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**SB1404**  
**RELATING TO AERONAUTICS**

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** SB1404 which allows the Department of Transportation to be reimbursed by any airport contractor, tenant, or user for the entire amount of fines and penalties levied for violation of federal, state, or county laws related to environmental protection or the United States Department of Homeland Security. Allows the DOT to enter into a capital advancement contract with a private party for certain public improvement or construction projects at Hawaii Airports.

SB1404 is modeled after HRS 266-28 and HRS 266-19.5 which provides the DOT the same abilities at Harbors property.

Over the last three years, the DOT was fined approximately \$150,000 for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) violations caused by tenants and contractors at Hawaii Airports. Having the ability to be reimbursed for those fines will help maximize the utilization of DOT funds for airport improvements.

Allowing the DOT to enter into a capital advancement contract for airport improvements will allow for increased efficiency in airport improvements that will benefit the travelling public's experience. This allowance provide even more benefit for unanticipated projects as private entities can generally move quicker in procurement than state agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.