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S.B. 510 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 510 and offers additional comments.

This bill seeks to appropriate funds for operating expenses for the Administration division of the DOT. The DOT's request of \$320,000 from MOF R (Private Contributions) is specifically for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, which aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The amount of \$320,000 represents the local match of 20%, with 80% federal funding expected to be received from the Federal Transportation Administration.

In addition, the DOT requests that SB 510 include a recurring federal fund appropriation ceiling increase. This increase will support the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Overall Work Program, the Transportation for Elderly and Disabled Program, and the Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

The details of the line item are as follows:

Prog. ID/Org Code: TRN995/AA

Program: General Administration

Expending Agency: TRN

FY 2019-2020: 2,831,117

MOF: N

FY 2020-2021: 2,973,844

MOF:

The inclusion of above line item will enable the department to more efficiently allot and expend federal funds that are available for these programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.