## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
- 2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
- 3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.
- 4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that Act 88, Session Laws
- 5 of Hawaii 2021; provided \$15,000,000 in highways special funds
- 6 for the highways division's special maintenance program in
- 7 fiscal year 2021-2022. This Act will increase the total to
- 8 \$35,000,000 for the special maintenance program in fiscal year
- 9 2021-2022. The purpose of the highways division's special
- 10 maintenance program is to preserve the State's initial capital
- 11 investment and to prolong the life of the highway facility.
- 12 Traffic, weather, and age are the major causes of the facility
- 13 deterioration. The special maintenance program is a systematic
- 14 maintenance program to prevent further and accelerated
- 15 deterioration of the highway facility. The intent of the
- 16 special maintenance program is to avoid major repairs and to



- 1 minimize routine maintenance costs. Since the closing of the
- 2 2021 regular session, the state highway fund balance is
- 3 projected to be greater than anticipated due to the passage of
- 4 Act 237, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, which increased the rental
- 5 motor vehicle surcharge tax each year by \$0.50 from January 1,
- 6 2022, to December 31, 2027; the state highway fund's receipt of
- 7 \$42,000,000 in federal funds from the Coronavirus Response and
- 8 Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021; and the State's
- 9 better-than-anticipated economic recovery.
- 10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make an
- 11 emergency appropriation to the department of transportation to
- 12 authorize additional funding for the highways division's special
- 13 maintenance program.
- 14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the state highway
- 15 fund the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
- 16 necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the department of
- 17 transportation to provide funding for the highways division's
- 18 special maintenance program. The sum appropriated shall be
- 19 expended by the department of transportation for the purposes of
- 20 this Act; provided that the funds appropriated shall not lapse
- 21 at the end of the fiscal year for which they were appropriated,

- 1 but any moneys unspent and unencumbered as of June 30, 2023,
- 2 shall lapse on that date.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

HDOT; Emergency Appropriation; Special Maintenance Program

## Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to authorize additional moneys for the Department of Transportation Highways Division's special maintenance program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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