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VIA EMAIL: JUDtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Subject: House Bill 261, Relating to Administrative Procedures
Committee on Judiciary
Friday, February 25, 2011, at 2:00 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 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2011
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011, 2:00 PM
TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 261
RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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 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.

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.