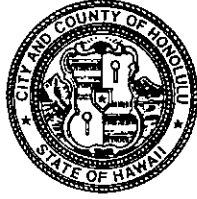


DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET, 7TH FLOOR • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
PHONE: (808) 768-8000 • FAX: (808) 768-6041
DEPT. WEB SITE: www.honolulu.gov • CITY WEB SITE: www.honolulu.gov

PETER B. CARLISLE
MAYOR



DAVID K. TANOUE
DIRECTOR

JIRO A. SUMADA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

February 16, 2012

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water,
Land and Housing
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 2927, Proposed SD1
Relating to Community Planning

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** the latest version of Senate Bill No. 2927, which creates an optional "fast track" process for qualifying transit-oriented development (TOD) and main street projects, but does not exempt them from compliance with building and related codes. Importantly, it provides state incentives for these "exceptional planning projects".

The Department of Planning and Permitting supports legislation that promotes good community planning. We also appreciate the state's interest in land development, particularly around rail transit stations, or TOD.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Tanoue".

David K. Tanoue, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

DKT:js

sb2927 sd1b excepTOD-k