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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that traffic control

2 centers provide effective, efficient responses to incidents,

3 special events, and roadway construction to ensure the smooth

4 flow of traffic.

5   Traffic cameras employed by traffic control centers provide

6 factual information for appropriate traffic decisions and signal

7 adjustments. In addition, traffic cameras provide valuable

8 information for travelers as they allow the televising of

9 conditions at key intersections across an area: travelers are

10 able to view conditions at their destination as well as view the

11 situation at traffic accidents.

12   On Maui, traffic across the island is routinely backlogged

13 during morning and afternoon rush hours as a result of roadway

14 maintenance and improvements and when there are traffic

15 accidents or special events. Other examples of commuter traffic

16 backlogs occur in areas such as Paia town where Hana highway

17 meets Baldwin avenue, the Piilani highway corridor from Kihei to

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1   Wailea, and in Lahaina town where Lahainaluna road meets

2   Honoapiilani highway. A traffic control center for the island

3   of Maui would inform drivers, maximize traffic flow, and enhance

4   public safety.

5   The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the

6   design of a Maui traffic control center.

7   SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general

8   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much

9   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the

10 design of a Maui traffic control center.

11   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

12 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

13   SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

Report Title:
Maui Traffic Control Center

Description:
Appropriates funds for the design of a Maui traffic control center.