
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY REVENUE BONDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, as
2 amended by Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, is amended by
3 adding a new section to part VII to read as follows:
4 "SECTION 15.4. HIGHWAY REVENUE BONDS. The department of
5 transportation may issue highway revenue bonds for highway
6 capital improvement projects authorized in part II and listed in
7 part V of this Act and designated to be financed by revenue bond
8 funds or by general obligation bond funds with the debt service
9 cost to be paid from special funds, in a principal amount as
10 shall be required to yield the amounts appropriated for the
11 capital improvement projects and, if so determined by the
12 department and approved by the governor, any additional
13 principal amount as may be deemed necessary by the department to
14 pay interest on the highway revenue bonds during the estimated
15 period of construction of the capital improvement projects for
16 which the highway revenue bonds are issued, to establish,
17 maintain, or increase reserves for the highway revenue bonds or



1 highway revenue bonds heretofore authorized (whether authorized
2 and issued or authorized and still unissued), and to pay all or
3 any part of the expenses related to the issuance of the highway
4 revenue bonds. The highway revenue bonds shall be issued
5 pursuant to part III of chapter 39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as
6 amended. The principal of and interest on the highway revenue
7 bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the highway
8 revenue bonds, shall be payable from and secured by the revenues
9 derived from highways and related facilities under the ownership
10 of the State or operated and managed by the department; from the
11 highway fuel taxes, vehicle weight taxes, and vehicle
12 registration fees levied and paid pursuant to sections 243-4,
13 248-8, 249-31, and 249-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes; from federal
14 moneys received by the State or any department thereof that are
15 available to pay principal of or interest on indebtedness of the
16 State, or the part of any thereof as the department may
17 determine; and from other user taxes, fees, or charges currently
18 or hereafter derived from or arising through the ownership,
19 operation, and management of highways and related facilities and
20 the furnishing and supplying of the services thereof. The
21 expenses related to the issuance of the highway revenue bonds,



1 to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be
2 paid from the state highway fund.

3 The governor, in the governor's discretion, may use the
4 state highway fund to finance those projects authorized in part
5 II and listed in part V of this Act where the method of
6 financing is designated to be by highway revenue bond funds."

7 SECTION 2. If any portion of this Act or its application
8 to any person, entity, or circumstance is held to be invalid for
9 any reason, then the legislature declares that the remainder of
10 the Act and each and every other provision thereof shall not be
11 affected thereby. If any portion of a specific appropriation is
12 held to be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall
13 be expended to fulfill the objective of such appropriation to
14 the extent possible.

15 SECTION 3. If manifest clerical, typographical, or other
16 mechanical errors are found in this Act, the governor may
17 correct such errors.

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOT; Budget Provisions; Highway Revenue Bonds; Bond
Authorization

Description:

Restores the revenue bond authorization for the Department of
Transportation to issue Highway Revenue Bonds for highway
capital improvement projects authorized in Act 164, SLH 2023, as
amended by Act 230, SLH 2024. Takes effect 1/1/3000. (SD1)

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