

HB-1231-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 4:44:27 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathryn Braun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1231 in its current versoin.

Increasing pedestrian safety is extremely important due to the rising traffic fatalities in Hawai‘i and these fatalities highlight an urgent need to improve pedestrian facilities to promote safety and accessibility for all. By investing in safer streets, resources can be shifted from punitive laws that blame pedestrians for poor road design to proven safety solutions and infrastructure. By implementing leading pedestrian intervals, pedestrians are given a 3-7 second head start when crossing the street, which reduces pedestrian fatalities at intersections by 60%. By increasing funding for Safe Routes to School projects, keiki will be able to be active and safe while they walk, roll, or bike to school.

HB-1231-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 5:25:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Reeser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Committee Members on Judiciary and Ways and Means,

I strongly support this measure to improve pedestrian safety in our communities. In 2024, pedestrian fatalities rose by 61% compared to the previous year. Alarming, just 2% of Honolulu's streets account for 60% of pedestrian fatalities and 42% of injuries. Instead of penalizing people for walking on unsafe streets—with jaywalking fines ranging from \$100 to \$150, often exceeding penalties for speeding—we must prioritize targeted infrastructure improvements that save lives.

I urge you to consider proven solutions to make our streets safer for everyone, such as investing in Safe Routes to School, leading pedestrian intervals, and other low-cost, effective solutions. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Cheryl Reeser
Makawao, Hawai'i

HB-1231-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/28/2025 8:15:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1231. Please pass this bill.

HB-1231-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/29/2025 10:16:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) encourages more keiki to walk, bike, and roll to school, leading to increased physical activity, reduced traffic congestion around schools, improved air quality, and a significant decrease in pedestrian injuries among students. This ultimately improves overall health and well-being for children and the community at large.