

H .B. NO. 2423

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 178, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2005, appropriated a total of \$10,000,000 for
3 fiscal year 2005-2006 from the state highway fund to the city
4 and county of Honolulu (\$4,000,000), the county of Hawaii
5 (\$2,000,000), the county of Maui (\$2,000,000), and the county of
6 Kauai (\$2,000,000), as subsidies for county road work. The
7 legislature also finds that section 248-9, Hawaii Revised
8 Statutes, authorizes the use of state highway fund moneys only
9 for the state highway system. It does not authorize the use of
10 such moneys for the road systems of the counties.

11 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the use of moneys
12 from the state highway fund for the road systems of the counties
13 for fiscal year 2005-2006.

14 SECTION 2. For fiscal year 2005-2006, moneys in the state
15 highway fund may also be expended by the counties for the road
16 system of the counties.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND

PURPOSE: To authorize the use of moneys from the State Highway Fund for the road systems of the counties for fiscal year 2005-2006.

MEANS: Enactment of a session law to authorize the use of moneys from the State Highway Fund for the road systems of the counties for fiscal year 2005-2006.

JUSTIFICATION: Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, appropriated a total of \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2005-2006 from the State Highway Fund to the City and County of Honolulu (\$4,000,000), the County of Hawaii (\$2,000,000), the County of Maui (\$2,000,000), and the County of Kauai (\$2,000,000), as subsidies for county road work. However, the State Highway Fund, section 248-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the use of the State Highway Fund moneys only for the state highway system. It does not authorize the use of such moneys for the road systems of the counties.

Consequently, to allow the expenditure of Act 178's \$10,000,000 appropriation for fiscal year 2005-2006 from the State Highway Fund to the counties without violation of section 248-9, corrective legislation needs to be enacted prior to June 30, 2006, the lapse date of such funds. This bill, a session law, would permit the expenditure of State Highway Fund moneys by the counties for the road systems of the counties for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Impact on the public: The moneys from the State Highway Fund would be used by the counties for their road systems, which would contribute to a safer driving environment.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
For fiscal year 2005-2006, the State Highway Fund will have \$10,000,000 less for the improvement of the state highways.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: \$10,000,000 from the State Highway Fund for fiscal year 2005-2006.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: SUB 201, SUB 301, SUB 401, SUB 501.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: County agencies responsible for repair and maintenance of county highways.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.