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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTALLATION OF A SIGNALIZED CROSSWALK ON VINEYARD
    BOULEVARD.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that additional funds are

2 needed to support department of transportation project number

3 98A-01-15, to construct and install a signalized crosswalk on

4 Vineyard boulevard at River street on the edge of Chinatown in

5 Honolulu. The signalized crosswalk will be installed at the

6 mauka end of River street, a heavily used pedestrian

7 thoroughfare, where it terminates at Vineyard boulevard. It

8 will be activated only upon a pedestrian pressing the button.

9   The concept is to allow for easier pedestrian access across

10 a heavily trafficked six-lane roadway. The surrounding

11 community contains high-density residential development, and

12 pedestrian travel is encouraged by urban design. Safe and

13 direct access across Vineyard boulevard that improves the

14 connection between the north and south ends of Chinatown is

15 needed because there are popular destinations on both sides of

16 the street, and the area demographics include a high number of

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1 people who are elderly or have impaired mobility. A signalized

2 crosswalk at River street will also support the transit-oriented

3 development efforts and address future pedestrian needs.

4   The project was initially supported by the legislature in

5 the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2014. In fall of 2014,

6 area legislators urged the department of transportation to

7 proceed with the design and installation of the signalized

8 crosswalk. In April 2015, design funds were released. The

9 department of transportation was unable to encumber the

10 construction funds by the lapse date and the construction funds

11 were re-appropriated by the Supplemental Appropriations Act of

12 2016. In May 2017, the funds for construction were released.

13   The legislature finds that the department of transportation

14 is moving forward with the signalized crosswalk project and is

15 in the process of awarding the construction project. However,

16 construction costs have increased over the intervening years and

17 the bids received are higher than projected. An appropriation

18 of an additional $352,800 is needed to complete this project.

19   The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of

20 general obligation bonds to complete the construction and

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1 installation of a signalized crosswalk on Vineyard boulevard at

2 River street.

3 　　　　SECTION 2.　The director of finance is authorized to issue

4 general obligation bonds in the sum of $352,000 or so much

5 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof

6 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2018-2019

7 for the construction and installation of a signalized crosswalk

8 on Vineyard boulevard at River street.

9 　　　　SECTION 3.　The appropriation made for the capital

10 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at

11 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is

12 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation

13 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.

14 　　　　SECTION 4.　The sum appropriated in section 2 shall be

15 expended by the department of transportation for the purposes of

16 this Act.

17 　　　　SECTION 5.　This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for appropriation to the Department of Transportation to complete the construction and installation of a signalized crosswalk on Vineyard boulevard at River street.

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