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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS AND DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND WATER AND LAND
Thursday, March 17, 2022
1 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

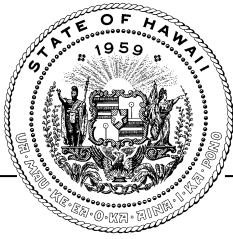
in consideration of
HB 2023, HD1
RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Chang and Inouye, Vice Chairs Kanuha and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committees on Housing and Water and Land.

The Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) **strongly supports** HB 2023, HD1. 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.

HB 2023, HD1 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning and coordination of transit-oriented development projects identified in the *State of Hawai'i Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*. The appropriation would provide critical funding for State and county agencies to kick start or supplement work on TOD projects. The availability of these funds allows planning for TOD projects to move forward concurrent with the many other funding priorities of individual agencies, advancing the delivery timeline for agencies' affordable housing, mixed-use development, or mobility hub projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
before the
SENATE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND WATER AND LAND
Thursday, March 17, 2022
1:00 PM
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The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports** HB 2023, HD1 provided that it does not adversely impact priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY 2023). HB 2023 was amended as HD 1 with blank appropriations and effective date of July 1, 2050. The original proposal would authorize \$2 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds to support the planning and coordination of transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development* issued by the Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council). The Executive Supplemental Budget in HB 1600 provides \$1 million for FY 2023.

OPSD has received appropriations totaling \$5 million in TOD CIP funds in four of the six legislative sessions since OPSD was designated as the lead agency for State transit-oriented development in 2016. The response to the availability of TOD CIP planning funds from State and county agencies has been robust over the years. Over the four appropriations, 20 unique proposals were considered for funding, with the requests for funding totaling \$9,675,000. Fifteen of the 20 proposals received have been awarded TOD CIP planning funds. The amount of total funding requested by agencies in response to the single-year appropriations has ranged from \$2.0-3.4 million each year.

There is a continuing need to seed TOD projects including infrastructure assessments, mixed-use, and affordable housing projects. OPSD appreciates the Legislature's vision and recognition of the need to financially support TOD planning Statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Statement of
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

March 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
H.B. 2023 HD1
RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

HHFDC supports H.B. 2023 HD1, which provides general obligation bonds for the continued efforts of the TOD Council in planning and coordinating transit-oriented development projects.

The purpose of the TOD Council is to coordinate and facilitate State agency TOD planning, and to facilitate consultation and collaboration between the State and the counties on smart growth and TOD initiatives.

As co-chair of the TOD council, I greatly appreciate the introducers of this measure in supporting the Council's work. The request for funds for this purpose each year has exceeded the funds available, and the appropriation will advance mixed-use and affordable housing developments statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



March 15, 2022

Testimony of Lauren Armstrong
Maui MPO Executive Director
On behalf of Maui MPO Policy Board

Before the Senate Committee on Housing and Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 17, 2022 at 1:00pm
Conference Room 225

HB2023 HD1 RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Maui MPO Policy Board supports HB2023 HD1. This measure will provide critical funding for state and county agencies to kick start TOD projects. Maui County's Ka'ahumanu Avenue Community Corridor Plan, funded through the Interagency Council for Transit-oriented development, has successfully brought agencies and stakeholders together to identify key actions to develop affordable housing, transportation options, and economic vitality along the corridor. TOD projects are ready to be funded and will bring tremendous benefit to our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Armstrong".

Lauren Armstrong
Executive Director, Maui MPO
On behalf of the Maui MPO Policy Board

HB-2023-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Transit-oriented development has become excessive and we don't even have transit.