; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
16 and Department of Transportation are urged to create and
17 implement a public education campaign pertaining to pedestrian
18 safety and any ordinances that are adopted as a result of this
19 measure; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
23 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the
24 Honolulu City Council, and Director of the Department of
25 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

