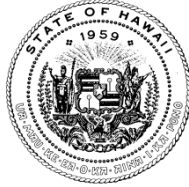


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S.B. 1404 SD1
RELATING TO AERONAUTICS

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1404 SD1 which allows the Department of Transportation - Airports Division (DOTA) to be reimbursed from any airport contractor, tenant, or user for the entire amount of fines and penalties levied for violation of federal, state, or county laws related to environmental protection or the United States Department of Homeland Security. Allows the DOTA to enter into a capital advancement contract with a private party for certain public improvement or construction projects at Hawaii Airports.

S.B. 1404 SD1 is modeled after HRS 266-28 and HRS 266-19.5 which provides the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, the same abilities.

Over the last three years, the DOTA was fined approximately \$150,000 for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) violations caused by tenants and contractors at Hawaii Airports. Having the ability to be reimbursed for those fines will help maximize the utilization of DOTA funds for the betterment of the airport.

For unanticipated projects, private development provides needed public improvements on a timelier basis than public financing. Allowing the DOTA to enter into a capital advancement contract will allow for timely completion of needed airport improvements that will benefit the travelling public's experience tremendously.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.