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H.B. 1819
RELATING TO NORTH ROAD

House Committee on Transportation

HB 1819 would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to acquire and then install lighting on a **privately-owned** portion of North Road (in the City and County of Honolulu) and appropriates funds for this acquisition and lighting. This bill also appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu to install lighting on the **city-owned** portion of North Road.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this measure insofar as it appropriates general revenue funds for the above-described grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu for the purpose of improving public safety.

With respect to the proposed acquisition and improvement by DOT of that portion of the roadway that is currently privately-owned, DOT has concerns. Ideally, the City and County of Honolulu would be the more appropriate entity to acquire the remaining private portion of the roadway since the City and County already owns a portion of North Road.

If DOT acquires the privately owned portion of North Road, sufficient funding should be provided outside of the highways special fund to acquire the property. Surveying, mapping and environmental studies for the acquisition of the roadway will be necessary. Sufficient funding would also be needed to upgrade the private portion of North Road before it will be accepted by the City. Environmental Studies are required and there is also a concern that funding would lapse prior to completion of the acquisition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.