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H. B. 2376 H.D.1 RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** H.B. 2376 H.D.1, 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.

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RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this Administration bill.

House Bill No. 2376, H.D. 1, 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 Oʻahu. The purchase would require the transfer of funds from Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB) to Oʻahu 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.

Other departments may testify in support of additional third quarter transfers within their departments. These additional transfers 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.