

PRESENTATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 260, HD1
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

TO THE HONORABLE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE MARILYN B. LEE, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill 260, HD1, Relating to Procurement. I am Toru Hamayasu, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Services. The Department supports this measure.

On November 2, 2010, the voters of the City and County of Honolulu approved an amendment to the City Charter to establish a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system.

The transit authority, known officially as the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), will provide for timely and efficient management of the rail transit system, with sound principles and objectives for project delivery. HART would manage the rail transit system's budget and fares, and it would be required to properly maintain the agency's financial status. It would also work hand-in-hand with the City Council and include the public in crucial issues such as setting fares and adopting a budget, further enhancing transparency and accountability.

HB260, HD1 would allow the director of HART to act as a procurement officer for the City and County of Honolulu to oversee contracts related to the Honolulu Rail Transit project.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you to carry out the wishes of the electorate of the City and County of Honolulu and ensure that the Honolulu Rail Transit project is executed in an effective and efficient manner. I will be happy to answer any questions the members of the Committee may have.