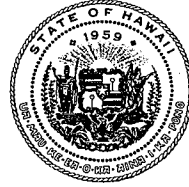


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SENATE BILL NO. 830, S.D.1,
RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SHARED SERVICES TECHNOLOGY.

This Administration Measure will establish a Shared Services Technology Special Fund, which will allow departments and agencies to pool resources for common technology systems, hardware, and software.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

The DOT is often looked to for funding and initiation of shared services in the information technology sector (IT). However, federal requirements limit our ability to fulfill this expectation. This bill empowers all State agencies – special funded, federally funded, and especially general funded – to collaborate financially and technologically in the advancement of IT. By the creation of the described special fund, the development and maintenance of shared services could be sufficiently financed. This would in turn eliminate duplication of services among some agencies, and benefit other agencies that would not have been able to afford the services in the first place.

Services to the public, such as the furnishing of digitized maps, on-line permitting, and making government information available on-line, could be sustained and even improved. Economies of scale realized through the pooling of each agency's needs in hardware and software licenses could be leveraged for healthier competition. Most of all, by collaborating towards shared disaster recovery facilities, services can continue post-disaster, with the assurance that databases in the various agencies can still "talk" to each other as they do today.

Thank you for considering this testimony.