

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2376

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to adjust funding for Department of Transportation programs to pay for anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability to transfer funds between programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that in prior years, the respective budget acts contained a budget proviso which permitted departments to transfer funds between their programs, provided that the Legislature was informed of the transfers. Your Committee further finds that the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022 and the General Appropriations Act of 2023 do not reinstate the proviso, causing a critical funding emergency by limiting the ability of departments to transfer funds between their programs to address changing conditions. This measure will address the omission of the transfer proviso by adjusting funding for various programs to be commensurate with their anticipated levels of activity,



allowing the Department of Transportation to address traffic issues on Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



