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Statement of
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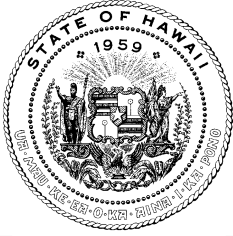
March 12, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of
S.B. 2809, S.D. 2
RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

HHFDC supports S.B. 2809, S.D.2, provided that it does not adversely impact priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

As the co-chair of the Interagency Council on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), we support the appropriation of funds to the Office of Planning for the purposes set forth in the bill. The funding will provide seed money to fund Neighbor Island TOD projects identified in the State TOD Strategic Plan for area planning, master planning, and infrastructure assessments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS AND DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
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Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development

before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

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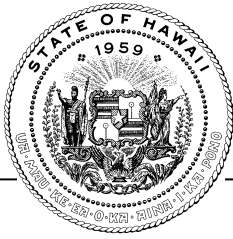
Chairs Aquino and Brower, Vice Chairs Hashimoto and Matayoshi, and Members of the House Committees on Transportation and Housing.

The Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) **strongly supports** SB 2809, SD 2. The TOD Council is comprised of 25 members representing State agencies, the counties, the State Senate and House of Representatives, the Honolulu office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and affordable housing, business, and development interest groups. The TOD Council is charged with coordinating and facilitating State agency TOD planning, and facilitating consultation and collaboration between the State and the counties in support of State and county TOD and Smart Growth initiatives.

SB 2809, SD 2 would provide an unspecified amount of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to support the planning and coordination of transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development (State TOD Strategic Plan)* issued by the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

We respectfully request that the initial SB 2809 amount of \$1.5 million be authorized and appropriated, provided that the funding and appropriation do not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. We anticipate and will give priority to using the funds to seed Neighbor Island TOD projects identified in the *State TOD Strategic Plan*.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Chairs Aquino and Brower, Vice Chairs Hashimoto and Matayoshi, and Members of the House Committees on Transportation and Housing.

The Office of Planning (OP) **strongly supports** SB 2809, SD 2, provided the funding and appropriation do not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. SB 2809, SD 2 would authorize Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to support the planning and coordination of transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development (State TOD Strategic Plan)* issued by the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

OP respectfully requests that the initial SB 2809 amount of \$1.5 million be inserted in the measure, provided that the funding and appropriation do not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. Funding to support coordination of State and County TOD and Smart Growth planning efforts is particularly critical for Neighbor Island counties. To-date, TOD CIP planning funds have been directed to TOD projects along the Honolulu rail corridor. This funding could provide needed seed money to advance Neighbor Island TOD projects in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* that require State and County collaboration for planning and implementation—funding the development of area plans, project master plans, and TOD infrastructure assessments.

Candidate TOD projects are listed in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* at http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/lud/State-TOD-Strategic-Plan_Dec-2017-Rev-Aug-2018_rev20190715_secured.pdf, and TOD Project Fact Sheets for the projects are posted at http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/lud/State-TOD-Strategic-Plan_FactSheets_Rev-Aug-2018_rev20190715_secured-20190823.pdf.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM
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Testimony of

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President & CEO
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Committees on
Transportation
Housing

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Senate Bill 2809 SD2: Relating to Transit-Oriented Development

Chair Aquino, Chair Brower and members of the committees, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers —supports Senate Bill 2809 which would authorize the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds for statewide planning and coordination for certain transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the state strategic plan for transit-oriented development.

As the former mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, and the current President and CEO of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, I was and continue to be a very staunch supporter of the Honolulu rail system. There are thousands of island residents employed by the visitor industry in Waikiki, and we look forward to having a rail system that will be part of a multi-modal network of transportation options. In addition to the completion of the rail system, it has been my belief from the very beginning that transit-oriented development plays a key role. TOD will help revitalize communities along the rail line, create more housing opportunities for our workers, incentivize new commercial development, and help reinforce the infrastructure throughout the rail route. For these reasons we support SB 2809.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony.