

ACT 198

H. B. NO. 65

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for a System of Mass Public Transportation on Oahu.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Legislative findings and declaration of purpose. Air pollution and congestion are serious problems that confront the city and county of Honolulu. These problems are urgent ones and unless they are expeditiously dealt with they may result in even larger, more serious problems that will require vast outlays of capital.

Even now, vast sums are needed to remedy the problem. While the problem is local in nature, the legislature finds it in the public interest to assist in the implementation of a system of mass public transportation to be developed in coordination with the total transportation system plan for the city and county of Honolulu.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of moneys in the treasury from general obligation bond funds the sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of a system of mass public transportation on Oahu. The director of finance is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the State in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. There is hereby established a mass transit review board to consist of the governor, the director of transportation, and the director of planning and economic development. The funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended by the governor for implementation or partial implementation of any proposal or proposals made by any county with a population of over 100,000 which would aid in the establishment of a mass transit system provided that any such proposal shall first be approved by a majority of the mass transit review board.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall lapse if not expended prior to June 30, 1971.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 2, 1970.)