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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1427

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE BUDGET.

House Bill No. 1427 provides additional funds for the BUF 101 – Budget, Program Planning and Management program and the BUF 115 – Financial Administration program.

The Department strongly supports the Mass Transit special fund appropriation and the trust fund ceiling increase for the Unclaimed Property trust fund that are included in this bill for both FY 2020 and FY 2021.

The special fund appropriations is necessary to enable the transfers of funds from the Mass Transit Special Fund to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) as authorized under Act 1, Special Legislative Session, 2017 for FY 2020 and FY 2021. While Act 1, Special Legislative Session, 2017 included a specific appropriation for FY 2018 that provided an extended lapse date of June 30, 2019, the requested appropriations from the Mass Transit Special Fund for FY 2020 and FY 2021 are necessary to enable the continued transfer of special funds to HART as authorized by Act 1, Special Legislative Session, 2017.

The increases in Trust Fund ceiling for the Unclaimed Property program for FY 2020 and FY 2021 are also necessary due to the higher fringe benefits rate of 60 percent that must be utilized and applied for non-general funded positions for the biennium budget period.

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony on this bill.