



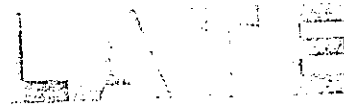
HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

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April 3, 2012

Via Email: FINtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Representatives:

Subject: SB 2927, SD 2, HD 1, A Bill for An Act Relating to Community Planning
Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 2:00 pm

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) appreciates your Committee's effort to review legislation that promotes good community planning and spur economic development. HART supports the intent of the above-referenced measure and since this is a land use and planning matter, we defer to the responsible City agency, the Department of Planning and Permitting, to work with your Committee as this measure moves forward in the legislative process.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Toru Hamayasu
Interim Executive Director and CEO

cc: HART Board Members

Testimony for FIN 4/3/2012 2:00:00 PM SB2927

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Robert Martin
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Comments:

I, Robert Brian Martin, am in complete opposition to legislative bill SB 2927. Passage of this bill would not require an area around a bus transit station to abide by existing zoning laws. This would allow landowners to legally build hotels or tall buildings, ignoring Windward Oahu's 40 foot height limit. Passage of SB 2927 could have potentially devastating effects on Kailua's community and an already stressed infrastrucuter.

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Comments:

Please vote "No" on SB 2927 SD2 HD1.

This bill undermines the community review process and encourages development in districts such as Ko'olaupoko where sustainable communities plans have been initiated to protect against unregulated growth and incompatible re-zoning.

The Ko'olaupoko area ranges from Makapuu Point to Kaolo Point at the northern end of Kaneohe Bay and is designated under the General Plan as agricultural and residential with limited population growth.

The community vision for Ko'olaupoko calls for the protection of natural, scenic, cultural, historic and agricultural resources. A transit oriented development under SB 2927 SD2 HD1 would fast-track development and circumvent the sustainable communities plan for this area.

EA and EIS processes are necessary guides to assure compliance of development projects with standards addressed in the community plans.

Passage of Bill 2927 D2 HD1 would weaken environmental protection and diminish public confidence in the planning process.

Please vote "No" on SB 2927 SD2 HD1.

Mahalo