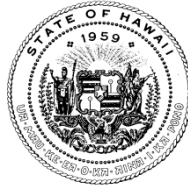


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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** this bill. The DOT appreciates ACT 160 which allowed the department to proceed with the staffing of projects approved by the Governor, without risking the loss of potential funding sources due to delays in establishing needed positions.

Examples include projects relating to the homeless population under or along our freeways and highways, harbor modernization, and airport improvements. Without the provision, we would not have been able to immediately create the manpower needed to implement these critical projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.