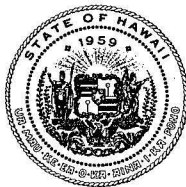


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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 3197

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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.