

# **SB 164**

## RELATING TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION.

Grants rule-making authorities under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to any county semi-autonomous public transit entity having a governing board; provided that the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule by such entities shall not be subject to the approval of the mayor of the county.

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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair,  
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair,  
and Members of the Committees on Public Safety, Government  
Operations and Military Affairs and Transportation and International Affairs  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Espero, English, and Senators:

Subject: **SB 164 Relating to County Administration**  
**SB 823 Relating to Procurement**  
Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations and  
Military Affairs and Transportation and International Affairs  
Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 2:45 pm

Please find the attached testimony relating the above-referenced bills.

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 SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
AND  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2011  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011  
2:45 P.M.  
TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NOS. 164 AND 823  
RELATING TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND  
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS:

THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, VICE CHAIR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

The Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bills 164 and 823 Relating to County Administration and Procurement. I am Toru Hamayasu, Deputy Director of the Department's Rapid Transit Division. The Department supports these two measures.

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.

Senate Bill 164 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.

Senate Bill 823 would implement the City Charter by allowing 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 that the members of the Committee may have.

Testimony in Support of  
SB164  
RELATING TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

By Al Lardizabal, Director of Government Relations  
Hawaii Laborers' Union

To the  
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs;  
And  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Tuesday, February 1, 2011  
Room 224, 2:45p.m.  
State Capitol

Senator Will Espero, Chair, and Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair and Members of the  
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs;

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair; Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair and Members of the  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:

On behalf of Mr. Peter Ganaban, Business Manager, the officers and members of the  
Hawaii Laborers' Union, we support SB164 which provides for the granting of rule-  
making authority under HRS 91 to county/semi-autonomous agencies for public transit.  
We especially support the ability of the Honolulu Transit Authority to make rules as  
needed for them to function and in so doing, expedite the construction of the Honolulu  
Rail Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.