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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2376

February 21, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration bill.

House Bill No. 2376 is an emergency appropriation bill to transfer special funds between programs within the Department of Transportation (DOT) to meet operating budget shortfalls and other program requirements in certain identified programs for the third quarter of FY 24. This bill is necessary because Act 164, SLH 2023, did not contain boilerplate provisions that previously authorized the Governor to transfer funds between programs within a department to address budget shortfalls and other program requirements.

This bill includes the transfer of \$3,952,250 in special funds for DOT to replace one of its two existing Barrier Transfer Machines (also known as the Zipper Mobile) that provides High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes during the morning rush hour on O'ahu. The purchase would require the transfer of funds from Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB) to O'ahu Highways (TRN 501/DC). The proposed transfer is a budget-neutral transfer of special funds and will not impact the general fund expenditure ceiling for FY 24.

Additional third quarter transfers that are identified subsequently can be added to the bill as it proceeds through the legislative process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

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H. B. 2376
RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS

House Committee on Finance

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 2376, that appropriates special funds to HDOT to pay for anticipated operating shortfalls due to its limited ability to transfer funds between its programs.

HDOT is requesting a transfer of special funds to replace one of its two existing barrier transfer machines (BTM) (also known as the Zipper Mobile) that provide High Occupancy Vehicle lanes during the morning rush hour on Oahu. The purchase would require the transfer of \$3,952,250 from the TRN 595/DB Highways Administration program that are not necessary for debt service requirements. These program savings are to be transferred to the TRN 501/DC Oahu Highways program for the purchase of the replacement BTM.

The transfer proposed in this bill is a budget-neutral transfer of special funds and will not impact the fiscal year 2023-2024 general fund expenditure ceiling.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HB-2376

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Misakian	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2376.

Budgets made should be budgets followed, and the moving around of money in the background is a serious concern.

Greg Misakian