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RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION FEES

House Committee on Public Safety, Veterans and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill.

This bill seeks to expand the exemption from payment of vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans residing in Hawaii with a 100-percent disability rating, to increase the number of exempt vehicles from one to two. This bill in its current form would result in a loss of approximately \$4,800 to the State Highway Fund. If further revised to include those who are pre-retired, loss would increase to \$123,000. The DOT generally does not support exemptions, as reductions in revenue are detrimental to the health of the State Highway Fund; however, we recognize that these exemptions will assist our disabled veterans, and thus, we support this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.