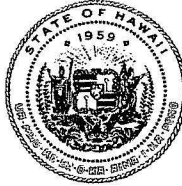


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IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 20, 2008

**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3197**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

We support this administration bill. The additional sum of \$21,253,032 for fiscal year 2007-2008 is required to allow the Department of Transportation (DOT) to continue to operate and maintain the state highway system. The current operational requirements exceed the current appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008.

During the 2007 regular legislative session, the legislature increased the revenues deposited into the state highway fund, by approximately \$21,200,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008, by extending the \$3 per day rental vehicle surcharge tax and increasing the fuel tax on gasoline and diesel oil by \$.01 per gallon. While the legislature increased the revenues, the authority to expend monies was not provided. We are requesting to have the authority to spend the appropriations to supplement our current maintenance levels.



February 20, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON HB 3197 RELATING TO  
MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

Thank you Chair Oshiro and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

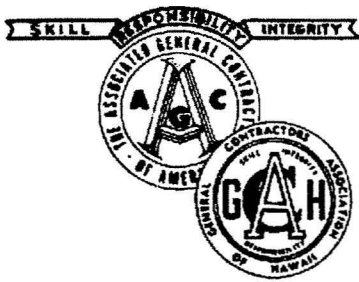
Hawaii Transportation Association strongly supports this bill.

Our transportation infrastructure is key to our standard of living in Hawaii and key to the commercial transportation industry's ability to maintain that standard of living. Our timely deliveries provide Hawaii's citizens with everything they consume, and the only way we can accomplish that is to have a safe and well maintained infrastructure.

That infrastructure also needs vast improvements if we are to keep up our service levels into the future. The State Department of Transportation's highway revenue fund is in dire need of enhancement.

The funds provided by this measure is sorely needed.

Thank you.



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February 19, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: H.B. 3197, RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE  
HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2008  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee members:

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred and forty (540) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms, supports the passage of H.B. 3197, relating to MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

H.B. 3197 provides authorization for the State Department of Transportation to expend \$21,000,000 deposited in the State Highway Special Fund in FY 2007. The Department requires legislative approval to expend the funds that has accumulated in the fund as a result of fuel tax increases approved in 2007.

The money in this special fund is earmarked for capital improvements of state highways and is necessary to insure that our highways are properly maintained.

The GCA supports the passage of H.B. 3197, and urges its approval by the Finance Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this bill.