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H.B. 1059
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

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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 The special fund created under HRS §264-19 is no longer active.

HRS §266-2.3 should be repealed as authority of Kewalo Harbor was transferred to Hawaii Community Development Authority, and not the DOT.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 HRS §266-22 should be repealed as there is no fireboat.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