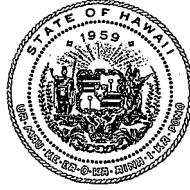


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SENATE BILL NO. 2695

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

We support the intent of this bill, provided it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Executive Biennium Budget.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in the process of developing a noise policy for retrofit applications along roadways. Development of such a policy will not only help ensure a more consistent approach of how and when noise barriers are installed, but will make such work eligible for federal funding.