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S.B. No. 2627, S.D. 1
RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill which makes an emergency appropriation to the DOT for construction of a new perimeter fence at Kahului Airport in response to the overpopulation of axis deer in Maui County.

As a temporary emergency measure, the DOT has spent nearly \$300,000 of airport funds to tighten up and strengthen the existing fence that borders the airport runway from axis deer entering the airfield. The \$17 million appropriated from state general revenues will allow the DOT to replace the perimeter fence around Kahului Airport, which will not only protect the safety of the traveling public, but also the surrounding community.

In the meantime, the DOT Airports Division will be seeking support from the Airlines Committee of Hawaii to see if airport revenue funds can be utilized instead of general funds on this important capital improvement project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2627, S.D. 1

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10:00 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

**MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2627, S.D. 1, appropriates \$17,000,000 in general funds in FY 22 to the Department of Transportation for the construction of a new perimeter fence at Kahului Airport in response to the overpopulation of axis deer in Maui County. The overpopulated axis deer continue to enter onto the airport runway creating a substantial safety risk to airport passengers and operators.

B&F suggests that Airport Special Funds would be a more appropriate funding source rather than general funds.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

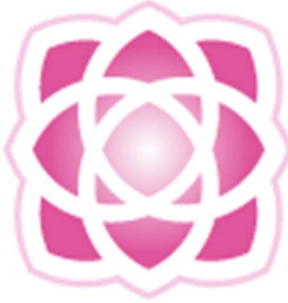
- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 211
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the committee on Ways and Means

**SUPPORTING SB2627 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports SB2627 which makes an emergency appropriation to the department of transportation for construction of a new perimeter fence at the Kahului airport in response to the overpopulation of axis deer in Maui County.

The population of axis deer on Maui has grown to catastrophic levels. The deer are now foraging in the valley near the airport in Kahului. Recently a deer was found on the runway and halted air traffic until it could be removed.

While the Chamber supports the funding of a perimeter fence, we question the source of the funding. Why should it come from the general fund rather than the airport fund? We appreciate the language added to the committee report to ask this committee to examine various funding mechanisms.

For this reason, we request that SB2627 be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.