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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 923

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
0830 IN ROOM 309 ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2009

LATE TESTIMONY

Chair Souki and Respected Members of the Committee;

This bill, HB 923 seems to allow for the finest substitute to rail transit that has yet been proposed. This bill allows for 82' transit buses to use the interstate highways to bring commuters the long relatively straight runs from home to town and then allows them to transfer to a regular commuter bus feeder system for the delivery trips around town upon arrival. The same system will be used for the return trip home at the end of the day, a feeder service at each end of the main transit run. A fine and very economical way to avoid the huge cost to build rail, and the buses can be ready for service in one year while the rail system will take many years and many EIS works to build before its first day of service. The bus system routing is flexible and can easily be re-routed to meet demands as they change and can use our existing roads and share new roads as we add them to our system to move traffic more efficiently and smoothly. The same cannot be said for rail, and we cannot afford to build both rail and roads into the future, one of them will have to be neglected. Please support this bill to meet our rapid transit needs as our population grows and spreads geographically.

Respectfully,

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Subject: HB923
Attachments: Transit BusesRidership

LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 923
By Dale Evans for Charley's Taxi
Hearing Wed., Feb 4, 2009, 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol Room 309

Honorable Chairman Joe Souki and Members of the House Transportation Committee

We urge your vote in support of this bill as more express commuter buses are needed to provide transit alternatives for Oahu commuters.

Since the City & County of Honolulu took over the transit system from HRT in 1971, the highest TheBus ridership in the 1980s — of 76,260,187 in 1984 with a 440 bus fleet — has never been duplicated in the 23 years to 2007 since, (Population increased 107,801):

1984	440 TheBus fleet	76,260,187 riders	173,319 avg riders per bus	797,800 population
2007	531 TheBus fleet	71,749,376 riders	135,121 avg riders per bus	905,601 population

From 1989 to 2006, the number of buses in TheBus fleet increased by 50 buses only, with 6 more TheBuses added in 2007:

1989 to 1992, TheBus fleet was 475 (period of the 1992 rail debate)
1995 to 2006, TheBus fleet was frozen at 525 for 11 years

The city rations commuter express services. TheBus trips have been concentrated on tourist ridership instead (Routes 8, 19, 20 and 22: Ala Moana Waikiki, Waikiki – Airport/Pearl Harbor, Hanauma Bay).

Respectfully submitted
Dale Evans

See Excelt Worksheet: Transit Buses/Ridership