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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 279E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§279E-3 Metropolitan Planning Organization membership.**

4 The MPO shall consist of a policy committee and appropriate  
5 staff. The MPO policy committee shall consist of [~~thirteen~~  
6 fourteen] members. These members shall include:

7           (1) Five members of the legislative body of the  
8           appropriate county;

9           (2) Three members of the state senate:

10           (A) One of whom shall be chairperson of the senate  
11           committee with primary responsibility for  
12           transportation issues. In the event there is  
13           more than one chairperson of the senate committee  
14           with primary responsibility for transportation  
15           issues, the senate president shall identify the  
16           chairperson who shall serve on the MPO policy  
17           committee and who shall not be required to be a  
18           resident of the appropriate county; and



1 (B) Two of whom shall be residents of the appropriate  
2 county and shall be appointed by the senate  
3 president;

4 (3) Three members of the state house of representatives:

5 (A) One of whom shall be the chairperson of the  
6 committee of the house of representatives with  
7 primary responsibility for transportation issues;  
8 and

9 (B) Two of whom shall be residents of the appropriate  
10 county and shall be appointed by the speaker of  
11 the house;

12 (4) One member who shall be the director of  
13 transportation; ~~and~~

14 (5) One member who shall be the director of the  
15 appropriate county department assigned primary  
16 responsibility for transportation planning~~[-]~~; and

17 (6) One member who shall be the executive director of the  
18 Honolulu authority for rapid transportation, or any  
19 successor agency thereof that operates public  
20 transportation on Oahu.

21 Each member of the MPO policy committee who is a member of  
22 the state legislature or the legislative body of the county



1 shall serve for the same term as the term of office for which  
2 the member is elected. There shall be no remuneration for this  
3 service.

4 Vacancies in the MPO policy committee that occur shall be  
5 filled in the same manner in which the original member was  
6 appointed."

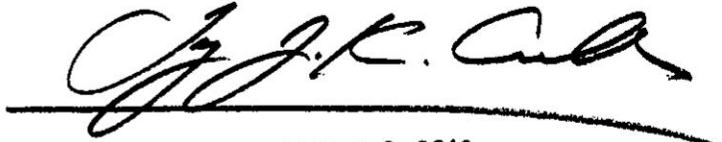
7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

JAN 22 2013



# H.B. NO. 689

**Report Title:**

Metropolitan Planning Organization; Membership

**Description:**

Adds the executive director of HART to the MPO policy committee.

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET  
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February 20, 2013  
11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

**HB 689**  
**RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING**  
**ORGANIZATION**

House Committee on Transportation

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The DOT **supports** H.B. 689 with additional comments to amend the bill.

This bill will amend the composition of the board of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) within the state as required by Public Law 112-142, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). If an MPO were formed on the neighbor islands, this bill would require that the executive director of the Honolulu Area Rapid Transit be a member of any such Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which we believe is not the intended purpose of the bill.

To appropriately address the need for this new member on any MPOs the following change is strongly recommended on page 2.

- “6. One member who shall be the director of the authority for rapid/mass transportation, or successor agency thereof that operates public transportation on that island.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF KIRK CALDWELL, MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
BEFORE THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

**HOUSE BILL 689, "RELATING TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION"**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

To: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation

The City & County of Honolulu **supports House Bill 689, "Relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization"**.

The purpose of this bill is to add the Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Policy Committee. The Policy Committee is the "heart" of the OMPO planning process. It determines the direction of the OMPO effort, considers and approves transportation planning issues, and makes the final approval for OMPO matters.

In the coming years, Honolulu's mass transit system will be an integral component of our county's transportation infrastructure. As such, the Executive Director of HART will have an important role in contributing to the planning and implementation of the OMPO's major programs, which include the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Overall Work Program (OWP).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 768-4141.



# CITY COUNCIL

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February 20, 2013

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: House Bill 689, Relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

I offer my testimony in strong support of this measure. This would add the executive director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) policy committee.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 768-5008.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Breene Harimoto". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Breene Harimoto  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
Honolulu City Council

# Testimony in Support of HB689

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## House Committee on Transportation

February 20, 2013

By Brian Gibson

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) is charged with executing a Continuous, Comprehensive, and Coordinated (3-C) transportation planning process for the island of Oahu (23 CFR 450.300). The proper execution of that 3-C process is an important part of the eligibility of local transportation projects for Federal funding. The US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration can withhold up to 20-percent of Federal funding if they believe the intent of the 3-C process is not being fulfilled. OahuMPO's designated planning area includes all of the island of Oahu, as approved by the Governor on October 29, 1992.

In July 2012, President Obama signed into law a new Federal surface transportation authorization act, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the Twenty-First Century* (MAP-21, P.L. 141-112). One of the new provisions of MAP-21 is the following:

*"...each metropolitan planning organization that serves an area designated as a transportation management area shall consist of...officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation..."*

A transportation management area is defined as an urban area with a population of 200,000 or more (23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 CFR 450.300). OahuMPO is Federally recognized as serving a transportation management area.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) was created after voters approved a City Charter amendment in November of 2010. It is a semi-autonomous agency responsible for constructing and operating the single largest public transportation project on Oahu.

It seems quite clear that in order for OahuMPO to properly execute a Comprehensive and Coordinated transportation planning process on Oahu, HART must be part of that process. In fact, MAP-21 appears to require HART representation within the MPO. Failure to include HART within the MPO may jeopardize Federal certification of OahuMPO and the Federal transportation funding upon which so many transportation projects depend.

Therefore, I strongly support HB689 and encourage its approval by the House.



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### **HB689**

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Testimony for TRN on Feb 20, 2013 11:00AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pamela Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

#### Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair, Ryan I. Yamane Vice Chair, Linda ichiyama Honorable Representative Members of the Committee My name is Arvid Tadao Youngquist. I support the intent of HB 689. I was present at the original meeting when the current HART Executive Director appeared before the HART Board for a vote to hire him for a three year contract. I think he makes an excellent partner for the Mayor and the DTS Director. However, I wish to make a suggestion: the language of the change calls for a 14 member Committee. I would like to see a 15 member "odd" numbered committee to assure that decisions are not "hung" due to a tie. The Senate membership because it is a smaller chamber is smaller at 3, while the House is at 5 members. Without changing the title of the Measure, recommenda that Board membership language be amended to make it a 15 member committee with additional representation from the Senate...making it 4 instead of the current three. Thank yuo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 689 Relating to the OMPO. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Kalihi Valley resident CAC< OMPO mmeber Feb. 15, 2013

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