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S.B. 2906
RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) appreciates the opportunity to **support** S.B. 2906.

The DOT emphasizes the importance of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness. We have worked very closely with the Coordinator on Homelessness to ensure that each department, county, and law enforcement were coordinated in each effort allowing a more proactive approach to connecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness to homeless services and shelters.

Through the Homelessness Coordinator's efforts, there has been a decrease of 701 people in the statewide homeless Point-In-Time count, the first decrease in eight years.

Making this position permanent with adequate funding will provide the continuity necessary to make substantive improvement in the State's efforts to address homelessness in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.