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## S.B. 513, S.D.1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports S.B.513, S.D.1.

S.B. 513 appropriates funding for capital improvement projects for the HDOT, Harbors Division. The Harbors Division's Capital Improvement Program is based upon fulfilling its mission to facilitate the safe and operationally efficient movement of people and goods into, within, and out of the State throughout our commercial harbors system. HDOT is committed to providing a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system that drives economic prosperity and ensures our quality of life.

Furthermore, HDOT requests for your consideration that the effective date in Section 3 be amended to July 1, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

#### O'AHU ISLAND PARKS CONSERVANCY

House Committee on Transportation Wednesday, March 20, 2019 House Conference Room 423 10:45 AM

# Senate Bill 513, SD1 Relating to the Department of Transportation

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Committee Members:

This is an urgent request for assistance in completion of the Aloha Tower Complex repair, rehabilitation and restoration of Irwin Memorial Park, including its full irrigation infrastructure system and replacement of historic shade canopy and palm trees destroyed by neglect and cutting to the ground, respectively. Full restoration of the Park's historic landscape must be ensured in the greater public interest without further delay by DOT Harbors in accordance with HRS 206J-6 (c):

Irwin Memorial Park shall be retained as a public park subject to the reservations and conditions set forth in the deed of Helene Irwin Fagan to the Territory of Hawaii.

The Irwin Memorial Park rehabilitation and restoration plans have been completed to ensure the safety, health and restoration of this historic Park landscape, with the calculated costs as follows:

Site improvements (concrete demolition, water and drainage system) \$442,800 Electrical system 404,500 Landscape and irrigation 461,750

Following three (3) years of delay by the former DOT Harbors Deputy Director, we find we must now appeal to you to restore the funding to see this through. Please add the necessary sum of \$1,309,050 to the Honolulu Harbors budget to complete this important restoration project.

Respectfully,

Michelle Spalding Matson President, Oʻahu Island Parks Conservancy

Cc: William L. Olds, Irwin Foundation
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