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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that transit enhancement
2 projects are designed to foster more livable communities,
3 preserve and protect environmental and cultural resources, and
4 promote alternative modes of transportation.

5 The purpose of this Act is to authorize a county with a
6 population greater than five hundred thousand that adopts a
7 county surcharge on state tax ordinance to use at least one per
8 cent of the surcharge to fund transit enhancements.

9 SECTION 2. Section 46-16.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

11 "(c) Each county with a population greater than five
12 hundred thousand that adopts a county surcharge on state tax
13 ordinance pursuant to subsection (a) shall use the surcharges
14 received from the State for:

15 (1) Operating or capital costs of a locally preferred
16 alternative for a mass transit project; [~~and~~]



- 1 (2) Expenses in complying with the Americans with
2 Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to paragraph
3 (1) [~~-~~]; and
- 4 (3) Transit enhancements; provided that not less than one
5 per cent of the surcharge shall be expended for
6 projects that are designed to enhance public
7 transportation service or use or are physically or
8 functionally related to transit facilities and other
9 public amenities, including:
- 10 (A) Historic preservation, rehabilitation, and
11 operation of historic public transportation
12 buildings, structures, and facilities, including
13 historic bus and railroad facilities;
- 14 (B) Bus shelters;
- 15 (C) Landscaping and other scenic beautification,
16 including tables, benches, trash receptacles, and
17 street lights;
- 18 (D) Public works of art and music, cultural, and
19 crafts events;
- 20 (E) Transit connections to parks within the transit
21 service area;
- 22 (F) Signage; and



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1 (G) Enhanced access to public transportation for
 2 persons with disabilities.

3 The county surcharge on state tax shall not be used to build or
 4 repair public roads or highways, bicycle paths, or support
 5 public transportation systems already in existence prior to
 6 July 12, 2005."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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