

SB 2995

Measure Title: RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Report Title: Business Mitigation Relief Pilot Program; Rail Construction; Appropriation (\$)

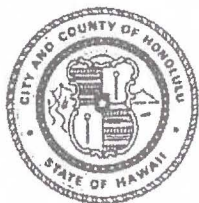
Description: Establishes the business mitigation relief pilot program to assist businesses negatively impacted by the construction of the rail project. Establishes guidelines and procedures for financial assistance through the program. Appropriates funds for the program.

Companion: HB2518

Package: None

Current Referral: EET/TRE, WAM

Introducer(s): HARIMOTO, CHUN OAKLAND, GABBARD, GALUTERIA, KIM, Shimabukuro, Slom, Taniguchi, Wakai



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February 16, 2016

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Environment, and
Technology, and Transportation and Energy
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Senate Bill 2995 Relating to Transit-Oriented Development

I offer my testimony in strong support of this measure which would authorize the establishment of a business mitigation relief pilot program to assist businesses negatively impacted by the construction of the rail project.

Residents and businesses alike along the entire rail line where construction is taking place have seen many changes and impacts from the rail project. Many have been negative, and hopefully temporary, while many are positive such as the renewed interest in revitalization for the area. Nonetheless, construction impacts on businesses have been significant. Steady, solid businesses have seen reductions in customers and revenues due to traffic impacts of the construction and the complexity of executing the largest public works project in the state's history.

Businesses have been working very hard to hold on and to try to survive the construction period, and this bill allows impacted businesses to see some relief and assistance to address the negative impacts going forward. We all need to be part of supporting our community and businesses. This legislation provides a fair method of assistance that might be short-term, but may indeed be critical, in preserving valued businesses.

I ask for your favorable support of this measure.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy and
Committee on Economic Development, Environment, & Technology
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 2:45 P.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 2995 RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Inouye and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Slom, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2995, which establishes the business mitigation relief pilot program to assist businesses negatively impacted by the construction of the rail project.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Many local businesses along the rail project alignment are currently being impacted by the construction activities directly associated with the rail project to the point where the economic viability of certain business establishments is being questioned. While HART and the city are working to provide some relief within federal guidelines, this assistance may not be adequate. We support any assistance to help these businesses being impacted by this large government project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

KATSUMI KAZAMA FAMILY PARTNERS

February 12, 2016

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
And Members
Committee on Transportation and Energy
Senate District 4
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
And Members
Senate District 15
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 216

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR S.B. 2995 (2016)

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

We support S.B. 2995, which would establish a business mitigation relief pilot program to assist businesses negatively impacted by the construction of the rail project. Many of our Waimalu Shopping Center tenants have suffered a loss of business due to traffic impacts resulting from rail construction, which is happening directly in front of our property.

Last year, the City Council introduced Bill 67 to create a real property tax exemption for certain real property affected by construction of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project. The bill was deferred in the Budget Committee in October 2015. There is currently no business mitigation relief program for the many businesses along the rail route.

Please help our small businesses struggling through the construction period by supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

Katsumi Kazama Family Partners


Wallace K. Kazama

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TESTIMONY to Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy and Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

SB2995 RELATING TO Transit Oriented Development

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI 96789

Chairs Inouye and Wakai and Vice-Chairs Gabbard, and Slom, and Members :

1. I most strongly **OPPOSE SB 2995**. Transit Oriented Development and the Rail are a blight on our community. The Rail system is over budget and poorly managed. Provision for mitigating impact to local business should have been part of the original plan, but with everything else wrong about this project, it obviously was never considered. Although labeled a Transit Oriented Development bill, this is just more evidence why the Rail system never should have been started.
2. It seems Rail can waste as much of our funds as government desires -- rewarding selected "winners" and "punishing" those the government deems "losers" i.e.: "Businesses engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling, or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs; ... etc." The use of the word "indoctrinating" in reference to religion and religious beliefs shows our local government's hostility toward those things most residents of Hawaii hold near and dear. Government should not be in the business of favoritism but should treat all tenants along the corridor equally and fairly.
3. However, I am opposed to government taking money from the cash-strapped taxpayer to redistribute to those entities that find favor with our government officials. This is wrong on so many levels. The legislature just extended our GET tax raise because there wasn't enough funding to complete the Rail system. Now, government seems to want to be overly generous (up to \$50,000/yr) with our limited funds to companies/organizations that meet an arbitrary standard.
4. The Rail and Transit Orient Development projects are happening around the world. This is not a unique situation. It is what the Rio Treaty of 1993 put in motion. It is neither desired nor requested by the local population. Stop taking our money to prop-up this unsustainable project. When government and not private industry takes the lead, the problems are exacerbated and costly. Do not add the expense of this pilot program which would "pile on" to an already exorbitant price-tag. We don't even know if we will have energy resources to run the system and yet we plunge full throttle over the cliff.
5. **Vote NO on SB2995**. Don't add to our misery. Limit costs -- don't add to them.

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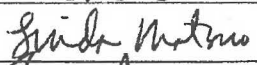
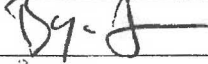
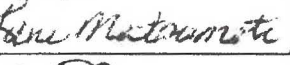
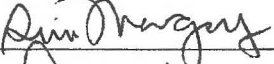
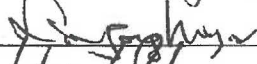


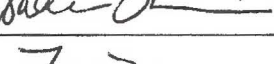
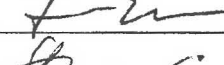
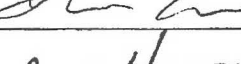
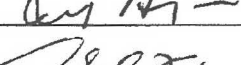
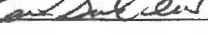
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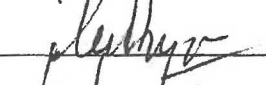

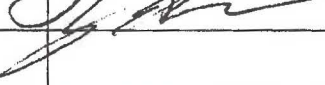
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Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

We are small business owners who support S.B. 2995, which would establish a business mitigation relief pilot program to assist businesses negatively impacted by the construction of the rail project.

Please help us by supporting this bill.

Name	Signature	Business Name	Address
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Linda Matsuo		Shiro's Saimin	98-020 #109 Kamehameha Hwy
Boye Fujimoto		Shiro's Saimin	98-020 #109 Kam Hwy
LANA MATSUMOTO		Kapuleia Coffee Shop	98-020 Kam Hwy
Kelina MABRAY		AUOHA CRPPES	98-020 Kam Hwy
Jonghyun Lim		palama market	98-020 Kam Hwy
Vincent Uthairatsart		Siam kitchen	98-020 Kam Hwy
TERRY WONG		Now Stop Liquor	98-020 Kam Hwy
Sachio Nakakura		Baldwin's Sweet Shop	98-040 Kam Hwy
Francis Nakakura		Baldwin's Sweet Shop	98-040 Kam Hwy
HOSUM LEE		ohana BBA	"
Jenny Hyon		chris peanut shop	98-044 Kam Hwy
Chester Kim		Kiyok Barber Shop	98-044 Kam Hwy

Name	Signature	Business Name	Address
Divanails		Mails Salam	98-020 Kamchanmekhatty
DINGCHANG MUNG		E206IKU Kameen	98-020 KAN HWY
KIM Hisandwich		HISANDWICH	99 786 KAN Hwy.
NTUEN PHU FIVE-0		PHU FIVE 0	98-042 KAN Hwy
Tony Sakhasone		Gym King	98-020 Kan Hwy