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Statement of  
**RODNEY FUNAKOSHI**  
Planning Program Administrator, Office of Planning  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
Monday, March 18, 2019  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of  
**HB 1457, HD2**  
**RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.**

Chairs Wakai and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) **supports** HB 1457, HD2, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Administration's Executive Budget. HB 1457, HD2 appropriates general funds to OP to assist the County of Maui Planning Department in the development and implementation of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan. The project is one of the transit-oriented development (TOD) capital improvement project (CIP) funding requests the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) has recommended for funding in Fiscal Year 2020.

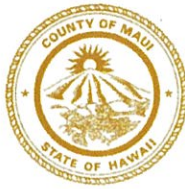
This investment could be transformative for the region: the proposed project would produce a plan to guide redevelopment and transit corridor improvements needed to increase community livability and accommodate affordable housing along the transit spine between Wailuku Town and Kahului—essentially linking key State and County of Maui TOD projects identified in the TOD Council's *Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*.

OP respectfully requests restoring the funding amount of \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2020—as requested by the County—and further, that the funds be appropriated to the County of Maui as the expending agency, as the County Planning Department is the appropriate entity to expend the funds and implement this measure. Funding through an appropriation to OP will, by its nature, delay County receipt of the funds. OP is willing to assist the Maui Planning Department with the project to the degree that our resources allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Michael P. Victorino  
Mayor

Sananda K. Baz  
Managing Director



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March 14, 2019

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Nishihara, and Committee Members:

Re: Hearing of March 18, 2019; Testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 1457 HD 2**, Relating to Transit Oriented Development

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of **HB 1457 HD 2**. This important measure appropriates funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

The County faces significant challenges in responding to population growth, limited amount of developable land, high cost of living, and aging infrastructure, especially in the Central Maui corridor.

Through collaborative efforts, Maui County and the State of Hawaii have recently found common ground on projects and agreements to reduce these challenges in Kahului and Wailuku, including:

- County and State appropriations for the Wailuku Civic Complex
- Lease agreement between the State's Department of Accounting and General Services and Maui County to develop office space in Wailuku
- Funding from the State and County to construct the Central Maui Bus Hub and affordable housing in Kahului

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Maui County continues to embrace the State's transit oriented development initiatives and is seeking to reinvest in the Wailuku and Kahului's communities and infrastructure. Redevelopment opportunities between the transit corridor between Wailuku and Kahului include:

- Transportation improvements for the transit corridor connecting Wailuku and Kahului
- Capitalizing on affordable housing along the transportation corridor
- Linking public services, businesses, and medical care
- Creating walkable communities

Please support Maui County and the State of Hawaii's transit-oriented development initiatives by supporting a feasibility study for the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor.

Mahalo for your consideration of **HB 1457 HD 2**.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Victorino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

MICHAEL VICTORINO  
Maui County Mayor

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TO: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs

FROM: Kelly T. King *Kelly T. King*  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 18, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
HB 1457, HD2, RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. While transit-oriented development often brings the Honolulu Rail Transit Project to mind, the other counties also have opportunities to integrate transit-oriented development in their communities. The transit corridor between Wailuku and Kahului presents a unique opportunity for transit-oriented development in Maui County.
2. Kahului is the commercial center of Maui, while Wailuku serves as its civic heart. Implementing transit-oriented development to connect the two areas could provide more housing opportunities to our residents while creating critical access to both Kahului and Wailuku via the Maui Bus and other transportation options.
3. As the County's population grows and visitor counts rise, our roads endure more stress and traffic becomes more congested. A master plan for the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor will help the County mitigate these impacts in the years to come.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

Council Chair  
Kelly T. King

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March 15, 2019

TO: Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism  
Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Yuki Lei Sugimura  
Councilmember

DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1457 H.D. 2, RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the county of Maui.

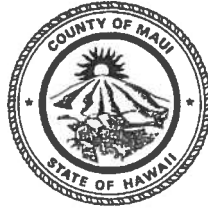
The proposed funds will allow for the County of Maui to examine the feasibility of linking key public services and commercial centers in Wailuku and Kahului. This Transportation Oriented Development project will provide long-term benefits to Maui and the State by helping to create more vibrant, livable, and sustainable communities that are connected through a multitude of transportation options.

Mahalo for your consideration of HB 1457.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
Mayor

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TO: The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
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The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
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The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:45 P.M.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414  
415 South Beretania Street

FROM: Marc I. Takamori  
Director of Transportation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Takamori", written over the printed name.

SUBJECT: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 1457, HD2** RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED  
DEVELOPMENT

Dear Chair Wakai, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the committees,

The County of Maui, Department of Transportation (MDOT) **SUPPORTS** HB 1457, HD2 which appropriates funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the county of Maui.

MDOT has been working closely with the County of Maui, Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, Department of Management, Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization in looking at ways to:

- Reduce transportation costs for residents
- Reduce dependence on automobiles
- Increase the efficient use of existing roads and highways

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- Encourage compact development by concentrating higher density housing around transit centers and routes
- Promote the development of walkable communities where residents can live, work and play.

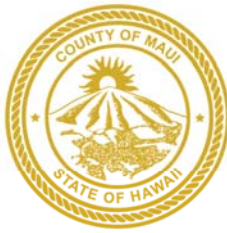
With the proposed planning funds, the County of Maui, Department of Planning along with the other departments and the community will be able to examine the feasibility of a transit corridor linking essential state and county services in Wailuku with its commercial and retail centers of Kahului, with improved transit service and other multi-modal transportation options being an integral part of improving access to jobs and services throughout Maui. This will examine redevelopment opportunities in Wailuku and Kahului, including transportation improvements for the transit corridor, capitalize on the potential for co-locating affordable housing, jobs, public services and other amenities to create walkable, bikeable and transit-supportive communities.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
MAYOR

MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP  
DIRECTOR

JORDAN E. HART  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR



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March 15, 2019

**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP  
PLANNING DIRECTOR  
COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM  
AND  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS

Monday, March 18, 2019, 2:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 414

HB1457 HD2 RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1457 HD2.

The purpose of this measure is to promote transit-oriented development by appropriating funds to assist the County of Maui in the development and implementation of the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor master plan. The funds would provide a forum for the State and the County to work together to promote growth of compact, mixed-use communities that are integrated with public transit.

This TOD project will provide long-term benefits to Maui and the State and can contribute to creating more sustainable, livable, and complete communities that include more affordable housing, better access to public services, new business opportunities, and more revenue-generating opportunities for Maui County and the State.



Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
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Maui County requests your consideration of restoring the funding amount of \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2020—as per the original request—and further, of appropriating the funds to the County of Maui, as the County is the appropriate entity to expend the funds and implement this project. Funding through an appropriation to the State Office of Planning could delay County receipt of the funds and progress on this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support of the passage of HB1457 HD2.

Sincerely,

Michele Chouteau McLean, AICP  
Department of Planning  
County of Maui

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TO: Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism

Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Tasha Kama  
Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: **Hearing of March 18, 2019; Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1457 HD 2,  
Relating to Transit Oriented Development**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funding for the State Office of Planning to assist Maui County in development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Planning for a transit-oriented urban future for the central valley cities of Wailuku and Kahului is essential for creating a sustainable future for Maui.
2. Successful transit-oriented development on Maui would serve as a model for such planning efforts in "non-rail" transit corridors.
3. This planning effort would increase the likelihood that the State and County investment in the Central Maui Bus Hub could be leveraged to address a dire need for affordable housing.



# MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM AND  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 308  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 AT 2:45 P.M.**

To The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair;  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism,

To The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair;  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1457  
RELATED TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of HB 1457.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports revitalization and redevelopment efforts in Kahului and Wailuku. These areas are huge centers of commerce for Maui Island, so we support modernizing and making these areas transit-oriented as this will help local businesses, spur economic activity and help draw more residents and visitors to these areas. In addition, we appreciate that this bill includes looking at ways to co-locate housing, jobs, amenities, etc. to create more green, walkable communities.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique

**HB-1457-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 3:51:58 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/18/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB1457. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

A Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan would enable Maui County to apply for a federal BUILD grant to finance the construction of multimodal transportation improvements. Ka'ahumanu Avenue serves over 50,000 vehicles daily, connecting Maui's primary commercial area in Kahului to its government seat in Wailuku. Imagine Ka'ahumanu Avenue transformed into a bus rapid transit corridor with safe walking and biking connections from surrounding communities and institutions to the transit stops. This is one of many alternatives the study would vet through technical analysis and public involvement.

Providing residents and visitors with multimodal options will help alleviate traffic congestion and encourage good health through walking and biking. County of Maui, Maui MPO, and community partners are working in coordination to promote walkable communities and transportation options through Hele Mai Maui 2040 Transportation Plan, Maui Bus service, Complete Streets and Community Plan updates. We are prepared to plan and implement a Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor.

Passage of this bill would accelerate Maui's ability to leverage a transportation corridor improvement to attract investment in housing and walkable mixed use development in Central Maui. **Please support HB1457 to fund the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan.**

Best,

Lauren Armstrong

Executive Director, Maui MPO