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H.B. 1093 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORATION

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1093, which adds a new section to Chapter 266, Harbors, authorizing the director of transportation, at any time, to transfer funding between program identification numbers within the harbors division; provided that the aggregate amount of funds transferred pursuant to this section shall not exceed an unspecified dollar amount in a fiscal year effective July 1, 2021.

The bill supports the Harbors Division's objective with consolidating its budget and would like to add that the bill should be expanded to also allow DOT to transfer positions within its program to respond to changing program needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Chow	DOT Harbors Division	Support	No

Comments:

I am with the DOT and available for comments.



February 11, 2021

Representative Henry Aquino, Chair Representative Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair House Committee on Transportation

RE: House Bill 1093 – RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION Hearing date: February 12, 2021, 10 a.m.

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of Young Brothers, LLC ("YB") in <u>strong support</u> of House Bill 1093 – Relating to Transportation.

This measure would authorize the Director of the State Department of Transportation ("DOT") to transfer funding between program identification numbers within the Harbors Division; provided that the aggregate amount transferred in a fiscal year does not exceed a specified amount.

YB <u>strongly supports</u> this measure to the extent it provides the DOT Director the flexibility to quickly pivot to provide the necessary fiscal support between its various programs within the Harbors Division, particularly during these challenging economic times; and to ensure that our island ports are safe and reliable and operate as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for your service to the State of Hawaii, and for the opportunity to testify and comment on this measure.

Sincerely,

Kris Nakagawa Vice President, External and Legal Affairs Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park On Behalf of Matson Navigation Company, Inc. Support of HB1093 Before the Committee on Transportation February 12, 2021

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan, and Members of the Committees,

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. ("Matson") <u>supports</u> HB1093, Relating to the Department of Transportation. This measure allows the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to transfer funding between its program identification numbers.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. The Harbors Division has been a very valuable partner in ensuring there are adequate infrastructure and services to support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling industries to service our residents and businesses.

Matson believes the Harbors Division has demonstrated fiscal responsibility especially during this pandemic and supports providing the Division with additional funding flexibility. Thank you for considering this testimony in support.