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**S.B. 512, S.D. 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation is in **strong support** of S.B. 512, S.D. 1 which proposes to appropriate funds for operating expenses for the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation, including its Special Maintenance Program (SMP).

We humbly request its passage with amendments, and request your consideration for the Program IDs and appropriations listed in the below FY 20 and FY 21 tables be inserted into this bill:

FY 20

TRN	MOF	Harbors Requested Appropriations
301	B	\$ 20,371,905
303	B	1,279,755
311	B	2,285,410
313	B	793,376
331	B	3,241,146
333	B	12,519
341	B	206,158
351	B	132,006
361	B	2,608,331
363	B	188,223
395	B	92,980,358
Total		\$ 124,099,187

FY 21

TRN	MOF	Harbors Requested Appropriations
301	B	\$ 20,456,061
303	B	1,282,209
311	B	2,293,812
313	B	793,376
331	B	3,252,271
333	B	12,519
341	B	206,157
351	B	132,006
361	B	2,619,836
363	B	188,222
395	B	92,980,358
Total		<u><u>\$ 124,216,827</u></u>

Harbors' requested appropriations include monies needed for the payment of operations and maintenance expenses of the Harbors System as well as for the payment of debt service.

To ensure that the State's general obligation and revenue bond credits as well as its future borrowing costs are not impacted, as well as to avoid rating agencies from downgrading their ratings on the State's General Obligation Bonds, we urge your consideration to provide sufficient appropriation for the Harbors System. With your support, such appropriations will enable the Harbors Division to execute its mission -- to effectively improve and manage a commercial harbors system that facilitates safe and efficient operations of commercial cargo, passenger, fishing, and other commercial maritime-related services and support activities within the State of Hawaii and which serves to sustain and enhance the State's economic prosperity and quality of life.

Thank you for scheduling this matter for hearing as well as for giving us the opportunity to provide testimony.