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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO FUND THE CORE SERVICES FOR  
THE PEOPLE OF OAHU BEFORE FUNDING THE RAIL WITH ITS NEW  
HOTEL ROOM TAX.

1           WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 40 in  
2 December 2021; and

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4           WHEREAS, this bill adds a three per cent tax for  
5 accommodations on Oahu; and

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7           WHEREAS, for the first two years, 33 per cent of the tax  
8 will be put towards the Honolulu Rail project, with that  
9 percentage being increased to 50 per cent after two years; and

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11           WHEREAS, the Honolulu Rail project has been ongoing for  
12 more than a decade, and is projected to continue at least until  
13 2031; and

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15           WHEREAS, three City and County of Honolulu officials were  
16 recently arrested on charges of allegedly conspiring to divert  
17 Honolulu Police Department Funds to provide a buyout settlement;  
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20           WHEREAS, this alleged conspiracy and the resulting fallout  
21 serves as yet another reason to prioritize the current shortage  
22 of Honolulu Police Department officers over funding the Honolulu  
23 Rail project; and

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25           WHEREAS, core services provided by the City and County of  
26 Honolulu have suffered financial setbacks due to the ongoing  
27 COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,  
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# H.R. NO. III

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2022, this body urges the Honolulu City Council to prioritize  
4 the funding of core services for the people of Oahu over funding  
5 for the rail project; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu City Council will  
8 revisit the percentage of the new tax that will be allocated to  
9 the rail project and amend this amount to reflect the  
10 prioritization of core service for the people of Oahu; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Honolulu City Council, the  
14 Hawaii Authority on Rapid Transit, and the Office of the Mayor  
15 of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:



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