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3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Teleconference

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

Senate Committee on Transportation

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, VIA VIDEOTELECONFERENCE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the committee on Transportation

**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?

For this reason we request that SB2627 be passed on to the WAM committee with amendments as to the source of funding.

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.

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Testimony for TRS on 2/10/2022 3:00:00 PM

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Comments:

I'm in Support of SB 2627