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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

**April 5, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
Room 308**

RELATING TO TAXATION

Senate Bill No. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1: a) authorizes the City and County of Honolulu to extend the county surcharge on State tax for rail transit from January 1, 2023 to an unspecified date; b) requires the extension to be adopted by ordinance by July 1, 2018; c) authorizes the Neighbor Island counties to establish a county surcharge through an ordinance adopted between July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 with the surcharge starting no earlier than January 1, 2019; d) changes the ten percent State administrative assessment to an unspecified percentage; and e) adds an unspecified percentage deduction to be used by the Department of Transportation for State highway projects.

The bill further requires the City to amend an existing City ordinance or establish a new ordinance to permit use of county funds for capital costs and interest of the rail project by December 31, 2017. If the December 31, 2017 deadline is not met, the authority to extend the county surcharge for rail is rescinded. The bill also requires the City Mayor to submit the following plans/reports to the Legislature:

- 1) By January 1, 2018, a plan to pay for any rail project shortfalls with City funds should the surcharge revenues and federal funds be insufficient;
- 2) By January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2028, an annual updated plan to pay for any rail project shortfalls; and
- 3) By January 1, 2018, a plan to fund operation and maintenance costs and on-going system wide capital costs of the integrated City rail and bus transportation system.

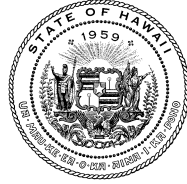
The Department of Budget and Finance strongly believes additional information is needed before the Legislature extends the half percent surcharge for the City. We are willing to assist the Committee in developing a list of relevant data points that should be requested from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and the City Administration as part of further deliberations on this matter.

With regards to an unspecified percentage of the surcharge collections being used for State highway projects, we are opposed to the use of any surcharge funds collected from the City being used for Neighbor Island highway projects if the Neighbor Island counties do not adopt county surcharges at the 0.5 percent rate. It would be inequitable to have City taxpayers pay for Neighbor Island highway projects if Neighbor Island taxpayers are not paying the same 0.5 percent county surcharge as City taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, Relating to Taxation

The Department of Taxation (Department) provides the following comments regarding S.B. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, for your consideration. The House Committee on Transportation inserted various county surcharge amendments to the general excise tax (GET) under chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and use tax under chapter 238, HRS, into H.D. 1. The bill has a defective date of July 1, 2050.

A summary of the key administrative tax provisions of H.D. 1 are as follows:

- Extends the sunset date of the county surcharge tax;
- Authorizes each county to establish a surcharge on state tax at rates no greater than one-half percent to fund public transportation systems in their respective counties by ordinance;
- A county electing to extend the sunset date of the surcharge tax from December 31, 2027 to an unspecified date must adopt ordinance prior to July 1, 2018;
- Each county that has not established a surcharge tax prior to July 1, 2015, may establish the surcharge tax by adopting an ordinance between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, provided that the surcharge tax cannot be assessed prior to January 1, 2019;
- A county electing to adopt the surcharge tax is required to notify the Department within ten days after its adoption of the county ordinance;
- The Department is required to collect any new surcharge tax beginning on January 1, 2019;
- Changes the ten percent deduction from county surcharge revenues to an unspecified percent to reimburse the State for costs of assessment, collection and disposition of the surcharge tax; and
- Allows an unspecified deduction from county surcharge revenues to be used by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of State highway project.

The Department first notes that H.D. 1 contains an inconsistency in sunset dates. Specifically, the existing county surcharge has an unspecified date, but there is no sunset date for any surcharge adopted by county ordinance between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. If this is not the intent of the measure, the Department suggests amending sections 46-16.8 (c), 237-8.6 (b), and 238-2.6 (b), HRS, to be consistent with the intent of the measure.

Second, in order for the Department to administer a county surcharge for the rest of the counties, the Department strongly recommends that all counties be required to adopt the same tax rate. As the Department has noted in the past, different tax rates increase administrative and enforcement issues, and may cause taxpayers to improperly source their income to counties with lower tax rates. If each county adopts its surcharge at the same tax rate, there will be no incentive for a taxpayer to improperly source its income and ensures that each county receives the proper amount of revenue.

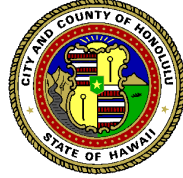
Lastly, due to the number of changes that must be done to the forms, instructions and computer system, the Department requests that the deadline for the rest of the counties to adopt an ordinance be no later than April 30, 2018, and the effective date for the collection of any new surcharge tax be no earlier than January 1, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
BEFORE THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017; 3:00 PM

TO: THE HONORABLE SYLVIA J. LUKE, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE TY J.K. CULLEN, VICE CHAIR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FROM: KIRK CALDWELL, MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SB1183 HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION.

The City and County of Honolulu strongly supports SB1183 HD1, and appreciates the amendments made by Chair Aquino and his Committee, when the bill was heard by the House Committee on Transportation.

We hope that your Committee moves the bill forward to conference in an expeditious manner so there is sufficient time to develop a full recovery plan of a 20 mile, 21 station, rail transit system all the way to Ala Moana Center.

The City and County of Honolulu supports an extension of the .05% surcharge on the general excise tax to beyond 2047. It is the fairest means to pay for our rail system as approximately one-third of the surcharge is paid for by non-residents. The alternatives place additional financial burdens on the residents of Oahu. The reason for asking for an additional twenty years is to make absolutely certain that HART and the City and County of Honolulu have the full funding to complete the rail system and to not have to return to the Legislature for an additional extension of the surcharge for the 20 mile, 21 station system.

We greatly appreciate the time and attention you devote to this matter.



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
CMS-AP00-02039

HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) supports **SB 1183, SD2, HD1** which would, in part, authorize a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period, provided that the county adopts an ordinance that allows capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for mass transit project to be paid from county funds prior to December 31, 2017. SB1183, SD2, HD1 requires the mayor of that county to submit certain plans with respect to the rail and bus transportation system. The Director of Finance is also required to deduct an unspecified portion of the surcharge proceeds for the Department of Transportation for state highway projects.

HART estimates the cost to complete construction of the Project will be \$8.2 billion, inclusive of contingency as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), but excluding finance charges. Consequently, financing the Project through the issuance of bonds will be in addition to the \$8.2 billion in capital project cost. Therefore, the greater the percentage of surcharge revenues dedicated for the rail project the stronger the financial viability of the Project. The City, as the issuer of the bonds, assumes the responsibility for the repayment of the bonds. The source of bond repayment is the surcharge, which is subject to fluctuations due to changes in economic conditions, consumer spending, and collection processing. Potential resource fluctuations and a decreased share of the GET revenue would impact the total amount of debt needed, the number of years to bond maturities, total interest costs, and financial risks.

HART must demonstrate that it has clear access to sufficient revenue to cover the Project's entire capital budget including contingency and financing charges through identified revenue sources that are committed solely to the Project. An acceptable contingency level that is approved by the FTA for an adopted financial plan is required as part of HART's Recovery Plan to be submitted to the FTA.

HART supports the intent of SB1183, SD2, HD1 that would potentially provide sufficient funding to complete the construction of the Minimum Operable Segment from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. The City has previously provided testimony stating the current 90%/10% share of the surcharge revenue in perpetuity is preferred to complete the Project, address any potential financial plan variations, and repay the bonds because the surcharge provides a consistent, broad-based source of funding, as well as providing our Federal partners the confidence in Honolulu's ability and financial commitment to complete the Project.

Finally, HART respectfully request your committee to consider amending Section 2 of SB1183, SD2, HD1, specifically Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 248-2.6, which requires the Department of Taxation to pay into the State treasury all county surcharges on State tax collected on a **monthly** basis, rather than quarterly. The Department of Taxation has testified that it collects and reports the county surcharge amounts to the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Accounting and General Services each month. If the State Legislature agrees to amend payments to the counties from a quarterly to a monthly basis, the amount of savings to the Project is approximately \$11 million through 2027 compared to the potential loss of interest earning to the State of approximately \$2 million. The State's current average target rate of return on treasury investments is 0.7% whereas the City's debt financing interest rates are projected to range from 3.0% to 4.5%.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

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# Revenues

General Excise Tax (G.E.T.), Federal Grants, and Others (in 000's)

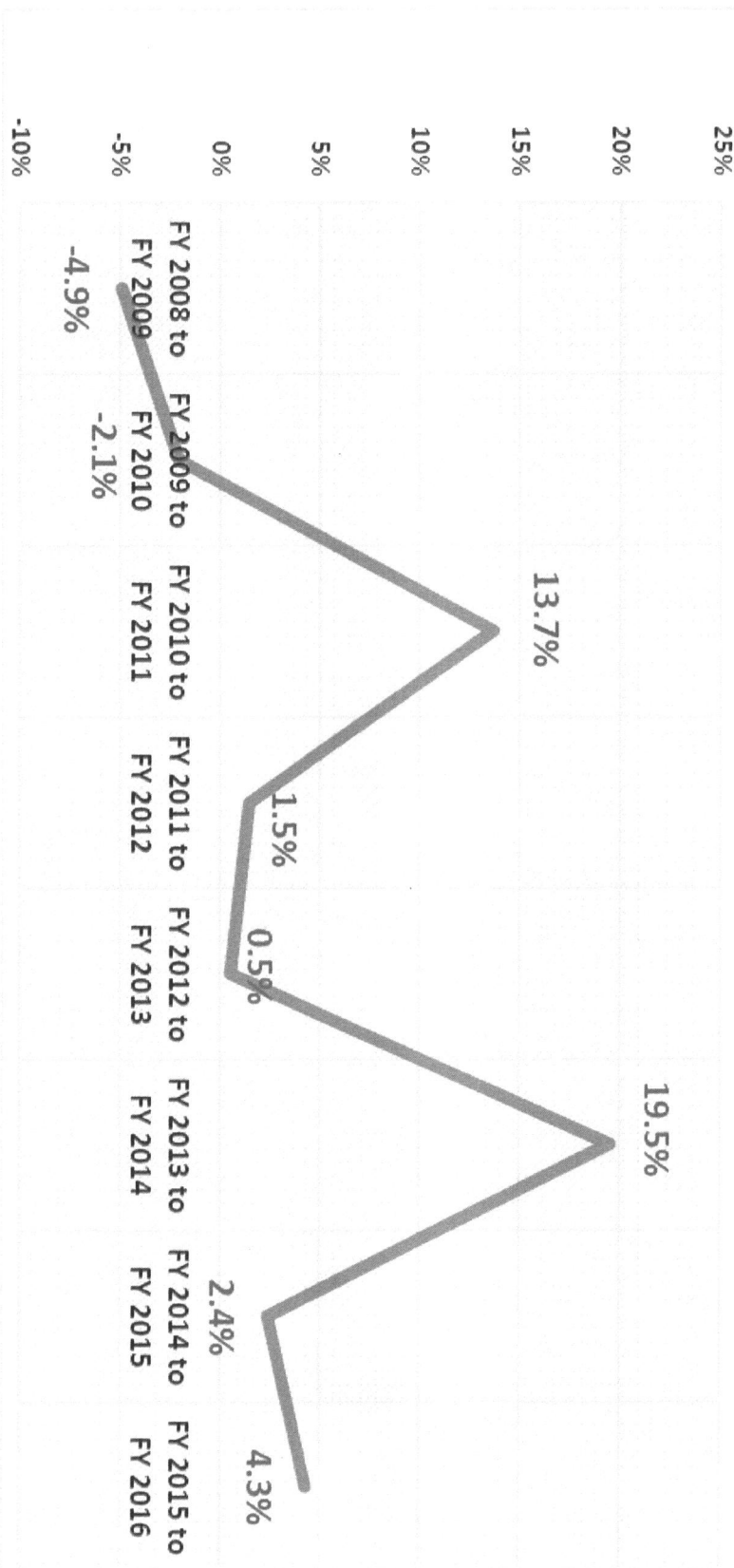
Revenues	Actual	Forecast	Total
G.E.T. (Yrs. 2007 – 2027)	\$1,786,994	\$3,507,006	\$5,294,000
Federal Grant Awarded (New Start)	\$729,817	\$76,450	\$806,267
Federal Grant Pending (New Start)	-	\$743,733	\$743,733
Others	\$6,000	-	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,522,811</b>	<b>\$4,327,189</b>	<b>\$6,850,000</b>

**NOTES:**

1. \$6.8 Billion revenue forecast is used for HART's Recovery Plan
2. G.E.T growth rate at 4.3%



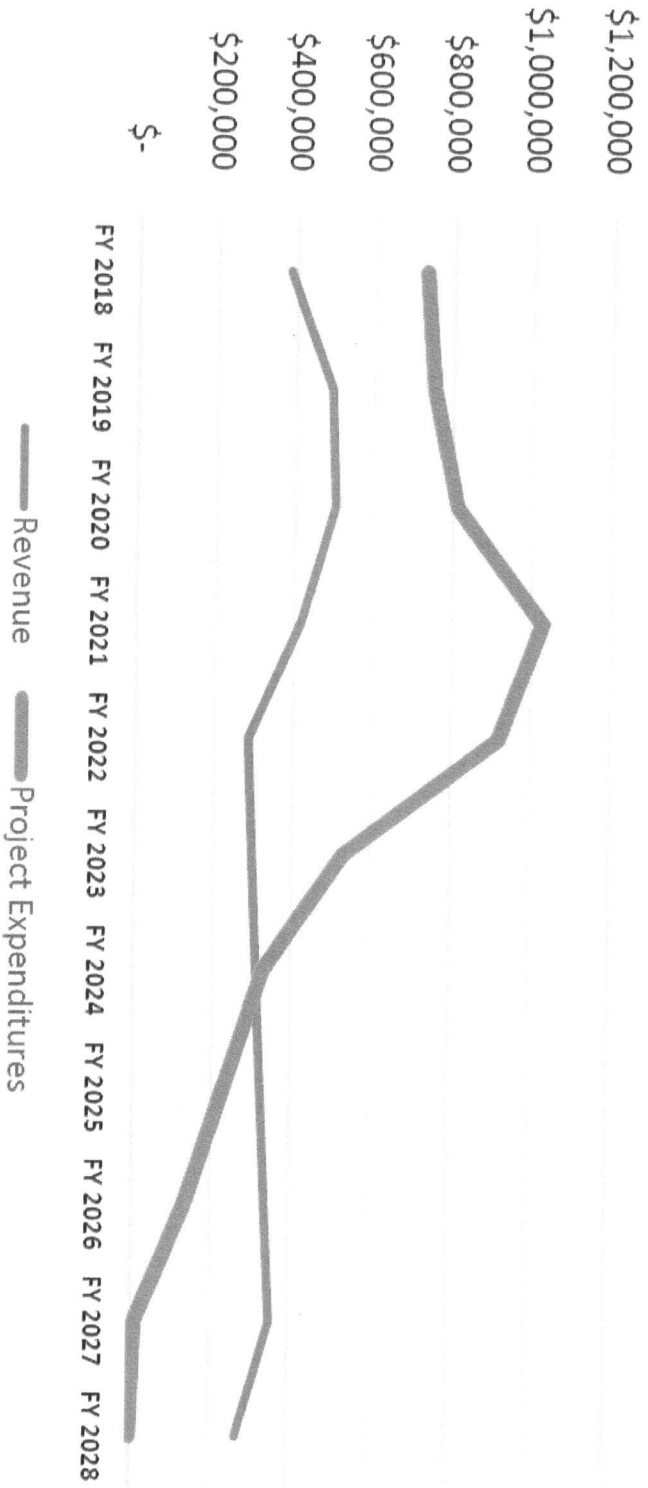
## % Annual Change in GET Surcharge Revenues



# Project Costs, Excluding Financing – East Kapolei to Ala Moana

Description	Amount (000's)
Guideway, Stations, Support Facilities, System, and Vehicles	\$4,969,813
Professional Services – Final Design	\$170,750
Professional Services – Management & Special Conditions	\$1,054,268
Utilities, Real Estate, and Art Elements	\$637,450
HART Labor and Expenses (Including 5% City Administrative Services Expense (CASE), Corporation Counsel hourly charges and contracted outside legal services)	\$249,301
Pre- HART City Department Services completed (no future charges anticipated)	\$18,437
Contingency	\$1,065,035
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$8,165,054</b>

## Financing Requirements (\$ in 000's)



# TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Extend, and Change 10% Skim Off, County Surcharge

BILL NUMBER: SB 1183, HD-1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Transportation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: A contributing factor to the financial woes of the City and County of Honolulu is the fact that the state is siphoning 10% of all rail surcharge collections into the general fund. This diversion was supposed to represent payment to the state for the costs incurred in administering the surcharge, but the amount diverted turns is a massive amount of money, roughly \$25 million a year which is almost as much as the entire operating budget of the department of taxation. The amount is obviously far in excess of the costs involved. The Foundation has contended that a diversion of the City and County's revenue of that magnitude is unconstitutional and its lawsuit is still pending in the court system.

This bill changes the 10% diversion to an unspecified amount, together with an unspecified amount for the State Department of Transportation for state highway projects. This does not solve the constitutional problems, namely that the State is skimming money off a county-imposed tax to fund state projects where the burden of paying the tax is borne only by the county residents and businesses.

SYNOPSIS: Amends HRS section 46-16.8 to allow a county that has adopted a surcharge to extend it to an unspecified date. The surcharge is to be adopted before July 1, 2018. Also allows other counties to adopt a surcharge by ordinance to be adopted before July 1, 2018, but no earlier than July 1, 2017. A county that newly adopts a surcharge may not levy it before January 1, 2019.

Amends HRS section 248-2.6 to change the provisions requiring the State to collect and keep 10% of the gross amount of county surcharge collected under HRS sections 237-8.6 and 238-2.6. Instead, the State will keep \_\_% of the gross proceeds to reimburse the State for the costs of assessment, collection, and disposition of the county surcharge, and will keep \_\_% of the gross proceeds to be used by the department of transportation for state highway projects.

Calls for the repeal of any county ordinance that prohibits the use of county funds for the capital cost, such as City & County of Honolulu Ord. 07-001. If the ordinance is not repealed by December 31, 2017, the amendments provided by this bill will repeal on that date.

Requires any recipient of county surcharge moneys to file plans and financial reports.

Makes conforming amendments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2050.

STAFF COMMENTS: This bill concerns the surcharge on Hawaii General Excise Tax (GET) and Use Tax now imposed by HRS sections 237-8.6 and 238-2.6. Most of us are aware that an extra 0.5% is added to the price of most things that we in Honolulu buy or import. What not all of us are aware of, however, is that 10% of the gross collections go straight to the State's general fund, as is apparently required by HRS section 248-2.6(a).

As stated by the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

Your Committee finds that the State Director of Finance's deduction of ten per cent of the gross proceeds of a respective county's surcharge on state tax is unfair and inequitable to the taxpayers of the respective counties. As constituted, the ten per cent deduction for the county's surcharge allows significant taxpayer dollars paid by taxpayers of a particular county to be redistributed for state projects that may provide no benefit to the county taxpayers. Moreover, repealing the State's deduction of ten per cent of the counties' surcharge on state tax will provide increased revenue to the counties to use on a variety of initiatives, including public transportation projects.

Senate Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 347 (2017) (discussing SB 938).

On October 21, 2015, the Foundation sued the State of Hawaii over the 10% skim, contending that the diverted money is a hidden State tax unwittingly paid by Oahu residents and businesses—and only by them, even though the tax goes straight to the general fund to be used for projects benefiting the entire State. The Foundation's suit is now pending in the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

This draft of the bill, by brazenly deducting a percentage of the gross proceeds of the surcharge and paying it to the state department of transportation for statewide highway projects, makes this constitutional defect even more painfully obvious. The State law works by providing the vehicle for collection of the surcharge on the state general excise tax, but the county must enact an ordinance imposing the tax. That makes the tax the county's money, not the State's money. The county's tax is paid by county residents and businesses, and it funds county projects. Period. Our supreme court in *State of Hawaii v. City & County of Honolulu*, 99 Haw. 508, 57 P.3d 433 (2002), told us that the county is free to spend its tax money however it sees fit and the State has no business restricting its use of that money. The case involved real property tax money, but the principle applies just as strongly to other taxes legally imposed by the county as opposed to the State. If the State has no power to restrict use of county money, it has no business stealing it.

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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Finance

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

April 5, 2017

S.B. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO  
TAXATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 which authorizes an extension of the county surcharge. While we remain concerned about the increased construction costs above what was originally projected, the residents of Oahu have determined a need for a viable rapid transit system and additional funds are needed to continue the construction of the rail project until its completion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 1183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Randy Perreira  
Executive Director





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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
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Committee on Finance

Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO  
April 5, 2017

## S.B. 1183, S.D.2, H.D.1 - RELATING TO TAXATION

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 1183, S.D.2, H.D.1 which authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period, authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018, provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge and requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system.

Traffic on Oahu is continually getting worse. Each year, there are thousands of new vehicles on the road creating additional gridlock, increased frustration, and more time spent in a vehicle instead of at home with loved ones. Increasingly, commuters from West Oahu face the daunting reality that traveling to Honolulu or back to West Oahu can take upwards of three to four hours round-trip and on a bad day it could be considerably worse. Rail will help alleviate the daily traffic nightmare that so many commuters face and improve the quality of life for many.

Further, Oahu voters in 2008 approved the Honolulu Rail Transit Project and were promised a rail system that would be operational no later than 2020. In addition, the U.S. Department of Transportation signed a \$1.55 billion federal funding agreement to help build the 20-mile rail project. Unfortunately, lawsuits and other complications caused significant delays resulting in a number of unexpected costs. As a result, the rail project has gone over budget. Without extending or making permanent the half-percent increase to the general excise tax, the HART will not be able to complete the 20-mile planned route and Oahu taxpayers will be on the hook of paying back the federal government the \$1.55 billion they provided. In addition, a shortened rail line may not have as great of an impact reducing traffic.

Consequently, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly urges the passage of S.B. 1183, S.D.2, H.D.1 to ensure rail is built as planned.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Randy Perreira  
President

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, April 5, 2017; 3:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1183 SD 2 HD 1  
RELATING TO TAXATION**

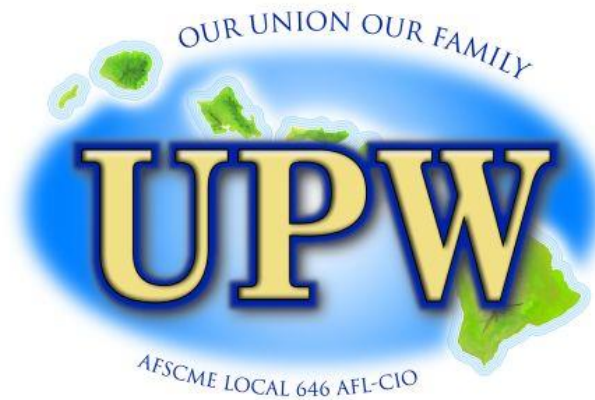
The ILWU Local 142 supports the intent of S.B. 1183 SD 2 HD 1, to the extent that it can serve as a “vehicle” to address the Rail Project and the financial shortfall that currently exists. Initially, part of the language of S.B. 1183 would have extended the .5% GET surcharge. This was one way of handling the financial short fall, and the ILWU supported the bill for that reason. It appears that although S.B. 1183 SD 2 HD 1 contains different language, it could still serve as a “vehicle” for serving that function.

The rail project on Oahu, is the single largest capital improvement project in the State’s history. Given the challenges currently facing the project, especially the financial shortfall, this bill provides the potential to address these concerns. Given the financial resources and time already invested, and the fact that it is substantially completed, establishes strong justification to complete the effort.

It would not make sense to essentially “pull the plug” on the Rail Project. Polling of the Oahu residents has made this clear. Therefore, the continuation of this discussion, and resolution of these challenges are critical. Time is of the essence, and this factor becomes more urgent as we approach the final deadlines for this legislative session.

The ILWU Local 142 urges the passage of S.B. 1183 SD 2 HD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this important matter.





THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
TIME OF HEARING: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol, Rm. 308  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1183, SD2, HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB1183, SD2, HD1 authorizes the counties that have established a surcharge on state tax prior to July 1, 2015, to extend the surcharge to an unspecified date; provided that the county adopts an ordinance to extend the surcharge before July 1, 2018.

The bill also authorizes a county that has not established a county surcharge on state tax prior to July 1, 2015, to establish surcharge by ordinance, if the ordinance is adopted prior to July 1, 2018, but not earlier than July 1, 2017.

The bill changes the amount from the county surcharge on state tax to reimburse the State to an unspecified percentage, rather than repealing the requirement that ten percent of revenues from the county surcharge on state tax be withheld for administrative costs.

An important provision of this bill, among others, is a requirement that the county adopt by ordinance allowing capital costs of a locally preferred alternative for mass transit to be paid from county funds prior to December 31, 2017 otherwise, the authority of a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to collect the county surcharge on state tax, shall be rescinded.

Transportation is a major element in the economic development of each of our four counties. It could attract needed financial investments and the construction of commercial structures and residential housing. It could spur business development and the creation of jobs. However, the development of transportation projects and programs are capital intensive and therefore, each county requires an additional means to raise a revenue stream to finance the construction and operation of their unique transportation projects. SB1183, SD2, HD1 will provide this funding ability.

The UPW supports SB1183, SD2, HD1 and respectfully asks the committee to pass the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room 308**

**RE: RELATING TO TAXATION – SENATE BILL 1183 SD2, HD1**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Kai and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Business Roundtable. The Hawaii Business Roundtable (HBR) supports Senate Bill 1183 SD2, HD1 relating to the general excise tax (GET) surcharge. The members of the Roundtable support the extension of the GET to fully fund the completion of the Honolulu Rail project.

The HBR employs more than 75,000 members of our community and the vast majority of these employees live on Oahu. On a daily basis, they contend with what has officially been rated the worst traffic in the nation. This hardship affects them and their families and so the HBR has long supported rail transit for Oahu.

We recognize that building a multi-year project such as rail is difficult at best. The challenges of designing, budgeting and building a multi-phased project combined with overly optimistic financial projections and lack of transparency have resulted in significant credibility issues.

Despite these shortcomings, we do believe that rail is still the only viable alternative for our future and the future of many generations to come. Stopping rail is not a viable option. We must provide a long term, dependable source of financing, that will allow the project to be completed as contemplated in the City's agreement with the Federal Transit Administration.

We agree, as residents of this community, who, as will many of our legislators be paying to support rail, that a more fiscally responsible approach is necessary. Transparency and realism must be the standard going forward.

While there may be changes made as the legislation moves forward, we believe that the extension of the ½% general excise tax surcharge to adequately fund the rail project, is the most practical alternative, as it spreads the burden of the cost on both Oahu residents and visitors.

Building rail is not just about 20 miles. It is about building a transportation system that will grow with our community as we have witnessed in places like San Francisco, Washington D.C., Minneapolis and so many more. We thank you for your courage and wisdom as we know that creating this transportation vision for our community requires a great deal of both.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Gary K. Kai, Executive Director  
Hawaii Business Roundtable



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April 4, 2017

**T.G. Paris**  
President Emeritus

Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee on Finance  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Re: SB1183, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1369) – Relating to Taxation

Enclosed please find a letter signed by many labor union leaders, supporting the extension of the present GET at 0.5% in perpetuity or at least 30 years. We understand that many other labor leaders are submitting similar letters to you and your committee.

The signatories believe that the rail project, as voted on by the people of Honolulu in 2008, 20 mile from Kapolei to Ala Moana Shopping Center, elevated, steel-on-steel must be completed for the people.

The signatories all respectfully request that you consider their collective opinion when you deliberate on SB 1183, SD2, HD1. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

T. George Paris  
Managing Director  
Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund

Joseph O'Donnell  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer  
Business Manager

Enclosure

## SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT

April, 2017

We, the undersigned, support the Honolulu Rail Project – a 20-mile, elevated fixed guideway rail system from East Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center – through the extension of the City and County of Honolulu surcharge on the general excise tax (GET) at 0.5% *in perpetuity* or *at least an additional 30 years*.

### *Supporting Families Today*

Rail and surrounding transit oriented development (TOD) will provide jobs for working families for years to come. These families spend countless hours in traffic rather than with loved ones. Rail is a transit alternative that will reduce per household transportation cost – saving money and time better spent on ‘ohana.

### *Fiscal Responsibility*

Any deviation from the Full Funding Grant Agreement between the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and the City and County of Honolulu (FTA FFGA-19, October 1, 2012) could result in the loss of the \$1.55 billion dollar grant. Changes to the current plan will require additional studies, invite legal suits, and result in construction project delays – all contributing to increased total project cost on taxpayers. Consequently, the loss of federal support and change in plan would most likely result in increased fees and tax on the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu.

### *Investing in our Future*

Rail is also an investment in the present and future generations. Rail will improve the quality of life for people, especially West O‘ahu and the “second city” of Kapolei. Rail will inspire the creation of livable and connected communities, reduce transportation energy use, foster new business opportunities, and increase affordable housing. The Rail will allow our children and grandchildren to live and work in our islands.

Let’s build a better future, together. *Mahalo.*

cc: Hawai‘i State Legislature  
Governor of Hawai‘i  
City and County of Honolulu City Council  
Mayor of Honolulu

SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT

April, 2017

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SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT

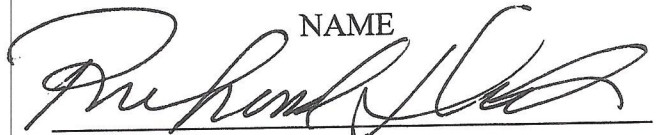

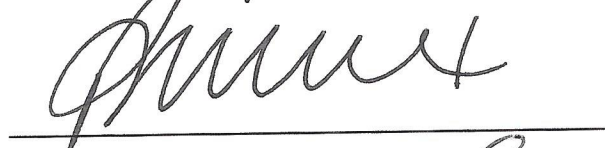
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SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT

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Testimony To The House Committee on Finance  
April 5, 2017  
3:00 p.m., Room 308

Re: Senate Bill 1183, SD2, HD1  
Relating to Transportation

Chair Luke and Members of the Finance Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund, Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund, Hawaii Glaziers, Architectural Metal Glassworkers Local Union 1889 AFL-CIO Stabilization Trust Fund, and Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund in **strong support** of Senate Bill 1183, S.D.2, H.D.1.

In 2008, the people of the City and County of Honolulu voted to construct a rail system from Kapolei to Ala Moana Shopping Center. Though the rail project has faced and continues to face challenges, last November the people clearly reaffirmed their desire to see that system completed as designed.

Rail and the surrounding transit oriented development ("TOD) will revitalize and connect communities across Honolulu, reduce transportation energy use, foster new business opportunities, and increase affordable housing. Rail and especially the TOD will also provide much needed jobs for working families, including our members, for many years to come.

With all of this in mind, we respectfully urge the Committee to extent the current GET surcharge in perpetuity or, in the alternative, to extend it for at least another thirty years to ensure that the project may be completed. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony of  
Christopher Delaunay, Government Relations Manager  
Pacific Resource Partnership

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308  
State Capitol

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

We **support the intent** of Senate Bill 1183, SD2, HD1 Relating to Taxation.

We respectfully urge the members of the Hawaii State Legislature to lift the county surcharge sunset date to complete the Minimal Operating Segment of 20 miles with 21 stations. This project will create thousands of jobs in construction, engineering, and professional services. In addition, thousands of other indirect jobs will be created by the businesses that provide goods and services to the project. The direct investment of federal and local funds will boost the economy and increase demand for goods and services at local businesses, while increasing tax revenues for the City and State. Transit oriented development around all 21- rail stations will sustain the demand for jobs in a variety of industries for many years into the future.

For the reasons mentioned above, we respectfully request your support on moving Senate Bill 1183, SD2, HD1 forward for further discussion. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion on this matter.



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About PRP

*Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.*



**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 1183 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 1183 SD2 HD1, which authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period; authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018; provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge; requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ 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.

The Chamber has always supported rail and, this session, supports a limited extension of the county surcharge on the excise tax for rail. However, we do not have a position on the length of the extension, other than to have enough funding to see the completion of the project as set forth in the Full Funding Grant Agreement between the City & County of Honolulu and the Federal Transit Administration, and to see the completion of rail at the least to Ala Moana. We do not support an extension in perpetuity.

The decision is a challenging one and concerns about the financial situation are valid. We agree that the stakeholders should be held more accountable and held to higher standards as we see the price of rail escalate. We also see opportunities for more collaboration and partnerships.

With that said, this transportation solution is in line with one of the Chamber's primary missions: to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawaii, while supporting initiatives that are the catalyst for business growth opportunities. It will create livable and connectable communities, improve the well-being of individuals and families, provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses, and increase the inventory of housing among many other reasons.



# Chamber *of* Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

By looking at the big picture and long-term benefits of this project, we believe that rail will be a positive step for Hawaii and an investment that should be made. This is about planning for the future and not for the past or the present.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY  
OF THE KAPOLEI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
IN SUPPORT OF SB1183, SD2, HD1  
RELATING TO TAXATION



*Working together for Kapolei*

To: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen and Members of  
the State House Finance Committee

April 5, 2017

My name is Kiran Polk, and I am the Executive Director of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, submitting this testimony **in favor** of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 with the following comment. While we appreciate the legislative efforts to provide more funding for rail construction, **we urge the Committee to provide sufficient funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station project as planned.**

The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region. The Chamber works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to improve the regional and State economic climate and help Kapolei businesses thrive. The Chamber is a member-driven, member-supported organization representing the interests of all types of business: small, medium or large, for profit or non-profit businesses or sole proprietorship.

Much of the State's future population growth is slated for Kapolei and the Ewa region. Exciting things are happening and Kapolei is quickly becoming a new urban center for Oahu. In the next 20 years, there will be many more new jobs in the region, new homes and thousands of new residents will call Kapolei home.

The Kapolei Chamber and its members have long supported Honolulu's rail transit project. We view rail as an important component of much needed transportation infrastructure that will facilitate the growth, development and long term prosperity of the city of Kapolei.

Therefore, we respectfully request your approval of legislation that continues funding to finish the rail project, keep rail moving forward, and minimize future delays. Thank you kindly for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Polk".

Kiran Polk  
Executive Director





April 4, 2017

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support of and Comments on  
SB 1183, SD2, HD1 – Relating to Taxation

The James Campbell Company LLC supports the intent of SB 1183, SD2, HD1; however, the measure should go further and provide sufficient funding to complete the full rail project with future extensions as planned.

We see no other option but to extend the general excise tax surcharge to complete the rail transit system as originally planned. Shortening the rail system because of a lack of funding will run afoul of the City and County of Honolulu's Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), creating large tax payer liabilities to return federal funds and leaving island residents with an incomplete system. Even if the agreement were to be renegotiated with the FTA to facilitate a shorter system, the new environmental studies that will be required to assess reduced ridership, and the resulting potential litigation, would add years to the project or stop it entirely. Further delays will result in even greater project costs than currently estimated given our State's propensity for year over year construction cost escalations.

Much of the State's future population growth is slated for the Kapolei region. Kapolei is quickly becoming Oahu's new urban center. In the next 20 years, there will be many more new jobs in the region, new homes and thousands of new residents will call Kapolei home. Our company has long supported Honolulu's rail transit project. We view rail as an important component of much needed transportation infrastructure that will facilitate the growth, development and long term prosperity of the City of Kapolei.

We wish to express our continued support for the rail project, and respectfully request your approval of a revised version of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 to continue funding for the rail project to keep rail moving forward, and minimize future delays.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Kelly  
Vice President, Development

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**SB1183**

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Testimony for FIN on Apr 5, 2017 15:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hawaiian Electric Industries	Hawaiian Electric Industries	Support	No

Comments: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, members of the House Finance Committee: Hawaiian Electric Industries is in strong support of SB 1183 SD2 HD2 that will extend the general excise tax surcharge and provide a steady funding source to complete the Honolulu Rail Transit project from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center - 20 miles and 21 stations - as set out in the Full Funding Agreement between the Federal Transit Administration and the City and County of Honolulu. We believe that rail is the only viable alternative and stopping this project is not an option. We must provide for a long-term, dependable source of funding that will allow this project to be completed as envisioned by the City and County's Agreement with the FTA. Consequently, we believe that the extension of the 0.5% of the GET surcharge is the most acceptable alternative at this point. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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# GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

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April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over 500 general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

The GCA **supports** the Honolulu Rail project's completion as planned to Ala Moana. SB 1183, SD2, HD1 proposes to extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

Stopping rail short of the Ala Moana because of a funding shortfall will be disastrous for Oahu. Honolulu stands to lose \$1.5B of federal funding if SB1183, SD2, HD1 is not passed. The TOD planned development of affordable housing around stations that won't be built will be jeopardized and commercial development in these areas will likewise suffer as a consequence. GCA supports SB 1183, SD2, HD1 and particularly the mechanism that will ensure the funding required is provided to finish the project as planned. Rail is transportation infrastructure necessary for our island's quality, growth and prosperity. But a significant side benefit is the economic stimulus effect it would bring to our entire state now and for years to come.

**GCA respectfully requests that this Committee pass this measure.**



The House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

**RE: SB 1183 SD2, HD1 Relating to Taxation**

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Finance

AARP Hawaii is a member organization of people age fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality healthcare, financial resiliency and livable communities.

AARP Hawaii has supported rail from the inception and we continue to support rail because we believe that it provides a much needed public transit option that residents can spur transit oriented development and a more age-friendly Honolulu. Rail would enable our seniors and younger people to connect to friends and family, jobs, critical services and affordable housing and slow down Honolulu's rapidly growing gridlock.

At this juncture, with half of the 20-mile guideway built, it is impractical to dismantle or to return the \$1.55 billion federal funds. We need to complete the remaining guideway as expeditiously and efficiently as possible with steady sufficient funding.

We offer these comments in support of providing a stable dedicated financing mechanism to complete the 20 mile, 21 station rail project from Kapolei to Ala Moana as planned.

- We support the repeal of the 10% surcharge to the State for administrative fees and having these monies being used for the rail project.
- We also support viable, easy to implement, transparent financing options that are tied to a realistic comprehensive budget for the development and running of rail as planned, including the integration of the rail and bus systems into a seamless public transit option.
- While we believe that officials should continue to pursue private-public collaborations, bonds, separately or in combination with an extension of the .5% GET surcharge beyond the current 2027 expiration for a period certain (e.g. an additional 5 years), we are running out of time to pursue complicated funding mechanisms if the federal deadline of April 30, 2017 is to be met.
- Since further delays mean increased costs and the existing GET mechanism is in place and running smoothly, we believe that extending the .5 per cent GET beyond the current expiration date set for 2027 for a defined period that is tied to a realistic budget may be the most implementable option for the legislature to consider to enable rail to advance without disruption. Measures to mitigate the regressive impact of the GET should also be provided.

Rail has been challenging and a source of much public frustration with its escalating costs and we support efforts to make the rail project more transparent, cost-efficient and accountable. We also need certainty in financing the remainder of the project and for rail to be completed.



Testimony of Move Oahu Forward  
Before the House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., Room 308

Move Oahu Forward (MOF) is pleased to provide comments on Senate Bill 1183, SD2, HD1. We support the need for a steady funding source for the Honolulu rail project to allow for the completion of a 20-mile, 21 station system, as envisioned in the Full Funding Grant Agreement between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City and County of Honolulu.

MOF was established in 2012 as an organization of Hawaii business and community leaders to support the completion of the Honolulu rail project and its integration with TheBus for a quality, public transportation system on the Island of Oahu for residents and visitors alike. Today, we have more than 50 members, representing builders, landowners, small business advocates to hopeful users of a completed rail system - beginning on the westside and extending thru the end of the planned route at Ala Moana Center.

Like you, we had truly hoped not to find ourselves back at the Legislature asking for continued funding. The City and HART have and will continue to explain the likely reasons for the miscalculations and resulting shortfall. Senior officials have lost or left their positions as a result. Being too conservative or providing the "best case scenarios" did not serve the project well. That said, important lessons were learned and with the first 10 miles of guideway quickly nearly completion and 8 of the 9 stations starting construction, there is more clarity on what will be required for the remaining portion of the project.

The Full Funding Grant Agreement is an enforceable contract between the federal government and the City. Because HART is in a recovery stage, remaining federal monies are being held until parties can come to terms and agree on a workable plan moving forward. FTA has required HART to submit a recovery plan by April 30th. The recovery plan need not be fully baked, with a passed/enacted funding measure by April 30th, but, it must provide milestones, active discussions and the possibility of a positive outcome.

This is no different from what many other cities have experienced and worked thru for the benefit of their citizens. The most recent include Seattle and Los Angeles. What is different is the position the Trump Administration has taken, beginning with limiting funding only to those New Start projects with an approved FFGA. Hence, we must be very careful about taking any action to alter the Full Funding Grant Agreement at this time which could change the responsibilities and obligations of the parties.

Thank you for your willingness to hear, and hopefully move SB 1183, SD2, HD1 forward to allow for continued discussion and debate. With this measure, we are ultimately hopeful for productive conference deliberations between both chambers to provide for an extension of the GE tax for a sufficient number of years to allow for the completion of the rail system to Ala Moana Center.

No one said transforming how people get to work, school and play would be easy. With game-changers, there is almost always pain before we can bask in the gain. We thank you for your leadership.

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April 4, 2017

Testimony Supporting SB1183 SD2HD1

Aloha Chair Luke and members of the House Finance Committee,

**Hawaii Bicycling League supports extending the general excise tax to fund implementation of the full 20-mile 21-station rail system between East Kapolei and Ala Moana and we urge that the SB1183 SD2HD1 support and embody this goal.**

The elevated rail system extending from East Kapolei to Ala Moana will provide high quality, quick, and reliable transit for a large portion of Oahu's population. The rail system will serve as the core of a robust multi-modal transportation system with the bus, bicycling and walking that will provide quality transportation options for thousands, enable people to choose healthy active transportation modes of walking and bicycling, lead to fewer people driving, and make it possible for individuals and households to get rid of a car and save thousands in transportation costs. A system built that falls short of the planned 20-mile 21-station system will lessen all these benefits and reduce the value of the already major public investment.

This rail system reduces the problem of living farther away from Honolulu and opens up the possibility for affordable housing away from Honolulu yet conveniently close in time to Honolulu or vice versa. This will enable young people to make their lives in Hawaii and return from elsewhere to live and work at the best location in the world. Please enable this for future generations.

I live in Kailua and have no problem paying for a system I will rarely use because it's good for people all around the island.

Thank you very much for considering this testimony in support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, [chad@hbl.org](mailto:chad@hbl.org)) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, [daniel@hbl.org](mailto:daniel@hbl.org)).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Taniguchi", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 — 3:00 p.m. — Room 308

### **Ulupono Initiative with Comments on SB 1183 SD 2 HD 1, Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and reduce waste. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono provides comments on SB 1183 SD 2 HD 1**, which extends the general excise tax for the Honolulu rail project, because it aligns with our goal of decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels in Hawai'i through more efficient transportation modes.

In Hawai'i, while ~20 percent of electricity generation is renewable energy, less than 1 percent of energy use in transportation is renewable. Meanwhile, the transportation sector requires more energy than the electricity sector. Furthermore, about 28 percent of the state's primary energy usage is due to ground transportation, such as cars and trucks, which rely almost exclusively on imported fossil fuels for its energy. Electrifying ground transportation is presently the most efficient and impactful way to move transportation toward more renewable energy.

In late 2016, after the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) ruled that the City and County of Honolulu (City) must complete the rail project to Ala Moana or risk losing \$1.55 billion in federal funds, we reached out to the City and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) to identify if Ulupono could help with the financial analysis plan. As a private organization, Ulupono could hire an independent third party expert to help the City and HART with its recovery plan, which was at the time due to the FTA by the end of 2016.

Ulupono hired Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), a leading company with expertise in public infrastructure projects, to conduct the study ([an executive summary of the findings is attached with this testimony](#)). The City and HART provided JLL with data for its analysis but the findings are completely independent.

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*



The first conclusion of the study was Honolulu rail project remains dependent upon public funding to fill the nearly \$2 billion current funding gap needed to complete the remaining elements of the project – the 4.2 mile Middle Street to Ala Moana segment and the Pearl Highlands Transit Center. The reasons for this include:

1. The rail project was designed for affordable, subsidized transportation as most public transportation systems are in the United States.
2. There are limited commercial and monetization opportunities due to the initial decision to minimize the rail system's footprint.
3. Transit oriented development (TOD) may provide financial benefits but they would accrue far into the future and in the short term, TOD would require large infrastructure improvements.

**Ulupono and JLL are neutral as to whether the funding gap is filled by State or City funds, but emphasizes that public funding is required to finish the rail project.**

Furthermore, given the current market environment, JLL estimated that delays could increase project costs by 5.7 percent per year, equivalent to \$114 million per year, underscoring the need for a timely decision on a public funding source. Furthermore, the current April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 FTA deadline for the recovery plan, necessitates a decision on public funding sooner rather than later.

The second conclusion of the study delved into the impact of incorporating alternative financing structures. It found that public private partnerships, in particular Design-Build-Finance (DBF), could result in the project savings of 10 – 15 percent, including higher private sector financing costs, for the remaining segments. In the DBF model, a private company would finance and build the last segments of the rail project upfront and once the project is completed, the City would compensate the company with a large lump-sum payment and smaller future payments based upon performance. For the City's payments, it would raise the funds by bonding against the future public funding source, such as the general excise tax.

A DBF would provide the following benefits for the rail project:

1. Cost certainty – most cost overruns are borne by the private company and would help assuage one of the credit rating agency's biggest concerns about the City – its uncertainty around the cost of the rail project.
2. Timely delivery – increase likelihood for completing the project on time due to aligning financial incentives for timeliness.
3. Project expertise – provides people with great experience in developing large scale rail projects
4. Public support – payment for the project from taxpayers would not occur to the investor until the rail is completely built aligning payment with taxpayers' ability to benefit from the project.

5. Transparency – private investment would necessitate its lenders to conduct open ongoing accounting for project costs, thereby increasing accuracy and transparency for all project costs including any cost overruns.

JLL's market assessment via engaging with 10-12 firms indicates there is interest in the private sector funding the remaining segments of the rail project. We believe a DBF would not slow the project's timeline. Also, a DBF would not require any enabling legislation. However, a DBF, which we believe would provide greater value, is predicated on finding a public source of funds. To be clear, we are not suggesting that public funding be conditioned upon using a Design Build Finance structure but rather that public funding needs to be provided and that a DBF – given its many potential benefits – be seriously considered.

We appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that reducing imported fossil fuels. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay  
Managing Partner



# Honolulu Rail Transit Project



## P3 Viability Assessment

### *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

3/20/2017

# P3 Assessment for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project

## Executive Summary

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## I. Background and Overview

In 2008, voters approved a ballot measure for the construction of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project in southern Oahu. The Project aims to reduce traffic congestion, enable transit-oriented development around rail stations, reduce carbon emissions, and provide an efficient low-cost transportation option for residents and tourists. It is a critical component in modernizing and expanding Oahu's transportation network and its positive public benefits will enhance the city, county and state's competitiveness, while fostering economic growth.

The project is extremely complex, with an elevated track and 21 stations spanning 20 miles between Kapolei to downtown Honolulu. Like an estimated nine out of ten mega-projects, it has suffered frustrating setbacks. Originally estimated to be completed by 2019 at a cost of \$4.9 billion, now expectations are for full operations in late 2025, at a construction cost of \$8.2 billion. Much of the trouble is imputable to lawsuits and funding shortfalls that paralyzed the project during a period when local construction markets were experiencing record inflationary pressures. Indeed, in 2014 alone, Honolulu's annual construction price index reached 14%, demonstrating why delays have been so dramatically problematic.

Delays and cost overruns have understandably frustrated many, leading to talk of truncating the project to forgo the final City Center segment that runs from Kalihi to Ala Moana. Eliminating this critical segment, however, would substantially reduce the public benefits associated with this project, so much so that the Federal Transit Authority suggested that such a decision would put at risk some \$1.55 billion of federal funding.

Obviously, completing the full system is essential to delivering the project's benefits. However, the primary funding source, revenues from the General Excise Tax surcharge (G.E.T.) that is set to expire in 2027, are inadequate to cover full project costs. An approximate \$2 billion funding shortfall for the City Center rail segment and Pearl Highlands Transit Center remains. The question is how this can best be addressed.

In an attempt to better understand options for delivering the infrastructure, the Ulupono Initiative, with the support of the Oahu Economic Development Board, engaged Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to undertake an assessment to determine whether alternative financing and delivery options, such as Public-Private Partnership (P3) structures, could bridge the funding gap and/or be leveraged to finalize the project in a timelier and more cost-effective manner.

The assessment leveraged cost and project data provided by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and followed standard industry practice for the evaluation of finance and delivery options with the aim of identifying the method of delivering the project that will result in the greatest value for money on both a financial (quantitative) and qualitative basis. In financial terms, value for money is established by calculating the estimated cost of a project, based on a particular delivery method, and comparing it to the estimated cost if the project were procured using another method. This executive summary presents the key findings of the analysis.

## II. Key Findings

### 1. Public Funding Needed to Complete the System (P3 is not Free Money)

The P3 analysis concludes categorically that the project remains dependent on public funding. This is to say that, whether through a G.E.T. extension or other State/County/City revenue sources, public funding is necessary to bridge the nearly \$2 billion gap needed to complete the remaining elements of the Project (the 4.2 mile City Center segment and the Pearl Highlands Transit Center).

This dependency on public funding is easily explained by the fact that P3 is not free money. Investors will not commit private capital unless there is a reasonable expectation that they will be compensated for those investments; but in the case of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, the system was never designed to provide full cost recovery. The reasons for this are quite clear:

#### - System designed for subsidized transportation

The Project was conceived of and designed to offer subsidized transportation, with farebox revenue not expected to provide for full operational cost-recovery, much less capital cost-recovery. This impedes the ability of private investors to recover their costs, explaining why tax revenues are essential for completion of the capital project.

#### - Reduced footprint limits commercialization and monetization opportunities

When originally conceived in the early 2000s, a conscious decision was made to minimize the system's footprint to reduce impacts on property owners and diminish the need for land acquisition. This condensed footprint significantly limits monetization and commercialization opportunities, such as joint development, advertising, retail, etc., which might otherwise potentially generate revenues to offset some of the capital and operating costs of a similar system. That said, even where commercialization and monetization opportunities may exist within the existing footprint, revenues are dependent on rail operations, thus making them ill-timed for bridging the capital funding gap. Instead, these revenues will be crucial for funding ongoing operation and maintenance of the system (particularly in light of limited farebox revenue).

#### - Transit-Oriented Developments do not offer short-term funding opportunity

Transit-oriented developments may ultimately raise property values, thus increasing property tax proceeds; but in order to create a reasonable expectation of value creation to enable tax increment financing or similar tools, there must first be much greater certainty as to the completion of the rail, as well as to how other infrastructure improvements will be funded. In this sense, it is important to note that the TOD require in and of themselves massive investments in new infrastructure, thus offering no realistic opportunity in the short term to contribute to the rail's capital costs. Again, it is important to remember that developers, like all private investors, will only invest if they can anticipate a reasonable return. Expecting them to fund the rail, while likewise requiring them to make TOD-related infrastructure improvements and provide affordable housing, is not realistic. The numbers simply do not pencil out.

#### - Joint Development Opportunities

While JLL does believe that there may be opportunities to cost-share some of the remaining stations with private developers, this does not move the needle much in terms of overall costs and

the funding gap. Moreover, joint development opportunities will likely take time to negotiate in a project where “time” is an extremely costly luxury.

Put succinctly, P3 is not free money and will not magically create new funding sources. The project was designed to be – *and continues to be* - dependent on public funding. Whether the funding comes from a G.E.T extension or other public source was not the focus of this study; however, the assessment does emphasize the need to expeditiously secure a source of funding, lest the project suffers additional – and ultimately unnecessary – cost escalations.

Delays are a very expensive luxury for the project and although the construction price index has fallen from its high in 2014, inflationary pressures remain significant. In the current market environment, JLL estimates that delays could impact the project by a magnitude of 5.7% per year. This does not only reflect the current construction price index, but also the additional administrative costs associated with standby agreements and mobilization/demobilization. Given the current \$2 billion funding gap, this means that delays could cost the taxpayers of Hawaii close to \$114 million per year, underscoring the need for a timely decision on a funding mechanism.

## 2. P3 could accelerate benefits, reduce risks and lower cost to taxpayers.

Given that public funding is a requirement for finalizing the project, the P3 assessment explores whether alternative finance and delivery models might potentially reduce cost and schedule risks associated with the project. To this end, JLL undertook a qualitative and quantitative evaluation of diverse finance and delivery options, including P3. The delivery options were considered in the context of the following general objectives:

- (1) Schedule and Cost Certainty: Achieve timely delivery and efficient project sequencing.
- (2) Facilitate System Integration and Interoperability: Ensure the ability to deliver a seamless integration and interoperability of the City Center segment with the rest of the system.
- (3) Operation Integration: Ensure seamless delivery systems operations and maintenance throughout the operating period.
- (4) Maximize Competition: Ensure an attractive and marketable transaction and ensure a fair and transparent procurement process.
- (5) Allocation and Management of Risks: Allocate risk to the party that is best able to manage the risk and find the optimal risk balance for the project.
- (6) Overall Value for Money: Deliver the best quality project for the best price.

In pursuit of these objectives, JLL evaluated a number of delivery models, including the following:

1. **Design Build (DB):** HART has utilized DB on other segments of the Project and thus understands the structure. Under this contracting modality, the design-builder would undertake the detailed design and construction of the Project, based primarily upon the output specifications prepared by HART. The design-builder would enter into a fixed price contract with payments being made by the government at specific progress milestones. In this model, design and construction risk is transferred to the design builder, while the City (DTS) retains life-cycle operations and maintenance risks. The benefits of a DB procurement model include the enhanced risk transfer and innovation that comes from integrated design and construction when compared with Design-Bid-Build.

- 2. Design Build Finance (DBF):** A DBF model is similar to a DB option, with the addition of private financing of the capital requirements during construction. The total cost of the project (including financing used during construction) is repaid upon completion of the project, with the potential for a partial hold back during an availability demonstration period post substantial completion. It is important to note that a DBF arrangement is a deferred payment and is not considered debt under usury laws. Legally, HART would be purchasing construction services and simply deferring payment for them until after project completion.

The DBF model is particularly beneficial when short-term gap financing provided by design-builder allows sponsor to expedite Project implementation. In broad strokes, there are two principle reasons that project sponsors consider DBF:

- Owner cash flow constraints
- Desire to defer payment until after completion

The DBF structure is a common delivery approach. It provides greater security around the risk transfer related to cost and schedule, in particular, through performance incentives up to and including project commissioning as a result of the at-risk private finance. Other benefits of this approach include: the addition of lender due diligence; limiting scope change; and enhanced enforceability. Satisfactory performance is incentivized as the private partner would receive no payment as a result of work that was incomplete.

As demonstrated in the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit DBF in Vancouver, recent relevant industry experience suggests that incentivized performance does not only produce greater price and schedule certainty, but also can result in project cost savings in the order of 10%-15% when compared to Design-Build.

- 3. Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain:** Design-build-finance-maintain (DBFM) and design-build-finance-operate-maintain (DBFOM) are delivery approaches in which the private partner is responsible for designing, constructing, financing, maintaining and/or operating the Project under the terms of a long-term contract (typically 30+ years).

Like a DBF, a DBFOM structure provides financial incentives to ensure on-time and on-budget delivery, but additionally ensures quality operating, maintenance and rehabilitation services over the life-cycle of the asset. By bundling multiple phases of the asset life-cycle, a greater amount of risk is transferred to the private partner than under a DBF structure. Upon completion of the Project, the private partner would be compensated by the City via performance-based availability payments that would cover both capital and operating costs, subject to deductions in the case of performance shortfalls. This, at a minimum, would provide long-term budget predictability for rail construction and operations over the term of the agreement, thus addressing a risk concern that has been flagged consistently in the City's credit reports.

Similar to the DBF, under a DBFOM, the City would only pay for completed works, but given the long-term payment structure, the City would be able to align payment to the Private Partner with public funding sources, avoiding the need to issue its own debt for the works contemplated under the DBF.



DBFOM is a very common P3 structure that has been used successfully for many relevant rapid transit projects, including the Eagle P3 project in Denver, Colorado, where it saved over 30% in capital costs as compared to alternative approaches considered by public authorities. DBFOM structures also tend to inspire increased innovation, as the nature of the long-term contractual relationship creates an added incentive to reduce whole life costs of the Project. In other words, given that the private partner is at risk and responsible for long-term life-cycle maintenance, it has a vested interest to deliver the best quality asset up-front. This commitment drives innovation in Project design which typically delivers cost-savings to the public sector over the operating, maintenance and rehabilitation term. Likewise, these same incentives often result in expanded monetization and commercialization opportunities, as the private partner identifies means for generating additional revenue.

Like other P3 structures, DBFOM contracts are tailored to meet the specific objectives and needs of project owners. In this sense, there is no one-size fits all P3 approach and considerations are commonly made to address local priorities, such as the use of union labor, prevailing wage, small businesses, etc.

Although the DBFOM model would appear at first glance to be a potentially good fit for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, this option was ultimately deemed impractical, as Ansaldo holds a five-year Core Systems O&M contract. This Core Systems contract effectively impedes that possibility of leveraging a DBFOM or DBFM for the system. Moreover, Hawaii is one of only a dozen or so states in the country without the P3 enabling legislation for transportation and other infrastructure. This lack makes the use of a DBFOM currently untenable for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, as well as for other infrastructure projects.

The following table summarizes key qualitative factors:

P3 Alternative	Overview	Benefits	Challenges
<b>Design-Build-Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Partner assumes responsibility for design and construction activities, short-term financing, and the risk of providing these services for a fixed fee.</li> <li>City retains O&amp;M responsibilities (through current contracts)</li> <li>City pays Private Partner after completion of CCGS and/or Pearl Highlands.</li> <li>City would issue bonds to compensate private partner upon completion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design-Build Advantages</li> <li>Accelerated delivery</li> <li>Defers payment until completion</li> <li>Addresses cash flow issues</li> <li>Budget predictability</li> <li>Cost and Schedule risk transfer</li> <li>Should not require new legislation</li> <li>On average 15% savings versus DB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market interest more reduced than with DBFM/DBFOM</li> <li>Slightly higher cost of financing (gap financing) than baseline case</li> <li>Need to initiate DBF procurement</li> <li>Some risks retained by HART and City</li> </ul>
<b>DBFM / DBFOM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Partner assumes responsibility for design, construction, financing, and some level of O&amp;M services for a specified fee.</li> <li>City pays Private Partner over term of P3 agreement, beginning after completion of CCGS and Pearl Highlands and based on performance levels.</li> <li>If G.E.T. is extended, City would probably not need to issue bonds, but capital component of Availability Payments would be considered debt by credit agencies (on-balance sheet financing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerated delivery</li> <li>Life-cycle integration benefits (typically a 15-20% life-cycle savings)</li> <li>Payments begin only upon completion of project</li> <li>Long-term budget predictability</li> <li>Risk transfer (including cost, schedule and performance risk)</li> <li>Additional monetization opportunities</li> <li>Incentivized innovation (to reduce life-cycle project costs)</li> <li>Potentially robust market interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for enabling legislation</li> <li>Higher cost of financing than DBF case</li> <li>Need to initiate P3 procurement</li> <li>Complications with existing contracts (Core Systems)</li> <li>Some risks retained by HART and City</li> </ul>

After undertaking a qualitative assessment, these same delivery models (DB, DBF and DBFOM) were analyzed on a quantitative basis via a high-level Value for Money (VFM) assessment. A VFM assessment is a standardized methodology entailing the comparison of the net present values of the risk-adjusted project cost estimates over the project term.

Sensitivity analyses were run on a range of cost and risk scenarios and in all cases, the DBF presented the lowest risk adjusted project cost. Depending on cost scenarios and project risk estimates, DBF represented savings of between 6%-15% versus Design-Build. This translates into between \$248 million to \$570 million in capital cost savings (including financing costs). This is in line with the cost savings and efficiencies witnessed in similar projects, such as the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit project DBF in Vancouver. DBFOM was also assessed on a quantitative basis, but given that a significant driver of value-for-money for this model derives from operations and maintenance savings, which are not possible due to the Core Systems contract, the analysis was essentially truncated.

As illustrated in the standard DBF risk allocation table, DBF does not imply a full and total transfer of risk to the private partner. As with all DBF projects, some risks are still retained in whole or in part by the project owner (in this case HART); however, DBF does transfer significantly more risk to the private partner than in the case of a DB, thus providing greater cost and schedule incentives, as well as enhanced contract enforceability.

In other words, after screening against typical P3-suitability criteria, the assessment confirmed that the Project could be delivered effectively using one or more P3 delivery models, allowing the City to buy-down cost and schedule risk. Moreover, after a multiple criteria analysis, including a value-for-money assessment, it was determined that DBF appears to be superior to other models in delivering the project.

Standard DBF Risk Allocation		
Risk	Transferred to Private Partner	Retained by HART
Design	•	
Construction	•	
Functionality of design	•	
Ground conditions (foreseen)	•	
Ground conditions (unforeseen)	•	•
Traffic management during construction	•	
Utilities – foreseen	•	
Utilities - unforeseen	•	•
Contamination – known (removal and disposal)	•	
Contamination – unknown		•
Systems installation and integration	•	
Testing and commissioning	•	
Proof of performance	•	
Private Financing	•	
Property acquisition		•
HART scope changes		•
Compensation events		•
Force Majeure / relief events	•	•
Schedule	•	

Under a DBF, the Private Partner would provide gap financing during construction, providing the City with greater cost and schedule certainty. While recent relevant industry experience suggest a potential savings of up to 15% versus DB structure, as well as accelerated delivery, the magnitude of any potential savings or schedule efficiencies would only be known after a competitive procurement. The DBF structure does, however, allow the City to address cash flow constraints and defer payment until after project completion, permitting taxpayers to pay only once they are accruing the benefits of the project. This does not mean that public authorities can defer a decision on funding sources, but it would allow for greater certainty as to cost and schedule.

The DBF structure should be possible under existing legislation and would not conflict with any known existing contracts. That said, it would necessarily involve launching a new procurement. While JLL does not deem that this would significantly impact existing project timelines, this should be further analyzed. Using standard procurement timelines for DBF procurements, and taking into consideration that HART is well advanced with design-build technical documentation, the transition from a DB to DBF to would be relatively simple and could potentially even accelerate delivery of the Notice to Proceed.

### 3. Criticality of O&M Funding

Once operational, HART estimates that the annual operation and maintenance (O&M) budget for the rail system to be approximately \$140 million per year, in addition to some \$200 million needed by 2030 for major maintenance (Capital Assets Replacement Program) and additional rail cars. Given that the Rail Transit system was conceived and designed as a means of providing affordable transportation, the Farebox Recovery Rate (FRR) is expected to be set somewhere between 27-33% of O&M costs, which means that the City will have a significant shortfall that will need to be addressed if the rail is to be operated and maintained at optimal levels. This is particularly important in light of increased competition for limited federal funding available for transportation projects. To address this issue, the P3 assessment also identified potential commercialization and monetization opportunities, benchmarking them against relevant projects. Specific examples include digital and traditional advertising within stations and throughout the rail transit system, commercial/retail concessions, parking revenue and joint development / station integration development opportunities.

JLL emphasizes the need for the City to begin sooner, rather than later, exploring and implementing value-capture and monetization opportunities. A logical approach would be to hire a specialist firm to assist with identifying, scoping and implementing potential opportunities. This would ideally be done under a performance-based contract where the firm is incentivized to generate revenues and create value for the rail, subject to City policy parameters.

While the limited project footprint constrains commercial revenue opportunities, if managed appropriately, revenue generation could be relatively significant. Comparable experience with public transit systems suggests that digital advertising alone could generate tens of millions of dollars per year for the system, if integrated with broader transportation networks. That said, certain policy parameters, such as limits on advertising or free/subsidized parking, could impede the City's ability to capture revenue.

## III. Conclusions

The Honolulu Rail Transit project is good for Hawaii and needs to be completed, but it is also important to deliver the project in the timeliest and most cost-effective manner possible. While it is abundantly clear that finalizing the project requires public funding, whether through the G.E.T. or another revenue source, this does not mean public authorities should not also consider an alternative finance and delivery model that might accelerate benefits, reduce risks and lower costs for taxpayers. While the analysis demonstrated that a DBF appears to be superior to other models in delivering the project, potentially maximizing benefits to taxpayers. This delivery structure would also have the benefit of allowing public authorities to defer payments until after construction is completed, when the public is enjoying the benefits of the new rapid transit system.

That said, whatever structure the authorities ultimately decide to utilize for the remaining project elements, a timely decision on the funding source to bridge the project's nearly \$2 billion shortfall is critically important. All delivery models, including DBF, require an upfront public funding commitment and deferring a decision will simply result in project delays, adding unnecessarily to total project costs.

Moreover, given the history of this project, it seems quite evident that Hawaii could benefit from broad based P3 enabling legislation that provides public authorities with additional tools in their toolbox to address the State's critical infrastructure needs. While P3 may not be suitable for every project, the use of at-risk private capital could help the State buy-down risk and accelerate delivery on complex infrastructure initiatives in the future.



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TO: HONORABLE CHAIR SYLVIA LUKE  
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ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

From: Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock  
President, Chinatown Business and Community Association

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**CBCA Testimony Supporting SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair Luke and members of the Finance committee:

I am Chu Lan Kwock, president of the Chinatown Business and Community Association, testifying in support for the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide sufficient funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

The Chinatown Business and Community Association (CBCA) is dedicated to protecting the Chinatown community, its cultural heritage and diversity and making Chinatown a better and safer place to live and work.

The CBCA supports building a rail transit station in Chinatown at Kekaulike Street and Nimitz highway which would improve public access to Chinatown and benefit both residents, visitors and the merchants and business community of our neighborhood. The lack of adequate parking impedes residents and visitors coming to Chinatown to shop, eat and visit the many and diverse attractions we have here. The rail station would provide an alternative to allow more people to come to Chinatown.

We understand that the Honolulu rail transit project currently lacks sufficient funds to complete the 20 mile, 21 station route which would include the station serving Chinatown and would require additional funds to do so. Therefore, we respectfully request that your committee provide the necessary funds to complete the full rail project as planned, which includes the Chinatown rail station which is very important to us.

Please pass the rail GET extension so the rail project can be completed. Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony to your committee today.

## **Testimony of WOEDA in Support of SB1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation**

**To: Honorable Chair Sylvia Luke, Honorable Vice Chair Ty Cullen and Members of the House Committee on Finance**

**Date: Wednesday April 5, 2017**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Place: Conference Room 308**

Honorable Chair and Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am Chris Lee, president of the West Oahu Economic Development Association, also known as WOEDA. On behalf of WOEDA, I am expressing our support for extending the general excise tax surcharge to complete the rail project.

Our association is made up of business, community and government leaders dedicated to supporting the economic growth of West Oahu. Our area is the fastest growing population and business base in the state, with much more growth expected in the future as Kapolei builds out.

For business, time is money. Traffic congestion adds unnecessarily to the cost of doing business. Many of us, our employees and our customers have to travel regularly between downtown Honolulu and Kapolei. Delays due to traffic are an everyday occurrence for many leeward commuters.

WOEDA believes that the rail project is vital to the success and well-being of the "new city" of Kapolei. We strongly support the rail project because it will reduce future traffic congestion, make it easier to travel between downtown and West Oahu and improve the business climate of our island.

Rail construction is already underway, and we need to complete construction and finish the job. We are concerned that any delay would only cost the public much more money in the end. Building the full 20 mile, 21 station alignment would maximize transportation benefits for not only leeward commuters, but residents who live in urban Honolulu.

Therefore, we respectfully request your approval of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funding to complete the rail project as planned, that will link urban Honolulu with the city of Kapolei.

Thank you for allowing me to provide you with our testimony.

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February 27, 2017

Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Honorable Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

RE: **SUPPORT THE INTENT S.B. 1183, SD 2, HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION**

Aloha Committee Chair Luke, Committee Vice Chair Cullen, and all committee members:

I am Pane Meatoga III, the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

We **SUPPORT THE INTENT OF S.B. 1183 SD 2, HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION**, which authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited period. It authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1).

We feel that the current amendments written into S.B. 1183 SD2, HD1 address the concerns regarding the lack of reporting and oversight. Mandating reports and updates will insure open communication between the county, state, and public. Allowing an extension of the surcharge for a limited but required time to ensure full project funding is a key to this bill.

HOEISF has always supported and advocated for the entire Honolulu Rail Project. This project must be completed to Ala Moana Shopping Center (the full 20 miles, 21 stations and 80 cars) or we may jeopardize the \$1.55 billion in federal funds. It is the only major transportation project planned for Oahu to provide major traffic relief and will provide a needed transportation alternative for residents, and because it is elevated, will be independent from our highway system. The rail system will take cars off the road and provide a daily commuting alternative, especially for the thousands of residents whose destinations are the airport, Downtown, Kakaako and Ala Moana areas.

The completion of the Honolulu Rail Project will provide us the opportunity for building more affordable housing, especially around rail stations. With properly planned TOD, it will help us to build a modern, sustainable Honolulu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pane Meatoga III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Pane Meatoga III  
Community Liaison  
Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund



TO: Members of the House Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

From: John Brizdle  
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HEARING: 3:00 pm Wednesday April 5, 2017  
SUBJECT: SB 1183, SD2, HD1

### **Strongly Oppose HD1**

Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

After ten years of rail GET surcharge taxation, how much money have we raised?

In these ten years, Honolulu has collected around two billion dollars. The Visitors pay their share. The city wants us to pay a total of 8 billion dollars - four times as much - to finish the 20 mile version of this project.

The Tax Foundation of Hawaii has calculated that each of us on Oahu pays approximately \$200.00 per year per person (after taking out the portion paid for by our visitors). So, that means - as of today - after ten years - each of us on Oahu has paid \$2,000.00 - or \$8,000 for a family of four. And we have funded one fourth of the project.

If the city gets what they want, each of us on Oahu must pay four times what we have collected so far or \$8,000 per person or \$32,000 for a family of four. That's way too much.

We are committed to pay this tax for 21 years and that is enough. The city can use that money and either build to Middle St. or build to the Alapai Transit Center using the Light Rail proposal.

If we build to Middle St, we still have 13 stations and the possibility for thirteen TODs. If we build to Alapai Transit Center, we will have 19 stations and the possibility of 19 TOD areas.

Remember TODs can be build around any kind of transit station including Light Rail or a bus stop.

If someone says, "If we stop at Middle St., it will hurt our ridership", you should ask them for the source of their data.

The city has no Ridership plan for rail only estimates. The city put those numbers in a letter to the city council last December. The reason I say estimates is because the plan has had no vetting - no reviews, no public hearings, no details at neighborhood board meetings, and no feedback etc.

Do you know who makes up the vast majority of rail riders according to the city's ridership plan? The city's plan calls for forcing over 35,000 bus riders per day to transfer to rail. Most of our Express Buses like express routes "C" and "E" are in this group. That's correct, the majority of rail riders will be forced to ride rail. This group will ride rail no matter where the tracks end. They have no choice.

This committee should agree with the version of the bill that came out of the Senate - no more rail GET surcharge extensions and give the city the 10% "skim". The taxpayers on Oahu cannot afford to pay anymore than that. The city cannot justify collecting anymore than approximately four billion dollars for this project.

Thank you very much,

John Brizdle

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**SB1183**

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Cedric Duarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing today in staunch support of the measures that will extend the GET surcharge to provide sufficient funding to complete the project at the full 21 station plan. When I was a sophomore in high school, we had the opportunity to build rail from UH to the H1-H2 Exchange by 2004. That would have meant that for working families such as mine, now living with our two young children in 'Aiea, we would have a way today to commute into town in a reasonable amount of time, work a full day, and still be home to spend quality time raising our children. We missed that opportunity then – we cannot miss it again. Rail is about many things – creating jobs, investing in local industries, building our physical and economic infrastructure – but at its core, it is about our children's future. No one likes taxes. As a small business owner, I understand the initial feeling of pushback. But the GET surcharge is only 0.5% on a rate consumers already pay on goods and services, and it is absorbed in our normal buying habits. For most individuals, this will range from \$50 to \$200 a year spread out in \$1 increments on the things we already buy. When the future of affordable housing, livable communities, and a quality life for our children is at stake, this is more than worth it. Please support these efforts to extend the General Excise Tax surcharge. Mahalo for the opportunity to share our mana'o, Cedric Duarte

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am providing this testimony to you in support of the SB1183 as a measure to extend the GET surcharge and allow the rail line to be built as intended and as necessary for future generations and to prevent unnecessary conflict with the Federal Government.

I recently graduated from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and live at the Ko Olina boat harbor. Most days I commute via TheBus, and so I see first hand the value that would be brought to students, families, and businesses once the rail is built. If rail were built today, I would ride it every day. Instead, I spend an average of 5 hours on the road each day and have recently had to buy a boat slip at Ala Wai for days that traffic is even worse.

Few students have this option and instead miss school, extra-curricular activities, or key studying time. The traffic makes going to school nearly impossible for non-traditional students, who may have childcare, work, or other demands that already make achieving higher education more challenging.

Rail is an important part of Hawaii's future, not only in transportation and development of sound neighborhoods, but also to ensure equal access to education for communities throughout the island.

I would like to ask the committee to extend the GET surcharge to ensure we can bring this project to completion and lay the groundwork for an extension to UH Manoa to expand the educational opportunities available to students in our institutions of higher learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Katherine Vessels  
William S. Richardson School of Law, c/o 2016  
Small Business Owner

House Committee on Finance  
April 5, 2017 at 3pm  
SUPPORT for SB1183

Aloha nui e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of House Committee on Finance:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my testimony to you today in **strong support** of the intent of SB1183 to extend the GET for the time necessary to complete the full 20 miles and 21 stations as originally planned and needed for our communities.

My 'ohana has long been a part of the Mililani community, and I have seen the tremendous growth over the past few decades on the Central plane. As development has continued to be centralized in West O'ahu, the need for transportation infrastructure has only increased and will only continue to do so. Rail is expensive – any major public works project puts stresses on the communities it impacts during the planning and development stages. We are feeling those stresses today, but I know our communities can also see the long-term goal, and we need leadership that will stand strong in ensuring we get there.

Rail is about much more than decreasing traffic. Traffic alleviation means young families such as mine will spend less time on the road and more time in school, earning income to support our families, or playing at the park and enjoying time together at home before we head to bed to repeat the next day. Access to transportation also means that the hundreds of thousand of people living in West O'ahu also have a viable way to access job opportunities, attend school, and engage with their communities.

Developing along the rail corridor gives us the opportunity to reimagine growth, affordable housing, and open space in a way that supports the values of communities across the island. If done right, rail will be an important part of ensuring that development will happen in a way that creates livable and walkable communities, strengthens our middle-class, and empowers our youth with a future that includes the infrastructure to be successful.

The people of Hawaii spoke, and in 2008 voted to move forward with this rail project. Let's focus energies on building the best rail system we can. Please support the extension of the GET surcharge and at a level that allows for completion of the full 20 miles and 21 stations as originally planned and needed for our communities.

Mahalo,

Zuri Aki

Rep. Sylvia Luke  
Finance Committee  
Hawai'i House of Representatives  
Honolulu, HI

4 April 2017

In SUPPORT of S.B. 1183, HD 1

Aloha Ms. Luke,

Please accept this testimony supporting the continuation of the rail tax surcharge. As an active Precinct President (#26) of the Democratic Party, an elected member of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board, and a member of the Citizen Action Committee of the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, I feel like screaming at our state lawmakers about this issue and say, "Enough!"

Enough of pretending you are not invested in the health, welfare and safety of our State's only major city, Honolulu, and the future of transportation plans here.

Enough of kicking the problem (and yes, there are many) down the road and hoping it straightens itself out sometime down the road with other monies that will not materialize.

Enough of entertaining naysayers and critics who accept no progress or solutions to our large and seemingly intractable problems such as gridlock, environment pollution (made by cars) and safe transit and pedestrian systems for our keiki and kapuna.

And enough of the discussion and contemplation regarding rail, as it's now time to decide The HART rail system IS being built and it is worthy of your support of this bill so please vote to support its growth.

I have lived in Singapore and witnessed the arrival of rail in my neighborhood. It was transformative and made live-work-play a reality. It changed how everyone lived in a positive manner, created millions of dollars in new commerce and entrepreneurialism, and encouraged thousands to abandon their cars and other vehicles and begin walking and riding a bicycle. We became a 'neighborhood' and a much more cohesive and convenient place as a result of rail construction.

That future is within reach if you pass this bill. If it fails, it will still haunt us and make life here many times more difficult and expensive. If you vote no, you doom the expansion of the system to Kapolei and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

I elect lawmakers such as you to lead and show courage. This is that time for such conviction and I'm sure you will do what is right and vote in the affirmative. I expect nothing less from you.

Mahalo,

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House Finance Committee  
April 5, 2017 at 3pm, State Capitol Room 308  
SB 1183 HD1

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Matthew Weyer, and I currently live in the McCully-Mō'ili'ili area. I write in strong support of SB 1183. I believe that the completion of the rail will benefit local families for generations to come in three main ways:

Rail will serve as an economic driver. The construction phase of rail has already created local jobs, and rail will continue to provide jobs once operation begins. Transit-oriented development will tangibly result in an increased access to work, educational, and affordable housing opportunities for so many in our community.

Rail will provide the stability and consistency necessary to advance equality for all families. Bus routes are subject to change as administrations change. When a family operates on a budget or limited income, having a consistent, cost-effective method of travel to work, school or for leisure is directly linked to quality of life. Rail will thus provide the stability that other modes of public transportation cannot provide and allow families to better plan for their futures.

Rail will provide a means for sustainable development. Preserving our limited agricultural and conservation lands must be a priority. Smart development that is coupled with transit-oriented development will increase access to affordable housing. This will make raising a family feasible while reducing the need to extend development beyond the boundaries of Honolulu's urban core.

The budgetary shortfall that rail is currently experiencing will only be further compounded by additional delays and uncertainty. I was pleased to see the legislature pass this measure last session, and I hope you will pass SB 1183 so we can move forward together.

Mahalo for your service to our community,

Matthew Weyer



House Finance Committee  
April 5, 2017 at 3pm, State Capitol Room 308  
SB 1183 HD1

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a student and employee at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, I think building the rail in such a way that ensures UH is part of the system is extremely important for the future of higher education in Hawaii and ensuring classroom access for all students.

The “carmeggadons” incidents on H-1 demonstrate the pressing need for an alternative transportation system so that all Leeward and West Oahu commuters will not be dependent on one route to travel to and from work and school in town. Many students and faculty were greatly impacted by the incident, and it’s not an exaggeration to say that on-going poor transit options negatively impacts the quality of education at UH.

A large number of cars that pack H-1 are going to UH Manoa. I would like to the committee to please extend the surcharge, and hopefully we can begin discussing an extension to UH Manoa. This would allow students to have a safe, affordable and reliable transportation alternative to driving and would provide an option for those who are in town when future incidents cause H-1 to shut down.

Mahalo,

Ivy Yeung

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Lex Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: FROM: Lex Smith 2050 Lanihuli Drive Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 808-256-5045 lex.smith.esq@gmail.com To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair and Members of the House of Representatives Committee on Finance Thank you for the opportunity to submit, for your consideration, my thoughts on why the State needs to extend the current GET override in order to complete the rail transit project to Ala Moana Center. Rail is really the only available alternative. There are no new freeways planned for Oahu and trying to plan, and fund one now is probably not feasible and wouldn't get built for another 20 years or more. Moreover, even if you attempted to improve things by adding lanes and cars, you would damage the quality of life for everyone on Oahu for generations to come. Every car needs a parking space; everywhere it goes: at home, at work, when you shop, when you go to grandma's house; when you go to the little league, etc. etc. This makes for awful land use pressures and decisions -- massive parking lots have to go with every building. Buildings have to be spread out in order to accommodate the large roads wide enough to handle all the cars coming into and out of their large parking lots. Perhaps worst of all, continued reliance on added automobiles and lanes to address Oahu's transportation needs creates tremendous pressure to continue development of housing into agricultural lands further and further away from urban Honolulu. Such pressure is inevitable because each new house has to have a freeway to get the homeowner near it, a road leading to each separate house, and each house has to have a place to park each car that belongs to the occupants. The proliferation of automobiles is what has led to the suburbanization of America, and I am sure the members of the Legislature agree with me that Oahu cannot really afford any more of that kind of development. For Oahu, Rail is as much of a land use decision as it is a transportation decision. Moreover, reliance on additional cars and lanes will only make Oahu's traffic worse than it already is. It is for these reasons (and I am sure others) that the residents of Los Angeles County (by a vote of more than 70% in favor) voted to tax themselves in order to fund several new rail lines among other transportation improvements. The ballot measure was called Measure M, and you can read about it here. <http://la.curbed.com/2016/11/9/13573924/measure-m-los-angeles-public-transit-results> . It enacted a "sales tax override", providing a dedicated source of funding for several

new rail lines as well as other transportation improvements. If the citizens of Los Angeles (birthplace of reliance on more and more cars and lanes for transportation needs; and an example of the suburbanization that comes with it) have recognized they have to tax themselves to have a transportation alternative, certainly so should Hawaii. In Los Angeles, if a developer wants to build more houses he only needs to go to the edge of town, bulldoze some desert and put up more houses. It could go on forever if that's how people of Los Angeles chose to live (but by overwhelmingly passing Measure M, they have rejected that approach). On Oahu, we have no such luxury. Everybody recognizes that Oahu has an acute need to preserve its undeveloped and less intensely developed lands. We need rail transit far more than Los Angeles. Every community is facing the same reality, and we need to do so as well. Unfortunately, lots of things have been very expensive to build in Hawaii. Rail is one in a long line of public works projects that have cost more to build than originally projected. The Legislature is right to be concerned about cost. I certainly was as frustrated as anyone, when HART kept coming out every couple of months to say that their recent estimates had been too optimistic and they had to be increased again. This reached the height of absurdity when HART made representations to the City Council Chair regarding the amount needed to finish the project and almost immediately told the press they had no idea whether their own represented figures would be enough! I submit to you that the issues with the management of HART are not a justification to abandon this project that is much needed by the residents of Oahu. If a new water or sewer project had cost overruns (which has happened before), would the solution be to stop building water and sewer infrastructure? Of course not! Rail is a needed, important piece of transportation infrastructure. The solution is to complete the project and do your best to make sure it's managed well. This is not the first public works project to cost more than projected, and I'm sure it won't be the last. But it still needs to be finished, just like water and sewer projects. We didn't dead-end the H3 freeway halfway up the Ko'olau, even though the cost was more than originally projected. It was a needed public works project and our leaders recognized that it had to be finished despite the overruns. The same is true of the Honolulu rail project. On the subject of cost, I would also point out that we don't really know the extent (if any) that the increased cost is the result of HART's past management. The bulk of the increased cost is the consequence of the fact that the cost projections were done when Hawaii's economy was in a slump, and the contracts were entered when the construction market was (and remains) overheated. These are realities of the marketplace that no amount of management skill could have avoided. I am not claiming that the management was good, only that – except for their inability to estimate future costs – we don't know. Filling our already congested roads with more buses, or taking away a lane of our road to put an "at grade" trolley car is not an intelligent solution either. That would add a decade or more to the timing of the project; the EIS alone would take a couple of years before the litigation began. In contrast, the current project has all of its permits, including the EIS and has survived all of the lawsuits thrown at it by the opponents. It is light years ahead of any other proposal. It makes no sense to start over with a new set of studies followed by litigation only to have an inferior system, at greater cost, ten years later. Moreover, nobody wants to ride something that has to sit in the same traffic the automobiles are already sitting in. Sometimes the argument is made that "rail won't improve traffic" and that instead we

should build a toll road that won't be congested because not most people will choose not to pay the toll. If this was a solution, you could implement it now with no road construction at all, just by putting a toll booth at every onramp of our current freeways. Charge everyone \$20 for entering the freeway and "traffic" will disappear from the freeway. But this isn't a solution. The object is to get people where they need to go efficiently. Rail will do that. Charging commuters a toll won't. Extending of the GET override will complete the project without creating any disruption to the economy, as the override has already been in place for a number of years and it is working well to raise the money necessary to build the rail system. I submit that it simply makes no sense at all to impose a new, different tax, to raise the last piece of the funds necessary to complete the rail project. The argument about "the state's money" versus "the county's money" seems meaningless to me, as 90% of the state's population lives on Oahu anyway. The fact is that we have a tax that is working to effectively raise the money for construction of this important public works project, and it only makes sense to extend it in order to finish the job. I feel I should disclose to you that Mayor Caldwell has been my personal friend since our wives worked together at the same law firm back in the 1980's. As a result of our friendship, I have served as his campaign chair in several past elections. The comments in this letter are mine, not his, and I suspect he wouldn't agree with all of them. I have not discussed them with him before submitting this to you. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Lex R. Smith

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## House Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

April 5, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

### Re: SB1183 SD2 HD1, Relating to Taxation

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB1183 SD2 HD1.

As a young professional and resident, I understand that rail and transit oriented development (“TOD”) is critical in my generation’s ability to continue to afford to live in Hawai‘i. I grew up in Pearl City, was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend college in Portland, Oregon before moving to Washington, D.C. to work. Portland and Washington, D.C. both have great public transportation options, including rail, which I utilized while living there. I particularly like Portland’s Free Rail Zone, which is a region of downtown Portland in which light rail and streetcar rides are free. I recently chose to move my family to Kaka‘ako as we can see the opportunities for new communities that are being created around rail stations. **However, I strongly support SB1183 SD2 HD1, because it is a mechanism to ensure there is sufficient funding complete the full 20-mile, 21-station rail project as planned. This will allow residents another option to travel to Honolulu from the Ewa plains.**

To say that “I won’t ride it, so I shouldn’t have to pay for it” is failing to understand how communities impact one another and are inherently interconnected. We built new development in Kapolei and West O‘ahu so that East O‘ahu and North Shore can continue to have our current quality of life without major developments. It is in O‘ahu’s General Plan for planned growth in West O‘ahu and I support the rail and growth in such areas, including Kaka‘ako, to preserve our rural areas in the North Shore and the Windward side.

While all projects have cost components, the GET surcharge has already been integrated into the business and consumer budgets and would have the least impact of the funding options currently being discussed. **Rail and TOD is a critical piece of the picture to help make Hawai‘i a place that young people can afford to raise their families.**

But building the homes without reasonable transit is like building the homes and no roads. Families deserve to be able to work and live in a way that doesn’t take 2 hours to drive 20 miles. Therefore, I humbly ask the Committee to PASS SB1183 SD2 HD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

Mahalo,  
Jonathan Ching  
Kaka‘ako, Honolulu

To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

From: James Yamamoto, 732-0217

Date: 4-5-17

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and members of the committee:

I am James Yamamoto, testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1, regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

Honolulu has been planning mass transit for over 40 years. The need has been there and the public would have been better served if the system was constructed earlier. The more we delay, the higher the cost will be and traffic congestion will only get worse.

The full 20-mile, 21 station project will provide Honolulu with the most flexibility to expand the system to the University of Hawaii and Waikiki. Seattle's Sound Transit, which was initiated in 1996, saw a huge increase in ridership right after their system was expanded to connect Capitol Hill and the University of Washington in 2016.

All rail projects have difficulties starting up. The Sound Transit example shows that rail is an investment in our children's and their children's future. I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, Sb 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before your committee.

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Marcus Hoapili	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Becka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a complete rail system, to ala moana and beyond. Stopping at middle street makes no sense. The GET surcharge is already in place, is shared between locals and visitors alike, and is a viable income stream to help finish this project. I support this measure to keep the rail moving forward.

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**House Committee on Finance**  
SUPPORT for SB1183  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I write to you today in **strong support** of the intent of SB1183 to extend the 0.5% GET surcharge to support the Honolulu rail project's completion of the full 20 mile, 21 station plan.

At its core, I support this measure because it is what is right. Whether you live on the rail route or off of it, rail IS the major infrastructure project of our generation that has the potential to make the difference for the future of Hawai'i.

We all opine over the rising cost of land, rapid shrinking of the middle class, and lack of economic opportunities for future generations – rail is one piece in the puzzle that attempts to set Hawai'i on a positive path. As a recent graduate of UH Manoa, I have many peers that would greatly benefit from rail today. As a small business owner, and as a young professional, I know rail is a critical component in building an island community for our future that cares about all people, especially the most marginalized.

Decades ago, we as a community decided to centralize growth in West and Central O'ahu. With the development of O'ahu's second city, rapid transit was envisioned as a component to ensure smart growth. Instead, we voted down two projects, which we now look back upon and wish we hadn't. Let's not make the same mistake again.

Rail is about many things – creation of jobs, investment in local industry, development of affordable housing, building sustainable communities, and providing social equity through access to economic and educational opportunities. Hawai'i voters wanted each of these things when we voted to support rail in 2008. We now need our Senators and Representatives to make the difficult decisions, which will allow us to complete the project we need.

I urge you to vote in favor of extending the GET surcharge and support the completion of this important project. Mahalo for the opportunity to share mana'o on this important issue.



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

Joseph W.C. Young, D.D.S.  
Honorary Mayor of Chinatown

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Support for S.B No. 1183 SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

I strongly support S.B. No. 1183 SD2 HD1, Relating to Taxation. Extending the rail tax surcharge is crucial for the completion of the rail project. The State and City and Federal government has shown commitment to the project through the current phases. The citizens of this state will fully benefit from the rail if it is completed to its original route to Ala Moana Center. As seen in other cities, there is economic benefit to the communities around each station. All of the stations are an important part to the rail system. Residents and tourists will have dependable transportation into the urban core of the city. Public transportation will take a huge step to a modern, efficient reliable system.

S. B. 1183 is the best way the City of Honolulu and State of Hawaii can support the Rail project. When the project is completed, the State of Hawaii as well as the City will benefit from the economic growth and new opportunities that the rail will attract.

I urge the committee to pass S.B. 1183 SD2 HD1. The rail project has not always had a favorable community response, but this is a project for the future to build upon. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of the rail tax extension.

Chairman and members of the committee,

Rev. Heather Robertson  
Concerned Wahiawa Resident  
(808) 621-5818

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Please record my support for SB 1183 to fund more construction money to finish rail.

While I am a pastor I am not writing on behalf of my congregation, but as a concerned citizen who is in favor of the rail being finished as was promised to the citizens of this island. I will say, however, that I have members of my congregation who would be helped by the rail transit. I, personally, would park at one of the stations and ride the rail to Ala Moana on days I have meetings/appointments in town.

The rail guideway is already to Aloha Stadium and moving towards town. Rail stations are under construction from Kapolei to Kalihi. We need to extend the GE tax so the city can complete the job. Having half of a project won't solve traffic problems, and there are no alternatives, no new roads or highways planned to alleviate congestion.

I see this as a moral obligation to the people you were elected to serve. Our government is a mess already and we need to be able to count on those of you we voted into office for your pro rail views. As a tax-paying citizen, I fully understand that the rail expenses far exceed what the initial plan was set for. However, to not finish would cause more economic distress than good.

Rail is controversial because of the cost. But remember that H-1 was controversial because of the homes that were condemned. The H-3 had controversy, long delays and lawsuits and ended up costing much more than the state estimated. But think where we would be without these important highways?

As growth in the Kapolei area begins to pick up, it will be imperative to have the rail system in place to transport people from the west side of the island into town. Do we want another “carmaggedan?” I think not!

Is this an incredibly expensive project? Yes, without doubt! However, quitting should not be an option. Let’s do what we can to make the rail continue on to Ala Moana!

So please move forward with the funding and please approve the tax extension with enough money to build rail all the way to Ala Moana as planned.

Shalom~

Rev. Heather Robertson

To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)  
From: Jiro A. Sumada  
Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in strong support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

In 2011 and 2012, I was fortunate to serve as the Deputy Director for the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting under former Mayor Peter Carlisle. During that time I sat on countless meetings relating to issues like updating Honolulu's General Plan, private housing developments and transit oriented development. What I learned is that Honolulu desperately needs Rail to benefit all of us on Oahu.

The major benefit of completing rail is not only about adding an option to our daily commutes. It's not just the ride, but what happens after the ride, after you leave the train. What happens is Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). High train ridership spurs economic development, which expands people choices in where they work and live. This new economic development around the Rail stations, increases the real property tax base that supports everyone on Oahu. TOD will improve community assets, such as parks and streams, as well as services for Police and Fire around the Island.

Thus, the total impact of Honolulu's Rail project, fully completed to Ala Moana, is both:

- 1) Reducing the time people are stuck in traffic on H-1 and in town, AND
- 2) Realizing the economic benefits of TOD related business and housing projects that will kick start growth to urban areas that have already been designated for further development.

Best of all, Hawaii families and visitors will get to experience a vibrant quality of life in the communities that surround Rail stations we would not otherwise be able to enjoy.

Sincerely,



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HEARING ON SB 1183, SD2, HD1

Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

**RE: Support for SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because TOD is a proven way to incentivize developer to build needed affordable housing and other types of supporting business which will all stimulate the economy and grow communities.

The full rail project will produce the highest level of ridership, the most positive impact on Oahu traffic, and the greatest economic impact for the City and State through TOD.

The long commute for those located in Central and Leeward Oahu cannot continue for the next generation. We must provide options for them to have a good quality of life on Oahu, which the rail can address. It will reduce commuting stress, lower transportation costs, and allow for more family and personal time.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today

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To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)  
From: Richard Y. Santo

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

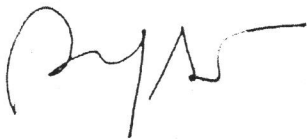
Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

In accordance with fulfilling the obligations of the Full Funding Grant Agreement, I am in support of the full development of the rail project because this system will produce the highest level of ridership and a positive impact in alleviating Oahu traffic. The full rail system will produce a significant economic impact for the City and State through the Transit Oriented Development. The fully built rail system will benefit the Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. In addition, the rail schedules will be integrated with TheBus and Handivan schedules and will enhance the island-wide public transportation network. The bottom line is the improvements to the quality of life for many Oahu residents.

As a much needed investment for our present and next generation, I respectfully urge the committee to please adequately pass and fund SB 1183, SD2 HD1 in the completion of the 20-mile, 21-station Honolulu rail project.

Mahalo for consideration to this matter.



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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date:  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
At 3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of Rail and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) because of how it will benefit our community. The rail project is already about 50% complete and has great momentum to get it completed. The benefit to the community is local jobs, quality of life, and opportunities for our children. This system will integrate an island wide transportation network that will benefit everyone. This system does not just include the guideway, but will integrate other City transportation systems like the Bus and other special modes of transport.

It will give more people an opportunity to get to schools, after school activities, healthcare, social services, jobs, hobbies, restaurants, etc. where they may not have had the opportunity before. Investment in the rail is an investment in the future of all of Oahu and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2VHD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station rail system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacey Miyamoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1183, SD2, HD1**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

Having lived in other locations with rail transit options, I have firsthand experience commuting with and without an integrated mass transit system. As a result, I am a firm supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station rail transit project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of the transportation opportunities that will benefit our island. I anticipate that the fully built rail system will allow me to commute when driving is no longer recommended. Because rail will be coordinated with bus and handivan service, hopefully I will be able to get where I need to in a timely manner when the day comes that I no longer want to drive. Independence means a better quality of life for anyone.

Investments in the rail is an investment in all of our futures and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 308

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will mean a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance  
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1183, SD2 HD1

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

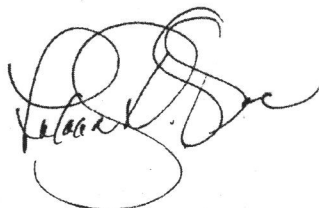
I am a supporter of rail because it would alleviate the traffic congestion on the Windward side. I live in Hauula and I know what it's like to sit in traffic as I commute to work, Monday through Saturday which I can honestly say, is an extremely long ride. It would be very beneficial for those of us that have to sit in stop and go traffic . . . sitting for countless hours throughout the week trying to get to work.

The rail project would improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of Oahu residents by reducing commuting stress - being able to have a smooth ride into work in the morning and late afternoon would be so great - making it easier to get to work, lower transportation costs and allow more time for family and friends which is so very important for all of us!

Also, the rail project is a big boost to our local economy. Look at all of the jobs that rail creates for the local people here. Besides jobs in the construction industry, rail would create short- and long-term jobs, both directly and indirectly.

Investment in the rail is an investment for our future and future generations to come . . . we would be able to utilize the rail as a major form of transportation. Plus, it would help in obtaining sustainability points for building GREEN. I strongly urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lana D. Moe', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance  
House of Representatives, State of Hawaii  
From: Lance K. Tokuda

Hearing on S.B. No. 1183, SD2, HD1, Relating to Taxation

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: State Capitol - Conference Room 308

**Testimony Supporting SB 1183, SD2, HD1, Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This transportation costs, and allow more time for family. The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

**HEARING ON SB 1183, SD2, HD1**

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 308

**Testimony in Support of SB 1183 SD2, HD1 Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Finance Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because it will be a valuable addition to our public transportation system when coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules. It will lead to transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents as well as benefit visitors to the island by making it easier and lowering transportation costs to get to jobs and places of interest.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium and construction has already started on the first 9 stations.

Funding this project is an investment in our future generations and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20-mile guideway and 21 stations of the Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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April 5, 2017

Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance

HEARING ON SB 1183, SD2 HD1 RELATING TO TAXATION

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I'm a supporter of rail because the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities will be a benefit to our community. This will allow for better quality of life for thousands of residents, create new jobs, and lower transportation costs. Residents who take advantage of rail will be able to streamline their commute and won't have to endure the frustration of sitting in the ever-present traffic during peak travel times.

Oahu is facing a housing crisis and transit oriented development will incentivize developers to build affordable housing. Housing prices have gotten to the point where home ownership is not feasible for many of our residents. While TOD alone won't solve our housing issues it will certainly help.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
Committee on Finance (FIN)  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii

From: Michael Matsumoto

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

Sincerely,



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April 3, 2017

Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

HEARING ON SB 1183, SD2, HD1

Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 308

RE: Support for SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

While the Honolulu rail project has certainly experienced significant delays and cost overruns, I am still convinced that the benefits of completing the project, through additional funding provided by the general excise tax surcharge, outweigh the cons. As an investment for our island's future, it is important to truly take the long view of the implications of this project.

The Honolulu rail, when fully completed, will, among other benefits: reduce heavy traffic on the H-1; encourage "transit oriented development" (TOD) – a sustainable approach to development, which also provides opportunity to create affordable housing; and, in itself, create new jobs for the operations and maintenance of its system.

Hindering funding required to finish the job *now* will be enormously problematic. If the Honolulu rail is not fully completed, its benefits will be drastically reduced and Honolulu will have not met its obligations in its Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. If Honolulu rail is put on hold until funding is provided through other means, there will be additional costs due to remobilization.

Let's finish the job.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 pm  
Place: Conference Room 308

Testimony in Support of SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of the Rail project and believe that the residents of Oahu will greatly benefit from the completion of the currently planned segments, and future segments to the University of Hawaii and beyond. Giving Oahu residents different options for their daily commute will improve their quality of life and reduce the daily stress of traveling each day between work, school and other activities. The current project momentum must be maintained as residents of Oahu should be able to enjoy the benefits of other cities with similar transportation systems.

I believe that everyday life on Oahu would have been better if previous government agencies had implemented rail construction back in the 1990's. Construction of the current Rail project along with improvements to the Oahu transportation system are long overdue.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21-station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Support for SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

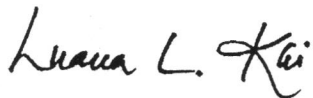
I am a supporter of the rail project because it will make it easier for thousands of Oahu residents to get to their jobs, lower transportation cost, and most importantly, allow more time with family and friends. I believe the rail project will boost our economy and will be beneficial to local businesses and our community.

The construction is already underway and it needs to be completed. We won't have another opportunity to alleviate our traffic congestions.

I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luana L. Kai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' at the end.

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To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
Finance Committee  
State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

Subject Matter: Testimony in Support of SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

As a resident of Central Oahu, it is important to create an alternative mode of transportation on our island. The planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center combined with TheBus and Handivan schedules, will provide relief from congestion and anxiety that most commuters feel while in traffic. All of this will translate to a better quality of life.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations. A fully built system is what Oahu needs for a safe island-wide public transportation network.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



Rheselle Bennie  
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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date:  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am in support of constructing the full build out of the planned twenty (20) miles and twenty-one (21) stations of the Honolulu Rail Project. A partial system short of the downtown business area will not provide the necessary benefits for the community and to provide the badly needed traffic congestion relief. With the momentum that has been gained with the completed ten (10) miles, lessons learned and availability/mobilization of contractors already on site; it would be prudent not to defer for future programming. Deferral of the full build out will result in poor ridership, extended delays and exponential costs increases.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date:  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1183, SD2, HD1**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail. Both better transportation and transit oriented development around the stations will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. The rail system in coordination with TheBus and Handivan will provide all of us with island-wide public transportation. This better coordination of transportation services will make it easier for Oahu residents to get to work, lower transportation costs, and allow more time with family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

From: Henry H. Miyamoto

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for SB 1183 HD1, Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183 HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I support the fully built rail system which will be an integral part of the island-wide public transportation network. There will be direct benefits for thousands of residents who will use rail to save hours of transit time getting to work and school. Transit oriented development will benefit the economy of the state as a whole.

The project is halfway done, with 10 miles of elevated guideway installed. Let us finish what we started and give the people of Hawai'i a complete rail system.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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CHAIR: Representative Sylvia Luke  
VICE CHAIR: Representative Ty Cullen  
HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
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Place: Conference Room 308

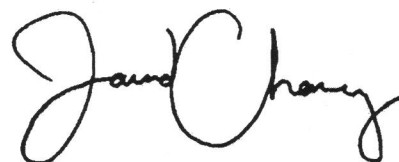
Testimony in Support of SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I support the Honolulu Rail project because I fully intend to ride it from my home in West Loch Estates, Ewa to my workplace in Iwilei. My wife will use rail to reach her workplace in downtown. My son, who is now two years old, will need rail in the future also. There are tens of thousands of residents like us, who suffer through daily gridlock freeway congestion in both the morning and late afternoon. We need rail to provide additional transportation options to get in and out of Honolulu. We need rail because it will improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of Oahu residents by reducing commuter stress, lowering commuter transportation costs, and making it easier for people to get to their jobs and back home to their families.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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TO: CHAIR SYLVIA LUKE  
VICE CHAIR TY CULLEN  
HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned. Meeting the full obligation in its Full Funding Grant Agreement will ensure the Federal Transit Administration will provide its full obligation of \$1.55 billion for the project.

As a life-long resident of Hawaii, the runaway cost of housing concerns me for our future generations. I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network.

All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents providing greater opportunities for affordable housing, making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family. Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance  
Hearing on SB 1183, HD1

Date: Wednesday April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: Conference Room 308

Subject: Testimony of Ryan Nakamoto Supporting SB1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. This system will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The fully built rail system will provide an alternative mode of transportation running above our roadways. I like the option of having a commute from Aiea to downtown that will not be gridlocked in traffic.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183 HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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**Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee**

**Date: Wednesday April 5, 2017**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Place: Conference Room 308**

**Testimony of Kathleen Wong in Support of SB1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation**

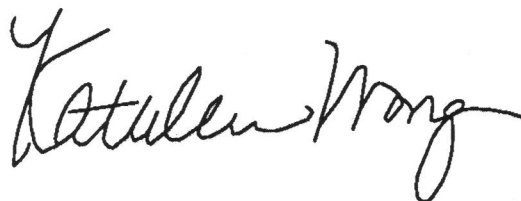
Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I believe that the rail project must be completed to its full extent in order to fully benefit the residents, especially those that have to commute from the West Side and Central Oahu and have to travel into town. Currently, these residents have to leave before sunrise to begin their long commute into town, and need to endure the same trek at sundown. By riding the train, their commute time is reduced, and their stress levels as well. Families would be able to enjoy quality time with each other at home rather than wasting precious time riding in the car in traffic.

The rail project will also benefit our local economy. Besides providing short-term employment in the design and construction industries, the completed rail project will provide long-term jobs in operating, servicing and maintaining the trains and the rail stations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Support for SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 308

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 1183 SD2, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dean Uchida and I am testifying in support of SB 1183 SD2, HD1, which authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. It also authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018, and provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. It also requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system.

The rail transit system is actually a “growth management” tool that is intended to increase the population density along the 20-mile transit corridor. To stop support for the transit system at this time would prevent future growth without a significant investment in roadway infrastructure, or allowing for more development into areas not currently planned for future growth (i.e. Hawaii Kai, Windward Oahu, North Shore, and Central Oahu-between Wahiawa and Waialua).

I am very concerned about the current movement to change or stop the project. Policy makers need to be aware that the future housing needs on Oahu are tied to the transit project. With the critical lack of supply of housing at all price points driving up housing costs, stopping the transit project at this point would prevent or severely limit the amount of density within the urban core.

For the sake of the next generation, which includes my adult children who still live at home, we must find a way to complete construction of the rail transit project. The rail transit project gives us the best opportunity to “build” our way out of the housing crisis we are in right now.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2, HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1183, HD1 - RELATING TO TAXATION

To: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
Members of the House Finance Committee  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
From: Corinne Toyama

Date: April 5, 2017  
Time: 3 PM  
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke and members of the Finance Committee,

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail. Rail construction is already underway which includes the project's elevated guideway half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. In addition, 5 miles of track is in place, the Rail Operations Center is completed in Pearl City, and construction has begun on the first 9 stations. Therefore, we need to follow through and finish the job.

The full rail project will produce the highest level of ridership, with the most positive impact on O'ahu traffic. The rail project will improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of O'ahu residents by reducing commuting stress, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family. This will also better position O'ahu for future generations to come and will promote job opportunities for the residents. I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project. I feel all the residents can benefit from this rail project either directly or indirectly once it is in place and in full force.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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**To: Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee**

**Date: Wednesday April 5, 2017**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Place: House Conference Room 308**

**Testimony in Support of SB1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183 HD1, regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. Coming back from a trip to Japan, I realize all the good a rail transportation system can do for Hawaii. The rail will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183 HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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TO: HONORABLE CHAIR SYLVIA LUKE  
HONORABLE VICE CHAIR TY CULLEN  
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 308  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street

Subject: Support for SB 1183, HD1 Relating to Taxation

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. The fully built rail system will directly benefit Central and North Shore residents with the planned Pearl Highlands Parking Center. This system which will be coordinated with TheBus and Handivan schedules will provide all of us an integrated, island-wide public transportation network. All of this will translate into a better quality of life for thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family.

The project's elevated guideway is half done with 10 miles constructed from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, including 5 miles of track already installed. This also includes construction which has started on the first 9 stations.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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## Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1

**To: House Committee on Finance  
Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen**

**Date: April 7, 2017**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Place: Conference Room 308**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

We need to complete the rail line to Ala Moana and provide a transportation alternative for residents living in the rail corridor. Transit oriented development will help solve the affordable housing shortage on Oahu. Residents that cannot afford a car can live along the rail route and have a means to go shopping, out to dinner, go to Ala Moana Beach, and so forth. I truly believe by not finishing the job, we would be harming the poorest amongst us because of the lack of housing and affordable transportation.

In addition, cutting the length of the rail line at Middle Street is, frankly, ridiculous. The ridership will be so small, the rail will require even more tax dollars to support. I firmly believe that if we are serious about the increasing cost of rail, legislators and government leaders would be holding all HART employees (including those mainland contractors at HART) and construction contractors accountable (not just the leaders). Yes, the cost growth is honestly embarrassing, but what would be more embarrassing is an incomplete system that would stand testament to the inability of State and City Government to execute and manage big projects nor be able to hold their own people accountable for their failures. In my opinion, not funding the complete 20 mile, 21 station project would be an admission by the legislature that the people of Hawaii are incapable of building these large projects. I also believe that we'd be admitting that fixing HART is "too hard" and we want to run away from the problem instead of addressing the performance problems like responsible adults. Not adequately funding rail would be treating the symptom and not the root cause of the problem. I strongly urge the committee to pass SB 1183, with the funds required to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1183, SD2, HD1**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of the benefits to both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community. More importantly, it will greatly improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of Oahu residents by providing a commuting alternative to the congested H1 corridor. Our children and many of our co-workers are impacted by the stress of the daily commute from western and central Oahu. Rail transit will make it easier for them to get to work and allow for increased quality time for family and friends.

Investment in the rail project is an investment in the future for all our communities and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183 SD2, HD1, with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
House of Representatives,  
Committee on Finance

From: Cecile Aparis-Dela Cruz  
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: State Capitol - Conference Room 308

Subject: Support for S.B. No. 1183, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Taxation

Chair and members of the committee. I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail because of both the transportation and transit oriented development opportunities that will benefit our community.

As a resident of West Oahu I am always facing the morning with heavy traffic to get from my house to my place of work in town. What would be a simple 30 minute commute can turn out to be an hour (if I am fortunate) to almost a two hour in traffic; this is just one way. As a mother and wife I have obligations to my family and especially to my toddler.

Being away for 8 hours for work is understandable but adding another two hours to my commute trying to return back home takes away the quality time I would like to spend with my family before they turn in for the night. The development of the rail would assist me to commute to and from work without dealing with the daily traffic.

All of this will translate into a better quality of life not for just me but for also thousands of Oahu residents making it easier to get to jobs, lower transportation costs, and allow more time for family-which is my struggles at this moment.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183 SD2, HD1, with funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank the opportunity to testify before your committee today.

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
House of Representatives – Committee on Finance

From: Jesse Talbo

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 308

**Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 Relating to Taxation**

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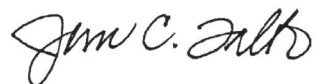
I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2 HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

This Rail Transit will help decrease most of our ongoing traffic and improve commute time for thousands of residents and reducing commuting stress for everyone. I also believe that the rail transit project will increase the local economy in the short term by producing various job opportunities for the people. Rail would also benefit the construction industry with long-term jobs, including engineering, planning and architecture as well as operations and maintenance of the rail transit system.

Over 50% of the voters in Oahu approved the rail project. Rail construction has been in construction for several years now and we need to complete the project to satisfy the ridership and future opportunities mentioned above.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, SD2 HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Finance Committee

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 308

*Testimony Supporting SB 1183, SD2 HD1 Relating to Taxation*

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

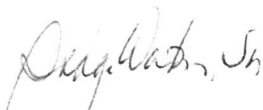
I am testifying in support of SB 1183, HD1 regarding the general excise tax surcharge extension to provide additional funding to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project as planned.

I am a supporter of rail. Rail is the most expeditious mode of transportation to combat traffic problems. I had the privilege of riding different rail systems throughout the mainland United States and in foreign countries. The ability to be transported from point A to point B swiftly and in a seamless manner is a big relief to this baby boomer senior citizen. I feel the rail will be used and occupied to capacity upon its completion.

There are expected and unexpected difficulties encountered on a construction project of this magnitude. The H-1 took 34 years from start to completion interrupting traffic and exceeding budgets. The H-3 construction was interrupted and delayed with injunctions protesting the structure's infringement on the pristine Halawa Valley. Despite these pauses the projects were completed and both are useful and beautiful improvements to our daily commutes.

Investment in the rail is an investment in our future and I urge the committee to please pass SB 1183, HD1 with sufficient funds to complete the full 20 mile, 21 station Honolulu rail project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today.



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**Chair Sylvia Luke  
Vice Chair Ty Cullen  
House Committee on Finance**

**Date: April 7, 2017**

**Time: 3:00 PM**

**Place: Conference Room 308**

**Testimony in Support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1**

Dear Chair and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Ross Lee and I am testifying in support of SB 1183, SD2, HD1 which would extend the general excise tax to complete the Honolulu rail project to Ala Moana Center.

It is my understanding that there are not enough construction funds available to build rail and the stations all the way to Ala Moana, including the Chinatown station, unless the rail tax is extended.

Chinatown is experiencing a resurgence with many new and trendy shops, restaurants, and attractions locating to the area. There are events that are held year round that bring in both locals and visitors and are enjoyed by all. Having a rail station serving Chinatown would facilitate the growing success that the area is now experiencing. Residents, shoppers, tourists and locals enjoy what Chinatown now has to offer.

The Chinatown Station at Nimitz and Kekaulike Street would be a major, multi-million dollar investment in public transportation that would benefit the residents and businesses of the area. As parking is limited in Chinatown, the rail station would provide better access for shopping, dining, entertainment, events and other activities.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the committee approve SB 1183, SD2 HD1 that will allow the full 20 mile, 21 station rail project, including the station at Chinatown, to be completed.

Thank you.

Ross Lee  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1183, HD1  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
CHAIRWOMAN SYLVIA LUKE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

My name is Dolores Mollring and I am a long time resident of the downtown-Chinatown area, having lived in Chinatown since 1976. I support SB 1183, HD1.

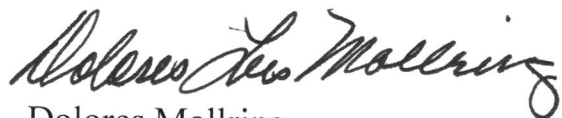
I am a member of the Downtown-Chinatown neighborhood board, the Chinatown Business and Community Association and the Neighborhood Citizens Patrol. I am retired and spend much of my time volunteering to help make our community a safer, cleaner, and better place to live and work.

I have seen major changes come to our area, and rail will bring more changes to our neighborhood, all for good. Our roads are narrow, streets are congested, and parking is very limited. There are two stations planned at downtown and Chinatown and those stations will provide our neighborhood with better access to public transportation. The Chinatown station in particular will be a major investment in our community and benefit our residents and businesses.

I too, am concerned about the rising cost but I believe that rail will be good for our community and the entire island in the long run. Like rail, the H-3 freeway was bogged down by many delays, lawsuits and vocal opposition. The original estimate for building H-3 was \$250 million, but in the end it cost taxpayers \$1.3 billion. I am sure few remember the cost today, but many use the freeway daily as a convenient way to get over from the windward side. Similarly, once rail is up and running, people will use it frequently and forget about all the controversy.

So please pass SB 1183, HD1 to extend the rail tax and finish the route all the way to Ala Moana. I've been waiting a long time for rail, and I plan to use it too.

Sincerely,



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**Tom Sofos**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96734**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tom Sofos of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

Stopping rail short of the Ala Moana because of a funding shortfall will be disastrous for Oahu. Honolulu stands to lose \$1.5B of federal funding if SB1183 is not passed. The TOD planned development of affordable housing around stations that won't be built will be jeopardized and commercial development in these areas will likewise suffer as a consequence. I support SB 1183, please pass this measure to ensure the funding required is provided to finish the project as planned. Thank you.

**Richard Waltz**  
**Honolulu (Nuuanu), Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Richard Waltz of Honolulu (Nuuanu), Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

Stopping rail short of the Ala Moana because of a funding shortfall will be disastrous for Oahu. Honolulu stands to lose \$1.5B of federal funding if SB1183 is not passed. The TOD planned development of affordable housing around stations that won't be built will be jeopardized and commercial development in these areas will likewise suffer as a consequence. I support SB 1183, please pass this measure to ensure the funding required is provided to finish the project as planned. Thank you.

**T. Choy**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **T. Choy of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Paul Kennedy**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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I, **Paul Kennedy of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gerard Sakamoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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**Peter Malbog**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Peter Malbog of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tracy Lawson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tracy Lawson of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Stephen Leis**  
**Kihei, Hawaii 96753**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stephen Leis of Kihei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jeff Holzem**  
**Waipahu , Hawaii 96797**

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I, **Jeff Holzem of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Cedric Ota**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Cedric Ota of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Leachman**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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**Joann Oyama**  
**EWA BEACH, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joann Oyama of EWA BEACH, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**John Merriman**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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**Lance Inouye**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**John Braum**  
**kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Jillian Inouye**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Christopher Wong**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christopher Wong of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mark Tagami**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mark Tagami of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ray Ah Sam**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ray Ah Sam of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Leander Ader**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Leander Ader of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**John Guzman Jr**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96792**

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I, **John Guzman Jr of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Francine Guzman**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Francine Guzman of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Keoni John Guzman**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Keoni John Guzman of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Richard Heltzel**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Ryan Ward**  
**Waialua, Hawaii 96791**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ryan Ward of Waialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Laurie Ward**  
**Waialua, Hawaii 96791**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Laurie Ward of Waialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Timothy Waite**  
**Makakilo, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Timothy Waite of Makakilo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Takiguchi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Jared Buyny**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Benjamin Bauer**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Blade Wayne  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Blade Wayne of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Timothy Lyons**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Leslie Isemoto**  
**Hilo, Hawaii 96720**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Leslie Isemoto of Hilo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**DANA SHAFFER**  
**HONOLULU, Hawaii 96818**

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**Curtis Kenmotsu**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Curtis Kenmotsu of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joseph Shacat**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joseph Shacat of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**stephen yoshida**  
**honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **stephen yoshida of honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Reid Higashihara**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Reid Higashihara of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Randy Morgan**  
**Kula, Hawaii 96790**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Randy Morgan of Kula, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Richard Curran Jr**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Richard Curran Jr of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Thomas Kuebler**  
**makawao, Hawaii 96768**

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I, **Thomas Kuebler of makawao, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Anne Nason  
Pukalani, Hawaii 96768**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Anne Nason of Pukalani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Shelley Kuebler  
Makawao, Hawaii 96768**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Shelley Kuebler of Makawao, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kenneth Ogata**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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**Aaron Matsumoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Aaron Matsumoto of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jason Blinkhorn**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Karen Furomoto  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Karen Furomoto of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kristin Matsumoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kristin Matsumoto of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Denny Hnatyk**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Denny Hnatyk of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Solon Chenault**  
**Wailuku, Hawaii 96793**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Solon Chenault of Wailuku, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Lynch**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **James Lynch of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nick Ramos**  
**Makawao, Hawaii 96768**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nick Ramos of Makawao, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Herbert Inouye**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Herbert Inouye of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Shiva Furtado**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Shiva Furtado of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lili Shintani**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lili Shintani of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Byron Tasaka**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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## MinYong Park Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Wayne Yamabe**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Steve Mahoney**  
**Wailuku, Hawaii 96793**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Steve Mahoney of Wailuku, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Wade Wakayama**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Ben Yamamoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Samuel Fujikawa**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Samuel Fujikawa of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Travis Niimi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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**Clyde Hayashi**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Clyde Hayashi of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Barry Fujita**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Barry Fujita of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Scott Campbell**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Scott Campbell of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Berry**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Berry of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tytan Timoteo**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tytan Timoteo of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tytus Timoteo**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

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**Sailau Timoteo**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sailau Timoteo of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Weckwerth**  
**EWA BEACH, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Weckwerth of EWA BEACH, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tyler Akahori**  
**Makakilo, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tyler Akahori of Makakilo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Roman Sousa**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

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**Jay Harper**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jay Harper of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Chris Davis**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Chris Davis of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tyler Brooks**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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**Nathan Lutz**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nathan Lutz of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sam Tansey**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sam Tansey of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Christopher Le Blanc**  
**Makawao, Hawaii 96768**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christopher Le Blanc of Makawao, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Stephan Loubser**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stephan Loubser of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Brian Van Deventer**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brian Van Deventer of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Unnerstall  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Unnerstall of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Justin LaBore**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Justin LaBore of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Doug Sprute**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Doug Sprute of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Amanda Spencer**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Amanda Spencer of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Bauckham**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **James Bauckham of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Stacy Ellamar  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**John Williamson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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**Shelton Fujii**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Shelton Fujii of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steven Richards**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 95819**

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**Roni Rulona**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Albert Shigemura**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE  
CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Albert Shigemura of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Peter Lee**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Peter Lee of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Chad Henderson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Chad Henderson of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tarin Ma**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tarin Ma of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alexis Tansey**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alexis Tansey of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Charles O'Neill**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Charles O'Neill of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Colleen Furuya  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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I, **Colleen Furuya of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Randal Furomoto**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Randal Furomoto of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jill Van Deventer**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jill Van Deventer of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dale Yoneda**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dale Yoneda of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Wade Kodama  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Eugene Kumasaki**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Eugene Kumasaki of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Edwina Campbell**  
**Hauula , Hawaii 96717**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Edwina Campbell of Hauula, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sharleen Andrade  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sharleen Andrade of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Billie Pascual**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Cydney Nakama**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Cydney Nakama of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Norma Tansey  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Norma Tansey of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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## Herschel Carambas Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Herschel Carambas of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Miriam Healy**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Miriam Healy of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gladys Hagemann**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Gladys Hagemann of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Nurse**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96827**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Nurse of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Roy Shioi**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Roy Shioi of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Matthew Loo**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Matthew Loo of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dan Brown**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dan Brown of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Bill Gulstrom**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Bill Gulstrom of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Fong**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**George Burkards**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**Debra Adams**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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I, **Debra Adams of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Peter Kwan**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Peter Kwan of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Charlie Uyehara**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Jose Vasquez**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jose Vasquez of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jennifer Sabas**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jennifer Sabas of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steve Joseph  
Makakilo, Hawaii 96707**

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I, **Steve Joseph of Makakilo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sara Brown**  
**honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Joshua Harmon**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joshua Harmon of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Neary**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Neary of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ricky Itagaki**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ricky Itagaki of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sara Daly Hamakawa  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sara Daly Hamakawa of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Royce Fujitani**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Wai Ng**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Wai Ng of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Teri Moritomo**  
**Honolulu, HI, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Teri Moritomo of Honolulu, HI, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Darren Lueking**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Kai Kraut**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Mary Browne**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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I, **Mary Browne of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Rawlette Kraut  
Haleiwa , Hawaii 96712**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Audrie Marie Shacat**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Audrie Marie Shacat of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Allyn Tabata  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Allyn Tabata of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Christopher Castell**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christopher Castell of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Laurie Simmons**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Laurie Simmons of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mike Betz**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mike Betz of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Bill Lyon**  
**Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Bill Lyon of Haleiwa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Todd Hayashi**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Todd Hayashi of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lynnette Buttler**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lynnette Buttler of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Paula Youngling  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Blake Inouye**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Blake Inouye of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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## Creighton Chang Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Creighton Chang of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Scott Viola**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**reina inouye**  
**honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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**Jacob Van Deventer**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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**Paul Romaine**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Donna Robinson**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Donna Robinson of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Timothy Waite**  
**Makakilo, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Timothy Waite of Makakilo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dean Matro**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dean Matro of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joe Bonner**  
**Milford, Hawaii 6460**

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**Mike Boomsma**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mike Boomsma of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Colin Ching**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Colin Ching of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lena Kamae**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lena Kamae of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Junn Grace Uy**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Junn Grace Uy of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Robin Maunakea**  
**Wai'anae, Hawaii 96792**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Robin Maunakea of Wai'anae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kristy Kastner**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kristy Kastner of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Carol Iwai**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Carol Iwai of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**In-Tae Lee**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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**Stephanie Visaya Bose**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stephanie Visaya Bose of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steve Galicinao  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Kim Taira**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kim Taira of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Taira**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 0**

April 5, 2017

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kevin Taira of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ian Taira**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Alfonso Legaspi**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**GARY SATO**  
**MILILANI, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Gary Iwai**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Gary Iwai of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Justin Francisco**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Justin Francisco of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**William Kaina**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **William Kaina of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alicia Ramos**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alicia Ramos of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Bunting**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Douglas Cullison**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Terry McCombs**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Jill Uyeda**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Roland Bueno**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Janelle Tanna**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Jeffrey Siehien**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Morris Atta**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Morris Atta of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mel Kahele**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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I, **Mel Kahele of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**davin ishii**  
**pearl city, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **davin ishii of pearl city, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lena Cullison**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lena Cullison of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Eadie Omonaka**  
**Manoa, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Eadie Omonaka of Manoa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Brook Corney**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brook Corney of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tod Deery**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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I, **Tod Deery of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lyle Swindell**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lyle Swindell of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Merly Maglaya**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Merly Maglaya of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Bijan Mandanizadeh**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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**gideon naiditch**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Jason Foster**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Darlean Kiyokane**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**Gordon Scruton Jr**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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**Kienen Koga  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jason Tang of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Terence Leong**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Terence Leong of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Marco Topete**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Marco Topete of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**donald Rozz**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **donald Rozz of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Len Dempsey**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Len Dempsey of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Chad Hirasa**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Chad Hirasa of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dennis Danko**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dennis Danko of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Edean Rivera**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Edean Rivera of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Garrett Mandich**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**KARL KAGESA**  
**KANEOHE, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **KARL KAGESA of KANEOHE, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Anthony Hirata**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Anthony Hirata of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Debbie Usui**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Victoria Jacinto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Edward Requilman**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**DENNIS OKANO**  
**AIEA, Hawaii 96701**

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**Jon Archambeau**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jon Archambeau of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Erwin Azada**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Joanne Kealoha**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joanne Kealoha of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Glenn Nohara**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Glenn Nohara of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lisa Yee**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lisa Yee of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Stefanie Sakamoto  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stefanie Sakamoto of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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kevin yano  
pearl city, Hawaii 96782

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **kevin yano of pearl city, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Westford Asao**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Westford Asao of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tracy Aiwohi**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tracy Aiwohi of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alan Linton**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alan Linton of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jason Pang**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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**Karen Nakamura**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Sui Ling Poy**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Barbara Nakata**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

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I, **Barbara Nakata of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Annette Ishitani**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Al Lardizabal**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Al Lardizabal of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Wayne Nakamura**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Wayne Nakamura of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Linda Suzuki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Linda Suzuki of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ragan Suzuki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Jeff Guzon**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jeff Guzon of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Thomas Verdi**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Charlene Suzuki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Charlene Suzuki of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Rusty Lucido**  
**Kailua , Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Rusty Lucido of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Robert Suzuki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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I, **Robert Suzuki of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Kurita**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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I, **James Kurita of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**LEANNE KAU**  
**KANEOHE, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **LEANNE KAU of KANEOHE, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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## Dennison Doi Haiku, Hawaii 96708

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Janell Gruspe**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**Rolland Badua**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Randall Shimoda**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Randall Shimoda of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

Stopping rail short of the Ala Moana because of a funding shortfall will be disastrous for Oahu. Honolulu stands to lose \$1.5B of federal funding if SB1183 is not passed. The TOD planned development of affordable housing around stations that won't be built will be jeopardized and commercial development in these areas will likewise suffer as a consequence. I support SB 1183, please pass this measure to ensure the funding required is provided to finish the project as planned. Thank you.

**Kimberly Baker**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kimberly Baker of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Takahiko Kimura**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Takahiko Kimura of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jackson Liu**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96792**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jackson Liu of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Andie Kahakui  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Andie Kahakui of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Glen Kaneshige**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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I, **Glen Kaneshige of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Roger Tamaru**  
**Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Roger Tamaru of Wahiawa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mike Brant**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mike Brant of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Tavares**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Tavares of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dennis Nishiguchi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dennis Nishiguchi of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Estella Tavares**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Estella Tavares of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lucia Keane**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lucia Keane of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nandini Bhattacharjee**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nandini Bhattacharjee of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Zenia Adams**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Zenia Adams of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Clarissa Stevenson**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Clarissa Stevenson of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joan Almogela**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE  
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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joan Almogela of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Allen De Laura**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Beverly Winber**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Beverly Winber of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tracy Takano**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tracy Takano of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lawrence Heim**  
**HONOLULU, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lawrence Heim of HONOLULU, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Abeshima**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **James Abeshima of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steve Pearson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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I, **Steve Pearson of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Murata**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Murata of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Johnny Higa**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Johnny Higa of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Theron Holloway**  
**Kahului, Hawaii 96753**

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I, **Theron Holloway of Kahului, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Geraldine Magsano**  
**waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Geraldine Magsano of waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Patrick Corcino**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Jack Hashimoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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I, **Jack Hashimoto of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michelle Takara**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**David Hooper**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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**James Labausa**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **James Labausa of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Patricia Suenaga**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Patricia Suenaga of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Wes Mikuni**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Wes Mikuni of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Emmett Kinney**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Emmett Kinney of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Randall Shibata**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Randall Shibata of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kim Min**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kim Min of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**cristian caicedo**  
**waiialua, Hawaii 96791**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **cristian caicedo of waiialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**William Majeski**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **William Majeski of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lori Okamura**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lori Okamura of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dean Yamamoto  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Richard Cheski**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Karena Tigrett**  
**Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Karena Tigrett of Wahiawa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Todd Padia**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96815**

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**Victor Szabo**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Jon Lang**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jon Lang of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Labausa**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **James Labausa of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**John Baranski**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **John Baranski of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Andy Shigeta**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Andy Shigeta of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tai wei yip**  
**honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tai wei yip of honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mei Li Kinney**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mei Li Kinney of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Montero**  
**Waipahu , Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Montero of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Julir Jepsen**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**John P Orr**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Salvatore Lacagnina  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Salvatore Lacagnina of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Glenn Koki**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Glenn Koki of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael McLaughlin**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Howard Pang**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Howard Pang of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Oshiro**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Keith MacKenzie**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Keith MacKenzie of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steve Beebe**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Steve Beebe of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**TARA LUMFORD**  
**WAIPAHAU, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **TARA LUMFORD of WAIPAHAU, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Megan Scouten  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Megan Scouten of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jimer Manglicmot**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Brian Norris**  
**Las Vegas, Hawaii 89130**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brian Norris of Las Vegas, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Corey Matsuoka**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Corey Matsuoka of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Scott Graham**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Scott Graham of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Karen Berry**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Karen Berry of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nancy Tornatore**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nancy Tornatore of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ryan Nakamoto**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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I, **Ryan Nakamoto of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Marcus Hoapili**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Jan Kealoha**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**John Juettner**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **John Juettner of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**CAROLYN ABER**  
**EWA BEACH, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **CAROLYN ABER of EWA BEACH, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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## Andrew Holt Hilo, Hawaii 96728

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**Nicholas Groves**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nicholas Groves of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Yamaguchi**  
**Aiea , Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Yamaguchi of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**K. Piltz**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **K. Piltz of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kenneth Berry**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kenneth Berry of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Devin Kawamura**  
**Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Devin Kawamura of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**paul chung**  
**kaimuki, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **paul chung of kaimuki, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Arden Tamayo**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Arden Tamayo of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Boyd Marumoto**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Boyd Marumoto of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Adam Cotton**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Adam Cotton of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jennifer Foley**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jennifer Foley of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Matsumoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**Sani Buckley  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sani Buckley of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mitch Reynolds**  
**Waialua, Hawaii 96791**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mitch Reynolds of Waialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lee Takushi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lee Takushi of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Darien Moriguchi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Darien Moriguchi of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alexis Pangilinan**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alexis Pangilinan of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jaime Dominguez**  
**Moanalua, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jaime Dominguez of Moanalua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**ALEX RODRIGUEZ**  
**HONOLULU, Hawaii 96825**

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## Ivy Abamonga-Szypillo Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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**Oliver Byrd**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Kellie Tanigawa**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kellie Tanigawa of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Shirley Mateo**  
**Waipahu , Hawaii 96798**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Shirley Mateo of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Debra Luning**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglas Meller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ellen jackson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this unfair and wasteful tax increase continuation. Rail has squandered money since its inception at the expense of middle and working class citizens and this needs to stop. This tax was created as temporary and needs to sunset. hart needs to work within the generous budget they already have.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Guy Miyamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To all concerned from a family that is on the edge of their finances, Adding more money to something that just seems to be a money pit like the rail system makes no sense. We are already the highest taxed state in the nation. Adding money to something that seems to have on end in hurting many of us. How many more people will this state make homeless by over taxing us. Please oppose SB 1183. Thank you, Guy Miyamoto

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melvin Ah Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The only reason I am sending this in is to urge all of you on the committee as well as in the rest of the legislature is to : 1. Not extend the deadline of the GE tax any further. I do not support the GE tax to pay for rail at all. The project just needs to be stopped. Now. 2. Oppose all previous versions of this bill and the GET funding for rail. 3. Oppose future drafts of this same bill that still support GET funding for rail. I think that says it all. HOLD this bill on committee and let's end the biggest mistake hurled to the taxpayers this century. Thank you. MEL

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Kathryn Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Caroline Kong	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
amy y. kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I remain opposed to the current draft (sd2 hd1) while it includes Honolulu c&c. O'ahu residents and voters do not a tax in perpetuity for transportation or rail. Our mayor and city council need to be accountable and responsible to us voters. A tax in perpetuity will defeat this. My comment does not apply to the bill as it relates to the neighbor island counties, as I do not know enough of their situations to have an informed opinion. Mahalo, an O'ahu voter.

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Ron Brown	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Good afternoon Chairwomen Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members:

**I am writing about my opposition to extending the GET surcharge in perpetuity, and any legislation, to increase funding for the Rail project.**

**The Mayor only cares about his own agenda in completing rail, regardless of the cost to the taxpayers. The SAME \$1.5 Billion Federal funding carrot continues to be dangled in front of us to distract us from all the problems for which the Mayor and HART are at fault. What about the Mayor's commitment to the Honolulu constituents to stay on budget? Remember the Mayor's promise to build rail on time and on budget?**

Highlights:

- 1. In the beginning, the GET surcharge was controversially approved to partially fund the \$5.2 Billion rail project in the amount of \$3.6 Billion, with the remaining monies amounting to \$1.55 Billion expected to come from the Feds under the FFGA. At this time, the project cost was to be approximately \$5.2 Billion.**
- 2. The cost rose to over \$6 Billion after a \$900 Million shortfall was identified only two years ago. These additional monies were expected to not only cover funding shortfalls, but also the costs associated with the construction of extending the rail from East Kapolei and UH Manoa per Mayor Caldwell's testimony of March 18, 2015.**
- 3. Shortly after the GET surcharge extension approval, an additional funding gap of \$500 Million was identified. The revised approved amount rose to \$6.8 Billion. At this time, the Mayor assured the public that this shortfall would be covered by private-public partnerships. That was an epic fail. The Mayor was not about to propose any further taxes as he was in the middle of a campaign cycle. Furthermore, just a little over a month ago, Mr. Murthy floated the same idea of private sector funding to KHON. If these are such viable solutions, why haven't they been implemented?**
- 4. Future debt financing expenses are reeling out of control and we are told the project needs more funding. Finance expenses were estimated at \$175M under the FFGA and are now projected to be at least \$2B, more than 10X over the approved amount.**
- 5. Funding to cover ongoing maintenance and operations has not been accurately identified. Ridership is questionable and fares have not been published. It is deplorable to base finances for a project of this magnitude on a best guess.**

**Now we are looking at the GET surcharge to cover funding shortfalls due to failures to contain costs, losing federal funding due to incompetent management and debt financing that has not been accounted for.**

**Has anyone considered the significant revenue opportunities from legalizing recreational marijuana and lottery sales? These are two very lucrative and proven revenue streams that would not impose ANY hardships on taxpayers AND cannot be any more controversial than legalizing prostitution that was being considered under HB 1533.**

**I implore you to STOP THE BLEEDING on this \$10-12Billion rail fiasco! I'm sure you have heard the saying..."Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." Since we are talking about formally adding more funding for a failing project yet again, I have to believe this is either a nightmare or the world's worst joke.**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR

March 18, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Espero and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Bill No. 134 H.D. 1

As Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill No. 134, H.D. 1.

By now, each of you is aware of the City's request for an extension of the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge to cover revenue shortfalls and cost increases projected by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) for construction of the minimal operating segment (MOS), as well as future costs associated with the planning, design and construction of extensions to East Kapolei and U.H. Manoa set forth in the locally preferred alternative (LPA). Having appeared and answered questions before both Senate and House committees, your collective concerns were made well known. Working with HART, we committed to provide you the information you need to make informed decisions. As Mayor, I also agreed to work with the City Council in communicating the City's unequivocal commitment to this key transportation infrastructure project.

Today, my resolve to continue working with both the Senate and the House on an extension of the GET surcharge honoring the City's commitment to build a robust multi-modal transportation system with an elevated driverless rail line through Oahu's most dense urban corridor remains firm.

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and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
March 18, 2015  
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While I appreciate the rigors of the legislative process, any legislation that proposes a reduction in the existing GET surcharge not only complicates the financial challenges confronting HART, but introduces uncertainty into the existing agreement with our financial partners at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As such, I remain committed to advocating for a twenty-five (25) year extension of the existing .5% GET surcharge beyond 2022, an extension that will empower the City and County of Honolulu, the Capital of the State of Hawaii, to deliver a robust multi-modal transportation system linking East Kapolei with U.H. Manoa via elevated rail, a system that will benefit residents, students, workers, employers and tourists alike.

As we continue our discussions, the City is prepared to work with the Legislature on crafting a process that will provide fiscal accountability, along with financial, reporting and program management assurances to the State, as HART moves through the planning, design and final construction of the rail project.

I look forward to our further discussions on this very important issue and thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 134, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kirk Caldwell  
Mayor

Date: April 5, 2017

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Members of House Committee on Finance

From: Christine Trecker

RE: SB1183 SD2 HD1: Relating to Taxation **Oppose**

I urge you to make the right call on the rail project. Vote NO to the provision in SB1183 SD2 HD1 that would allow extending the GET rail surcharge beyond 2027.

A vote to extend the rail surcharge will help seal the deal on the City pursuing the biggest boondoggle project in Hawaii's history, a price that will be paid for by the citizens you serve for generations to come.

The current rail project bears absolutely no resemblance to what taxpayers once thought it could achieve and would cost. They did not sign on to a project that could cost \$10 billion, not solve traffic congestion and only increase mass transit use by 2% at best. (Final EIS Table 3-12). Furthermore, the City's argument that the \$10 billion elevated rail project is essential for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is simply not true. TOD occurs in conjunction with public transit that is reliable, affordable and easily accessed – that could include various transit options such as street level rail, bus rapid transit, a system of driverless vehicles, etc.

If you vote NO to a rail surcharge extension the City will be forced to re-visit more affordable rail alternatives including Recovery Plan 2A, which entails bringing rail to street level for the last 5 miles - from Middle St to Ala Moana. This option, endorsed by the Honolulu Transit Task Force (HTTF), will save \$3 billion or more, reduce operation and maintenance costs, reduce visual and environmental impacts, be completed 4 years sooner, and will also make future rail extensions to Waikiki and UH more feasible and cost efficient than the City's 20 mile elevated guideway plan.

Recently the HTTF provided legislators the estimated cost to complete a scaled back version of Recovery Plan 2A, which would entail ending the project Downtown vs Ala Moana. This more conservative plan could be accomplished with currently available funds and the additional \$300 funding to HART (state skim give back) proposed in SB1183 SD2. This fiscally responsible plan would require no GET extension to complete the project, and in fact would leave a financial cushion of about \$200 million or more.

I strongly urge you review the smart, responsible rail options endorsed by the Honolulu Transit Task Force. The Task Force consists of 12 or more highly qualified architects and planners with no financial interest in the project (see attached bios). For more information visit [www.salvagetherail.org](http://www.salvagetherail.org) or call Scott Wilson, AIA (988-1876); Adria Estribou 291-6865.

At this critical juncture, we must base rail decisions on the facts and recommendations of the knowledgeable, well respected architects and planners of the HTTF, not on the self-serving rhetoric of politicians and special interest groups.

Thank you.

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## **Honolulu Transit Task Force Report Authors (salvagetherail.org)**

The January 2017 report was written by a group of local architects and planners led by Scott Wilson, AIA, with the assistance of chief technical advisor Douglas Tilden.

### **Douglas Tilden, FAIA**

AIA Project Manager and Senior Architect;  
URS, New York City

The report's chief technical advisor, Douglas Tilden, has compiled a distinguished 45-year career designing rail transit throughout the United States (e.g., Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C., Miami), as well as the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and Greece.

Notable assignments include Architect, Washington D.C. METRO, 1970 – 73; Corporate Vice President and Architect, Miami METRORAIL, 1976 – 82; Joint Development Director, Taipei METRO, 1989 – 92; Chief Architect, Athens METRO, 1993 – 97; Chief Architect, Korean High Speed Rail System, South Korea, 1997 – 99.

In 2007, Mr. Tilden was Chief Architect for InfraConsult, a principal consultant to the Honolulu Area Rapid Transit (HART). After reviewing the project, Mr. Tilden objected to the plan for two reasons: first, construction was to begin in the countryside and proceed into the urban core; second, throughout it was to be on a fixed elevated guideway.

He argued that transit should be designed to enhance, not degrade the urban core, and that as it gained support and ridership it should extend outward to destinations of greatest need. When his design principles were overridden, he resigned his post. From 2008, he served as the Program Manager and Chief Architect of the underground expansion of Grand Central Station in New York City. He has continued to follow the unfolding events of HART with an eye toward salvaging the greatest value from the project and preserving the cityscape.

In 2016, he was voted into membership of the AIA College of Fellows for his contribution not only to the profession but to society in general.

### **Scott R. Wilson, AIA**

Architect

Contributing author Scott Wilson has been part of the AIA Honolulu efforts to research rail transit since 2009. He was Chair of the AIA Transit Task Force from 2009 - 2012 and Chair of the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee from 2011-2016. Owner and Sole Proprietor of Scott R. Wilson AIA since 1993, specializing in residential and small commercial projects, licensed in Hawaii, California and Maine. Professional degrees in Architecture (B. Arch, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1984) and Regional & Urban Planning (Professional Certificate, DURP, University of Hawaii Manoa, 1999). Former Project Architect at TRB Hawaii, Long & Associates Inc., and Onuma Design Office (Yokohama, Japan). President-elect and President of Honolulu Chapter, American Institute of Architects, 2014-2015.

## **Terry Tusher, AIA**

Currently with Tusher Architectural Group, Terry Tusher's architectural career spans four decades in California, Guam and Hawaii. His professional experience ranges from project conception, development and feasibility studies to architectural and land use design, construction administration as well as evaluation of completed projects. Project diversity ranges from single-family residences to major commercial centers, hotels, and new project land planning in both rural and urban areas.

Terry has received multiple recognitions from the National Association of Home Builders and was a City and County of Honolulu Project of the Year Honoree.

## **Robert Crone, AIA**

Bob Crone has been a member of the AIA Honolulu and Honolulu Transit Task Force efforts from 1990 to the present. He was chair of the AIA Regional & Urban Design Committee (RUDC) from 1987 to 1992. His professional degrees are in Architecture (B. Arch., Cornell, 1965) and Urban and Regional Planning (Professional Certificate, DURP, UH Manoa, 1988). Licensed in Hawaii and Maryland, he has been involved in the planning and design of numerous residential, commercial, institutional and resort projects in Maryland, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Australia and Malaysia.

## **Peter N. Vincent, FAIA, NCARB**

Managing Partner, Peter Vincent Architects

Peter N. Vincent, AIA, NCARB, founded Peter Vincent Architects, an award-winning architecture and interior design firm, in Honolulu in 1992. He has an extensive background in a variety of residential, commercial, industrial and resort projects in the Pacific Rim, North America, Europe and the Middle East.

Peter served as the 2007 President of the Honolulu Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA), was Vice President/President Elect in 2006, and was Chair of the AIA Transit Task Force Committee from 2006-2008. He was President of the 501(c)(3) non-profit Hawaii Architectural Foundation (HAF). In 2014, Peter was elevated to the AIA's prestigious College of Fellows.

His technical background includes a former position as the Building Official for the County of Kauai, where he was responsible for the code enforcement of the \$1.6 billion construction effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki.

*The remaining members of the Honolulu Transit Task Force wish to remain anonymous so as to not jeopardize existing contracts and working relationships with local and federal government agencies.*



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**SB1183**

Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for FIN on Apr 5, 2017 15:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rebecca Friedman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a tax paying citizen of the City and County of Honolulu who strongly opposes any additional funding for the rail project in any way, shape or form that has direct or indirect impact to any taxpayer. The ominous cloud of countless failures that have taken place as part of this project is testimony in, and of, itself. I urge the committee to vote against this or any legislation which would increase funding for the rail project.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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April 4, 2017

Re: SB1183

I would like to submit this testimony in opposition to extending the GET any more than it is now. I am not opposed to doing away with the 10% skim from the State and I am not opposed to having an additional TAX CREDIT FOR LOW INCOME.

Over and over at monthly HART meetings, I have asked for the O & M (Operations and Maintenance) and it falls on deaf ears and it has NEVER BEEN REVEALED to this date!

Additionally, now the City and County of Honolulu is trying to pass Bill 28 which will raise the cost of a ONE-WAY HANDIVAN RIDE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TO \$4.00 A RIDE. THAT WOULD MEAN \$8.00 ROUND TRIP!!!! A Handivan disabled or elderly Rider receiving a limited SSI and SSA retirement income of less than \$800 will not be able to AFFORD to pay essentially DOUBLE what is charged at \$2.00 per ride now.

As it is now Low Income Hawaii Residents pay on food and drugs the extra added on to the GET for the Rail!! I trust the Legislature to be prudent in its decision what will be in and out of this Bill SB1183.

Thank You!

Barbra J. Armentrout

P.O.Box 161276

Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

## Testimony on SB1183

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Ron Brown &lt;ronpb43@gmail.com&gt;

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Tue 4/4/2017 2:00 PM

To: FINTestimony;

Date: April 5, 2017, 3 pm

To: The House Finance Committee, Sylvia Luke, Chair

Topic: SB 1183, SD2 HD1, oppose (unless modified appropriately)

Thank you for this chance to testify on this bill. The current version, with no expiration date on the excise tax surcharge, appears to give the city a blank check to finish their elevated rail project. I do not believe they have earned the right to such a vote of confidence. I note that last year the city auditor wrote that "HART's financial and operating plans are not reliable or current ...". There has been an endless spiral of cost overruns, perhaps not surprising with [Bechtel](#) and [Parsons Brinckerhoff](#) as chief consultants (their Boston "big dig" project projected to finish in 1998 at a cost of 2.8 billion was only completed in 2007 at an eventual cost estimated at 22 billion dollars). The internal emails of the FTA referred to the city's "lousy practices of public manipulation" and "inaccurate statements". Do you need examples? I just went to the HART home page and clicked on "Be Informed". The first thing I was told was that the rail system would improve traffic congestion so that it would be like the traffic when UH and the private schools were not in session. (But the EIS makes explicit that traffic congestion will not be improved and a city Transportation director said it would be worse with rail than today.) The third item declared that rail construction would create 10,000 jobs a year ... a total misrepresentation but still posted! In committee hearings I heard city representatives declare that at grade rail through downtown would increase the cost of the system by billions of dollars and move at only a walking pace, both ridiculous assertions ... but unchallenged in the hearing. The city has also minimized the impact of the regressive excise tax surcharge, saying that it only costs a penny for every two dollars you spend. But we know the cost is higher because it is compounded, and somehow one must pay for a project which looks like it will cost \$10,000 for every man, woman and child in Honolulu, to say nothing of large operating and maintenance costs. The terrible drag on our economy will last for generations.

Fortunately there are solutions to the problems outlined above. For example, the 1000 Friends and the Honolulu Transit Task Force have presented a plan that can complete rail from Middle Street to Downtown with the funds currently available ... and even with a surplus. Extensions to UH, Ala Moana, and Waikiki are completely feasible and cost-effective (unlike the situation with elevated rail). Construction times are slashed, operational and maintenance costs are decreased, and TOD is if anything improved since light rail goes where people actually want to go. The chief technical adviser for this proposal, Douglas Tilden, has had an extremely distinguished career in building rail systems internationally and has been honored as a fellow of the AIA. (This is not a trivial honor; I believe that only 4 architects in Hawaii have been so honored since 2005--a number consistent with our population.) I think we can have a lot more confidence in his work than in that of the city. There are still other options that have been proposed by experts that would address relatively inexpensively the critical issue of traffic congestion.

Katherine T. Kupukaa  
Mililani, Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 pm.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

RE: OPPOSE SB 1183, SD2 RELATING TO TAXATION

I oppose this bill as you were elected to office to serve the people of State of Hawaii in their best interests. This bill is counter to that. If you will remember that in 2015, the mayor of the City and County of Honolulu begged and pleaded with you to extend the surcharge for 5 years and that will be sufficient. He also stated he will not return and beg for more money. This bill authorizes to extend this surcharge. This totally unacceptable. I find it appalling that you would consider passing this bill.

This Rail project is failed project and it is shameful that it was allowed to begin construction. It will not serve the citizens, it will not reduce congestion, it will not get the ridership, and in the end the burden of this tax will be in the pocketbooks of generations to come.

The first leg of this Rail was scheduled to be operation in 2012. It is 2017 and yet to be constructed is the first rail station. Are you assured as to when the first leg of this rail will be in operation?

Last October I went to Okinawa and rode the rail in Naha City. This Yui Rail was completed 3 months ahead of schedule in 2003. What a concept! Since 2003 many of leaders in our State have visited Okinawa, like our Governor David Ige. Have you heard any of them talk about the successful Yui Rail? I rode the rail 6 times, rode on local city buses, tour buses, taxis, and ferry. Okinawa truly has a multi-model transportation system. I don't foresee this occurring here.

I plan to go back to Okinawa in October 2021. In recent news the rail will not be running until 2025. This is totally unacceptable to extend any more funding.

I urge you not to pass this bill and think about the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu and the future generations to come. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concern.

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A G E N D A # 2

SB 1183, SD2, HD1  
(HSCR1369)  
Status

RELATING TO TAXATION.

Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system.

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DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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April 4, 2017

To: Finance Committee  
House of Representatives

From: Financial Accountability For Rail Mass  
Transit Assn.

Re: SB 1183 SD2 HD1 - Relating To Taxation

Testifiers:

- 1) Roy Nakamura
- 2) Elaine Kam
- 3) ~~2~~ NANI KEKAI
- 4) Barbara Hudman
- 5) Rod Tam

S.B. 1183 S.D. 2 H.D. 1

FROM: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RAIL MASS TRANSIT ASS.

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Elaine Kam  
Member of the Financial Accountability for Rail Mass Transit  
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To House Committee on Finance Chair, Rep. Sylvia Luke,  
Vice Chair, Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, & Committee Members  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 3 pm

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February 27, 2017

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee On Finance  
Members of the Committee On Finance

From: Rod Tam  
Former State Senator  
Member of Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association

Re: Testimony On S.B. 1183, SD2, H21 –Relating To Taxation

Good afternoon Representative Luke and members of the Finance Committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1183 SD2, HD1. I am former State Senator and City Councilman Rod Tam, business consultant (specializing in business plans, marketing plans, legal research, financial planning, and international business between East and West), and member of the Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Association. My remarks are as follows.

1. Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Association opposes S.B. 1183 SD2, HD1. S.B. 1183 SD 2, HD1. The bill opens the doors for a county surcharge before Mayor Kirk Caldwell establishes financial accountability in constructing an accurate and concrete financial budget. An accurate and concrete financial budget must be constructed and publicly disclosed with public hearings before an extension of general excise tax increase be granted to the City & County of Honolulu. As a former councilman, in ending my term of office in 2010, I publicly stated the city must have financial accountability by having concrete financial plans for construction, administration, and maintenance of any chosen mass transit system.
2. There is no basis for financial accountability in allowing any increased general excise tax for funding the construction, administrative expenses, and maintenance expenses of the city's rail in the future when the budgets given by Mayor Caldwell are not concrete. The Star Advertiser has reported

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uncontrollable raising costs in the construction of rails 10 miles out of the 20 miles goal and Mayor Caldwell has been ordered by FTA to re-calculate and report by the end of April 2017 a concrete financial analysis report of the reasons for the raising costs and a concrete financial budget for the future expenses and revenues for the construction, administration, and maintenance. Mayor Caldwell has no concrete financial budget for the rail.

3. Hawaii’s taxpayers cannot bear unaccountable increase in general excise tax. Hawaii’s taxpayers have the highest cost of living in the United States with the below average wages and salaries. Low and median income earners are living paycheck to paycheck and on credit basic living expenses - food, clothing, and shelter.
4. Mayor Caldwell needs to find alternative means of financing for rail mass transit other than increasing taxes and service fees. A prudent person would live within his/her means of revenues. Example, when a person cannot afford a Toyota Lexus he/she will buy a regular sedan.
5. Mayor Caldwell needs to find alternative combined mass transit technologies based on the City & County of Honolulu’s financial affordability and need (durability, usability, etc.). Again, a prudent person would live within his/her means of revenues and availability of technologies.
6. We request for the state legislature to conduct public hearings on Mayor Caldwell’s financial plan for the rail mass transit following FTA’s mandate for a financial plan prior to passing any legislation to extend any general excise tax for the rail. The public wants disclosure of the financial plan and the opportunity to testify on the feasibility.
7. We request for the state legislature and federal government to do a financial audit on the financial accountability and management of the rail

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mass transit before extending any general excise tax to the City & County of Honolulu. Taxpayers need accountability.

Mahalo.

Enclosure: Uncertainty of Rail’s 20 Miles Construction (information by Star-Advertiser)

## Uncertainty of Rail's 20 Miles Construction

Information stated by Star Advertiser:

Projected costs (reported by Star Advertiser):

December 2012 ..... \$5.26 billion

December 2014 ..... \$5.9 billion

October 2015 ..... \$6.56 billion

March 2016 ..... \$6.9 billion

May 2016 ..... \$8.1 billion (700 million to 1.2 billion more)

Per FTA financial risk analysis, \$10.79 figure is the high possible cost projection.

20 mile rail estimated to be completed by December 2024.

As of June 28, 2016, Mayor Caldwell requested FTA to give the City till June 1, 2017 to provide the city to develop a more fully cost projection on the construction of the rail.

Rail is now estimated to be \$1.5 billion deficit on the city. The FTA gives the city till the end of December 2016 to address the deficit. \$1.55 billion was the federal share for the rail.

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February 27, 2017

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Committee On Finance  
Members of the Committee On Finance

From: Rod Tam  
Former State Senator  
Member of Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Transit Association

Re: Testimony On S.B. 1183, SD2, H21 –Relating To Taxation

Good afternoon Representative Luke and members of the Finance Committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1183 SD2, HD1. I am former State Senator and City Councilman Rod Tam, business consultant (specializing in business plans, marketing plans, legal research, financial planning, and international business between East and West), and member of the Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Association. My remarks are as follows.

1. Financial Accountability For Rail Mass Association opposes S.B. 1183 SD2, HD1. S.B. 1183 SD 2, HD1. The bill opens the doors for a county surcharge before Mayor Kirk Caldwell establishes financial accountability in constructing an accurate and concrete financial budget. An accurate and concrete financial budget must be constructed and publicly disclosed with public hearings before an extension of general excise tax increase be granted to the City & County of Honolulu. As a former councilman, in ending my term of office in 2010, I publicly stated the city must have financial accountability by having concrete financial plans for construction, administration, and maintenance of any chosen mass transit system.
2. There is no basis for financial accountability in allowing any increased general excise tax for funding the construction, administrative expenses, and maintenance expenses of the city's rail in the future when the budgets given by Mayor Caldwell are not concrete. The Star Advertiser has reported

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uncontrollable raising costs in the construction of rails 10 miles out of the 20 miles goal and Mayor Caldwell has been ordered by FTA to re-calculate and report by the end of April 2017 a concrete financial analysis report of the reasons for the raising costs and a concrete financial budget for the future expenses and revenues for the construction, administration, and maintenance. Mayor Caldwell has no concrete financial budget for the rail.

3. Hawaii’s taxpayers cannot bear unaccountable increase in general excise tax. Hawaii’s taxpayers have the highest cost of living in the United States with the below average wages and salaries. Low and median income earners are living paycheck to paycheck and on credit basic living expenses - food, clothing, and shelter.
4. Mayor Caldwell needs to find alternative means of financing for rail mass transit other than increasing taxes and service fees. A prudent person would live within his/her means of revenues. Example, when a person cannot afford a Toyota Lexus he/she will buy a regular sedan.
5. Mayor Caldwell needs to find alternative combined mass transit technologies based on the City & County of Honolulu’s financial affordability and need (durability, usability, etc.). Again, a prudent person would live within his/her means of revenues and availability of technologies.
6. We request for the state legislature to conduct public hearings on Mayor Caldwell’s financial plan for the rail mass transit following FTA’s mandate for a financial plan prior to passing any legislation to extend any general excise tax for the rail. The public wants disclosure of the financial plan and the opportunity to testify on the feasibility.
7. We request for the state legislature and federal government to do a financial audit on the financial accountability and management of the rail

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mass transit before extending any general excise tax to the City & County of Honolulu. Taxpayers need accountability.

Mahalo.

Enclosure: Uncertainty of Rail’s 20 Miles Construction (information by Star-Advertiser)



## Uncertainty of Rail's 20 Miles Construction

Information stated by Star Advertiser:

Projected costs (reported by Star Advertiser):

December 2012 ..... \$5.26 billion

December 2014 ..... \$5.9 billion

October 2015 ..... \$6.56 billion

March 2016 ..... \$6.9 billion

May 2016 ..... \$8.1 billion (700 million to 1.2 billion more)

Per FTA financial risk analysis, \$10.79 figure is the high possible cost projection.

20 mile rail estimated to be completed by December 2024.

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Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 8:06 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony on SB1183, SD2, HD1

**TO:** State House Committee on Finance  
**FROM:** Frank Genadio  
**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 1183, SD2, HD1  
**DATE and TIME:** April 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this testimony for elimination of House Draft 1 from the subject bill. At the 22 March meeting of the Committee on Transportation, those of us who testified for the bill as written were “blindsided” by Chair Aquino’s sudden introduction of HD1, call for a (passing) vote, and quick adjournment. Obviously, the mayor and his supporters were well aware in advance of the committee’s removal of the December 31, 2027 “sunset” date for the rail surcharge; other testifiers were clueless. I then found—at 30 minutes past Midnight—on the legislature’s Web site that, somehow, a recommendation for a second reading was passed on the 24th. Were the legislators sitting around the capitol on the night of the 23rd, just waiting for Midnight to vote and go home? I later found an entry that the bill passed a second reading from a strange assortment of legislators without, apparently, the requirement for a public hearing. Do the taxpaying residents on this island deserve to be victims of this legislative “shell game?”

For your information, I have made presentations on conversion from steel wheels on steel rails (SWSR) to urban magnetic levitation (maglev) as a means to complete the 20-mile minimum operable segment (MOS) project while staying within the funding likely to be available through the current surcharge plan and obligated federal funds (i.e., about \$6.8 billion). I have “taped” a program for Olelo and briefed the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board #34, resulting in passage of a resolution “Supporting conversion of Honolulu rail project to magnetic levitation system.” You may not find this of significance but should be aware that NB#34 passed a previous resolution opposing rail; its members now feel that something must be done to “rescue” a project that cannot seemingly be terminated. In fact, 70 percent of O’ahu residents oppose a rail project that will eventually cost \$10 billion (as noted in a Honolulu Star-Advertiser poll taken over a year ago). Applying that percentage to the number of registered voters, more than 330,000 potential voters oppose rail at the current cost projection. The few of us who can find the time and the inclination to provide testimony understand that most people have one or two jobs, families, hobbies, and schools that occupy their time—perhaps one reason why the State Legislature and the City Council meet on weekdays. Would you keep HD1 in this bill if ten percent of rail opponents showed up to testify against it, placing 33,000 people in the capitol’s chambers and on its grounds?

My presentation mentions conversion of SWSR using the techniques of second generation superconducting maglev (SCM), patented by American inventors Drs. James Powell and the late Gordon Danby. I previously emailed each of you a copy of the three-page letter sent to me from the Maglev 2000 team headed by Dr. Powell (and bearing his signature). In response to my costing for conversion here, the letter highlighted “ **In fact, we believe the cost estimates you presented were conservative and that a detailed design study would reveal that a superconducting maglev system could be implemented at an even lower total program cost .**” The letter further states that “**We endorse your inputs to the State Legislature and if the competitive opportunity were to exist for an engineering analysis of the SC Maglev systems and operation, our team**

**is prepared to support a sponsored project led by the current A-E firm, the prime systems integrator, or the City of Honolulu.”**

The Honolulu Transit Task Force proposes dropping rail to grade at Middle Street and completing the project at a total cost of \$7.23 billion, according to their figures. I have testified that it can be completed with second generation SCM technology for \$5.9 billion. Recently, the Ulupono Initiative analysis stated that delaying a decision could cost \$114 million yearly and is not in anybody’s best interest. I believe that pausing this project and conducting a full fiscal, analytical, and engineering review WOULD BE in the taxpayers’ best interests. That review should cover the current project, at-grade rail, and urban maglev. I also feel that it should be funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and controlled by its executive director; at this point, there is little trust in the city’s administration, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), or even the previous officials in FTA’s Region IX, who never should have accepted the terribly flawed environmental impact statement first drafted in 2008.

Until quite recently the terms in another document, the 2012 Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA), were referred to as “inviolable” by city officials and members of the City Council. That word has not been used lately because HART already indicates on its Web site that it will not meet some of those terms. Aside from “blowing past” the budget numbers, a \$3.6 billion allocation for local funding, the project will not even meet the level of service specified in the FFGA. One example: the FFGA states that for the opening year there will be service every three minutes during weekday peak periods, every six minutes during weekday off-peak periods; and every ten minutes on weekday evenings, and for the forecast year of 2030 there will be service every three minutes during weekday peak periods, every five minutes during weekday off-peak periods, and every eight minutes on weekday evenings. HART’s Web site shows only one entry for service: Trains will arrive at stations about every five minutes during peak travel times, and about every 11 minutes during non-peak times; it also states that each four-car train can carry a passenger load of more than 800 people. Accepting HART’s train passenger carrying capacity, the FFGA figures then anticipate per hour boardings as follows:

For the first year – 16,000 for peak, 8,000 non-peak, and 4,800 for evenings.

Forecast for 2030 – 16,000 for peak, 9,600 non-peak, and 6,000 for evenings.

The HART per hour boardings are:

First year and 2030 – 9,600 for peak, 4,360 non-peak, and 4,360 for evenings.

Maglev 2000 trains could not only meet FFGA terms but probably provide two, four, and eight minute leeways, making the per hour boardings:

First year and 2030 – 24,000 for peak, 12,000 non-peak, and 6,000 for evenings.

Conversion to Maglev 2000 will meet the terms of the FFGA including its description of the rail project for: 20 miles, 21 stations, 80 light metro fully automated (driverless) vehicles, a maintenance and storage facility, and four park-and-ride facilities with 4,100 spaces including a parking structure at Pearl Highlands. It will do so with available funding, something that everyone on this island knows will not be possible if the city “stays the course” with SWSR.

A straight-up comparison of urban maglev with steel wheels for a 20-mile system also shows enormous savings for operations and maintenance (O&M). HART Interim CEO Murthy stated that steel wheels costs for the first year of full operations will be \$126 million. Over 30 years, savings with maglev at zero inflation would be \$2 billion. Those savings would increase to \$3 billion at two percent inflation and \$3.5 billion at three percent.

There also will be construction and even property acquisition savings through conversion to maglev, but O&M is the key to keeping money in local taxpayers’ pockets as long as public transit is about thirty percent subsidized—as it should be for the benefit of commuters whether they use transit or drive.

Conversion to urban maglev would restore public confidence in the project. A successful (maglev) MOS project would spur approvals for extensions to provide service to Waikiki, the Manoa campus of the University of Hawaii, and West Kapolei (i.e., the council-approved locally preferred alternative, or LPA). It also would bode well for gaining federal funding support to the LPA under the New Starts program. Positive impacts on rail ridership and level-of-service on the roadways, the supposed initial goal for implementing rail, will result.

There is only one way to receive the review mentioned above, denial of ANY extension of the rail surcharge past its current “sunset” date of December 31, 2027. If it were up to me, I would add a resolution demanding that the city request that review from federal officials. Staying with SWSR and running the costs beyond \$10 billion (currently the low estimate by opponents and, unfortunately, even some of us supporters) virtually guarantees no further federal support and no convenient rail service for decades for the 26,000 faculty, students, and staff at UH-Manoa and the long-suffering commuters on the Waianae Coast. Conversion to maglev, however, could bring about LPA service by 2030.

Despite the naysayers who started using the mantra that “it’s too late to change” more than a decade ago, there still is time to implement 21st Century technology and make Honolulu’s rail project a model for urban transit rather than the (now nationally recognized) poster child for a municipal transit debacle. Those of us who have been following rail since 2004 remember when the late U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye and former U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie were heavily involved in the process, attending public meetings and even testifying for rail. Has anybody seen any of the four current members of our Congressional delegation being involved? They probably—and purposely—avoid it like the plague so that voters do not associate them with the project. If they really cared about the taxpayers on this island, they would be jointly calling for the needed review. Please eliminate HD1 and pass SB 1183, SD2 without change. Mahalo and Aloha.

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**Stacey Whitten  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96745**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE  
CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1183, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TAXATION.** Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system. (SB1183 HD1)

HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stacey Whitten of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Eric Shimabukuro**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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I, **Eric Shimabukuro of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**John Padre  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Leslie OConnor  
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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Leslie OConnor of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sergio Cocchia**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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I, **Sergio Cocchia of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Dirksen of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Hannah Neagle  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**George Playdon  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Lori Isara**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lori Isara of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Melanie Stanley  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Melanie Stanley of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jan Wuerful**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jan Wuerful of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Brandon Ching**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brandon Ching of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Brian Kunioka**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brian Kunioka of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Grace Arensd  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Grace Arensd of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Clay Asato**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96744**

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**Jerry Fujita**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**John Bustard**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Jack Almanza**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Joy Kimura**  
**Hawaii Kai, Hawaii 96825**

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**Frank Katakura**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Frank Katakura of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jeff Tamanaha**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Hye Jin Warren  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**Samantha Burns**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Samantha Burns of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lily Dao**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lily Dao of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alma Ohta**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alma Ohta of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Paul Lindo**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Paul Lindo of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Lagestee**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Paul Maroni**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Paul Maroni of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Phil Cassalia**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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**Sandra Kunioka  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

April 5, 2017

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I, **Sandra Kunioka of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**James Fujimoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Eric Mishler**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Mark Hertel**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Leland Onekea  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Leland Onekea of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Danyelle Kahanaoi  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Danyelle Kahanaoi of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Victor Tran**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Greg Eng**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Greg Eng of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dylan Ojeda**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dylan Ojeda of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lee Dao**  
**Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lee Dao of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Bryce Gruba**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Bryce Gruba of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joseph Schraner**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joseph Schraner of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alma Yamashita  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alma Yamashita of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Elaine Garo  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Jacob Brovelli**  
**Pearl City , Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jacob Brovelli of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lisa Barnett**  
**Pearl City , Hawaii 96782**

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**Nikki Koran**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nikki Koran of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Paul Aniya  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Bryan Zachmeier**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Bryan Zachmeier of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Walter Billingsley  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Walter Billingsley of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ashley Kruse**  
**Manoa, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ashley Kruse of Manoa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lawrence Calpito**  
**Ewa beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lawrence Calpito of Ewa beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Tammie Oka**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tammie Oka of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jody Beckcom**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jody Beckcom of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Robet Hofinga  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Robet Hofinga of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Corey Miyasato  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**V Fisher**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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I, **V Fisher of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Norman Makalena  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Joe Pasion  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Suzanne McCrary  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Suzanne McCrary of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Rudy Alivado**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Michelle Rodrigues  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michelle Rodrigues of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Summerlyn Hanohano  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Summerlyn Hanohano of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Susan Fukuda  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Susan Fukuda of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Victoria Mailoa  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Victoria Mailoa of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jay Manzano**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**Carma Bamber**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Jon Tokashiki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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**William Bekemeier**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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I, **William Bekemeier of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Andrew Takahashi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Andrew Takahashi of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jiro Sumida**  
**Manoa, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jiro Sumida of Manoa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nick Sonoda**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Glenn Ida**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Glenn Ida of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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## Judy Park Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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**Clint Uyehara**  
**Waimea, Hawaii 96743**

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**Earl Yamashita  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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I, **Earl Yamashita of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nicole West  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Nicole West of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Daniel Tanigawa  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Daniel Tanigawa of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lance Delos Reyes  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766**

April 5, 2017

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**Rochelle Parras  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766**

April 5, 2017

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**Kevin Nakamoto  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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HEARING

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kevin Nakamoto of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**David Rawls**  
**Kona, Hawaii 96704**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **David Rawls of Kona, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Christa Massaro  
Lawai, Hawaii 96741**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christa Massaro of Lawai, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Derrick Nakamura  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Derrick Nakamura of Lihue, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lois Gongob  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

April 5, 2017

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**Kenneth Kaauwai  
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**William Meinhold  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

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**Colleen Mizuno  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

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**Duy Ninh**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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**Donna Bowling  
Kalaheo, Hawaii 96741**

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I, **Donna Bowling of Kalaheo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Roy Yamagishi**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**Hurley Brand  
Waikiki, Hawaii 96815**

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**Rocky Guillermo**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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**Stephen Kelly  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stephen Kelly of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Marlene Lara**  
**Koloa, Kauai, Hi, Hawaii 96756**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Marlene Lara of Koloa, Kauai, Hi, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kendall Korenaga  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kendall Korenaga of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ly Pham**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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**Marybeth Coffman**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Krislyn Hashimoto  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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**William Wilson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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I, **Maria Hartfield of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**LATE**

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**Marcus Wallace**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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**Robert Ray**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Robert Ray of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Nhung Bui**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96815**

April 5, 2017

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**Kevin Herman  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Scott Morton  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Scott Morton of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jeremy De Gracia  
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jeremy De Gracia of Lahaina, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Cynthia Juettner  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Cynthia Juettner of Mililani, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Maeda Timson  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Maeda Timson of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Keith Timson  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

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I, **Keith Timson of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dennis Tanimoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Greg Uyematsu  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

April 5, 2017

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**Isaiah Jones-Timson  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Elisa Yadao**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Greer cruz**  
**Waianae, Hawaii 96782**

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I, **Greer cruz of Waianae, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Luke Kaili**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Luke Kaili of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**P. Pulou  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

April 5, 2017

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I, **P. Pulou of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lisa Corney**  
**Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lisa Corney of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Cid Inouye**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Cid Inouye of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alison Shigekuni**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alison Shigekuni of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Garrett Sullivan**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Garrett Sullivan of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Golojuch Jr.  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

April 5, 2017

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CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Golojuch Jr. of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gerard Pataray**  
**Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Gerard Pataray of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Cheryl Walthall**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

April 5, 2017

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I, **Cheryl Walthall of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Kasai**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kevin Kasai of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Steve Do**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

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**Cody Navarro**  
**Waikele, Hawaii 96797**

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**Christopher Delaunay  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Mariko Navarro  
Waikele, Hawaii 96797**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mariko Navarro of Waikele, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gladys Marrone  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Gladys Marrone of Ewa Beach, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mike Golojuch  
Kapolei , Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Mike Golojuch of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kevin Nhieu**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kevin Nhieu of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Amy Sanderson**  
**Hawaii Kai, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Amy Sanderson of Hawaii Kai, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Michael Fujita**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Fujita of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Janet Frederickson  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Janet Frederickson of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jennifer Louie**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jennifer Louie of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alexander Keeno  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Alexander Keeno of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ron Tokunaga**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

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**Christine Simmons  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christine Simmons of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Lisa Griffiths**  
**Wailuku, Hawaii 96793**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Lisa Griffiths of Wailuku, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Beau Nobmann  
Waialua, Hawaii 96791**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Beau Nobmann of Waialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Namie Wong**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Namie Wong of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jayson Manzano**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Jayson Manzano of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Chris Quitevis  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Greg Thielen  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Dean Asahina  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

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**Evan Fujimoto**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Irene Ota**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Irene Ota of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dustin Timm**  
**Waialua, Hawaii 96791**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dustin Timm of Waialua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Huy Huynh**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Christopher Cheung  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Christopher Cheung of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Mark Ebert**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Paul K. Kane III  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii 96706**

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Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Jimmy Kawaihalau**  
**Pearl City , Hawaii 96782**

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**Shari Ishikawa  
Pearl city , Hawaii 96782**

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**Marshall Hickox  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Marshall Hickox of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Brad Myers**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brad Myers of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Harry Saunders  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Tiffany Mineshima  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tiffany Mineshima of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kyle Johnson  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kyle Johnson of Kapolei, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Garold Kashiws**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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I, **Garold Kashiws of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Ken Schmidt  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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**Clifton Crawford  
Kailua, Hawaii 96735**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Clifton Crawford of Kailua, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joe Olvey**  
**Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joe Olvey of Haleiwa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Wyeth Crawford  
Pearl city, Hawaii 96782**

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**Floyd Carns  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Owen Ogata  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96797**

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**Gwyn Hirasa  
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**John Cheung**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Michael Brittain**  
**Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Michael Brittain of Wahiawa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Toby Inouye**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96821**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Toby Inouye of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Joan Sato**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Joan Sato of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Dale Titcomb**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Dale Titcomb of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Stacy Miyake**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Stacy Miyake of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Marissa Grad  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Marissa Grad of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Heidi Kim  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Heidi Kim of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Sean Meguro**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Sean Meguro of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kathleen Chu**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kathleen Chu of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Matthew Paulson**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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**Mario Higa  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Aaron Meilleur**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Michael Watanabe**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Peter Iriarte**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Ronald Yee**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

April 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR, HONORABLE TY CULLEN, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ronald Yee of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Renee Viela  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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**Cy Masatsugu**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Marc Tam**  
**Pearl City, Hawaii 96782**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Marc Tam of Pearl City, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Aaron Uno**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Aaron Uno of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kerri Masada  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797**

April 5, 2017

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kerri Masada of Waipahu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alric Kutara**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96819**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Garrett Jones**  
**Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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**Ken Kobayashi**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 98622**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ken Kobayashi of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Charles Bayne**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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I, **Charles Bayne of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Shannon Oshiro**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Renee Lai**  
**Honolulu , Hawaii 96821**

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**Brian Lewis**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Brian Lewis of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Damien Tua  
Makiki , Hawaii 96822**

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**Reyn Nakamoto  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Reyn Nakamoto of Kaneohe, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gary Kosaki**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Brian Moore**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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**Shannon Alivado**  
**Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Shannon Alivado of Waimanalo, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**J. Calaro**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Ken Takenaka**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ken Takenaka of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Kanuji Parmar**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Kanuji Parmar of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Edward Castanares**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Tristan Gonzales**  
**Haleiwa , Hawaii 96712**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Tristan Gonzales of Haleiwa, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Gaylet Muraki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96818**

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**Michael Nagata**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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**Alexander Nguyen**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Lucia Indelicato  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707**

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**Bennett Fung**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96826**

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HEARING

DATE: April 5, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Bennett Fung of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Betty Castanares**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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**Bonnie Uchida**  
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**Belinda Turran  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Ryan Ketza**  
**Aiea, Hawaii 96701**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Ryan Ketza of Aiea, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Richard Manz  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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**Leighton Wong**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

I, **Leighton Wong of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Jay Gaudlitz**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

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I, **Jay Gaudlitz of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Alena Lewis**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96825**

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I, **Alena Lewis of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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I, **Wesley Woo of Honolulu, Hawaii** support the Honolulu Rail project and Senate Bill 1183 (SB 1183) that will extend the General Excise Tax (GET) surcharge beyond a 2027 sunset date in order to fund the construction of the project as originally planned and designed to the Ala Moana Center. The 20-mile Rail project has been under construction in West Oahu and all phases but the last five miles that ends at the Ala Moana Center is under contract for construction. Besides the jobs created during construction, the completed rail system will provide permanent jobs, transportation alternatives other than wheeled vehicles on Oahu, traffic alleviation, and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels. Furthermore, the project will encourage Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around the rail stations and along the route, which will in turn support developing affordable housing that create sustainable and more livable communities.

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**Honolulu, Hawaii 96814**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Brian Tamamoto  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

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**Chad Taniguchi**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Re: SB1183, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1369) – Relating to Taxation

Enclosed please find a letter signed by many labor union leaders, supporting the extension of the present GET at 0.5% in perpetuity or at least 30 years. We understand that many other labor leaders are submitting similar letters to you and your committee.

The signatories believe that the rail project, as voted on by the people of Honolulu in 2008, 20 mile from Kapolei to Ala Moana Shopping Center, elevated, steel-on-steel must be completed for the people.

The signatories all respectfully request that you consider their collective opinion when you deliberate on SB 1183, SD2, HD1. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

T. George Paris  
Managing Director  
Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund

Joseph O'Donnell  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer  
Business Manager

Enclosure

## SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT

April, 2017

We, the undersigned, support the Honolulu Rail Project – a 20-mile, elevated fixed guideway rail system from East Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center – through the extension of the City and County of Honolulu surcharge on the general excise tax (GET) at 0.5% *in perpetuity* or *at least an additional 30 years*.

### *Supporting Families Today*

Rail and surrounding transit oriented development (TOD) will provide jobs for working families for years to come. These families spend countless hours in traffic rather than with loved ones. Rail is a transit alternative that will reduce per household transportation cost – saving money and time better spent on ‘ohana.

### *Fiscal Responsibility*

Any deviation from the Full Funding Grant Agreement between the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and the City and County of Honolulu (FTA FFGA-19, October 1, 2012) could result in the loss of the \$1.55 billion dollar grant. Changes to the current plan will require additional studies, invite legal suits, and result in construction project delays – all contributing to increased total project cost on taxpayers. Consequently, the loss of federal support and change in plan would most likely result in increased fees and tax on the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu.

### *Investing in our Future*

Rail is also an investment in the present and future generations. Rail will improve the quality of life for people, especially West O‘ahu and the “second city” of Kapolei. Rail will inspire the creation of livable and connected communities, reduce transportation energy use, foster new business opportunities, and increase affordable housing. The Rail will allow our children and grandchildren to live and work in our islands.

Let’s build a better future, together. *Mahalo*.

cc: Hawai‘i State Legislature  
Governor of Hawai‘i  
City and County of Honolulu City Council  
Mayor of Honolulu

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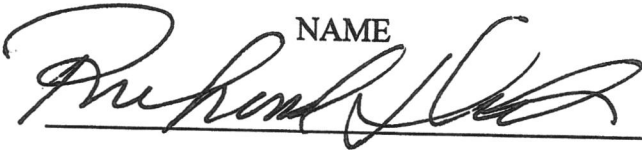
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April, 2017

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SB 1183, SD2, HD1

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

RELATING TO TAXATION

Authorizes a county that has established a county surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge for a limited time period. Authorizes counties that have not established a surcharge to adopt an ordinance to establish a surcharge prior to 7/1/2018. Provides that the State shall retain an unspecified portion of surcharge. Requires the mayor of the county to submit certain plans with respect to the alternative transportation system.

Testimony by John Bond, FTA HART Rail PA Consulting Party

Aloha Chair Luke and

Committee members

My testimony on SB 1183, SD2, HD1 is because I have spent years attending HART Rail Programmatic Agreement meetings, testifying before the City Council, State Legislature and HART board meetings. I well remember all of the original plans and promises never kept. Every rail fiasco prediction since 2005 has happened.

Every year the costs projected by the HART Rail project consultant Jacobs Engineering have gone up by a Billion. Statistical models done by the firm tasked with management oversight of Honolulu's rail project in 2014 showed that a 20-mile line from East Kapolei to Ala Moana could cost as much as \$10.79 billion, significantly more than the \$8 billion figure that federal and city officials had been using previously. **Keep in mind that the FTA consultant in 2009 estimated only a 10% chance of rail costs going to \$10 billion!**

**The City-HART are misusing the FTA FFGA to fund primarily a tourism land development promotion operation with insider lobbyists kicking back bribe payments to elected officials as "loans" or "campaign donations," among other graft and bribery methods.**

Emails obtained by KHON document how HART city staff wanted consultants to take a multimillion-dollar change and break it down to pieces under \$1 million each to avoid board scrutiny with staff saying HART's deputy executive director was OK with that.

While HART touts the accomplishments of miles of guideway built to date, they fail or cover up the shoddy construction that raises safety and maintenance concerns when the system begins operations that may put the riders at risk. HART only recently mentioned, without details they refuse to release, **the Westside guideway drilled shafts with columns sinking into the ground beyond acceptable engineering and construction tolerances.**

**Change orders totaling \$15 million approved - Marcel Honoré, Star-Advertiser, Mar 2017, The full 20-mile route's opening has been pushed to December 2025, but rail's independent overseers have recently questioned whether that target is realistic.** Kiewit's latest \$6 million will also go toward reinforcing underground sections of the West Oahu guideway near a channel that's **"more susceptible to erosion than originally thought,"** HART officials said.

Back in April 2015, media reported that large cracks had developed along the concrete segments now under construction, the most recent incident in February 2016. While minor cracking is to be expected, these major cracks are obvious structural failures that are not acceptable and extremely expensive to repair without the replacement of the entire involved segment. **This presents a safety and ongoing maintenance issue and what quality can be expected going forward for the next 14 miles? A train derailment would be a catastrophe.**

#### **HART RAIL: UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED?**

The method that Kiewit used to attach the rail to the concrete guideway does not follow best tested transit industry standards. HART wanted to show *Cost Savings* on the project for publicity purposes. ***Because of the "cost savings" way that Kiewit installed the guideway, the rail attachment method is subject to failure, expensive long-term maintenance and clearly a safety issue. The DC Metro has had similar problems with rail detaching or sliding.***

**Usually the rail is attached to a concrete surface on the guideway called a plinth.** Kiewit eliminated the concrete plinth claiming cost effectiveness, and HART agreed. However, the solution has resulted in a potentially unsafe condition. Kiewit has substituted plastic material to serve as a "shim" rather than concrete to support the rail on the guideway. While this plastic shim has been used in other transit systems, the height of the plastic shim on the HART project is beyond tested tolerances. *The thickness of the shims may cause the bolts anchoring the rail to be subjected to excessive shear under the dynamic load of the train. The multiple layers of plastic shim required to level the tracks may shift.* **When HART begins running trains derailments are possible.**

**Hawaii News Now:** In a lawsuit filed, McCaughey said the Ansaldo company -- which is being paid \$1.4 billion to build the trains and operate them -- cut corners by not hiring the required safety experts. *"It's absolutely prevalent throughout Ansaldo joint venture. They do not have adequate staffing to meeting the requirements of this project,"* said McCaughey. *"They didn't have it when I was working for them and they don't have it now."* Questions raised include whether taxpayer money meant for the rail project *is being diverted to other Ansaldo divisions outside of Hawaii.* **The Ansaldo parent company has had major issues with graft, corruption with top executives leaving and the parent company completely renaming itself "Leonardo."**

**KHON September 9, 2016 - Whistleblowers, ex-staff speak out on rail cost and delays: The rail route to Ala Moana will easily cost \$10 billion, according to people who have worked directly on the project.** That's a number engineers with direct knowledge of the actual contracts, change orders and payments say is likely. Swatta says while construction prices have risen, an equal if not greater portion of the **cost hikes come from bloated administrative procedures, shelved and redone designs, changes HART asks for after contracts are written, and big unresolved cost and timing issues like utilities and HECO matters.**

**Swatta believes it could be another 15 years before HART rail is operational as planned.** The FTA rail consultant believes a "maybe" operation by early 2026 but "possibly" (likely) longer. That's also what ex-contractor staff believe and everything that has happened has proven that **rail will cost FAR MORE and take MUCH LONGER than anyone is being led to believe.**

Rail contractors and workers fearing retaliation wrote the board pleading for attention to cost overruns and safety concerns. **They warned against the use of plastic shims on the guideway which the FTA PMOC federal oversight report notes have already begun to crack.**

**Because of very high HART rail job turnover another engineer says people fear speaking up.** Bart Desai got the boot from his job for Honolulu rail with one of the consulting firms after questioning changes and claims processes. **Desai wrote a lengthy letter to HART and the FTA and sees the project topping \$10 billion.** "Based on the past history and the way that



management is reacting and managing the project, *there's no way it will stop here, it could go up more," Desai told KHON2.*

### **Ansaldo Rail Cars Faulty – Parent Company Busted For Bribes, Corruption renamed Leonardo**

Failed weld inspections on track work being done by Ansaldo and two rail car wheel assemblies called a truck, were rejected due to cracked welds.

FTA investigations of problems at DC Metro show what will happen when HART rail support fasteners begin degrading and cracking during daily 24/7 heavy rail use. - **major operational expenses and commuter service down time.** Trains making rumbling noises and vibrations heard and felt in homes and businesses. **Also potential derailments.**

HART rail has already had to replace plastic rail supports because they were cracking. The DC Metro uses thin concrete supports. **Honolulu is using plastic supports.** How long will these really last under daily heavy rail operations? DC Metro experience shows rail fasteners will likely will cause the same operations problems for Honolulu rail in the future. *This will become a very expensive maintenance problem for HART rail making service unreliable.*



### **Rail project saving \$140M WITH HECO** By Marcel Honoré February 17, 2017

Local rail officials and Hawaiian Electric Co. say they've agreed to a *"cheaper fix"* for many of the utility-line clearance problems that have plagued Oahu's elevated transit project, saving about \$140 million.

Under the new \$61.5 million plan, which was unveiled at Thursday's Honolulu Authority for

Rapid Transportation board meeting, most of the overhead power lines running along the rail route's first 11 miles from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium **would stay put, and HECO crews would work on them using new, specialized trucks and cranes.** "There are still some areas that will be challenging and some clearances that will be tight, **but we think we can make it work.**" said HECO. *If it doesn't work it means more expenses, change orders and rail down time.*

HECO had warned rail consultants in 2009 that its workers would need clearances of 50 feet to safely access high-voltage power lines near the guideway, **but the issue was neglected until 2013 (So that concrete could be thrown up quickly and then huge change orders paid out later.)** HECO needs as much as 50 feet of clearance for the "bucket" trucks that carry its maintenance crews to gain access to overhead lines, according to HECO. HECO crews have special protective equipment and safety precautions **while rail riders will be directly exposed twice a day up next to high voltage power lines very close and directly over the elevated rail station platforms at the UH West Oahu and East Kapolei rail stations.**

Like plastic shims on the rail guideway, **"cheaper fix" high voltage clearance means rail riders could suffer health issues** (and possible catastrophic derailment) in the future- many of them college students, low income workers and native Hawaiians living on DHHL homelands and attending UH West Oahu using the two local HART rail stations. **All "cheaper fix" guinea pigs for daily high voltage EMF exposure and possible eventual liability lawsuits.**

**Daily access to East Kapolei and West Oahu rail stations will place riders directly under the greatest exposure, within 50 feet or less, to high voltage dual 138 kV and 46 kV EMF power lines.** 3D simulated station shows stairs, elevators and overpass walkways from a major parking lot will place rail commuters directly under and in close proximity to high voltage EMF (Electro Magnetic Fields) **on a daily basis twice a day as they commute.**

Because they are elevated, people are much closer to the main dual 138 kV power radiation than someone walking below on the sidewalk. Being exposed to this radiation every day, twice a day, in humid air, rain storms and electrical storms could be very hazardous. Even the rail track has voltage running along it that can kill a person. **The stations will be high voltage EMF fields. More voltage is created as trains enter and leave the station every few minutes.**



HECO crews have many protective safety methods working within 50 feet of high voltage power. *The average rail rider will have none and will be EMF guinea pigs. kilovolt - a unit of electromotive force, equal to 1000 volts. Expressed as kV. 46 kV = 46,000 volts. 138 kV = 138,000 volts.*

**Power Line Safety - Even a KITE STRING can conduct electricity and cause electrocution:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xy7MWzctTmQ>



**Honolulu Star-Advertiser 28 Feb 2017** [Senators blast city leaders over rail funds](#)

Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Jill Tokuda grilled them on their budget accounting and laid out the Senate's new rail measure. *"Have you taken the time to dig through your very own budget to find the money without taxing your own taxpayer?"*

**House Finance Chairwoman Sylvia Luke (D, Punchbowl-Pauoa-Nuuanu) said the tax is among the most regressive levies that can be imposed on citizens. "It hits everybody from the working poor to retirees," she said.**

**Luke said legislators would pursue some detailed fact-finding** because what was a \$5.26 billion project when the city first asked for an extension in January 2014 has now climbed to \$8 billion. *(And actually now much closer to \$11 Billion currently.)*

*"A lot of the information we were given was not true, and knowing now that information was withheld from us, whether it was from the city administration or HART, for us that doesn't matter," Luke said. "If you're going to be responsible in taking billions of dollars from taxpayers, I think it's everyone's obligation to make sure that the right facts are presented and things are not withheld. The city has lost a lot of credibility with the Legislature."*

Many Oahu residents *"don't want us to break our promise again,"* she said, referring to the state's 2015 approval of a rail tax extension *after rail leaders said that would likely be enough.*

**"They think we're liars," she said of those who oppose another extension.**

*“At this particular juncture, we still have not seen a number of things from HART and from the city,” Tokuda said. “We haven’t seen a functional budget, in terms of one that’s credible that they can hang their hat on. We have not seen an operations and maintenance plan or a plan regarding its sustainability.”*

**Neal Milner: We Long Ago Stopped Trusting Anything About Honolulu Rail, Civil Beat**

**Lee Cataluna: Why would you need a train when the bus already runs that way?**

**“Mayor’s plan brings rail to new level of insanity,” Star-Advertiser, Volcanic Ash**

**Rail mega-projects require massive lying to the public: see Bent Flyvbjerg,** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bent\\_Flyvbjerg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bent_Flyvbjerg) An infrastructure project that exhibits at least two out of three bad outcomes: 1) Large cost overruns, 2) Long project delivery delays, and 3) Much lower usage than forecast. Bent Flyvbjerg, et al. **Delusion and Deception in Large Infrastructure Projects: Two Models for Explaining and Preventing Executive Disaster,** California Management Review Vol. 51, No. 2 Winter 2009. **HAWAII BUSINESS – How Much?** <http://www.hawaiibusiness.com/how-much-will-it-cost-us-in-the-end/>

*One of the flaws in megaproject development is strategic misrepresentation, or clever lying to the public and decision makers (such as the HART board members and the Honolulu city council members, none of whom have any expertise in large infrastructure projects and rail in particular.) Project funder FTA allowed the City to wildly misrepresent facts which simply fit the political line that the proposed 20-mile rail will cost \$4.6 billion as applicable for the 2008 rail referendum. The FTA-sponsored report contained one point of truth: **There is a 10% chance that HART rail will cost about \$10 B. This is now 100% FACT.***

The project vote got a marginal (50.6%) public support in a 2008 referendum. Hawaii’s typical **“Gravy Train”** system of inept, somewhat criminal **“Hawaii project management”** style has turned a **\$5 Billion taxpayer rail project a likely \$20 Billion project delayed by 10 years.**

*FTA emails released under FOIA in 2011 revealed the FTA prediction that Honolulu WOULD screw the whole rail project up because of well-known government and political corruption and incompetence. FTA predicted in 2009 that there is a “10% chance” that HART rail will cost about \$10.5 B. So back in 2009 FTA already KNEW the ACTUAL costs would be at least \$10 Billion. **At \$500 Million a mile the full Ala Moana buildout will most likely be \$20 Billion. Caldwell will be back many times for many more City and State extensions, taxes, fees and rate increases.***

**One of rail’s first architects speaks out about elevated design Kathleen Gallagher PBN 2016**

The Honolulu rail project has received a spate of criticism for its design, a 20-mile elevated train line that will separate downtown Honolulu from its waterfront. PBN talked to one of the rail

project's first architects, **Douglas Tilden**, about his year-long experience on the project and why he left. *In 2007, InfraConsult's chief architect, Douglas Tilden took a look at the system and said the rail should be at grade and not elevated.*

*"There were so many light rail systems that could be emulated," Tilden told PBN in a phone call. "Excellent projects that were carefully spent. **It is nothing short of a crime to run it elevated downtown and I told them that.** They argued that if you ran the trains at grade the traffic on the roadways wouldn't allow for efficient service," he said. "However, all around the world they do it and even if you believe that, you can't justify the money they are spending. **Light rail is significantly less expensive.**"*

*"From a transit point of view, what they are doing is sheer lunacy," he said. "The key goal of any transit system is to get the people interested by having it downtown first. **Honolulu has made a huge mistake.**" He concluded: "**I think Honolulu will be a poster child for how not to put a transit system in the city...they couldn't be doing it any worse, it's mistake after mistake.**"*

**In 2016 HART's chief rail architect, Ken Caswell, left the project after seven and a half years.**



**Heavy Elevated Rail Being Built For Big Land Development Tourist Brochures, Videos – NOT Commuter Service. Rail Mafia insiders fraudulently using FTA commuter rail money to create attractions for China Oceanwide Holdings and their Mega Resort Plans in West Oahu.**

This new major project would be the first of its kind in Hawaii and the U.S. Described as being similar to Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, which has a waterpark, an aquarium, a dolphin encounter

area and sea lion park. It also has more than 20 restaurants, a nightclub, spas, salons and a fitness center. **There will be LOTS of ChiCom money to grease the palms of Hawaii politicians!**

**China Oceanwide Holdings Group was founded in 1985 by Mr. Lu Zhiqiang, the founder, legal representative, Communist Party secretary, and chairman of the group, as well as a member of the standing committee of the 12th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, vice president of the China Non-governmental Chamber of Commerce, deputy chairman of the Oceanwide Foundation, deputy chairman of the China Foundation for Guangcai Program, and deputy chairman of the China Minsheng Banking,**

**So now you know the BIG CHESS GAME RAIL CON JOB BY WEST OAHU LAND DEVELOPERS.**

The truth is, rail is being built to sell West Oahu land, not as a commuter service as was promised to voters. *The whole project has a long history of lies, public manipulation and misrepresentation.* **Currently the City is and contractors are lobbying the State Legislature to make them culpable in their crimes of lies and deceit. All have Big Plans to rape West Oahu.**

**Why is rail being built?** Murthy: *"To promote development in West Oahu and make life easier for tourists..."* **HART Hires Former KMurthy As Interim Director For Rail Project, Civil Beat**

Murthy, approved unanimously by the board Thursday morning, will be paid \$400,000 for his year as interim director plus paid housing, transportation and relocation expenses. **He also will be eligible for a 10 percent bonus if he meets certain goals required by his boss Caldwell.**

**In Order To Make People Ride Rail The City and HART Must Dismantle TheBus**

TheBus is one of America's best bus transit systems and has a 6% commuting trip share in Honolulu. **Many of its routes will be eliminated or terminated at HART stations. Getting from Ewa Beach to Downtown in 50 minutes by TheBus for \$2.50 sitting in a seat will be eliminated to make the HART trip 1 hour 30 minutes, three times as expensive and requiring three transit mode changes each way and likely not having a seat two-thirds of the time each way.**

On a per-capita basis Honolulu Rail is the nation's largest infrastructure fiasco by far. It is the worst design possible because **it combines an intrusive and expensive infrastructure including 21 elevated stations, and a low passenger carrying capacity with over 60% of it as standing passengers.**

**Lingle independent financial analysis of project cost by IMG will be more than the \$5.4 B**

**2010:** Outgoing Governor Linda Lingle releases an independent financial analysis of the project by IMG and Thomas Rubin which concluded that construction cost will likely be more than the \$5.4 B projection, *ridership projections were both very high and would require passenger loads significantly higher than that of any U.S. transit operator, future rail renewal and replacement*

costs were ignored, operating subsidies were significantly understated, and many projected revenues were significantly overstated. **A highly accurate assessment 7 years ago!**

Caldwell and HART misuse the EIS statistic that rail is projected to remove 40,000 cars from the streets. The actual FEIS statistic says that rail “may” reduce car trips by 40,000 on Oahu when rail is completed (was 2019 but currently December 2025 “maybe.”) where HART rail may provide a 1 to 1.4% reduction. **This for \$500 Million a mile in current construction costs.**

<http://www.newgeography.com/content/005156-live-honolulu-hart-rail-a-megaproject-failure-making>



**Rail needs so much power that there’s a concern of how HECO can supply that. The train needs 30-50 megawatts, about what 15,000 homes would use at peak energy times.**

*Another major HART misrepresentation is that rail planners pretended that the rail is like an electric car and just plugs it into the city grid for “free.”* However, rail’s 30 MW to 50 MW power draw is a major requirement. **The combined cost of substations, power generation and the still in limbo airport utility relocation tasks are likely to cost \$500 Million none of the 21 stations constructed nor the second half of the project finalized.**

*Who will pay for the new HART substations and traction power plants required? How will line relocations be handled and paid for? Who’s undergrounding the wires and paying for that? Not to mention, what will the train’s power bill be for decades to come? With only about 15% of the project completed and only about half of the project gone to bid, In 2014 HART announced a*

**\$910 Million expected shortfall and lobbied the Hawaii legislature to extend the 0.5% surcharge from end of 2022 to end of 2027. *This would be “enough” said HART and the City.***



### **Next Major HART Rail Construction Phase A Total “Big Dig” Nightmare Costing Many Billions**

The second half of the HART rail project includes the extremely challenging at near sea level construction through urban Honolulu which is one of the densest US cities. With heavy construction for many more holes and pillars than required in West Oahu, debilitating lane and road closures downtown and near Waikiki will be extremely deleterious to general economic activity and tourism. **Ground water only 2 feet below the surface known for underground streams, springs, crushed coral, iwi burials and unmapped sewer and water pipes. *It will be an epic mess for the world to see what a huge inept transit fiasco the HART Rail really is.***

By then KMurthy will be the next HART CEO casualty but will be given the contracted great Golden Parachute payoff by the Rail mafia. Then next CEO hired will of course again promise everything will be just great from that point forward. **It’s really all about lying to the public and politicians getting their bribes to keep it going. Hawaii’s unethical government “at work.”**



**Expected Payoff for \$500 Million A Mile Rail – About 1% Traffic Reduction “Maybe...”**



With an expected “payoff” of about 1% in traffic reduction on H-1 and the destruction of *TheBus, once rated as the best in America* to now become a rail feeder forcing commuting times and costs to more than double. **Bus, rail, bus seat changes TWICE A COMMUTER DAY (Honolulu Ansaldo rail cars have few seats – *known in the industry as Cattle Cars.*)**

**Meanwhile, Private Industry Will Be Providing The Traffic Solution As Rail Squanders Billions**

Honolulu WILL actually reduce traffic congestion by more than 25% and reduced its dependency on oil by over 40% as Electric Cars are rapidly phased in as early as 2020. Honolulu burns oil to produce electric power for homes, businesses and for rail. *As a result its electricity cost is 300% above US average.* **Instead of switching power generation to natural gas, Rail Mafia policies promote oil-generated electric trains rather than PV powered electric vehicles.**

HART rail can't run on PV sun generated electrical power because of the high traction power demands of rail, especially at four car trains running night and day every 5 minutes. However, electric cars and buses can run all day over 200 miles after being charged by PV panels. **Vehicles can be charged while they are parked. And then run for over 200 miles before recharging.**



### **Why Energy & Transportation as we know it today will become obsolete**

Google has never given a formal deadline, but has suggested it's working on having the technology ready by 2020.

Toyota is looking to have a driverless car ready to go by 2020.

Volvo is aiming to make its cars "deathproof" by 2020

Nissan and Honda are committed to have a commercially viable autonomous car on the roads by 2020.

Daimler, the maker of the Mercedes-Benz, is aiming to have its driverless trucks ready by 2020.

PSA Groupe, the second largest car manufacturer in Europe, is aiming to have fully driverless cars ready by 2020.

**Clean Disruption - Why Energy & Transportation will be Obsolete by 2030 - Oslo, March 2016**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxryv2XrnqM>

High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes created virtually by Smart Electric Vehicles. By 2020 this predicted future will be a reality because E vehicles are becoming computers on wheels guided by Artificial Intelligence, GPS, Collision Avoidance, etc. **30-40% increase in H-1 utilization.**

### **Per-capita price for Honolulu's rail line far exceeds projects across the nation,** Star Advertiser

As costs continue to climb, Honolulu rail remains by far the most expensive transit project per-capita being built in the U.S., a Honolulu Star-Advertiser analysis shows. The 20-mile elevated, driverless rail system will now cost about \$4,049 per each Oahu resident (currently) to "complete" the project sometime in 2026-2030 "maybe". **Out of the 20 other major mass-transit rail projects in the U.S. receiving federal funding, the Silicon Valley Rail in San Jose, costs \$732 per person.**

Victor Geminiani, executive director of the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, said that *the GET funding rail is a regressive tax that burdens the island's lower-income residents more heavily than its higher-wage earners. The 20 percent of the state's population earning the least money pays about 13 cents of every dollar to GET, while the top 20 percent pays 7.5 cents.*

*Before rail went over budget, the federal portion represented about 30 percent of the price tag. That percentage still represents one of the lowest Federal FTA shares of all rail projects. Currently it is becoming closer to 10-15%*

**25% Bribe – Rail Doesn't NEED the money, Just needs to show ENDLESS STATE MONEY**

Rail is really just a real estate land development scam, not a commuter system. **It doesn't really matter HOW LONG it takes to build.** The requirement is for the **ENDLESS MONEY- BLANK CHECK.** Then HART Chair Don Horner had the HART board go into executive session and suggested that in order to get the rail tax extended they should offer the legislature a 25% cut!!! **What does that say? That says the MONEY is in the real estate deals and rail is just a LOSS LEADER to sell property!**

**The HART Rail is the greatest Corruption of Hawaii's political system ever**

**The rail tax is for Caldwell insiders to suck away money for decades using it to bribe elected officials. It creates an endless cycle of corruption and bribery corroding the entire government and political system AT ALL LEVELS.**

*Graft is the personal gain or advantage earned by an individual at the expense of others as a result of the exploitation of the singular status of, or an influential relationship with, another*

who has a position of public trust or confidence. **The advantage or gain is accrued without any exchange of legitimate compensatory services.**

Behavior that leads to graft includes [Bribery](#) and dishonest dealings in the performance of public or official acts. **Graft usually implies the existence of the lack of integrity that is expected in any transaction involving a public official.**

**Bribery** is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of something of value for the purpose of influencing the action of an official in the discharge of his or her public or legal duties. The expectation of a particular voluntary action in return is what makes the difference between a bribe and a private demonstration of goodwill. **To offer or provide payment in order to persuade someone with a responsibility to betray that responsibility is known as seeking [Undue Influence](#) over that person's actions.** When someone with power seeks payment in exchange for certain actions, that person is said to be *peddling influence*. **Regardless of who initiates the deal, either party to an act of bribery can be found guilty of the crime independently of the other.**

**A bribe** can consist of immediate cash or of personal favors, a promise of later payment, or anything else the recipient views as valuable. When the U.S. military threatened to cancel a Texas relocation company's contracts to move families to and from military bases, the company allegedly gave four representatives in Congress an all-expenses-paid weekend in Las Vegas in January 1989, and \$2,500 in speaking fees. **The former president of the company was indicted by a federal [Grand Jury](#) in 1994 on bribery charges for both gifts.**

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City Auditor Edwin Young has claimed that *rail officials tried to intimidate his audit team when they reviewed the rail authority's finances*. In his audit, Young concluded that **HART's financial plans were not reliable, that cost projections lacked supporting documentation, and that it had no plans for operating and maintenance costs.** April 2016

**City audit calls HART's finances, plans 'outdated and unreliable' KHON April 2016**

<http://khon2.com/2016/04/15/city-releases-audit-of-honolulu-authority-for-rapid-transportation/>

*The audit found several instances of HART projecting costs rising way higher than could be proven, while HART under-reported what its take of the GET surcharge would be.* **The audit says there's no supporting documentation for \$450 million worth of cost hikes for that.** Some of the biggest problems ahead have to do with the unresolved power utility and relocation costs.

Huge utility agreements totaling more than \$100 million weren't even in the system's forecast report. **Another \$46 million in "project enhancements" could not be supported either.** HART turned over a handwritten escalator price guess of between \$17 and \$25 million. **HART also paid \$1.5 million to firms that lost bids without regard for their actual costs.**

**City Councilmembers unaware HART rail money in jeopardy KHON Nov. 2015**

<http://khon2.com/2015/11/13/councilmembers-hart-unaware-rail-money-in-jeopardy/>

In a news release, the mayor said federal officials want to make sure there's enough money from the city to build rail. **So they're withholding the next allotment for the project — \$250 million out of \$1.5 billion** — until the Honolulu City Council approves the general excise tax (GET) surcharge extension. *(This means the City RENEGED and BROKE the FFGA Contract.)*

**In the mayor's press release, he said it's "critical" that the extension of five years is passed.**

***"Definitely I feel rushed. I feel threatened. It's like, make this decision now or you won't get your next payment," Kobayashi said.*** "Do you think this is just another pressure tactic?" KHON2 asked. *"I'm not sure what the mayor is thinking by doing this, but that's how I perceived it,"* Manahan said.

KHON2 reached out to the mayor's office several times today to *ask the mayor about the FTA meeting, as well as the lack of communication and pressure tactic councilmembers were talking about.* **He agreed, then canceled.**

However Manahan's position has since changed, possibly because he has come into a lot of money and promises of political advancement from the Rail Mafia: *"We need the Legislature's support to invest in a better future with us (paid off politicians) and to recognize the role rail will play in improving the quality of life for the people (land developers and contractors) of Hawaii,"* Manahan said.

**HART Rail forensic audit – never done**

*The city Auditor's report further stated that HART's latest cost overrun figures aren't reliable — and that they're likely to climb even further.* **April 2016**

<http://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/04/15/breaking-news/audit-slams-honolulu-rail-agency-over-management-costs/>

By this time (2028) rides from home to office will be in comfortable electric vehicles and rail will have next to zero riders. **Previously it was predicted to have 1-1.4% costing \$500 Million a mile.**

**Extend Rail Tax says Shem Lawlor of Blue Planet in Civil Beat article, previously a five year City DPP Transit Oriented Development employee – but using BP sounds more legitimate and environmental rather than just another rail shill.**

“In the rail project’s Environmental Impact Statement the city **projected** approximately 120,000 daily boardings by 2030. They also *projected an increase in daily public transit trips* from 184,700 to 282,500 with transit’s share of all trips on the island rising marginally from 5.7 percent to 7.1 percent from 2007 -2030.” **(The EIS is loaded with lies and gross exaggerations.)**

*(The EIS was done a decade ago by Parsons Brinkerhoff and has been proven to be wildly wrong. Parsons Brinkerhoff also did the projections for San Juan, PR rail. By late 2005, however, ridership had fallen to 24,000, less than one-third of the 80,000 projection and well below the projection of 110,000 for 2010)* **Honolulu has far fewer transit dependent commuters than San Juan where most people don’t own cars and don’t have reliable bus service.**

**Tren Urbano is currently made up of a single rapid transit route like HART.** It consists of 16 stations, ten of which are elevated, four at grade or in open cuttings, and two underground. Ironically, the Tren Urbano goes mostly through suburban stations designed to handle three permanently coupled pairs (6 rail vehicles). **HART plans 4 coupled rail vehicles.**

*The agency overseeing Honolulu rail’s construction is relying on outdated financial figures and budgets, and it could take steps to complete the project more “economically, effectively and efficiently,”* **a city audit has concluded. – April 2016**

*Shem Lawlor admits: “Rail skeptics are justified in questioning whether it’s worth spending \$8 billion to \$9 billion to build a system that only shifts 1.4 percent of trips from cars to transit.”* **(However we need to lie to the public so that they believe in a decade when there are massive land developments and unsustainable populations that rail ridership may finally come close to what we guess will be the ridership that PB wildly misrepresented.)**

While he also admits that the City hasn’t established any ridership “goal”, but states “it is critical that the rail project avoid further delays and is built all the way to Ala Moana Center.” **Ca-ching. Paycheck for Blue Planet.**

Clearly his and the Blue Planet agenda is supporting lots of land development over the next decade by turning Oahu into Hong Kong with every rail and bus stop a “Transit Oriented Development.” **The Oahu General Plan update is actually proposing to cover Oahu in TOD’s.**

**Then the REAL hype:**

*“With the city’s current plans to run trains every five minutes during peak hours and 10 minutes during off-peak hours, **the system could accommodate over 300,000 daily boardings.**”* (Only

when West Oahu becomes like Hong Kong.) This is a totally useless statistic that Lawlor is full of. **It IGNORES the major trends in self-driving electric vehicles coming now everywhere.**

*“The city could develop high frequency express bus service connecting Leeward, Ewa and Central Oahu communities to the rail system, and connecting Windward Oahu and East Honolulu to the Urban Core.” All of this has been going on for years with TheBus. Rides from Ewa Beach to Downtown in 50 minutes using the Express E bus and Express traffic lanes. **The major trends in self-driving solar charged electric vehicles coming now will totally nullify and transform ALL FUTURE H-1 TRAFFIC AND TOD PROJECTIONS.***

*“An expanded public transit system could handle over a million daily trips, putting an end to traffic congestion, improving mobility, reducing CO2 emissions, and saving Honolulu’s households hundreds of millions of dollars annually.” **More useless Yack for a Rail Mafia paycheck. The Age of Smart Electric Vehicles Is At The Doorstep. How can the Rail Mafia stop it? The Rail Ridership projection insanity assumes Oahu residents live for standup train trips.***

To achieve Blue Planets dream of 300,000 daily boarding’s requires the destruction of prime agricultural land on Oahu. This is really *“environmental”* for Blue Planet and the Soldout Club that get their money from Rail Pushers. **DR Horton’s 12,000 California style suburbia home development includes two rail stations paid in part by FTA which claims no mitigation responsibility even though the legal NEXUS is obvious.**

Although HART, Blue Planet and the Soldout Club makes a big deal out of Transit Oriented Development, **DR Horton’s own EIS reveals that each station will generate the equivalent of only two busloads of passengers for the rail in the peak hour.**

**Vancouver Provides The BIG MODEL For Honolulu To Follow According To Rail Mafia: *Metro Vancouver Regional District 2.463 million population connected to all of Canada and the US. Does this sound like Honolulu’s ridership market in the middle of the Pacific Ocean? Will tourists arriving at the HNL airport with baggage want to walk way over to get onto a standup rail cattle car to go to Ala Moana, or instead, into a comfortable limousine or free air conditioned passenger van taking them directly to their hotel or car rental? Tourism rail ridership is over exaggerated like all the other highly exaggerated HART ridership numbers.***

**The age of 19th Century heavy SWSR is long over.** The 21st Century is coming very fast with Smart electric vehicles. H-1 will see new virtual lane space created. *This is the near future.* **All of the major Smart Money in the US and World are investing in it. The new views on this Tony Seba presentation are 1000 a day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxryv2XrnqM>**

PRP Move Oahu Forward propagandists have tons of money to elect goon politicians and run endless ads night and day everywhere because they have been making huge amounts of money from sucking rail tax money out of the helpless public under the control of the Rail Mafia. **Not what this island of under 1 Million wants, needs or can ecologically sustain or pay for.**

West Oahu Bishop Estate land developers with no sense of Konohiki Ahupua'a Responsibility are the ones who created 'the Second City' in West Oahu by transforming agricultural land into development lots. *They are creating sprawling suburbia without sustainability. You can't take this and add an elevated rail system and pretend that solves the traffic problems."*

The Rail Mafia goons are using the argument of TODs to support rail but all you need to do is look on Google Earth at what they've done in creating Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Mililani...it's all just huge, sprawling suburbia. *And now they're talking about high-density apartments and TODs? They use that green, smart-growth TOD argument and then use the same mistakes that have been made in the last 30-50 years of American suburbia. That's because the Rail Mafia and their goons are only interested in the MONEY. This is what CORRUPTS the entire Hawaii political system that will become an unsustainable moral and environmental bankruptcy.*



**Greatest criticisms of rail has been the city's LACK OF transparency and public manipulation.**

*"The city has spent millions – \$5 million just lobbying for people to vote 'Yes' said Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi. "They never gave the other side of the story, like how much it would cost – **and in fact, they gave the wrong figure of the cost. And they use city money for this."***

Kobayashi said the attitude of the city in moving forward was not limited to campaigning. She said a meeting where someone had "brought up an alternative to rail, the mayor told them if 'if you're going to say that, have your own meeting'," she said. **"They didn't want any alternatives being discussed at this city meeting. You know– there's so much (payoff) money involved."**

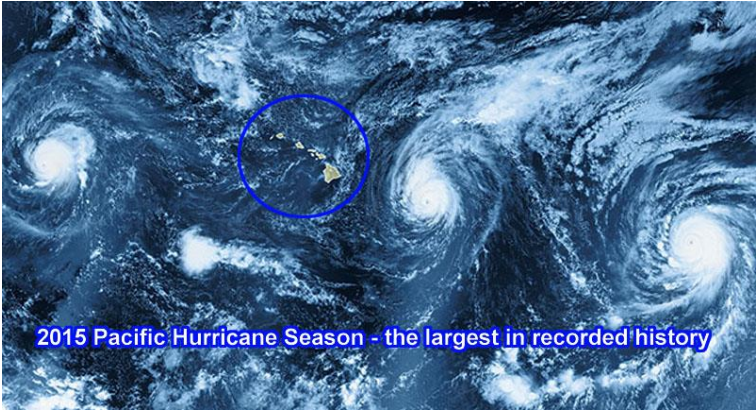
*In addition, in 2008 the City received criticism for releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) – a study that examined possible environmental and societal effects of the rail project – **only two days before the general election, in which a city charter amendment on rail was to be voted on.** Kobayashi suggested then that it had been done to withhold information from early voters.*



**Everything rail is based on a Hong Kong or American suburbia development scheme leaving Oahu a wasteland of political corruption and unsustainable bad environmental "planning."**

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**Natural Disasters Coming TO HAWAII As Forecast By FEMA and NOAA**



**Building in known floodplain disaster area is careless, reckless and an act of criminal negligence if not a total lack of Fiduciary Responsibility by elected officials.**

**The City-HART are misusing the FTA FFGA to fund a primarily tourism land development operation for insiders kicking back bribe payments to elected officials as “loans” or “campaign donations” among other methods. *Future rail-TOD lands will be submerged.***

**The City and HART Rail are risking FTA Federally Funded Assets in Identified Disaster Zones**

*Map showing the route in Tsunami Evacuation Zones: <http://frenzel.us/images/tmaprail.jpg>*

*At least seven HART rail stations are in sea level 2010 Tsunami Evacuation Zones as well as hurricane storm surge flooding and identified Sea Level Rise areas causing permanent loss.*



**Why is the City and HART building rail stations and Transit Oriented Development right next to the Oahu shoreline? *Florida is already building one story higher local roads and streets.***

The Hawaii State Legislature “*recognizes that climate change poses immediate and long-term threats*” yet why is the City, with State Office of Planning support, developing Transit Oriented Development in projected Sea Level Rise, Tsunami Zones and Hurricane Storm Surge Flood Areas according to City, State and Federal FEMA maps? **Makes no sense – but this is Hawaii.**

**"The XTEZ does not replace the current tsunami evacuation zone; it adds a second zone for a potential XT event." *The XT Event is a massive expected Aleutian or Pacific Cascadia tsunami.***

**All kinds of Federal advisories, POTUS EO's, the US GAO policy research for the US Congress shows this is VERY BAD POLICY if not outright ILLEGAL ACT that the FTA is allowing HART rail to proceed without a new SEIS which would save BILLIONS in lost infrastructure in the next big tsunami, hurricane storm surge or eventual Sea Level Rise.**

This was all greatly detailed in US DOT and FTA studies as the "***Lessons of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy***" before HART rail began construction. The Honolulu Tsunami maps show HART rail's fourth segment is in a tsunami flood zone since 2010.

A new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to choose a safer route should be required based upon all of the best science and engineering evidence. **Here's why:**

*The Final EIS did **NOT** evaluate the Project as being in an identified Tsunami Evacuation Zone, which Federal advisories now also identify as flood zones. Flooding by any means is a flood.*

Appendix J, FEIS, June 2010, includes a summary of the Project's relationship to land use plans, policies, and controls as documented in the Final EIS and technical reports completed for the Project.

We are extremely concerned that the June 2010 Project FEIS specifically states in Appendix J, Section 1.3, Coastal Zone Management Program, Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Page 6 and again Appendix J, Section 2.6, Special Management Area, Page 80, that **"The Project is not located in a tsunami evacuation zone"**

**RAIL TOD FLOOD ZONE: Human Lives and Billions Lost Ignored By FTA, HART and City Mayor**

<http://khon2.com/2016/06/05/mapunapuna-businesses-flooded-after-high-tide-brings-overflowing-waters/>

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/8838857/chronic-mapunapuna-flooding-to-be-fixed-after-nearly-two-decades>

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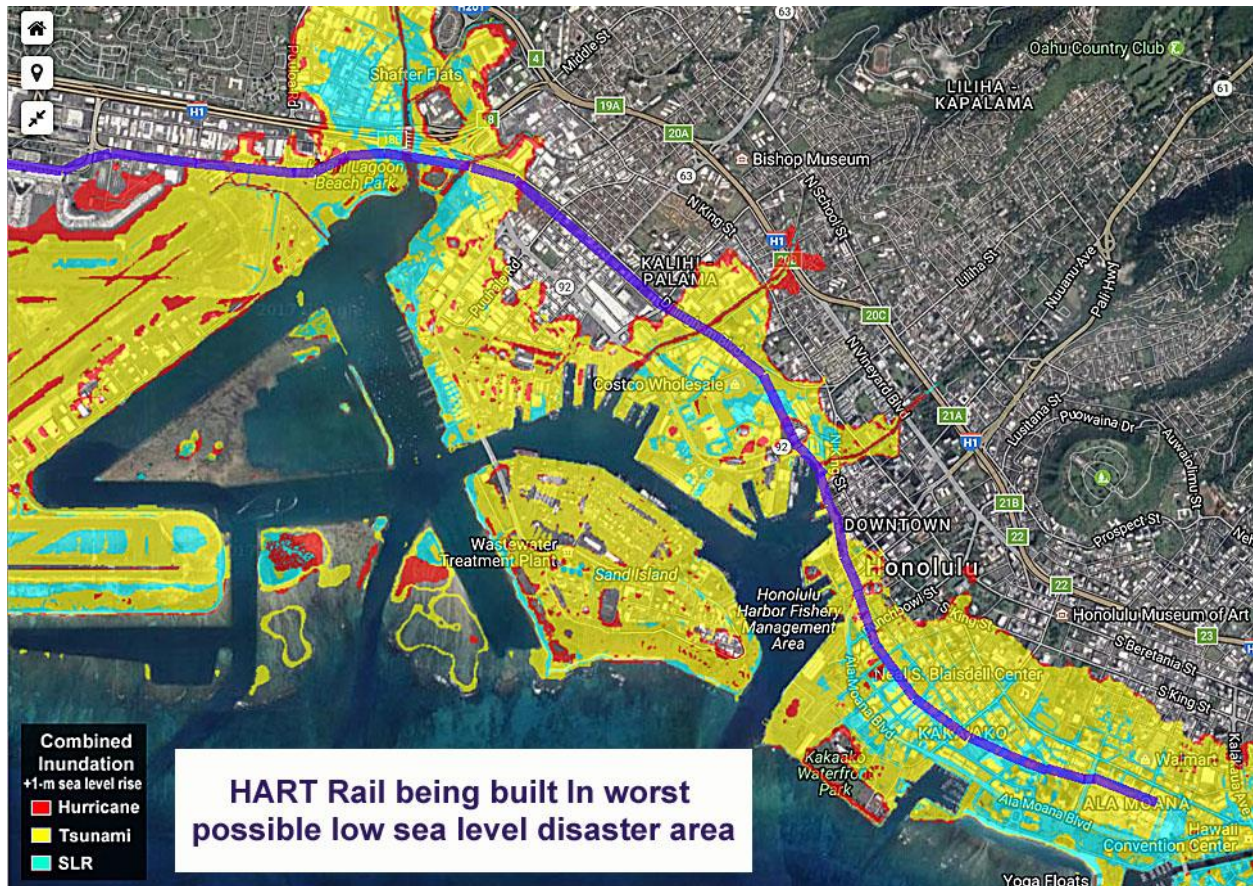
Big Rains will SHUT DOWN Rail Transit, as will hurricane storm surge and tsunamis. *Entire area is in FEMA Flood Zone. **HART Rail LIED and said project NOT in Flood Zone to get FTA \$1.5 B.***

<http://www.civilbeat.org/2016/07/sewer-spills-road-closures-handi-van-problems-in-darbys-wake/> **Middle Street Transit Center Flooded By Hurricane Darby**, Civil Beat

Roger Morton, head of Oahu Transit Services, said 13 city buses for disabled people are out of commission this week after getting flooded Sunday evening while parked at the Middle Street Transit Center. He doesn't know exactly when they will be back up and running but hopes that will occur within a week after the city orders and receives new parts.

**Sand Island WWTP will be a DISASTER after a REAL STORM, Tsunami... Honolulu on the EDGE**

Tens of thousands of gallons of wastewater also spilled in nine separate incidents as a result of the storm. Department of Environmental Services Director Lori Kahikina said *the city's sewer system is not built for the volume of water that entered the wastewater pipes last night. In Honolulu HEAVY RAIN shuts down everything. Imagine a Hurricane or Tsunami!*



Spending BILLIONS to build HART rail and TOD's in these very same low sea level zones that will suffer billions of dollars in future infrastructure damages is an irresponsible act wasting Federally funded assets and endangering the lives of thousands. *The City has NO MITIGATION FUNDS, PLANS, or EMERGENCY CONTINGENCIES for the loss of this critical publically funded infrastructure.*

Further, under Coastal Hazards, Table 2, Page 9, Objective, "reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm wave, stream flooding, etc," Policies: B, "Control development in areas subject to storm wave, tsunami, flood, etc," This box is checked "Not Applicable."

Based upon the fact that 2010 City Department of Emergency Management Tsunami Evacuation Zone maps were published and available at the time the 2010 Final EIS was published leads to a troubling conclusion that the FEIS intentionally omitted this in two separate areas of Appendix J in order to obtain a favorable FTA ROD to commence immediate construction. The low sea level route and station designs have NOT YET been finalized.

There has always been an Alternative 4A Route which the Project had previously evaluated which would have entirely avoided all of the 2010 and 2015 Tsunami Zones with the exception

of the downtown, Kakaako and Ala Moana area. **Further, the major 138 kV powerline issue requiring relocation and/or undergrounding could also have been avoided.**

However Alternative 4D along the shoreline was instead chosen as the preferred route placing a significant part of the Rail Project *into low sea level Tsunami Zones and into the Dillingham power lines*. Sea level rise will continuously push the high ground water table ahead of the creeping ocean level. All best science and engineering documentation clearly show **this will be a hugely expensive disaster in every way possible with loss of FTA funded rail infrastructure.**

**There is very great potential for harm to human lives and loss of billions in property and critical transit infrastructure from the badly chosen Alternative 4D route.**

*Relevant CFR's:*

In §771.130 Supplemental environmental impact statements, part 2 states: (2) The Administration decides to approve an alternative fully evaluated in an approved final EIS but not identified as the preferred alternative. In such a case, a revised ROD shall be prepared and circulated in accordance with §771.127(b).

In §771.130 (e) A supplemental draft EIS may be necessary for major new fixed guideway capital projects proposed for FTA funding if there is a substantial change in the level of detail on project impacts during project planning and development. The supplement will address site-specific impacts and refined cost estimates that have been developed since the original draft EIS.

In addition is it further greatly troubling that the City and FTA are actually assisting and encouraging Transit Oriented Development (TOD) **within both 2010 Tsunami Evacuation Zones as well as the updated and expanded 2015 Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zones.** These plans virtually ensure widespread loss of billions in critical infrastructure and potential deaths of hundreds of rail passengers and TOD business operators and employees who could be trapped in a locally generated earthquake tsunami event.

City Department of Emergency Management data supplied for these evacuation zones state ***"Vertical Tsunami Evacuation - Evacuate to the FOURTH floor or above in a reinforced concrete or structural steel building of TEN stories or more. All others, evacuate inland to higher ground."***

**The Project is further directly encouraging commercial development in identified tsunami zones that are widely predicted by scientists to become future disaster areas. The City and FTA encouragement to construct in best science identified disaster zones will also likely result in major litigation against the City and the FTA in the future after a major disaster.**



Not only is Honolulu widely regarded by experts to be long overdue for a major tsunami and hurricane, all current best science predictions show greatly increased probabilities of more powerful future storms, likely accelerated sea level rise and the **major threats of the San Andreas and Cascadia faults producing huge Pacific tsunamis**. The City DEM 2015 Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Zones were a result of predictions for a **Great Aleutian Tsunami** which adds a further major tsunami threat.

4-143,— Environmental Analysis, Consequences, and Mitigation states: *Flood Zones - Protection of floodplains and floodways is required by Presidential Executive Order 11988 (USEO 1977); USDOT Order 5650.2 (USDOT 1979); the Federal Aid Highway Program Manual (FHWA 1992b); and 23 CFR 650 (CFR 1999). These regulations place special importance on floodplains and floodways and require Federal agencies to avoid conducting, allowing, or supporting actions on a floodplain or within a floodway. If a project is located within a floodplain or floodway, results from sufficient analysis must be included in the project's Final EIS, as specified in USDOT Order 5650.2.*

Considered Hawaii's and one of the world experts on Sea Level Rise, Dr Chip Fletcher, UH SOEST says no matter what anyone does now- **it's too late already. At the World Conservation Congress he said Hawaii can expect 1.5 meters of SLR**. Keep in mind- with SLR comes an ever

more advancing ground water table, 100's of yards inland, pushed by the sea. **Fletcher said: There is NO WAY to prevent the rising ocean. It's coming... Need to start adapting ASAP.**

**The Caldwell Rail-City TOD policy - build rail as soon as possible in low sea level coast lands so that realtors and developers can profit before long, long delayed City and State Sea Level Rise policies are adopted. Lands can be sold to buyers without required vulnerability warnings.**

**Do The Math HART: 1.5 meters = 5 Feet! HART Rail Sea Level Rail Route Disaster - Stations and TOD's in swamps or under water. A great FTA and City TOD investment for 25 years? Caldwell and the Rail Mafia don't care- they will continue to spend and pocket BILLIONS**

### Ahead of the Tide – Chapter 1: Florida’s Lifeblood – Hawaii’s Lifeblood

<https://vimeo.com/155312971>

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#### **City and HART Want Billions MORE and NOT “Build To Budget.”**

48 seconds in HART Chair Hanabusa goes over in detail the OPTIONS FTA is offering to keep the full \$1.5 Billion and "Build To Budget."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=184zEAnECvM&t=48s>

**Letters between FTA, CC, Mayor, etc. where everyone agrees to "Build To Budget."**

<https://www.scribd.com/document/315943171/Rail-Letters-from-Ernie-Martin>

#### **Now its become a Steal-on, Steal-on Rail Mafia Lying And Self-Serving Racketeering Operation**

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***Oahu General Plans propose all Oahu as a TOD. Everything based on Hong Kong land development and leaving Oahu as an unsustainable wasteland of corruption, desalinated water and bad environmental "planning." No concept of sustainable limits – just MORE.***

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Already everywhere the public is growing increasingly upset about losing EVERYTHING that made Oahu a great place to live. The City and HART want overcrowded parks and beaches, knowing cesspools are leaking into the 2 foot ground water as the ocean creeps inland.



Rail is a land development scheme. Look at the three stations and TOD's in West Oahu- all being built on farmland. The best farmland on Oahu is being totally destroyed and paved over by rail induced land development. This was well documented best farmland on Oahu by all ag maps and experts.

Kioni Dudley KCH has brought up FTA the issue of the **“Farmland Conversion Impact Rating”** (NRCS-CPA-106) done by rail contractor Parsons Brinkerhoff and how false and fraudulent it appears based upon all the evidence. The most disturbing and KEY POINT is that tax-payer funded research for a Federal transportation projected was FALSELY MISREPRESENTED in order to proceed with construction without mitigation.



## Ho`opili Aesthetic Column



- Embossed columns are designed to reflect richness of the history and culture of the ahupua`a along the rail route
- The Ho`opili embossed columns depict coral representing foundation, sea salt beds, and the first planting of the `ulu tree that grew in this area
- This is one of eight embossed columns that will support guideway for the Ho`opili station in East Kapolei

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**WEST OAHU CALIFORNIA SPRAWL WITH “Ho’opili AESTHETIC COLUMN” AS “Mitigation.”**

There is much more to the Hoopili Farmland Rail Corridor Lie but here is one example going back to 2008 in order to get the FTA ROD and FFGA- \$1.5 Billion, **a deal which the City has since reneged on and now requiring a “Recovery Plan.”**



The NRCS CPA-106 form as filled out by FTA – City rail contractor Parsons Brinkerhoff for the NRCS (USDA National Resource Conservation Service.) NRCS says that form CPA 106 must be used for corridor projects like rail. Part IV of the form says that 78 acres are Prime and Unique farmland. In part V it rates the land farmland value as 93 out of 100! (That is NRCS, not the FTA City rail contractor.)

**Then where FTA City PB contractor comes in part VI, the farmland is rated as incredibly LOW FARMLAND VALUE!**

This total of outright lies by FTA City- Parsons Brinkerhoff then arrives at 27 so that the Total Farmland Value Score is: 120! If there was a rating of 160 or higher would trigger a protection alternative. However the rail agenda was controlled by powerful politicians who required lie after

**Big lie in the Final EIS document to get the FTA money and start construction.**

Other farmland experts have shown clearly that this was a major falsification. Because of this single falsified rating the FTA City rail project approved destroying the best farmland on Oahu and paving it over with crushed coral and asphalt for Transit Oriented Development.

Note the CPA 106 justification for this is that the property is "slated for development." However at that time in 2008 there had been no final land use decisions enacted or court cases decided.

Kioni Dudley did an excellent job showing what a total fraud was committed by the consulting engineers - Parsons Brinkerhoff when they rated this farmland as low quality, below average- so as not to trigger any Section 4f mitigations.

**The rail project is loaded with outright lies and misrepresentations, particularly in West Oahu- all to benefit land developers who mitigate NOTHING. It's all a big con.**

\$500 Million a mile to take less than 2% of the cars off the H-1 and by 2020-25 Smart self-driving electric vehicles will be freeing up lane space and creating virtual hot lanes. Keep in mind the MINIMUM the HART rail expects to have a working rail system "as planned" is Dec 2025 and most likely after \$20 billion spent it will "maybe" be 2028-29.

With prices escalated by the Jones Act requirements, and the nation's fifth worst unfunded pension liability according to *The Economist* [8], the future is worrisome: *At best Honolulu will experience large increases in taxes and congestion, at worst those plus bankruptcy.* **This textbook megaproject failure orchestrated by business interests and unions, supported by misguided environmentalism got Honolulu railroaded in the worst possible way.**

**Honolulu has a \$5 B consent decree with the EPA for secondary sewer treatment**

Honolulu has a \$5 B consent decree with the EPA for secondary sewer treatment and will almost certainly LOOSE the Sand Island Waste Water Treatment Plant in the next big tsunami or

hurricane storm surge. *Much of Honolulu will be unable to flush toilets in any of the downtown offices and fancy expensive condos. The rich, famous and tourists will all head for the crumbling third world airport to get away from Honolulu. This before rising ground water floods cesspools in urban Honolulu making local beaches places for catching viral diseases. Great “urban planning” by the mayor and DPP.*

**War, Tsunami, Hurricane, Sea level Rise: Honolulu Has Massive Liabilities and No Major Disaster Contingency Plan. FEMA Disaster funds running out Puts Honolulu in Financial Hole**

**HART has no required flood variance for the 10 mile WOFH section** On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 9:38 PM, Natalie aka Bike Mom <[the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com)> wrote: *During today’s meeting, Art Challacombe asked why there is no flood variance for the WOFH contract. He mentioned that the FEMA flood maps have been out for a while, and a flood variance is required from DPP.*

**Rail agency OKs \$8M for added work, Marcel Honore - Honolulu Star-Advertiser**  
<http://www.staradvertiser.com/2016/10/18/hawaii-news/rail-agency-oks-8m-in-added-work/>

**Honolulu rail leaders approved \$8.3 million in leftover change orders Thursday** — cost increases related to delays and premature starts that hit the project’s first 10 miles.

Part of that amount will also help cover the design revisions needed after rail officials decided to include overhead canopies at the future rail stations that resembled Polynesian sails. ***The move was aimed to save costs, but officials later realized that in heavy wind the canopies would act like actual sails — and they would create heavier loads than the stations were designed to handle. HART has also already purchased millions in rail station artwork without a single station yet constructed. Who will be looking at it? Will there be 24/7 security guards?***

***“There are similar unresolved issues for the airport guideway. This is absurd, that we’re still facing these kinds of issues.”*** Hanabusa said Thursday. ***Hanabusa later left to run for office.***

**HART’s board plans to announce its interim executive director at its next meeting, Oct. 27.** Board members selected him from five candidates, acting Executive Director Mike Formby said. ***Formby then later resigned his City DTS director position “to seek new opportunities.”***

*The Economist*, **Pensioners Are Pushing Many Cities and States towards Financial Crisis**, <http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21582282-pensioners-are-pushing-many-cities-and-states-towards-financial-crisis-who-pays-bill>, 2013.

## **Improved Federal Coordination Could Facilitate Use of Forward-Looking Climate Information in Design Standards, Building Codes, and Certification – US General Accountability Office**

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-3>

The houses we live in, buildings we work in, and roads and bridges we use daily are *supposed* to be built to last—whatever the local forecast has in store. However, design standards and building codes generally use historical climate observations. **Forward-looking climate information would help account for the changing frequency and intensity of extreme weather.**

**Continuing to build with current standards and codes could cost the government billions of dollars in repairs, flood insurance, and disaster relief. We recommend that federal agencies work together to provide forward-looking climate information for consideration in standards and codes. – US General Accountability Office**

## **A National System Could Help Federal, State, Local, and Private Sector Decision Makers Use Climate Information – US General Accountability Office**

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-37>

Many federal efforts are under way, but the climate information needs of federal, state, local, and private sector decision makers are not being fully met, according to recent GAO reports, National Academies and other studies, and interviews with stakeholders. The November 2013 Executive Order 13653 on *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change* calls on certain federal agencies to work together to provide authoritative information on climate preparedness and resilience. GAO's February 2015 High-Risk update found that federal, state, local, and private sector decision makers may be unaware that climate information exists.

[http://www.gao.gov/key\\_issues/climate\\_change\\_response/issue\\_summary](http://www.gao.gov/key_issues/climate_change_response/issue_summary)

## **Problems with Hurricane Sandy Transit Grant Selection Process Highlight the Need for Additional Accountability – US General Accountability Office**

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-20>

In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the Mid-Atlantic coast causing severe damage to transit systems in the New York City region. In response, the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 provided approximately \$10.9 billion for FTA's response, recovery, and resilience efforts. In December 2013, FTA announced discretionary grants to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects to increase the resilience of transit systems to withstand future disasters in the Sandy-affected areas. In November 2014, FTA announced 40 projects selected to receive about \$3.6 billion.

**Honolulu Vertical Tsunami Evacuation - Evacuate to the FOURTH floor or above in a reinforced concrete or structural steel building of TEN stories or more. All others, evacuate inland to higher ground.**

Go To Higher Ground - If you are near the shoreline and feel an earthquake, immediately head to higher ground outside of the evacuation zone. **(On a rail guideway HOW do you evacuate traveling ALONG a corridor that will all be subjected to a coastal tsunami? Especially if the electricity is knocked out?)**

**Remember:**

Remain at least 100 feet away from inland waterways and marinas connected to the ocean due to wave surges and possible flooding

**The evacuation zone is a guideline and should be considered the minimum safe evacuation distance**

*These maps do not consider the destructive effects of a locally generated tsunami. If you feel shaking, move inland immediately, well away from the evacuation zone*

For additional reference information and routing maps please check out the

[University of Hawaii Sea Grant Tsunami Project Website](#)

**As sea level rises, much of Honolulu and Waikiki vulnerable to groundwater inundation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnPKsgTKQx8>

The current Federal admin appears to believe that Climate Change is not caused by human activity, however most do appear to believe that Climate Change is real but not caused by human activity. Almost certainly, among those opinions, almost all would likely agree that hurricane storm surge and tsunamis are real and not connected with human activity.



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Our Association's name is: Financial Accountability for Rail Mass Transit

We oppose S.B. 1183, S.D. 2 and HD1 because Mayor Kirk Caldwell does not have a concrete financial budget plan for the construction and administrative costs for the rail mass transit system. Therefore, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ % state excise tax should not be extended.

I'm sure the majority of our island population agrees that we have become "The Paradise of the Pacific" for the poor and homeless with the financial burden placed upon the people. With all do respect do you not consider this a serious situation to be in?

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Barbara  
Audman

P.S. The ones cheating on the tax papers should be financially responsible. City Council, Nat etc.

April 5, 2017

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**House Committee on Finance**  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

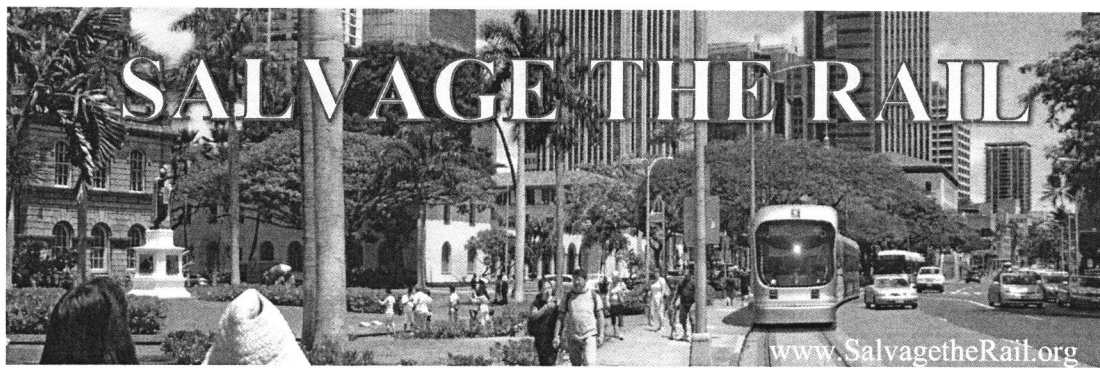
**From:** Scott R Wilson AIA  
Honolulu Transit Task Force and SalvagetheRail.org  
**Subject:** SB1183 SD2, HD1  
Relating to Taxation **Oppose**

My name is Scott Wilson. I'm an architect and planner in private practice and am speaking on behalf of the Honolulu Transit Task Force as well as the coalition of environmental and community organizations known as SalvageTheRail.org (visit [www.SalvagetheRail.org](http://www.SalvagetheRail.org) for more information). The Transit Task Force is a group of architects and planners formerly associated with AIA Honolulu who have been working since 2007 on ways to improve the Honolulu rail project. Our comments on SB1183 HD1 are as follows:

1. The rail project has already experienced over 100% rise in construction cost (\$4.6B to \$9.5B) in only the first 30% of construction in the least complicated segment of the 20-mile route. By the City's own preliminary cost calculations, the final 5 miles of elevated rail will cost \$756 Million/mile. This segment will entail much more serious construction problems: utility line relocations, unstable coral soils, filled soil in former harbor areas, existing high-rise buildings 30 - 40 feet away, and mitigation requirements for historic sites and native Hawaiian burials. All these problems virtually guarantee that even the City's latest cost estimates will end up much higher during construction. SB1183 HD1 would give "blank check" funding to the project as it enters its most difficult phase with the greatest potential for cost overruns.
2. The City and HART maintain that there is no feasible alternative to building elevated rail to Ala Moana, yet the facts are otherwise. In its June 6, 2016 letter, the FTA listed 6 options to the full build-out plan which would allow the project to receive Federal funding. Option 2A, listed in the HART Project Update of June 8, 2016, was entitled, "Build to Middle Street as planned and continue with at-grade rail system". 2 months later, In August, HART officials suddenly changed their minds and said the FTA required elevated rail to Ala Moana. Two days after that (August 30), KITV news reported that the FTA only required elevated rail to Aloha Tower. Our point is that it is premature to pass a Bill to fund the City's proposed plan when the FTA alternatives have not been clearly stated and vetted.
3. In contrast to these challenges, the Honolulu Transit Task Force and SalvageTheRail.org believe there is a feasible and cost-effective alternative to complete HART. Based on consultation with highly credentialed transit planners, the Task Force Report of January 2017 calls for changing the rail cars to allow dual-power pickup to allow street-level

operation from Middle Street eastward. Phase 1 would extend through Downtown with a turn-around on Alapai Street. This shortened version (approximately 3 miles long, at \$139M/mile) would meet requirements for federal funding, yet be inexpensive enough to be completed with existing funding with no tax extension required. With the \$300 Million additional funding proposed in the Senate version of the bill, Phase 1 of street-level rail to Downtown could be built with approximately \$100-\$200 million left over for maintenance and operation (see attached Street-Level Rail Cost Analysis). Even with the time needed for an EIS supplement and redesign of construction drawings, this alternative could be completed in 4 years, or half the time needed to complete HART to Ala Moana. We believe street-level rail has an additional benefit of great consequence. The at-grade lines would run through and around the areas of Honolulu where people actually work and live. It has the makings of a real urban transit system easily accessible from city sidewalks.

On behalf of the Honolulu Transit Task Force and Salvage the Rail.org, I urge you to consider a modification to the HART project and to defer SB1183 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



**COSTS TO COMPLETE RAIL TO DOWNTOWN USING STREET-LEVEL ALTERNATIVE**

**Construction & Equipment Costs**

1. 3.0 miles of street-level rail from Middle Street station to Alapai Street (unit cost of \$139 M/mi is based on 2008 Phoenix urban rail project 20 miles at \$1.4B total cost = \$70 M/ mile x Phoenix-Honolulu construction cost multiplier (1.79) x COLA index for 2008-2016 (11.1%) = \$139 M/ mile)	<b>\$417M</b>
2. 8 new low-floor rail cars to replace (8) existing cars already delivered (Based on unit cost of \$2.2M/ car)	<b>\$17.6M</b>
3. Change order fee to redesign remaining 72 rail cars - 30% of contract (Based on \$187M total value of rail car contract)	<b>\$56.1M</b>
4. Modify or replace maintenance yard equipment for low-floor rail cars	<b>\$50 - \$100M</b>
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<b>Total Construction &amp; Equipment Costs:</b>	<b>\$540M - \$590M</b>

**Paperwork Costs**

1. A&E drawings and specifications for street-level route (3.0 miles) (Based on 20% of construction cost of \$417M)	<b>\$83M</b>
2. Preparation of EIS Technical Memorandum for route change and study of traffic impacts	<b>\$10M - \$15M</b>
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<b>Total Paperwork Costs:</b>	<b>\$93M - \$98M</b>

**Total Cost of Street Level Rail from Middle St to Downtown: \$633M - \$688M**

Current rail funding: \$6.8 B

Projected rail cost to Middle Street: \$6.22B

Current available rail funding after Middle Street: \$.58B (\$580 M)

Additional funding provided by SB1183: \$300 M

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**Total Available Rail Funds: \$880 M**

**Leaving a cushion of funding (assuming SB1183 gives State 10% share back to the City) of \$247M - \$192M.**

**With modification of the final portion of the route to street level, rail can be completed within the existing budget, without extending the GET surcharge.**



# SALVAGING THE RAIL: AN OPTION TO SAVE MONEY AND TIME

## Executive Summary

<i>As of February 2017:</i>	Anticipated cost of construction to Middle Street	\$6.22B
	TOTAL Anticipated Cost (HART estimate)	\$10B
	TOTAL Anticipated "upper bound" cost (FTA)	\$10.8B
	Current HART funding (local and Federal)	\$6.8B
	<b>Additional required funds</b>	<b>(\$3.2B or more)</b>

HART costs continue to escalate due to the complexity and difficulty of elevated rail, especially in the city center (Middle Street to Ala Moana). To complete the system, control future costs, and to provide flexibility to extend the system, outlined below are modifications to the system in line with the FTA's, June 2016 Recovery Plan, Option 2A\*:

- Build the elevated guideway to Middle Street
- Modify the system to enable street level operation for the last 5 miles from Middle Street to Ala Moana

Modifications needed:

1. Install driver cab at head of each train.
2. Install secondary power pickup (pantograph) on one car of each train
3. Redesign rail cars to be "low-floor", i.e. 14" above rail, vs 36" above rail
4. Modify design of elevated rail platforms to a low platform configuration
5. Reconfigure cars to be 2 car trains instead of 4 car trains
6. Downsize overall length of elevated trains to 200 feet from 400 feet
7. Downsize or eliminate Control Center for driverless trains.

## Benefits of System Modifications

Current Elevated Rail Plan	Modified Elevated and Street level Plan
Completion Date: 2025	Completion Date: 2021
Construction Cost: \$401 M/mile (first 15.5 miles); \$756 M/ mile (last 5 miles)	Construction Cost: \$139 M/mile (street level rail)
Cost of Construction: \$10B	Cost of Construction: \$7B (Savings \$3B or more)
Route Extension: Extension to Waikiki is not possible, and to UH is cost prohibitive	Route Extension: Extension to Waikiki and UH are possible and cost effective
Visual and environmental impacts – high	Visual and environmental impacts –low

### Additional Information

1. Traffic Conflict: Managed with signal synchronization/traffic preempt system
2. EIS Statement: No supplemental EIS is required. Only a technical memorandum with explanation of changes will be required.

For more information, go to: [www.SalvageTheRail.org](http://www.SalvageTheRail.org)

*\*FTA Recovery Plan Option 2A: Build to Middle Street as planned and continue with at-grade rail system.*

*Rail System Modifications -- Refer to HTTF report (January 2017) for details.*

# Street-level Rail Route Options

**Alternative rail plan:** street-level rail would provide a superior level of service and more comprehensive routes at a lower cost without need for tax extension. This is less expensive, faster to construct, easier for passengers to board, provides a useful central route and is less disruptive to the environment. 38 cities in the USA use similar street-level systems with great success.

Street level  
elevated

**Street-level legend**  
 PHASE 1 RED LINE Existing funds sufficient, without GET extension  
 PHASE 2 BLUE LINE Extension to UH  
 PHASE 3 GREEN LINE Extension to Waikiki

4-5-17

my name Calvin Hulihee

**LATE**

I am a member <sup>arm</sup> of the Financial Accountable Rail Mass Transit  
I oppose ~~this bill 1183~~ why?

The City & County of Honolulu is troubled by the oversaturation of passenger automobile vehicles on its roads. Traffic congestion is a major problem. To resolve traffic congestion our city needs public transportation that is financially accountable to its taxpayers. Currently, the proposed costly rail transit by Mayor Kirk Caldwell is not financially viable. The rail will cause our city to be in financial debt (bankruptcy) and be uneconomically in increasing the cost of living by increasing taxes. Hawaii already has the highest cost of living within United States of America.

Stop the legislation of S.B. 1183 S.D. 1 and H.B.349 H.D. 1, perpetuating the .5 % excise tax based on nonconcrete budget financial planning.

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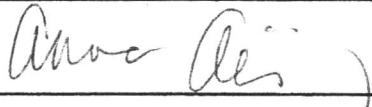
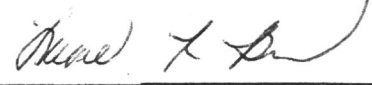
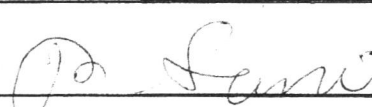
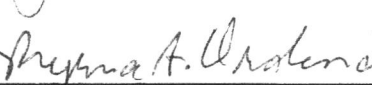
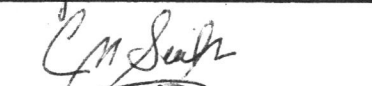
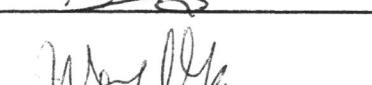

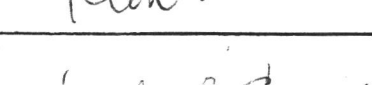
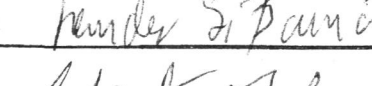
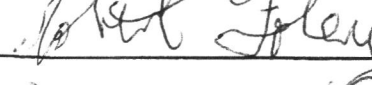
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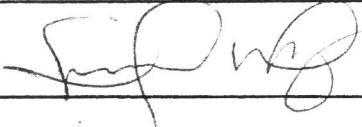
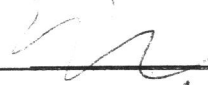
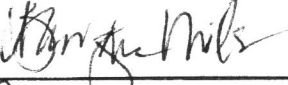
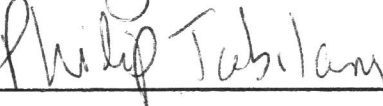
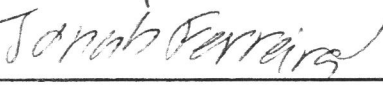



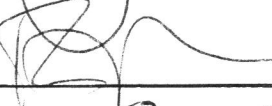



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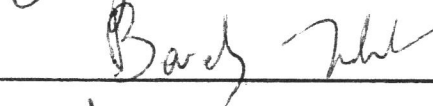
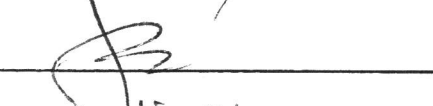
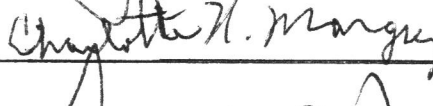
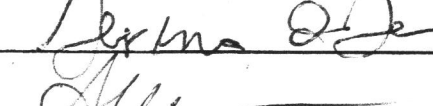
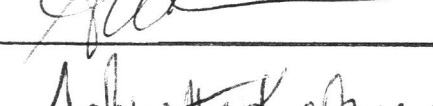
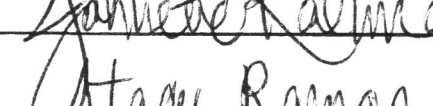
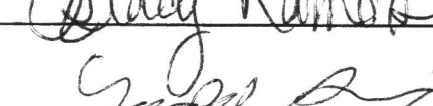
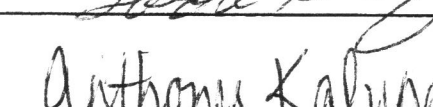
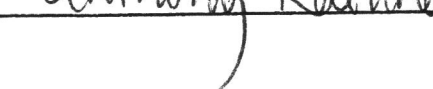
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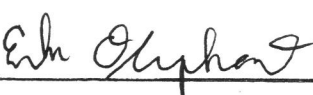
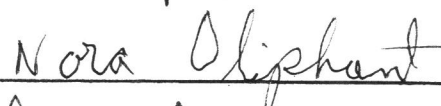
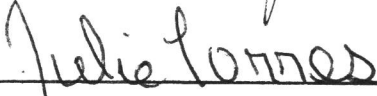
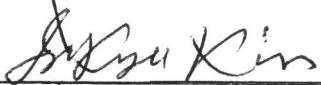

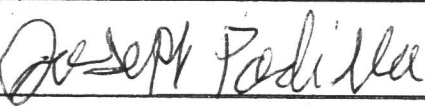
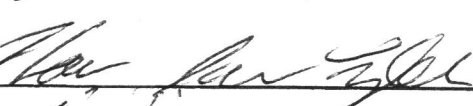
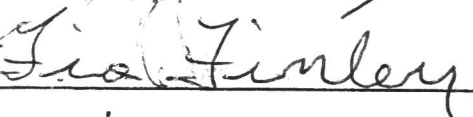
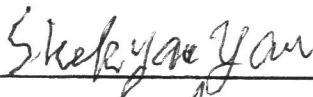
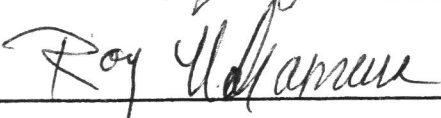
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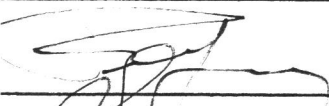
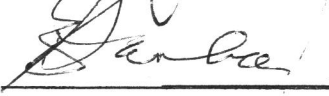
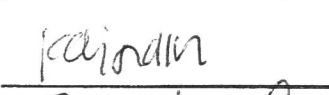
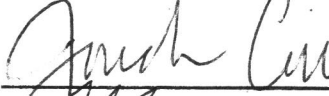

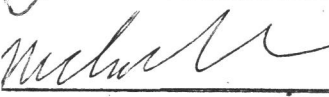
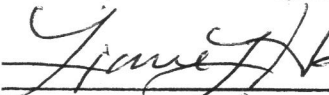
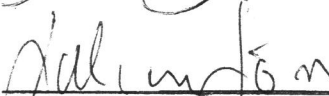
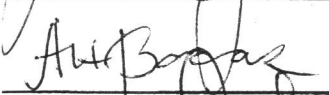


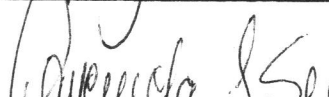
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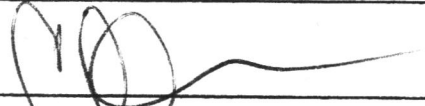
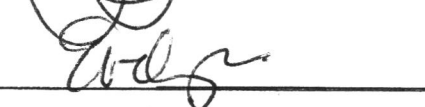
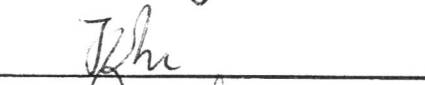
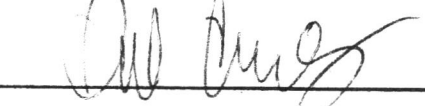
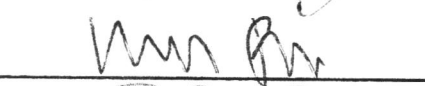

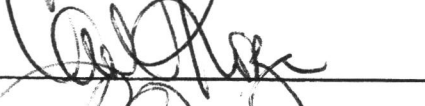



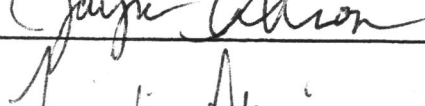
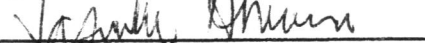
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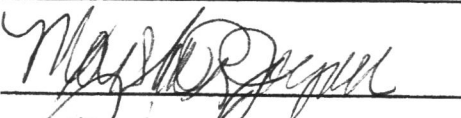
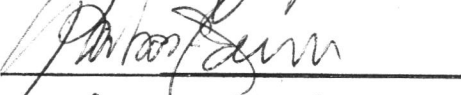
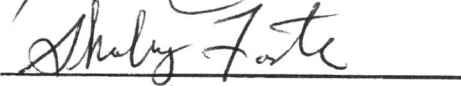
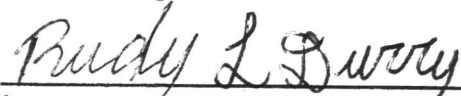
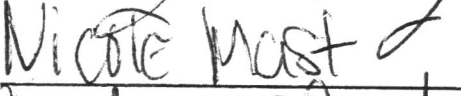
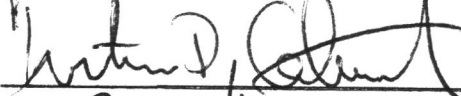
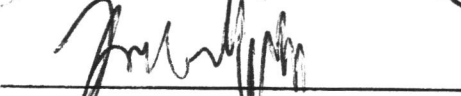

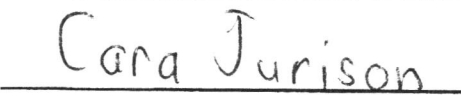
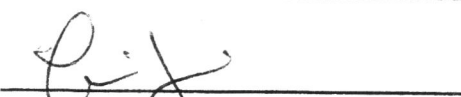
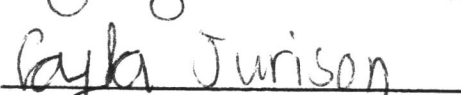
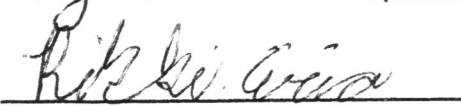
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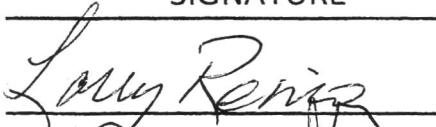
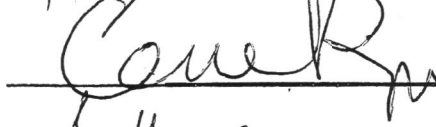
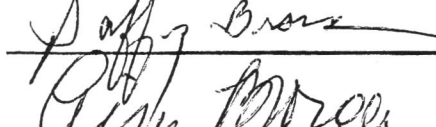
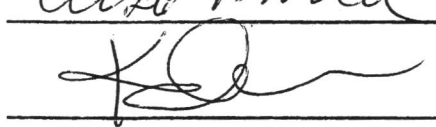
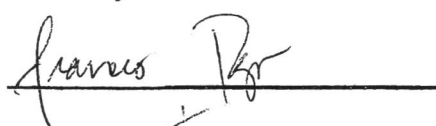

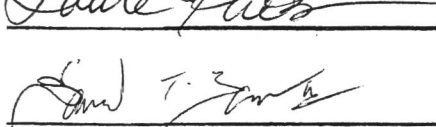
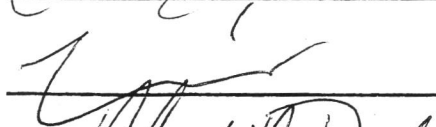
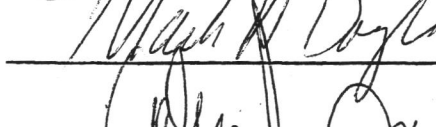
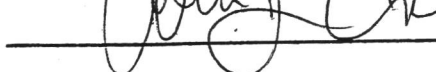


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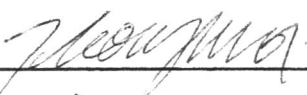

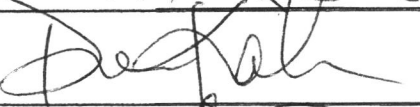


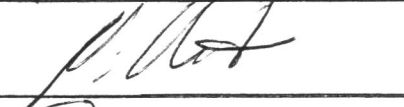
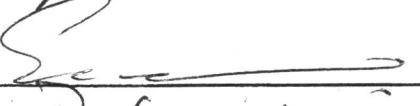

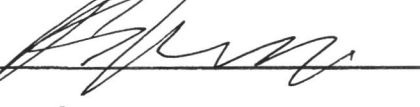
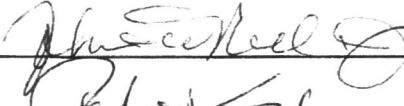

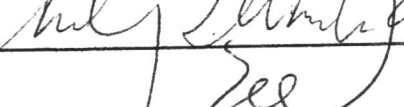

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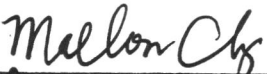
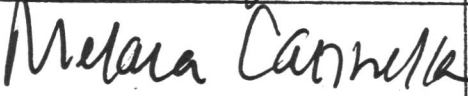
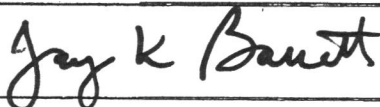
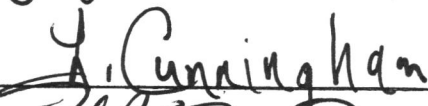

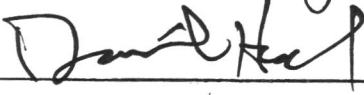

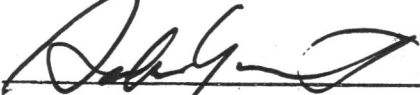


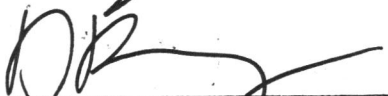
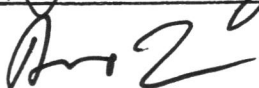
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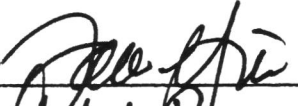

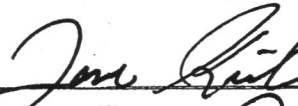
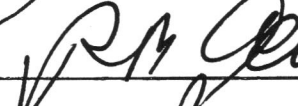
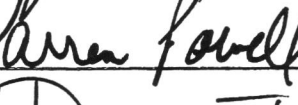
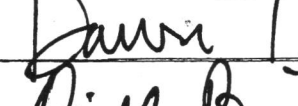
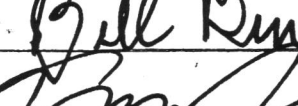
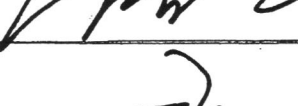

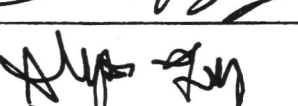
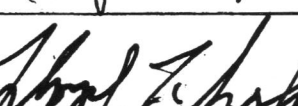
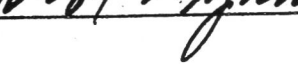
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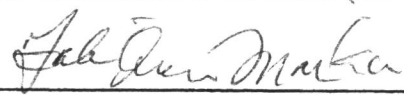
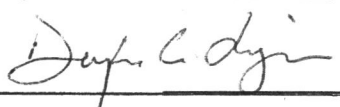

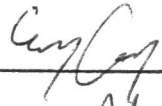
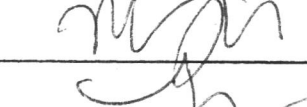
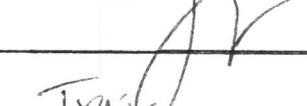
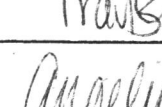
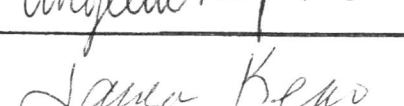
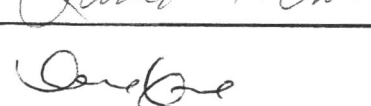
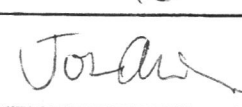
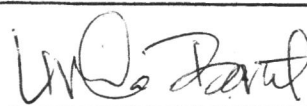
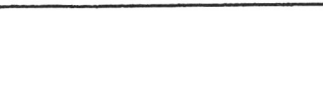
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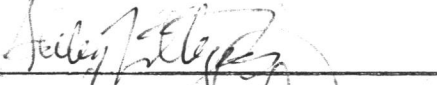


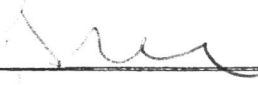


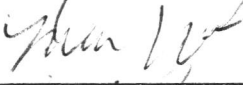
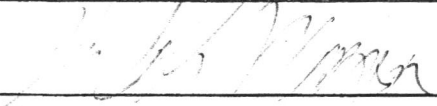
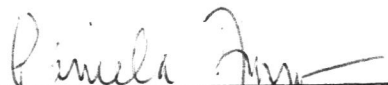
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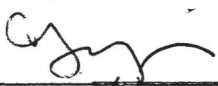
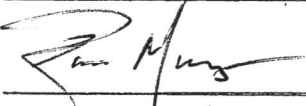

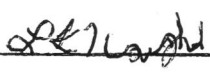

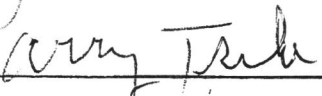
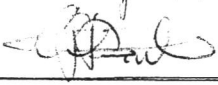
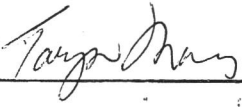
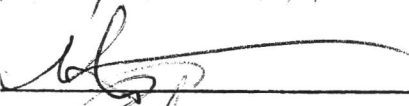

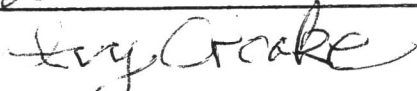
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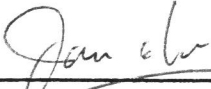

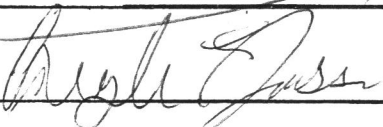
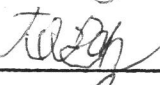

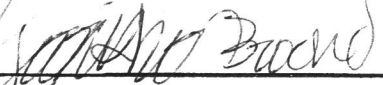

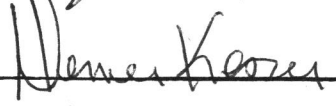
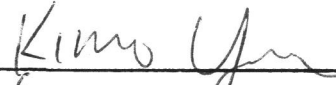
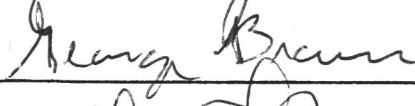

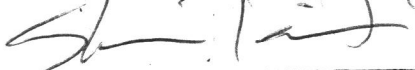
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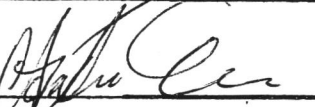


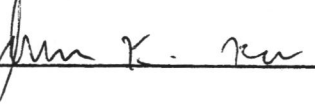
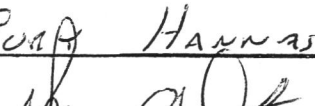
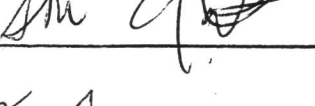

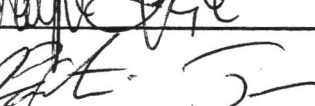
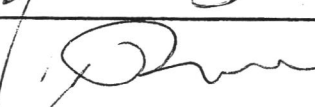
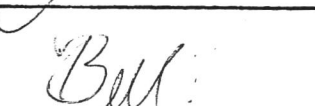
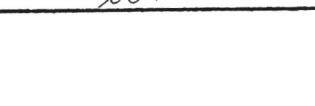
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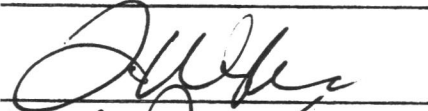

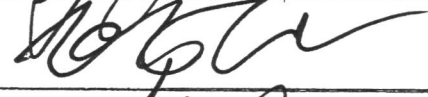

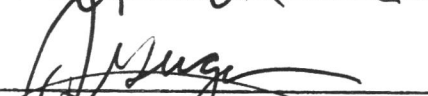

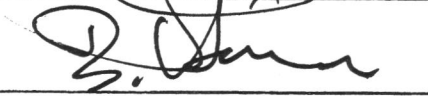
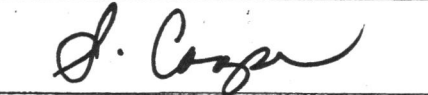
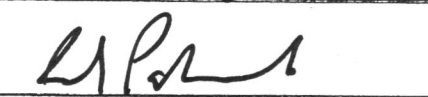
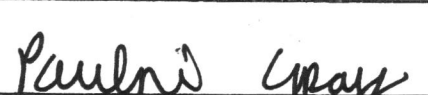
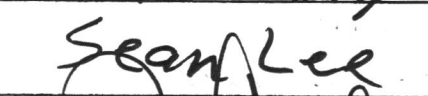
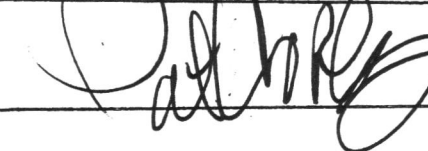
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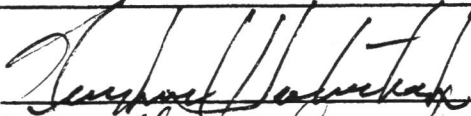
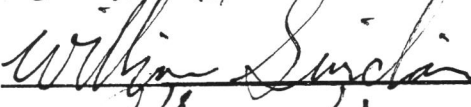
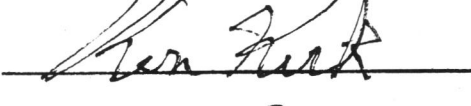
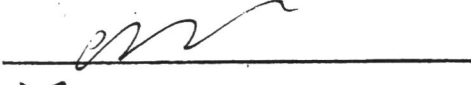
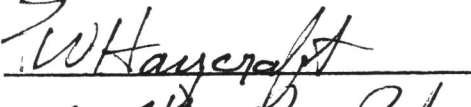
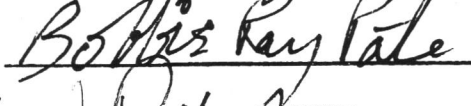


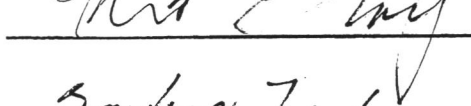
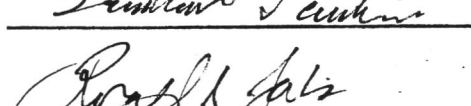
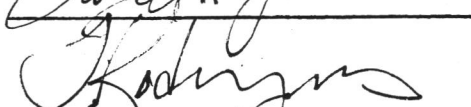

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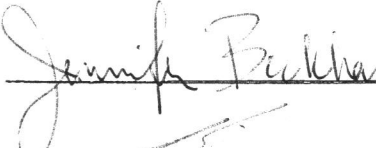

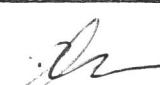



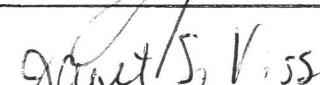
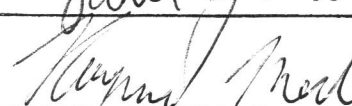
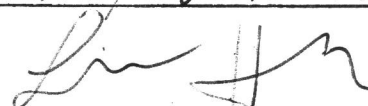
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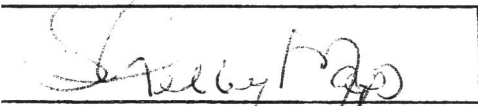

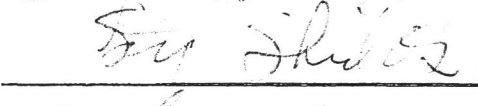
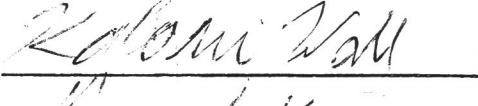
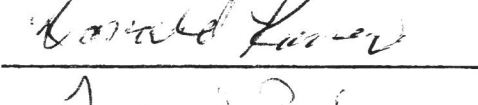

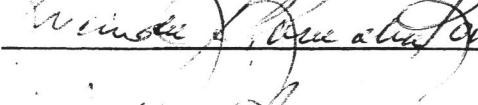
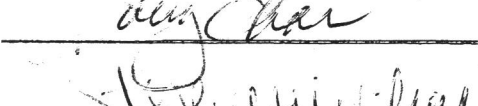
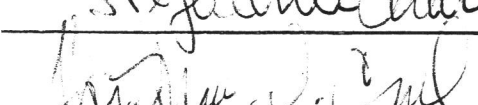
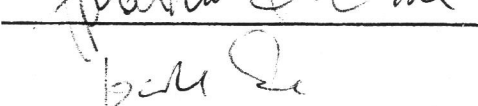
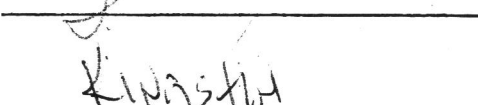
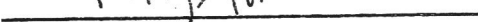
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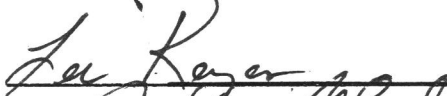
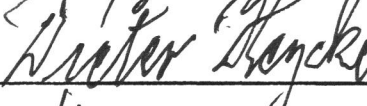
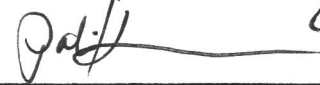
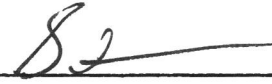
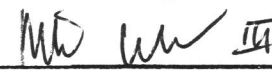

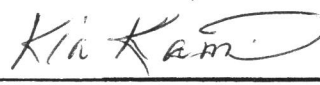
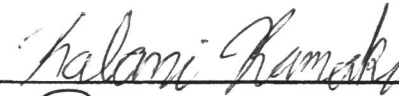


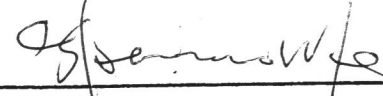
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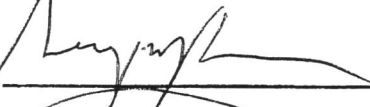
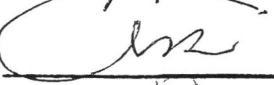
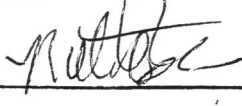

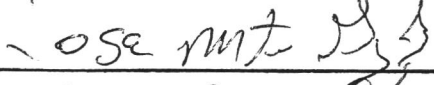


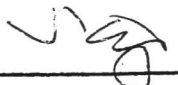
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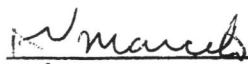
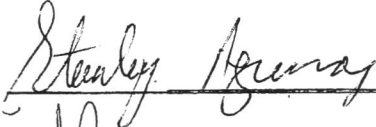
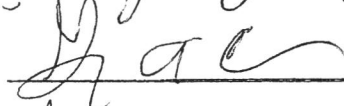
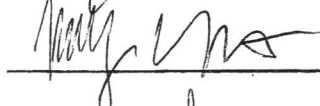
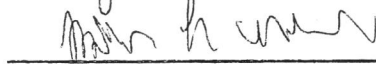

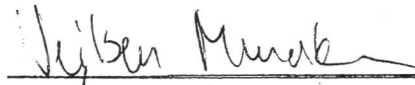
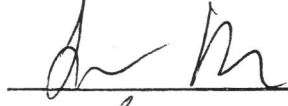
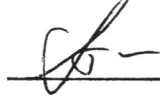

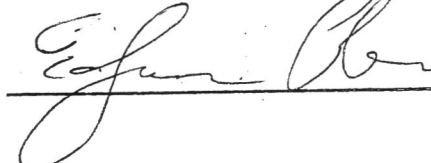
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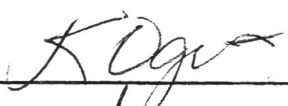

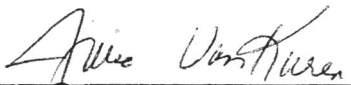
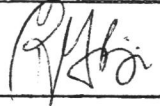
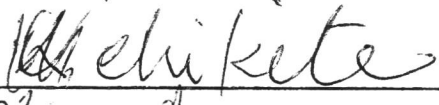




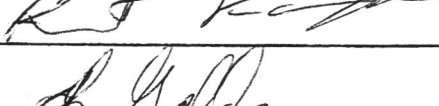

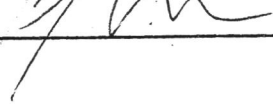
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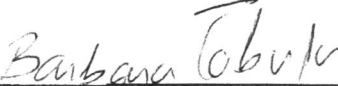


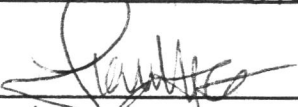


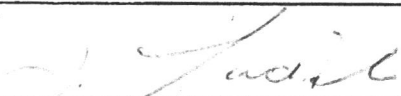
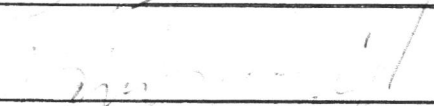
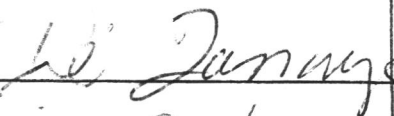
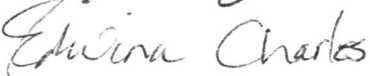

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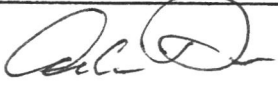

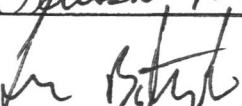
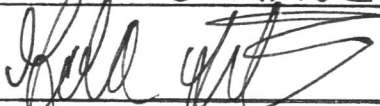
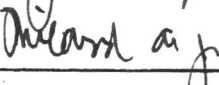
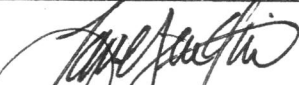
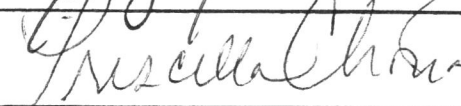
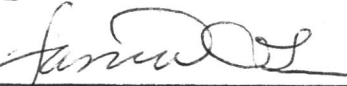

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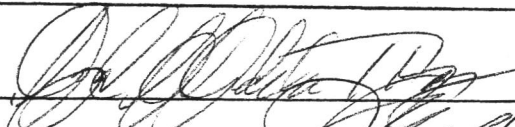
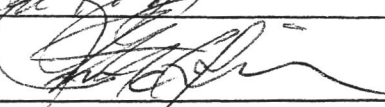
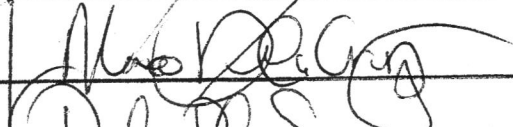
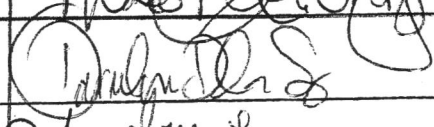
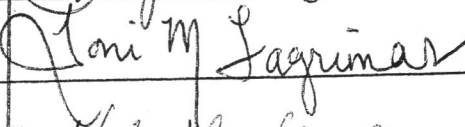
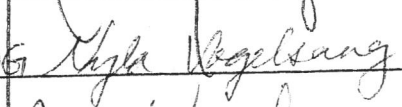
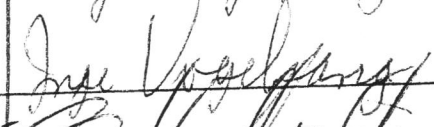

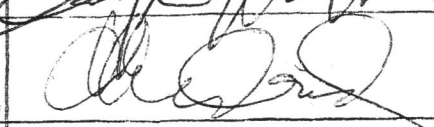
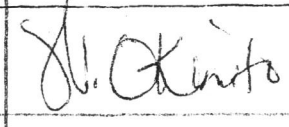
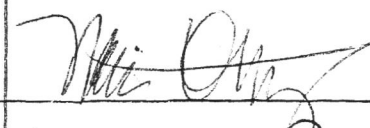
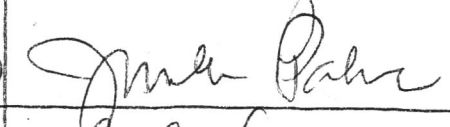
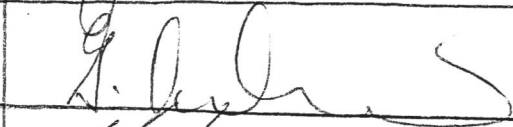
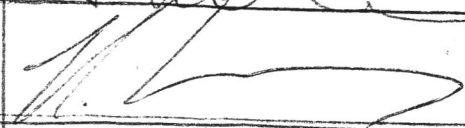
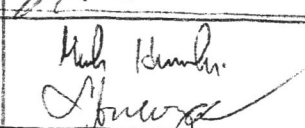
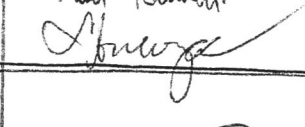
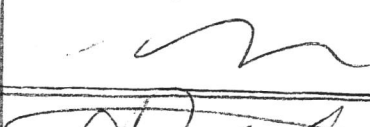
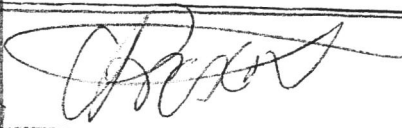
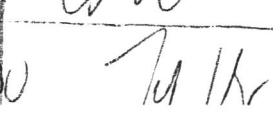
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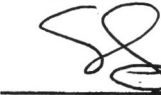
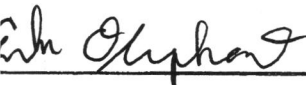


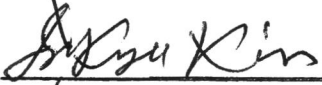

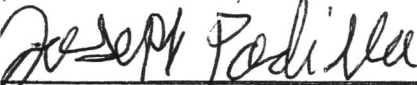

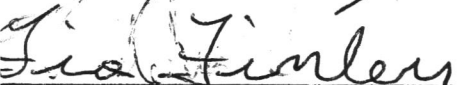
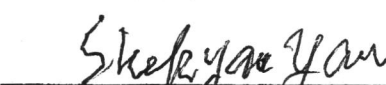

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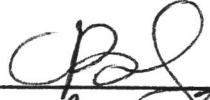
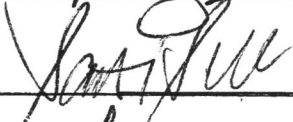
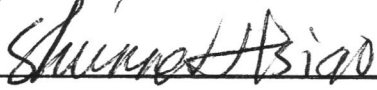
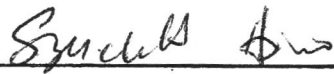
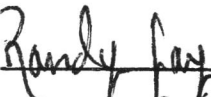
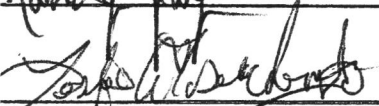
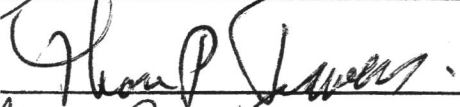
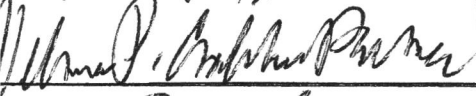
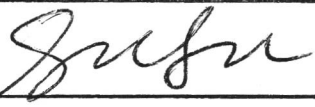


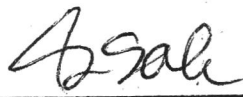
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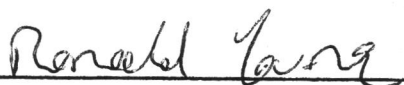
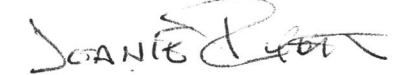
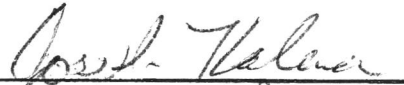

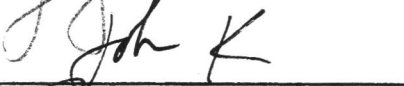

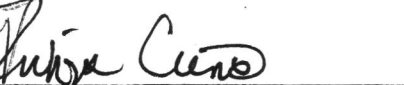


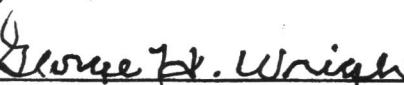
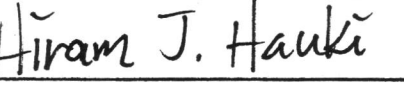

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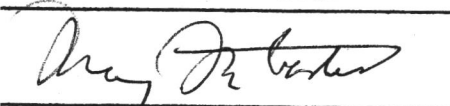
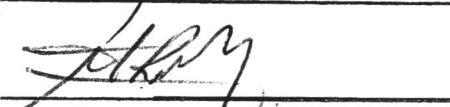
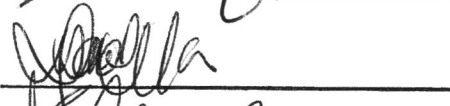
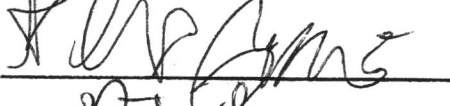

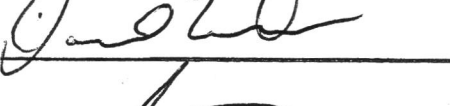

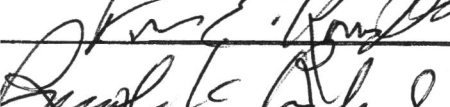
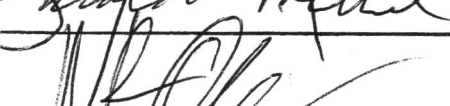
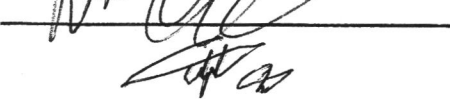
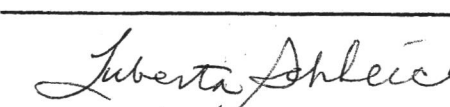
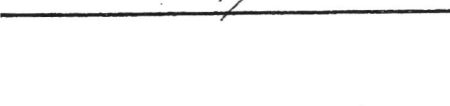
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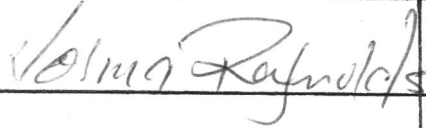
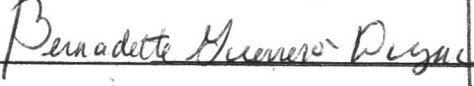
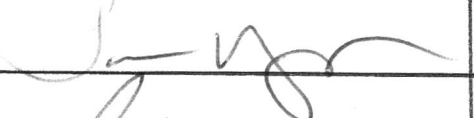
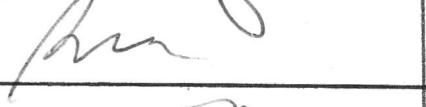
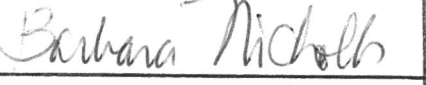
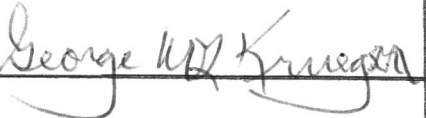
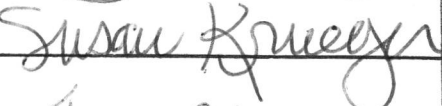
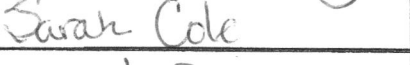
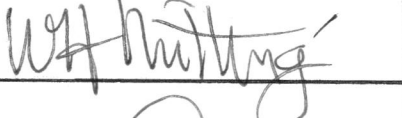

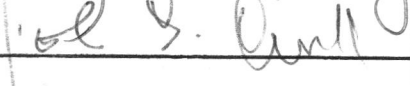
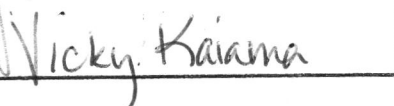
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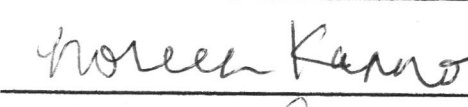
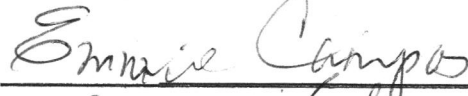

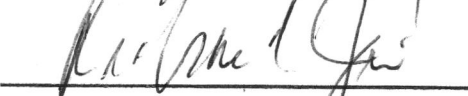
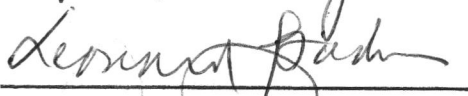

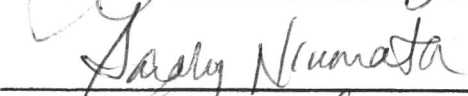
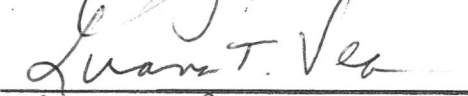
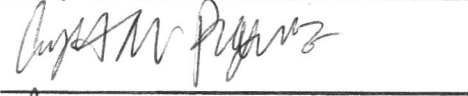
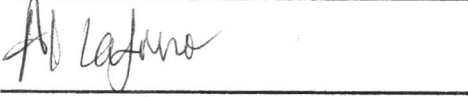
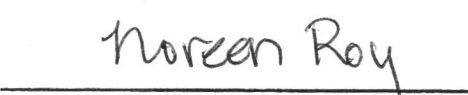
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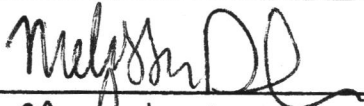
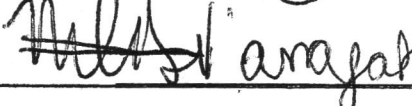

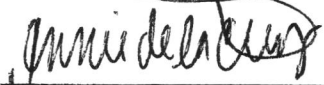
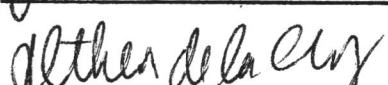
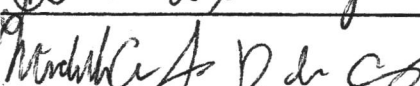
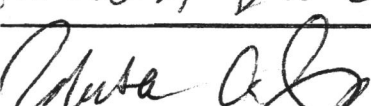
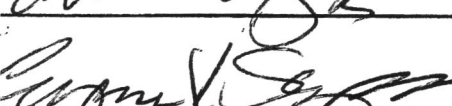
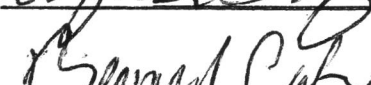
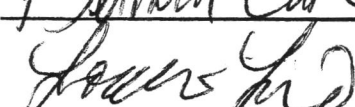
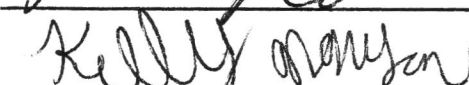

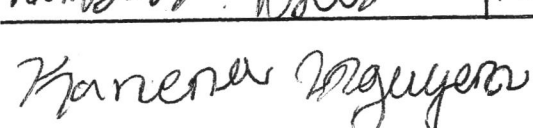
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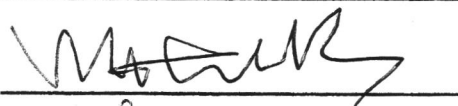
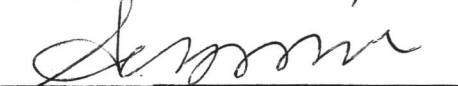
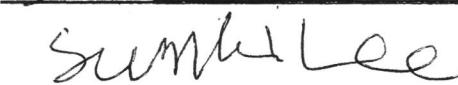

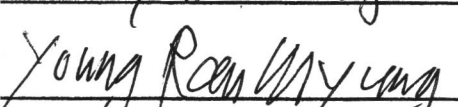

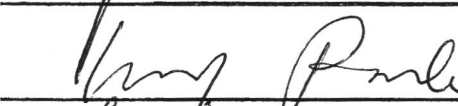


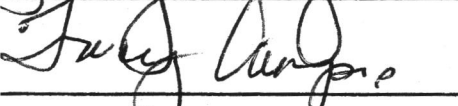
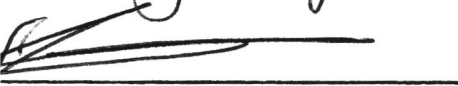
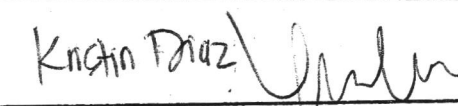
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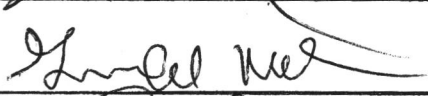


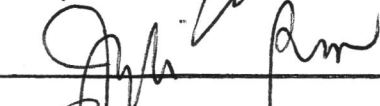
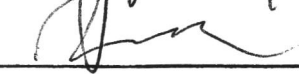

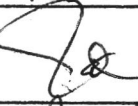
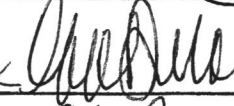


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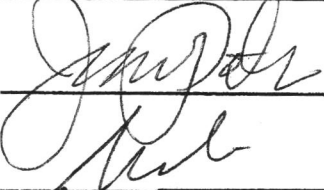
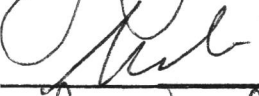
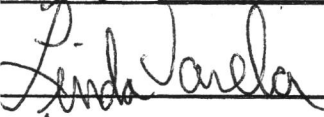
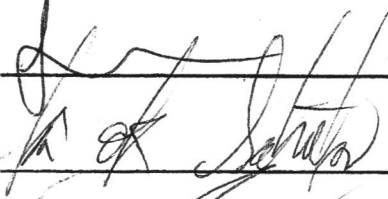

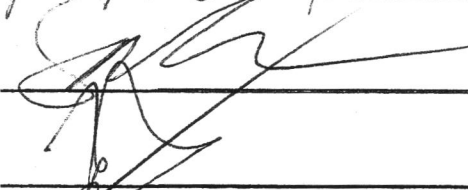

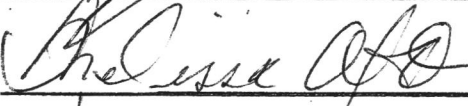
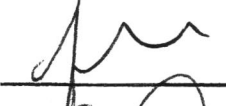
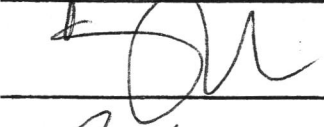
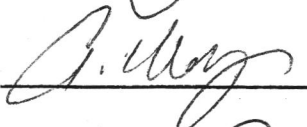
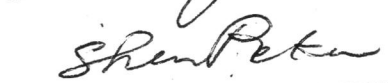
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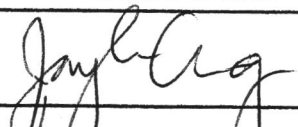

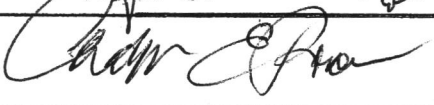
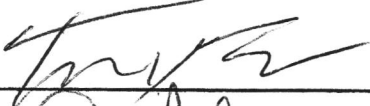
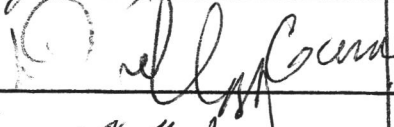
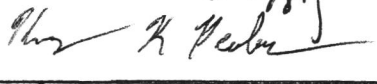
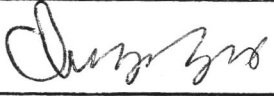
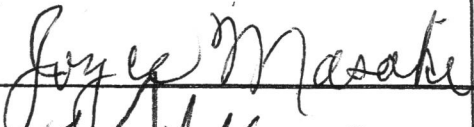

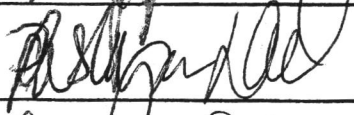

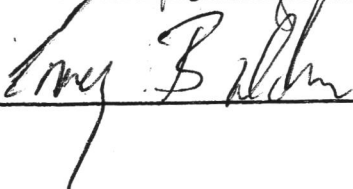
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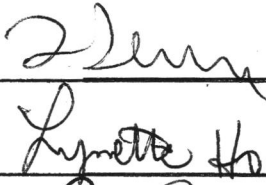

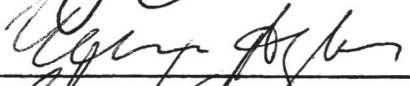

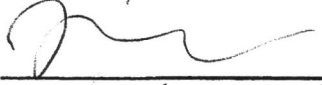
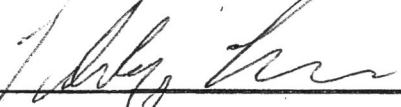
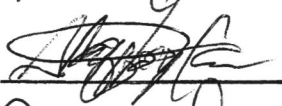

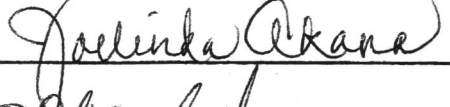
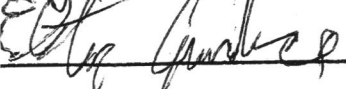
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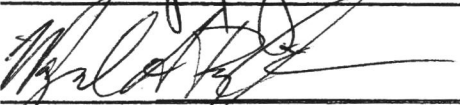
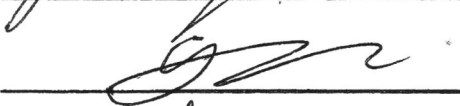

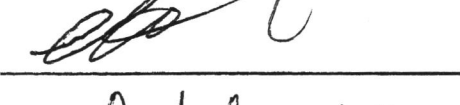
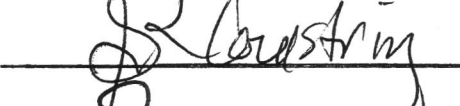
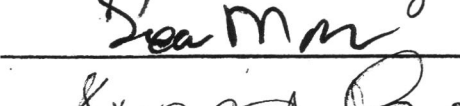
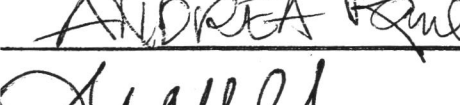
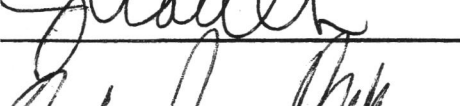
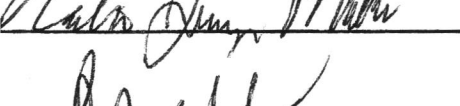
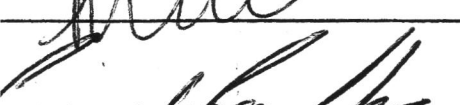
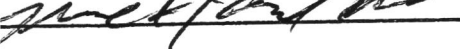
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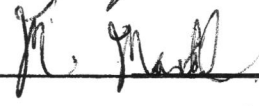
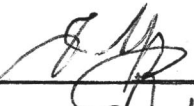

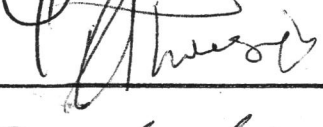

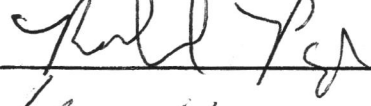
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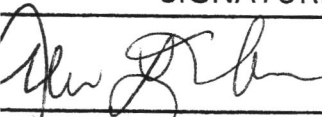
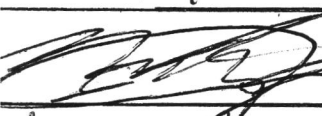
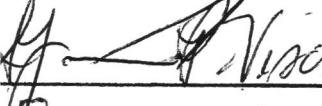
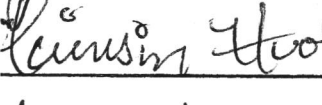
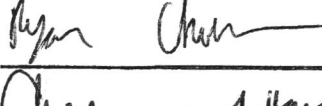
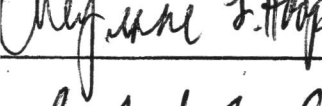
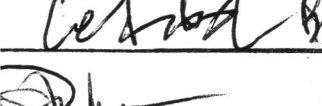

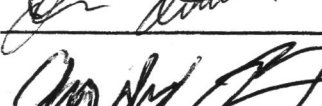

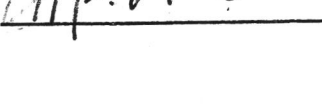
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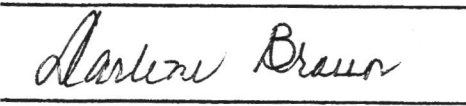
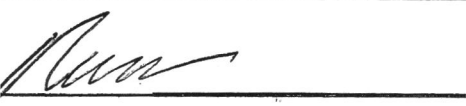
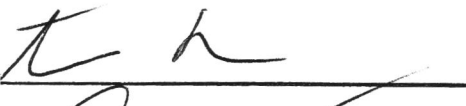
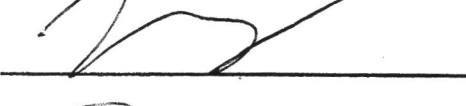
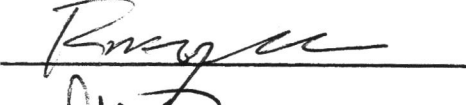
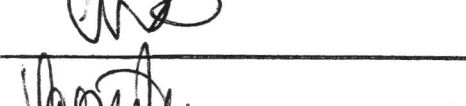
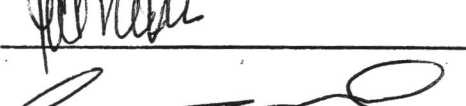

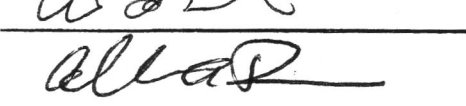
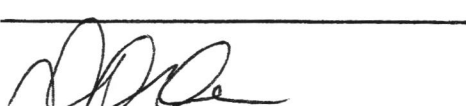
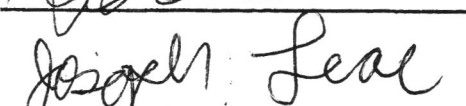
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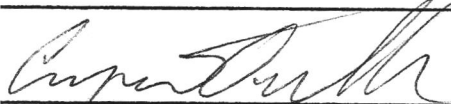
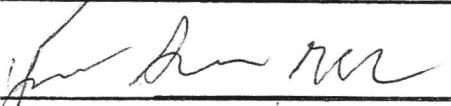
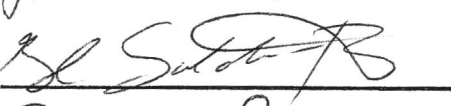
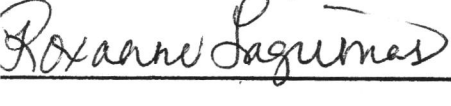
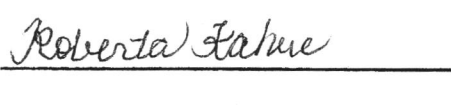
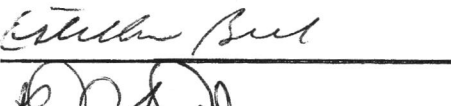
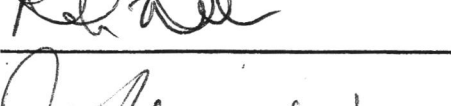
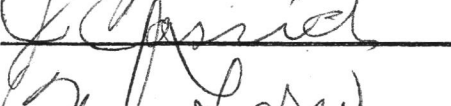
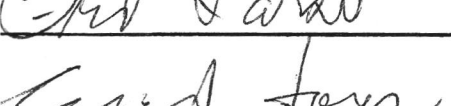
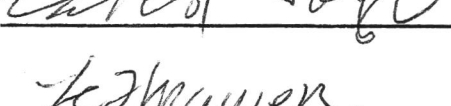
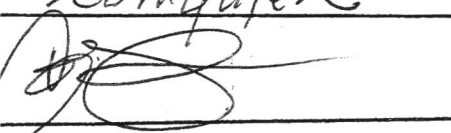
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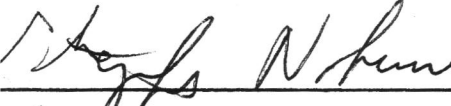

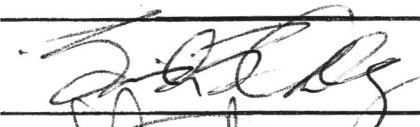

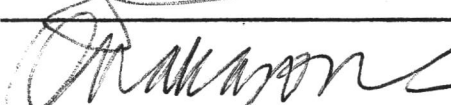
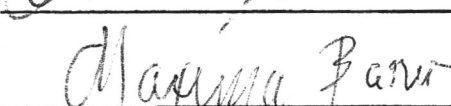

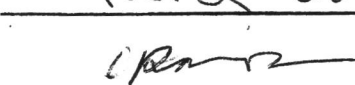
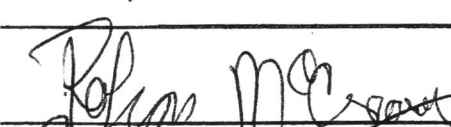
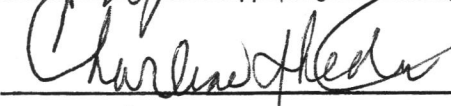
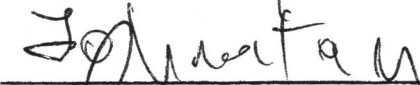
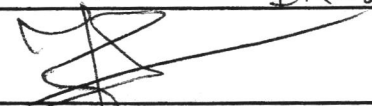
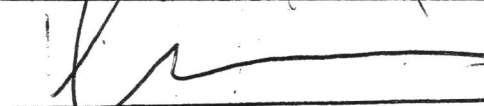
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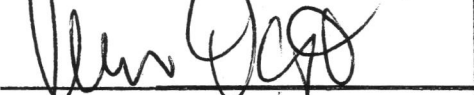
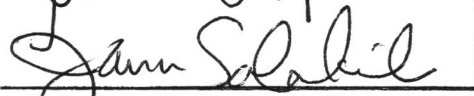
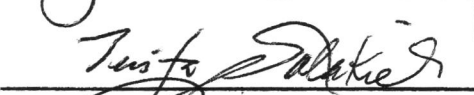
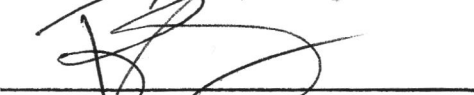



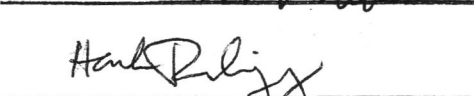
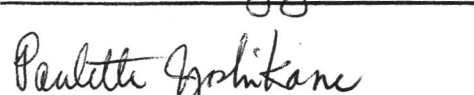
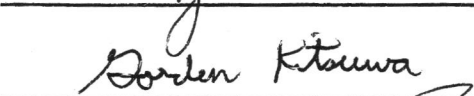
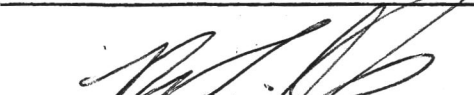
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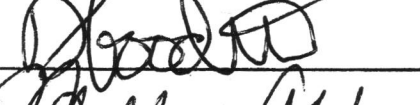
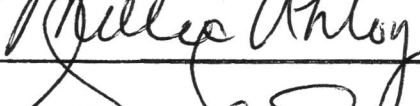
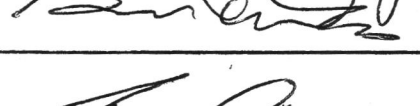

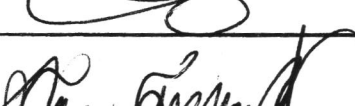
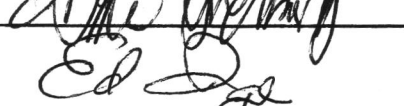
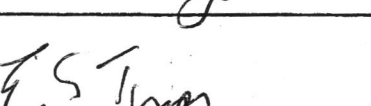
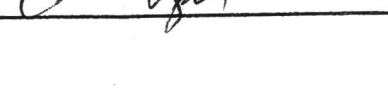
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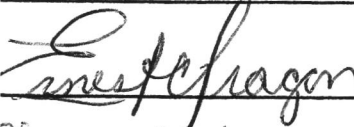
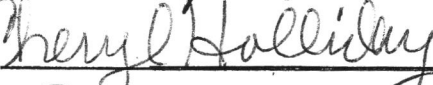
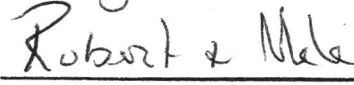
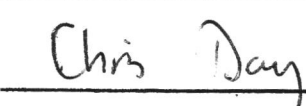
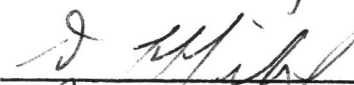
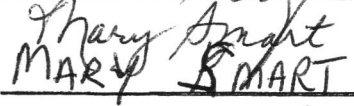
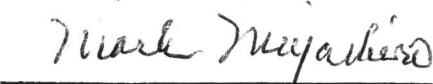
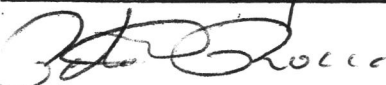
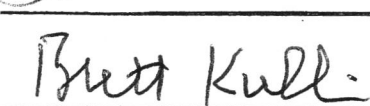
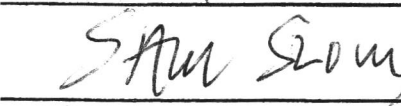
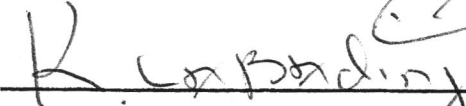


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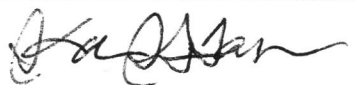




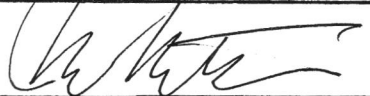
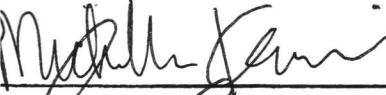


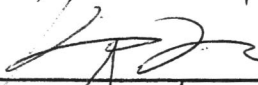
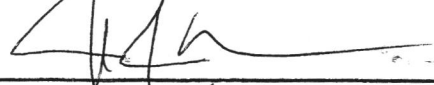

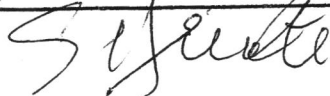
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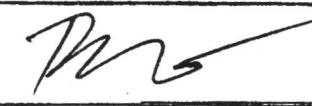
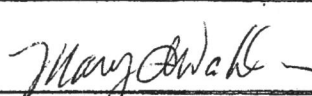
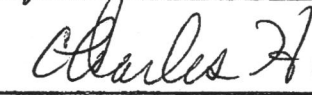

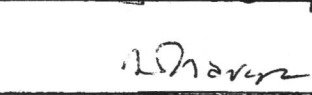



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