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H.B. 1104, H.D. 1
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1104, H.D. 1, which amends the law relating to enforcement of weight limits for vehicle gross weight, axle, and wheel load.

The DOT receives funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for infrastructure improvements and maintenance. To receive FHWA funds, it is necessary for HDOT to follow the federal regulations for the size and weight program for motor vehicles traveling on the Interstate Systems.

The HDOT's rules are intended to ensure that Hawaii's highway pavements and structures are able to safely carry vehicular traffic of the general public while minimizing premature deterioration or failure of the State's infrastructure.

The DOT and FHWA found that there are several inconsistencies, inclusions, and exclusions within the existing rules that prevent the State from effectively executing and enforcing the requirements stated therein.

In turn, the current issues with these rules may pose a threat to public safety and the longevity of the State's infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.