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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON SENATE BILL NO. 942

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RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Senate Bill No. 942 amends Section 328L-3, HRS, to remove the specific

percentage of tobacco settlement moneys that is to be deposited into the Emergency

and Budget Reserve Fund (EBRF).

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration measure.

It will remedy the conflicting provisions within Chapter 328L regarding deposits of

tobacco settlement money to the EBRF. (Section 328L-2 requires a 15% deposit into

the EBRF, while Section 328L-3 requires a 24.5% deposit into the EBRF.)

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.