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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Hearing on Thursday, February 4, at 3:00p.m., in Room 224

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RE: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF SB 998

Honorable Chair Chris Lee, Vice Chair Lorraine R. Inouye, and Committee Members:

As the Business Manager/Financial Secretary of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), I serve over 3,400 hard-working and dedicated members.

I have also had the honor and proudly served as a Board Member, and Chair, of the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART).

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project continues to be a critical project that provides hundreds of jobs now, with proposed transit-oriented development supporting economic growth and stability for our future. In addition, Rail will provide residents and visitors with an alternate form of reliable transportation.

During my tenure on the HART Board, many critical and timely decisions were periodically impeded by quorum requirements and the disparity between voting and non-voting members of the Board.

This bill proposes to grant voting rights to the appointees of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, and would greatly improve the efficiency of the HART Board and eliminate many of the delays that challenged the Board when quorums were not reached.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this measure.

Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim  
Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary