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H.B. 1153 RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS

House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 1153, which addresses the omission of budget special provisions that authorizes supplemental allotments and transfers of unrequired balances for capital improvement program projects in Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2023, as amended by Act 230, SLH 2024, and that authorizes a protocol fund as a separate account to be expended at the discretion of the executive head of departments.

H.B. 1153 proposes to add three new sections to part VII of Act 164, SLH 2023, as amended by Act 230, SLH 2024, to include the omitted budget special provisions to improve delivery and completion of capital improvement program projects and operations by providing flexibility to supplement allotments and transfer funds between capital improvement program projects as well as expend funds for protocol expenses within existing budget appropriations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.