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Appropriates funds for the construction of a westbound shoulder lane on the H-1 Freeway between the Kunia/Waipahu/Ewa (Exit 5) off-ramp and the Kualakai Parkway on-ramp. (HB1305 HD1)

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill as long as it does not replace our priorities requested in the Executive Budget, and offers the following comments:

In SECTION 2 of this Bill, the DOT recommends an amount of $ 2,000,000 to be appropriated in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The appropriation amount will be used to design and construct a westbound shoulder lane between the Kunia/Waipahu/Ewa interchange and the Kualakai Parkway interchange providing there are minimal or no upgrades or improvements to the existing highway facilities. This would be similar to what was constructed in the eastbound direction from Kualakai Parkway on-ramp to the Kunia off-ramp.

The DOT prefers to construct a westbound shoulder lane between the west end of Honouliuli Bridge to the Kualakai Parkway interchange. This will eliminate the cost of widening the bridge to safely accommodate motor vehicles using the shoulder lane.

At this time, the DOT does not know the full extent of the improvements that are necessary to construct this shoulder lane. However, as typical to all DOT projects, we would use this opportunity to determine and construct what is necessary to improve the overall facility when the project is implemented. As such, if necessary we may consider use of the full $ 2,000,000 to finance design and may be asking for a future appropriation for construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.