H.B. NO. 3197

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional funds from the state highway fund to cover the rising costs needed to properly operate and maintain the state highway system for fiscal year 2007-2008. The projected operational and maintenance requirements for fiscal year 2007-2008 will exceed the current authorized legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008. This additional appropriation from the state highway fund is necessary to ensure that the level of funding required to properly operate and maintain the state highway system and ensures the continued safety of the public, is available for fiscal year 2007-2008.

SECTON 3. There is appropriated out of the state highway fund, the sum of $21,253,032 or so much thereof as may be

necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be expended by the department of transportation for the state highway system.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of transportation for the following highway programs:

TRN 501	$16,354,092
TRN 511	$ 514,656
TRN 531	$ 524,420
TRN 541	$ 89,099
TRN 551	$ 25,522
TRN 561	$ 563,896
TRN 595	$ 3,181,347

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: Calvin K.Y. Say

BY REQUEST

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Report Title:
Department of Transportation; emergency appropriation; State Highway Fund

Description:
Appropriates $21,253,032 out to the State Highway Fund for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

PURPOSE: To appropriate out of the state highway fund, the sum of $21,253,032 for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be expended by the department of transportation.

MEANS: Authorize additional appropriation of $21,253,032 from the state highway fund for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be expended by the department of transportation.

JUSTIFICATION: The appropriation will provide the additional funding necessary that will allow the department of transportation to continue to operate and maintain the state highway system. The additional funding is necessary to enable the department to cover rising costs necessary to operate and maintain the state highway system in fiscal year 2007-2008.

The projected operational requirements exceed the current appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008.

During the 2007 regular legislative session, the legislature increased the revenues that go into the state highway fund, by approximately $21,200,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008, by extending the $3 per day rental vehicle surcharge tax, and increasing the fuel tax on gasoline and diesel oil by $.01 per gallon. However, while the legislature increased the revenues going into the state highway fund, the Legislature did not effect a corresponding amount appropriated to the department of transportation for the operation and maintenance of the state highway system for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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Additional appropriations for fiscal year 2007-2008 are required for the following highway programs:

Program I.D.	Special Fund Increase
TRN 501	$16,354,092
TRN 511	$ 514,656
TRN 531	$ 524,420
TRN 541	$ 89,099
TRN 551	$ 25,522
TRN 561	$ 563,896
TRN 595	$ 3,181,347

Impact on the public: The supplemental appropriation is essential to the proper maintenance of the highway infrastructure, and is necessary to ensure that state highways are safe and secure. The additional funds will improve the operational efficiency of the Highways Division and provide better service for the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This supplemental appropriation from the state highway fund will provide the additional funding necessary to allow the department of transportation to continue to properly operate and maintain the state highway system for fiscal year 2007-2008.

The projected operational and maintenance requirements for the fiscal year 2007-2008 period will exceed the current, authorized legislative appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008. This additional appropriation from the state highway fund will ensure that adequate funding required to properly operate and maintain the state highway system to ensure the safety of the public is available for the fiscal year 2007-2008 period.

GENERAL FUND: No impact.

OTHER FUNDS: $21,253,032 from the State highway fund.

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PBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN 501 - 595.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.