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February 15, 2008

**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3119, SD1**

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

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.

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February 13, 2008

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Honorable Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF SB 3119, SD1  
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.  
Hearing: Friday, February 15, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council supports the passage of SB3119, SD1 which appropriates \$21,253,032 out of the state highway fund for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB3119, SD1.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong  
Executive Director

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February 15, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS  
ON SB 3119 SD1 RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

Thank you Chair Baker 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 are sorely needed.

Thank you.