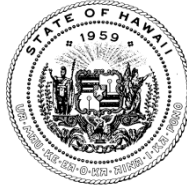


# SB 290

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for design, plans, material, construction, and equipment for an extension of the Lahaina bypass road from north Keawe street to beyond Puukoolii road.

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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 and concerns.

There are two Phases remaining (Phase 1C and 1D) to complete the proposed Lahaina Bypass Road. Phase 1C will extend the bypass from the Keawe Street Extension (northern end of the completed Phase 1A) to a proposed Kaanapali Connector Road. The Kaanapali Connector Road will connect the northern end of Phase 1C to the existing Honoapiilani Highway between Hanakaoo Park and the Lahaina Civic Center.

The general obligation bonds in the sum of \$40,000,000 stated in SECTION 2 of this Bill are well below the DOT's estimated cost of \$75,000,000 for the design and construction of Phase 1C. Also, based on the DOT's current schedule, construction funds are anticipated to be encumbered in September of 2021, which is well beyond the lapsing date of June 30, 2020 stated in SECTION 3.

DOT does not recommend moving forward with Phase 1D at this time as Phase 1C will complete the bypass of Lahaina.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments: it is vitally important that this 4th and final phase of the Lahaina Bypass be completed. It took 40 years of conversation to get the first two phases done. Let me point out to Oahu legislators that even though Maui has a fraction of the population of Oahu you get 4.5 million visitors a year and we get 2.6 million, more than half of your total. And we have no infrastructure to accommodate that level of tourism. We have ONE road in from the airport and we have ONE road to the Lahaina tourist area. There are now numerous large construction projects scheduled for West Maui. Without the Bypass it will soon become impossible for visitors to reach their destination and subsequently choke off a major economic engine for both the County and the State.

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