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January 31, 2023

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Transportation
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Todd and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB415 Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB415**, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013.

The Council supports the intent of this measure, but we believe the Department of Transportation (DoT) is better suited to implement the recommendations made by the task force on mobility management. The DoT is the department that would be most effective as their department houses the policies and partnerships needed to improve mobility conditions. We do recommend the Aging and Disability Resource Center and other stakeholder groups are consulted regarding new mobility practices but should not be the implementors.

For any more substantive changes, we defer to the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB415**.

Sincerely,

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January 27, 2023

TO: The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Representative Darius Kila, Vice Chair
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Councilwoman Cindy Evans
Hawai'i County Council, District 9

RE: Support for HB 415

HB 415 appropriates funds to the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the state Task Force on Mobility Management, which was established by Act 214 of the 2013 Session Laws of Hawai'i. Specifically, HB 415 appropriates funding for a mobility manager for each of the neighbor island counties, a statewide outreach position, and a statewide coordinator position. I firmly support this bill, and hope that you will as well.

During my time in the Hawai'i House of Representatives, I strongly advocated for increasing access to transportation services for elders and individuals with disabilities, especially those in rural areas and on the neighbor islands. As a representative, I supported the creation of the state Task Force of Mobility Management. I introduced the House companion to the Senate bill that became Act 214. I endorse its subsequent report, and encourage the state to take up its recommendations.

Please pass HB 415 to ensure further discussion on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cindy Evans'.

Councilwoman Cindy Evans
Hawai'i County Council, District 9



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The State Legislature
House Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Conference Room 312
10:00 a.m.

TO: The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
RE: Support for H.B. 415 Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families, including transportation.

AARP **supports H.B. 415** to develop and establish a mobility management program that support the counties' growing transportation needs for riders with limited mobility, and/or disabilities including kupuna who need a variety of transportation options. "Mobility management is an integrated strategic approach in coordinating a full range of mobility services in communities and transcends beyond the fixed-route transit services (i.e. public bus system). While no two mobility programs look alike, a robust program typically comprises a multiagency partnership which includes social service agencies, senior programs, non-emergency medical providers and taxi companies; use of information technology systems in real time, and a one-stop travel information and trip planning systems."¹

While the four counties in Hawaii have their respective mobility management programs, the state can further assist them by leveraging federal funds, establishing a statewide purchasing cooperative to procure new vehicles, technologies and equipment and data-sharing across a network of different transportation providers.

It is paramount that Hawaii has a comprehensive transportation system work that can offer consumers efficient, safe, and affordable transportation options and gives them full access to the economic, health and social aspects of their communities.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support for **H.B. 415**.

Sincerely,


Keali'i S. López
State Director

¹ Statewide Mobility Management Report to the Twenty-Ninth Legislature -2015, Hawaii
Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2023 7:56:48 PM

Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is more wast of Tax payer Money and We the People will not stand for the miss use of our Moneys any longer!!!!

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 9:20:08 AM

Testimony for TRN on 1/31/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili Swan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support the Recommendations of the Taskforce on mobility management to support individuals with disability to safely to get around in their community thank you.