

HB 261,
HD1

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VIA EMAIL: TIAtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations, and Military Affairs
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Dear Chair English, Chair Espero and Members of the Committees:

Subject: **House Bill 261**, HD1, Relating to Administrative Procedures
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Monday, March 21, 2011, at 1:16 pm

Please find the attached testimony relating to the above-referenced bill.

If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 768-8343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Hamayasu".

Kenneth T. Hamayasu
Deputy Director

Attachment

PRESENTATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2011
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, 1:16 PM
TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 261, HD1
RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

TO THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

The Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill 261, HD1 Relating to Administrative Procedures. I am Toru Hamayasu, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Services. The Department supports this measure, and urges this committee to amend the House draft to correct the defective implementation date.

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. It would also work hand-in-hand with the City Council and include the public in crucial issues such as bond sales, and land acquisitions, further enhancing transparency and accountability.

House Bill 261, HD1 would provide HART with the necessary rule-making authority to function as a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, and would be consistent with language specified by the City Charter. HART would begin operations on July 1, 2011; thus, House Bill 261, HD1 must be amended so it takes effect on or before this date.

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.