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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 The legislature finds that frequent closures of SECTION 1. 2 Honoapiilani Highway, West Maui's principal artery, are severely 3 disruptive to commuting, recreation, enterprise, and family life 4 for both residents and visitors. After a brushfire closed the 5 Honoapiilani Highway for several days in 2007, stranding 6 residents and visitors, separating families, and preventing 7 access from West Maui to critical resources such as hospitals, 8 the legislature passed Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, to 9 convene a working group to develop a transportation plan for 10 West Maui. The West Maui transportation access plan, developed 11 by the West Maui transportation access plan working group 12 pursuant to Act 214, recommends the implementation of an 13 intelligent transportation system (ITS) for the island of Maui. 14 The legislature finds that an effective ITS incorporates a 15 broad range of applied transportation technologies to improve 16 safety, reduce congestion, enhance mobility, minimize 17 environmental impacts, save energy, and promote economic 18 productivity through key services such as roadway management and 2010-0693 HB SMA.doc 

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1 information dissemination to travelers. The legislature further finds that the process of instituting an effective ITS begins 2 3 with a feasibility study for the island of Maui, including an 4 analysis of current roadway management practices, development of 5 short- and long-term capital improvement projects to provide 6 traveler information, and development of a plan to phase 7 proposed projects to ensure that investments in ITS provide the 8 maximum benefit to the people of Maui. Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to provide funding for a feasibility study 9 10 for an intelligent transportation system for the island of Maui. 11 There is appropriated out of the highway SECTION 2. 12 development special fund established pursuant to section 13 246-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$160,000 or so much 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for a 15 feasibility study of the implementation of an intelligent 16 transportation system for the island of Maui, as recommended by 17 the West Maui transportation access plan developed by the West 18 Maui transportation access plan working group pursuant to Act 19 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008.

20 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the 21 department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Description:** Appropriates moneys from the highway development special fund to conduct a feasibility study to implement an intelligent transportation system on the island of Maui.

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