HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds provide a means for institutions and individuals to invest in public-private partnerships established to build and repair government facilities and systems; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds can provide a stable, long-lived, high quality, inflation-hedged asset often desired by pension and superannuation plans; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds provide a means for public sector pensions to invest in local infrastructure projects, thereby boosting local economies through increased construction while achieving public policy goals and offering pension holders an attractive risk-to-return profile; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of railroads, the United States depends almost exclusively on government funds for construction of its public transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, public-private partnerships provide nongovernment sources of funding for public infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, public-private partnerships can improve infrastructure efficiency by bundling maintenance and operations with the construction of the infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, public-private partnerships have an incentive to finish a project early and below budget because profits generally increase the earlier charges may be imposed on users; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds can provide a gross target return of ten to fourteen per cent; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds provide a variety of investment strategies, including termed investments focusing



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on terminal value, or funds without terms focusing on annual cash distributions; and

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WHEREAS, infrastructure investment funds can promote responsible contractors and subcontractors by investing solely in projects using a properly unionized workforce, ensuring proper safety protocols, and implementing other requirements of a responsible contractor policy; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that the Legislature expresses support for the infrastructure investment fund concept; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Transportation.

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