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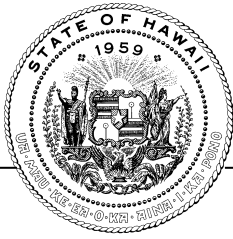
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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
SB 1251
RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports Senate Bill No. 1251 which establishes and funds a transit oriented development (TOD) coordinator position within the OP.

In his State of the State address, Governor David Ige stated that building affordable homes in TOD areas is one of the Administration's main goals. He indicated that rail can help build future communities on Oahu by sensibly directing growth, protecting open space and agriculture, stimulating business, reinvigorating older neighborhoods, and building affordable homes. A TOD planner position has been included in OP's budget which is under consideration by the Legislature.

The TOD coordinator position proposed in SB 1251 will provide the additional resources needed to elevate and facilitate the coordination and implementation of a State TOD Strategy, working closely with State agencies and with City TOD planners. It will enable us to collaborate among State, county, federal, and private entities with respect to infrastructure planning and financing to support TOD. We will also be able to research and incorporate emerging planning and community development practices that would leverage state investments to create livable, mixed use neighborhoods and communities along transportation corridors.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Carl Campagna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo Legislators for your time and consideration. I support this bill. As I believe that the investment in the rail is intended to generate more economic growth and provide greater opportunities for local businesses over time, a coordinator would play a vital role in facilitating this growth and development and act as a liaison between the agencies, the communities and the businesses.

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