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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 "one engine out" scenario was 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.