

LATE

HB-1059

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 3:22:34 PM

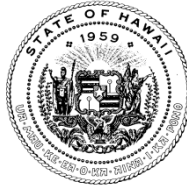
Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Roper	Hawaii Department of Transportation	Support	No

Comments:

I am with the DOT and available for comments

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



TESTIMONY BY:

JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
LYNN A.S. ARAKI-REGAN
DEREK J. CHOW
ROSS M. HIGASHI
EDWIN H. SNIFFEN

LATE

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

March 2, 2021
11:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

**H.B. 1059
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** H.B. 1059 as a housekeeping measure that repeals HRS §264-19, §266-2.3, and §266-22.

These sections are obsolete and unnecessary. In our annual legislative report pursuant to Act 370, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, the DOT reported all improvement projects previously associated to this special fund have been completed. The special fund created under HRS §264-19 is no longer active.

HRS §266-2.3 should be repealed as authority of Kewalo Harbor was transferred to Hawaii Community Development Authority, and not the DOT.

The US Coast Guard (USCG) issued rules requiring tank vessels on which that are carrying petroleum oil as a primary cargo and non-tank vessels that are carrying petroleum oil as fuel or cargo to submit and have USCG approved vessel response plans (VRPs). The VRPs identifies non-government entities to address engine casualty, grounding, fire, or flooding. The VRP removed the USCG from firefighting responses and assigned responses to the vessel operator in accordance with their approved VRPs. Except for small vessels, all commercial vessels under the jurisdiction of the USCG have VRPs. The result was a diminished need for the Honolulu Harbor fireboat. Due to age of the Honolulu harbor fireboat, the Moku Ahi was taken out of service in March 2014 and sold on January 13, 2017. HRS §266-22 should be repealed as there is no fireboat.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to repeal these obsolete statutory provision