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H.B. 1152 H.D. 1, S.D. 1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORTS DIVISION, PROJECT ADJUSTMENT FUND

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly **supports** this bill which provides a budget proviso to permit the utilization of the DOT – Airports Division's Project Adjustment Fund.

Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, item C-38.02, Project Adjustment Fund, Statewide, established a contingency fund for project adjustment purposes for the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, subject to the provisions of the appropriations act, Act 124. However, Act 124, which amends Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, does not contain a budget proviso which permits the utilization of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, Project Adjustment Fund. A budget proviso relating to the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, Project Adjustment Fund is necessary to authorize the Governor to make supplemental allotments from the project adjustment fund to supplement any currently authorized capital investment cost elements for airports division capital improvement projects.

The traveling public will benefit from the timely completion of projects at airports statewide which will require supplemental funding from the Project Adjustment Fund in order to be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.