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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 656, PROPOSED S.D. 2

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RELATING TO TAXATION

Senate Bill No. 656, Proposed S.D. 2: repeals the requirement that the Auditor conduct an annual review of certain rapid transportation authorities in the State; and repeals the requirements that the Comptroller verify the capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for a mass transit project and submit a certification statement to the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) for the allocation of funds from the Mass Transit Special Fund (MTSF).

B&F would like to point out that while Section 2 of the Proposed S.D. 2 repeals the requirement that the Comptroller verify the capital costs and submit a certification statement to B&F (Section 40-81.5, HRS) for the disbursement of funds from the MTSF, the amendment in Section 3 of the Proposed S.D. 2, Section 248-2.7(c), still contains language referencing the certification statement relating to the maximum monthly disbursement of funds from the MTSF. This conflict could create confusion and inhibit B&F's ability to disburse funds on a timely basis.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.