

# SCR173 & SR102

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH ALL STATE AGENCIES THAT HOLD TITLE TO OR LEASES OF LAND ALONG THE ELEVATED RAPID TRANSIT LINE ROUTE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ROUTE. (Proposed SD1)



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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS**

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in consideration of

**SR103 PROPOSED SD1/ SCR173 PROPOSED SD1  
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Chairs Dela Cruz, Espero, and English, Vice Chairs Solomon, Kidani and  
Espero, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water, Land, and Housing; Public  
Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs; and Transportation and  
International Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of these measures but we are  
concerned about the cost implications generated by this proposal. OP's general fund  
budget and staff were cut by 30% during the 2009 budget reductions which adversely  
impacts our ability to conduct existing statutory functions. In addition, this work is