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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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1:25 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

**S.B. 80, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**



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Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** this measure that makes an emergency appropriation to lower the FM portion of the iHeart radio antenna in Kapalama and relocate the FM transmitter and receiver to a tower on Palehua Ridge in Makakilo.

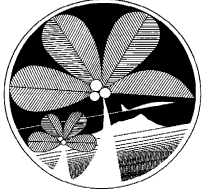
The lowering of the iHeart Radio antenna is required to alleviate aviation concerns relating to the installation of new and replacement container gantry cranes at DOT Harbors Sand Island and Kapalama Container Terminals and, as such, is essential to modernize Honolulu Harbor. To keep this necessary modernization on track to serve Hawaii's cargo needs, the cranes are expected to be installed before the end of 2018.

The current height and location of the antenna tower at 440 feet combined with the height of the new gantry cranes generated a safety concern by the airline industry. The reduction in antenna height alleviates the airlines' safety concerns in the unlikely a "one engine out" scenario were to occur on take-off on runway 4L at the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu International Airport and a plane needed to return to land.

This emergency appropriation is in the public interest and is for the public's health, safety, and general welfare of the State. A previously approved appropriation for this capital improvement project omitted this declaration, and the DOT has been unable to utilize and expend the previous appropriation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support.

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Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair  
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

**Re: SB 80 SD1 - RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION – IN STRONG SUPPORT**  
Conference Room 225 – 1:25 PM

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Espero, and members of the committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawai'i (ACH), which is comprised of the 21 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System, appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of SB 80 SD1, which makes an emergency appropriation to finance the relocation of transmission facilities for the "I Heart Radio" aerial.

As envisioned the antenna would be reduced in height from 440 ft to 315 ft, to facilitate the installation of new, taller replacement container gantry cranes at DOT Harbors Sand Island and Kapalama Container Terminals. The reduction in height also alleviates the airlines' concerns in the unlikely event of a One Engine Inoperable (OEI) scenario.

The appropriation to relocate the iHeart antenna was supported by the State Legislature in 2016, and pursuant to the funding approval, a consultant was selected and planning and design work commenced to facilitate the relocation of the radio tower. The Harbors Division was recently advised that due to an omission in the appropriation's authorizing language, the previously approved funds could not be expended on this project due to the current language not containing the phrase "for public purpose". We greatly appreciate the House Transportation Committee's consideration of SB 80 SD1 as a vehicle that would allow emergency funding for the project to proceed.

This project is in the public interest and for the public's health, safety, and general welfare of the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

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