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VIA EMAIL: [TRNtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:TRNtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)  
The Honorable Joseph Souki, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

**Subject: House Bill 261, Relating to Administrative Procedures  
Committee on Transportation  
Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 9:00 am**

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,

  
Kenneth T. Hamayasu  
Deputy Director

Attachment

PRESENTATION OF  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2011  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011, 9:00 AM  
TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 261  
RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH SOUKI, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE LINDA ICHIYAMA, VICE CHAIR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill 261, Relating to Administrative Procedures. I am Toru Hamayasu, Deputy Director of the Department's Rapid Transit Division. 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.

House Bill 261 would provide HART with the necessary rule-making authority to function as a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, akin to the existing Board of Water Supply.

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.