

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18, 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2898
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2898, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement districts within county-designated transit-oriented development zones and a Transit-Oriented Development Infrastructure Improvement District Board to foster community development by strategically investing in infrastructure improvements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Community Development Authority, and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that transit-oriented development is a powerful tool that can ultimately deliver a wide range of social, environmental, and economic benefits. Transit-oriented



development also promotes development patterns that support quality of life, preserve the natural environment, provide a range of housing choices for residents, and encourage walking, biking, and use of mass transit. Your Committee further finds that the establishment of transit-oriented development infrastructure improvement districts will help the public and private sectors coordinate the planning, financing, and delivering of infrastructure necessary to increase the capacity of housing in the areas surrounding transit stations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2898, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2898, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Transportation.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,


NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair



