TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2411, H.D.1

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RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

House Bill No. 2411, H.D. 1, proposes to authorize the use of capital improvement project appropriations, including bond fund appropriations, for contracting activities for these projects.

The Department has a comment on this bill. The Department believes that this bill is not necessary as "contracting" expenses currently may be expended under the appropriate cost elements of planning, design, land acquisition, construction and equipment. The procurement, preparation, negotiation, execution, etc. expense of a project can, and are currently are being categorized as a project expense under the aforementioned cost elements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.