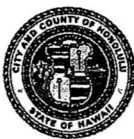


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January 24, 2008

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Members:

Subject: HB No. 893 Relating to Transportation

I am Wayne Yoshioka, Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

The City Department of Transportation Services does not have a position regarding House Bill 893.

To our knowledge, there are no United States transit bus manufacturers that produce buses 81 feet in length. There are bi-articulated (two bending joints) buses operating in Europe, however, they do not meet our City transit bus specifications. The City requires that the bus model offered be tested and bus manufacturers must certify that it meets performance and safety standards established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The City receives financial assistance from the FTA; therefore, the purchase of buses must comply with the "Buy America" provisions.

It is our intent to only purchase public transit buses that fully meet Federal bus procurement standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this Bill.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Y. Yoshioka", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

WAYNE Y. YOSHIOKA
Director



January 25, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HB 893 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you Chair Waters and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association can support this measure. It will be up to the expertise of each counties' respective transit agencies to determine where this type of transit vehicle can be best utilized.

Thank you.