
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the H-1 freeway is
2 the most critical roadway in Oahu's highway system and would
3 benefit significantly from a capital improvement investment.
4 The H-1 Corridor Study, prepared by SSFM International, Inc. for
5 the department of transportation, provided an assessment of
6 Hawaii's H-1 corridor. According to the study, H-1 is used
7 daily with over two hundred thousand trips in its busiest
8 sections. Commuters rely on H-1 directly, since approximately
9 sixty-two per cent of Oahu's population lives along the corridor
10 and eighty-five per cent of all jobs are located there.
11 Additionally, it is estimated that ninety per cent of all
12 tourist activity is supported by H-1. Further, the goods
13 movement industry depends on H-1 to reach the harbors, ports,
14 and warehouse and distribution facilities. Thus, H-1 is an
15 invaluable asset to Oahu, and capital improvement projects to
16 the H-1 corridor would greatly benefit Oahu's residents,
17 commuters, tourists, freight industry, and economy.



1 The study described several major problems in the H-1
2 corridor. These problems include narrow and inconsistent road
3 shoulders, which are insufficient for use by first responders
4 and for faster removal of accidents from the flow of traffic.
5 Another problem is traffic congestion caused when schools are in
6 session. Traffic congestion may also be caused by construction
7 disruptions, including but not limited to the rail project.
8 Furthermore, security problems, particularly related to the
9 theft of copper wire, can put out lighting infrastructure for
10 months at a time.

11 The study identified a final list of sixty-three
12 improvement projects located directly on H-1 to address these
13 problems. Included in this final list was the eastbound
14 widening of Kualaka'i Parkway to Waiawa Interchange; and the
15 eastbound widening of Wahiawā Interchange to Hālawā Interchange.
16 These two projects will improve access to the airport and
17 harbors and facilitate the movement of freight and goods. The
18 study's final list of improvement projects also included ramp
19 modifications to the Fort Weaver/Kunia road ramp to and from the
20 east, since this ramp is a major bottleneck location for traffic
21 congestion.



1 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
2 general obligation bonds for the designs, plans, materials,
3 construction, and equipment for three capital improvement
4 projects in the H-1 corridor.

5 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
6 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
8 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2018-2019
9 for the capital improvement projects listed below:

- 10 (1) The eastbound widening of Kualaka'i Parkway to Waiawa
11 Interchange;
- 12 (2) The eastbound widening of Wahiaiwā Interchange to
13 Hālawā Interchange; and
- 14 (3) Modifications to the Fort Weaver/Kunia road ramp.

15 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
16 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
17 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
18 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
19 unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as of that date.



1 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated for the respective capital
2 projects set forth in section 2 shall be expended by the
3 department of transportation for the purposes of this Act.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Department of Transportation; GO Bonds; H-1 Corridor;
Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the designs, plans, materials, construction, and equipment for three capital improvement projects in the H-1 corridor: the widening of Kualaka'i Parkway to Waiawa Interchange; the widening of Wahiawā Interchange to Hālawā Interchange; and modifications to the Fort Weaver/Kunia Road ramp. Takes effect on July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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