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S.B. NO. 1983

A Bill for an Act Relating to Roadwork.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. **Findings.** The Legislature finds that Interstate H-1 is the most heavily used traffic corridor in the State and any construction, repairs or maintenance performed during daylight hours quickly result in traffic tieups. The Off-Hour Road Work Task Force has concluded that off-hour road work is a viable means by which to alleviate traffic congestion for commuters due to the fewer number of motorists travelling along the Interstate H-1 during these hours. Furthermore, road work during off-hours has the potential of accelerating the completion dates of construction projects due to the longer hours during which off-hour road work can be undertaken. The Task Force has secured agreement to implement its recommendations; however, to date, there has been no concerted effort to implement off-hour road work on a large scale. The purpose of this Act is to initiate a one year demonstration project with off-hour road work on the most congested portion of Interstate H-1.

SECTION 2. There shall be no construction, repairs, or maintenance on the travelling lanes of the Interstate H-1 between the Kapiolani and Kahauiki interchanges between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until June 30, 1990, provided that construction, repairs and maintenance shall be

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allowed during such hours and on such days if the director of transportation finds that an emergency condition exists, or that the nature of the work is such that if undertaken at night would jeopardize the health and safety of the public, or that the nature of the work is such that it cannot be done safely and efficiently at night.

SECTION 3. The director of transportation shall submit a report of his findings and recommendations to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1991, with an analysis of the impact of this Act and recommendations for further action.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 8, 1989.)