

SB 479

RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

Updates the membership of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to comply with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141.



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1:16 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

S.B. 479
RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The DOT supports SB 479 with reservations.

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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BEFORE THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Monday, February 4, 2013, 1:16 p.m., Conference Room 224

SENATE BILL 479: RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION

Position: Support

To: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The City & County of Honolulu supports Senate Bill 479, "Relating to the Membership of a 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 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 this opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 768-4141.

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February 1, 2013

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members
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and International Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 479, Relating to the Membership of a Metropolitan
Planning Organization

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports SB 479 as it brings membership on the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) into compliance with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, by adding the Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) to the OahuMPO policy committee.

Very truly yours,


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February 4, 2013

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
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Subject: Senate Bill 479, Relating to the Membership of a Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

I ask this Committee to consider including the following language which is underlined below on page two, line 19 of the bill to read as follows:

"One member who shall be the executive director of the Honolulu authority for rapid transportation, or any successor agency thereof that operates public transportation on Oahu."

This language would more accurately reflect the title of the director for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

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 cursive script that reads "Breene Harimoto".

Breene Harimoto
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Honolulu City Council, and

Chair, OMPO Policy Committee