

**ACT 159**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to the Establishment of a State Highway**

System, and Amending Chapter 111, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended.

WHEREAS, there exists throughout the State of Hawaii an acute need for more and better highways as a result of the growth in population and the increase in the number of automobiles over the last few years; and

WHEREAS, to provide major thoroughfares between the various centers of activity, the State has embarked on a huge highway program committing millions of dollars over the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the construction, maintenance and general administration of all major thoroughfares is properly that of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a State Highway System be established so that responsibility for the construction, maintenance and the general administration of all major thoroughfares throughout the State can be specifically ascertained; and

WHEREAS, this Act defines the proper division of jurisdiction over all public roads between the State and the various counties; now, therefore,

*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to Chapter 111 of Title 15 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, a new part to be numbered Part V, and to read as follows:

**"PART V. STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

**Section 111-50. Declaration of policy.** The legislature hereby finds, determines and declares that this part is necessary in the best interest of the public, for the promotion of the general welfare, and for the stimulation of the economic development of the State.

**Section 111-51. Establishment.** There is hereby established a state highway system which shall consist of such federal aid highways and other public highways which may be designated for inclusion in the system pursuant to Section 111-52.

**Section 111-52. Authority to include other public highways in the state highway system.** The director of transportation acting in cooperation with appropriate federal and county agencies, may designate for inclusion in the state highway system, such other public highways, including county highways, which are used primarily for through traffic and not for access to any specific property, whether residential, business or other abutting property.

**Section 111-53. Responsibility.** From the effective date of this part, the department of transportation shall construct, maintain and administer all highways comprising the state highway system."

SECTION 2. All laws or portions of laws inconsistent with the policy and provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency in its application to the state highway system provided for in this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved June 21, 1965.) **H.B. 935.**