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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Farrington highway
2 is not just the sole major roadway on Oahu's leeward coast, it
3 is also the sole access route that links the Waianae district to
4 Ewa and points east toward metropolitan Honolulu. Although west
5 Oahu has experienced exponential growth and development over the
6 last twenty years, transportation infrastructure has not kept
7 pace. Traffic volume on Farrington highway has increased from
8 an average of twenty thousand vehicles per day in 2000, to fifty
9 thousand vehicles per day in 2016. Although planned rail and
10 other public transportation expansions, such as more robust bus
11 service, may alleviate some traffic congestion once they are
12 fully implemented, a solution that depends solely on public
13 transportation is too far in the future and inadequate.

14 The city and county of Honolulu's department of
15 transportation services published a concept study for a parallel
16 route to Farrington highway for the leeward coast in 2001. To
17 date, no action has been taken to realize this project. The



1 residents of the Waianae district bear the largest burden of the
2 current infrastructural insufficiency since they must contend
3 with daily commutes of up to two hours each way for jobs or
4 school. In fact, during peak morning and afternoon commute
5 hours, the eight-mile segment of Farrington highway between
6 Makaha and Nanakuli cannot be traveled in less than forty-five
7 minutes. Additionally, the lack of any alternate route leaves
8 leeward residents more vulnerable to harm in an emergency
9 situation. There is currently no available route that can be
10 used as an alternative to Farrington highway during times when
11 Farrington highway is impassable. Coastal residents are at the
12 mercy of traffic conditions for travel both within and out of
13 the Waianae district and may be unable to reach emergency
14 services or to timely evacuate the area if the sole available
15 route through and out of the district is impassable due to storm
16 damage, severe vehicular accidents, or even daily rush hour
17 traffic.

18 The legislature further finds that any project to alleviate
19 traffic congestion on Oahu's west side must first avoid
20 exacerbating the problem through ongoing lane closures or other
21 disruptions caused by road construction. It is critical that



1 any project to supply alternate transportation corridors
2 minimize or, ideally, altogether avoid creating additional
3 transportation barriers for residents of west Oahu.

4 Furthermore, the legislature finds that the increased
5 volume of traffic on Farrington highway creates hazardous
6 conditions for pedestrians crossing the highway. Pedestrian
7 overpasses at critical points along Farrington highway will help
8 to alleviate disruptions in traffic flow and promote pedestrian
9 safety.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for capital
11 improvement projects in the Waianae district to address traffic
12 mitigation.

13 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
14 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
16 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2022-2023
17 for the purpose of capital improvement projects in the Waianae
18 district to address traffic mitigation, as follows:

19 (1) Parallel routes



1 Plans for construction of parallel routes that pass
2 through Oahu's Waianae coast and connect that area to
3 the rest of Oahu's transportation infrastructure.

4 Plans \$
5 Total funding \$

6 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
7 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

8 (2) Pedestrian overpass fronting Waianae high school
9 Plans, design, and construction for a pedestrian
10 overpass over Farrington highway in front of Waianae
11 high school for traffic mitigation, including ground
12 and site improvements.

13 Plans \$2,100,000
14 Design \$2,100,000
15 Construction \$25,800,000
16 Total funding \$30,000,000

17 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
18 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

19 (3) Pedestrian overpass fronting Waianae boat harbor
20 Plans, design, and construction for a pedestrian
21 overpass over Farrington highway in front of Waianae



1 boat harbor for traffic mitigation, including ground
2 and site improvements.

3 Plans \$2,100,000

4 Design \$2,100,000

5 Construction \$25,800,000

6 Total funding \$30,000,000

7 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
8 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

9 (4) Pedestrian overpass fronting Puhano street, Waianae
10 Plans, design, and construction for a pedestrian
11 overpass over Farrington highway in front of Puhano
12 street in Waianae for traffic mitigation, including
13 ground and site improvements.

14 Plans \$2,100,000

15 Design \$2,100,000

16 Construction \$25,800,000

17 Total funding \$30,000,000

18 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
19 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

20 (5) Pedestrian overpass fronting Waianae intermediate
21 school



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1 Plans, design, and construction for a pedestrian
 2 overpass over Farrington highway in front of Waianae
 3 intermediate school for traffic mitigation, including
 4 ground and site improvements.

5	Plans	\$2,100,000
6	Design	\$2,100,000
7	Construction	\$25,800,000
8	Total funding	\$30,000,000

9 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
 10 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

11 (6) Pedestrian overpass fronting Maliona street
 12 Plans, design, and construction for a pedestrian
 13 overpass over Farrington highway in front of Maliona
 14 street for traffic mitigation, including ground and
 15 site improvements.

16	Plans	\$2,100,000
17	Design	\$2,100,000
18	Construction	\$25,800,000
19	Total funding	\$30,000,000

20 The sum appropriated for this capital improvement project
 21 shall be expended by the department of transportation.

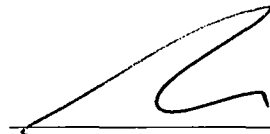


1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement projects authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made;
4 provided that all moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as
5 of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:


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Report Title:

Roadways; Waianae District; Parallel Routes; Pedestrian
Overpasses; Traffic Mitigation; Appropriation

Description:

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Waianae district to address traffic mitigation.

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