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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE FINANCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is  
2 undergoing a significant and possibly protracted economic  
3 downturn in tandem with the national and global economic and  
4 financial crises. Numerous jobs have been lost, a number of  
5 large and small companies have declared bankruptcy or left the  
6 State, and many families have suffered foreclosure on their  
7 over-mortgaged houses. In the past year, the council on  
8 revenues has consistently reduced its forecasts of Hawaii's tax  
9 revenues. Across-the-board spending restrictions have already  
10 been put in place in state government, and a general hiring  
11 freeze has already been implemented except in areas that impact  
12 public health and safety.

13           In recognition of this situation throughout the United  
14 States, there is widely expected a federal economic stimulus  
15 package of aid for distribution to the states. In anticipation  
16 of these federal funds, the legislature finds that it is  
17 necessary to prioritize the use of these moneys to address the  
18 State's critical transportation needs.



1           The purpose of this Act is to prioritize the expenditure of  
 2 any federal economic stimulus package of aid for the  
 3 construction of a submerged vehicular tunnel under Pearl Harbor  
 4 connecting the Ewa plain to downtown Honolulu and to doubledeck  
 5 the H-1 freeway in the leeward Oahu area.

6           SECTION 2. If any federal funds become available to the  
 7 State under any federal economic stimulus package of aid to the  
 8 states, priority for expenditures of those funds shall be  
 9 assigned to:

- 10           (1) Construction of a submerged vehicular tunnel under  
 11 Pearl Harbor connecting the Ewa plain to downtown  
 12 Honolulu; and  
 13           (2) Doubledecking the H-1 freeway in the leeward area of  
 14 Oahu.

15           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Federal Stimulus Funds; Double-Deck H-1; Pearl Harbor Tunnel

**Description:**

Requires the State to prioritize the use of any federal economic stimulus package funds for double-decking the H-1 freeway and to finance construction of the Pearl Harbor tunnel.

