

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1182

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 357
H.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 357, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish in the City and County of Honolulu, a two-year pilot project to test crosswalk safety enhancements and programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and AARP Hawaii.

The DOT submitted testimony that, during the past four years (2003-2006), there were one hundred twenty-two pedestrian fatalities statewide. Of the one hundred twenty-two fatalities, eighty-four were in Honolulu. For the first ten weeks this year alone, there were ten pedestrian fatalities on Oahu.

Your Committees believe that exploring initiatives that may enhance pedestrian safety and consequently reduce injuries and fatalities is an important first step toward a uniform and effective long term traffic safety solution.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose



of H.B. No. 357, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair


J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



