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H.B. 1164, H.D. 1
RELATING TO HIGHWAY REVENUE BONDS

House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 1164, H.D. 1, which addresses the inadvertent repeal of the revenue bond authorization for the HDOT to issue Highway Revenue Bonds to fund highway capital improvement projects appropriated by the Legislature.

H.B. 1164, HD1 proposes to add a new section to part VII of Act 164, SLH 2023 as amended by Act 230, SLH 2024 to restore the authorization to issue highway revenue bonds for highway capital improvement projects which are primarily revenue bond funded.

HDOT's planned issuance of Highway Revenue Bonds cannot proceed until this bond authorization is restored. In the meantime, to fulfill HDOT's operational needs and provide payment to vendors, \$80,000,000 in general funds for FY25 have been displaced under a temporary general fund loan approved between the Department of Budget and Finance and HDOT. Following this restoration of bond authorization from the Legislature, HDOT will reimburse the general fund upon the eventual issuance and sale of Highway Revenue Bonds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.