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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAY WIDENING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the rapidly growing population in west Hawai'i has contributed to consistent vehicle 2 3 traffic on Queen Ka'ahumanu highway and Kuakini highway between 4 Henry street and Kamehameha III road on Hawai'i island that 5 typically lasts several hours in the mornings and evenings. 6 With a higher number of accidents at the bottleneck where the 7 Oueen Ka'ahumanu and Kuakini highways merge, the thoroughfare 8 that serves as south Kona's critical lifeline to Kailua-Kona is 9 often compromised for hours at a time.

10 As the department of transportation has identified safety 11 and preservation projects as its highest priorities, the 12 legislature finds that the widening of Queen Ka'ahumanu highway 13 and Kuakini highway between Henry street and Kamehameha III road 14 on Hawai'i island is consistent with department of 15 transportation's priorities and would serve the safety and 16 public welfare interests of the State.



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1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the 2 department of transportation to widen Queen Ka'ahumanu highway 3 and Kuakini highway between Henry street and Kamehameha III road on the island of Hawai'i. 4 5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$30,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and 7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 8 9 year 2022-2023 to widen Queen Kaahumanu highway and Kuakini 10 highway between Henry street and Kamehameha III road on the island of Hawaii. 11 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department 13 of transportation for the purposes of this Act. 14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021. 15

INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 1011

Report Title:

Island of Hawaii; Queen Kaahumanu Highway; Kuakini Highway; Expansion; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of transportation to widen Queen Kaahumanu highway and Kuakini highway between Henry street and Kamehameha III road on the island of Hawaii.

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