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The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
The Thirty-Second Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Yamashita and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: SB3002 SD1 HD1 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 Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports SB3002 SD1 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, SLH 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

The implementation of recommendations from the Mobility Management Task Force holds significant promise in addressing the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities. By providing adequate funding to execute these recommendations, we can facilitate the development and enhancement of transportation services that cater to the unique requirements of individuals with disabilities, thereby promoting greater independence and community participation.

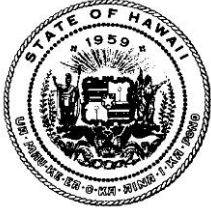
The collaboration with the Aging and Disability Resource Center and other stakeholder groups emphasizes the importance of a multifaceted approach in addressing mobility challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Through this collaborative effort, we can ensure that the proposed initiatives are comprehensive and inclusive, taking into account the diverse needs and perspectives of the disability community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB3002 SD1 HD1**.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator



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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senate Bill 3002 SD1 HD1 – 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 Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Bill 3002 SD1 HD1 – Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

This bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups.

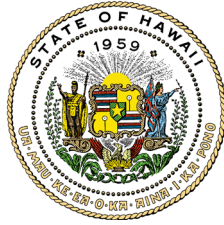
Reliable transportation is essential for people with disabilities to be independent, have an active lifestyle, and access necessary services such as medical care. Something as simple as obtaining accessible transportation to a doctor's appointment can be crucial for getting medications and treatment. Implementation of mobility management strategies will improve the delivery of coordinated transportation services and provide people with disabilities access to the most suitable and appropriate transportation options.

We note that the report of the Committees on Human Services and Transportation suggested that DCAB "may be the most appropriate entity to assume responsibility for coordination and planning of the recommendations made by the Task Force on Mobility Management." We are honored by the suggestion. However, we respectfully disagree because the Department of Transportation has the requisite experience in two areas that we believe are critical to the success of the program: (1) leveraging federal funding and (2) assisting public (counties) and private entities in procuring new vehicles. DCAB does not possess that requisite experience.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3002 SD1 HD1  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK  
FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS  
OF HAWAII 2013.**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
REP. KYLE T. YAMASHITA, CHAIR  
REP. LISA KITAGAWA, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2:30 P.M., Conference Room 308

- 1 **EOA Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of
- 2 Health (DOH) supports the intent of this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce
- 3 or replace priorities within the Administration's executive budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates funds for implementation and to establish positions. Exceeds
- 5 the general fund expenditure ceiling.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility
- 7 Management Task Force, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the
- 8 Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Frail elders and individuals with

1 disabilities, particularly those in rural communities, may have difficulty in accessing  
2 transportation for medical appointments, shopping, visits to family and friends, and other  
3 necessary activities. Establishing a Mobility Management program and Mobility Center to assist  
4 individuals to better access transportation resources would enable frail elders and individuals  
5 with disabilities to live independently, participate in their community, and provide quality of  
6 life.

7 **Recommendation:** EOA supports the intent of this measure and defers to the Department of  
8 Transportation and the Disability Communication Access Board on development and  
9 implementation.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3002-HD-1**

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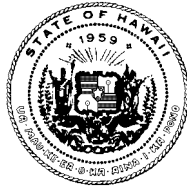
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| Stan Young          | Hawaii State Committee<br>of Blind vendors | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Transportation planning and implementation for the elderly or disabled is sorely needed, especially in rural areas of the State. It is essential to aid the elderly and disabled to access aid in areas like education, medical and rehabilitation, and access to services from the government as well as private as well as non-profit services. Without proper transportation planning and availability, many are left to fend for themselves or be denied many necessary help and avenues to service. So, it is definitely a dire need for those in rural areas.

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TO: The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 3002 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013.**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol & Video Conference

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and defers to the Executive Office on Aging and the Department of Transportation on implementation and resource needs. DHS respectfully requests the appropriation not to replace or reduce budget priorities identified in the executive budget.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Effective 7/1/3000 (HD1).

The Committee on Ways & Means (SD1) amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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The Committees on Human Services and Transportation (HD1) amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making Technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

The Department of Human Services agrees that Hawaii's residents, including elders and those with disabilities, should be able to live at home with the necessary community supports they need, including accessible transportation in rural areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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April 2, 2024  
2:30 p.m.  
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**S.B. 3002 S.D. 1, H. D. 1**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF**  
**THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO**  
**ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013**

House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides **comments** on this measure, which provides an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the task force on mobility management established pursuant to Act 214, Session Law of Hawaii 2013.

The DOT is the agency designated to administer federal rural transit funding available from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As part of this responsibility, the DOT completed a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CSP) which is required by the FTA to identify eligible projects for funding under the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program. This initiative aims to offer both capital and operating assistance to bolster transportation services catering to older adults and individuals with disabilities. The CSP mandates a localized development process, necessitating an inventory of available transportation services, an assessment of transportation needs for the target demographics, and the formulation of strategies to address these needs. Additionally, it requires input from a diverse array of stakeholders, including older adults, people with disabilities, transportation providers, and other relevant parties. The most recent iteration of this plan, known as CSP 2020+, was finalized in May 2022, with a focus on Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai Counties. Implementation of this update is underway by the DOT, ensuring alignment with federal requirements and local needs.

SB3002 proposes one mobility manager in each of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui alongside state-level outreach and coordinator positions. The state-level outreach and coordinator positions within the DOT may not be effective, given that transit services are predominantly administered at the county level. Hawaii's unique archipelagic geography means that transit services are primarily overseen by county transit agencies on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, supplemented by



5310 and other local non-profit transit providers. To enhance coordination and efficiency, the DOT recommends establishing mobility manager positions within each county and state-level outreach and coordinator roles within an appropriate state agency. With these changes, the DOT suggests allocating appropriations to the agency designated for state-level coordination. This strategy will foster the creation of local multi-agency partnerships for transit operations and services, aligning with the recommendations of the Act 214 task force report. The DOT will continue to fulfill its role in maximizing the utilization of federal transit funding within the existing framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



## Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

### House Committee on Finance

April 2, 2024 at 2:30PM

Conference Room 308 and Videoconference

### SB 3002 SD1 HD1

**Making an appropriation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013**

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports SB 3002 SD1 HD1**, which would make an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups, and declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

This bill is consistent with several goals of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan including support active and public transportation, promote an equitable transportation system, and improve air quality and protect environmental and cultural assets.<sup>1</sup> Providing an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force will enable the resources, coordination, and leadership to move transportation projects forward that would assist elders and/or those with disabilities improve their mobility options.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) that encourages and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, and takes into consideration resiliency needs, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution ([23 CFR 450.300](#)).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2215](https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2215)



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**The State Legislature**  
**House Committee on Finance**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**  
**Conference Room 308**  
**2:30 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Kyle Yamashita, Chair  
FROM: Keali'i Lopez, State Director, AARP Hawaii  
RE: Support for S.B. 3002, SD1, HD1 Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Chair Yamashita 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 impact 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 Hawaii supports S.B 3002 SD1, HD1 which appropriates funds to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force and 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."<sup>1</sup>

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 **SB 3002, SD1, HD1**.

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

Testimony of James Gashel  
Submitted for National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii  
Committee on Finance (FIN)  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024  
April 2, 2024, 2:30 PM, hearing on SB3002 H.D. 1

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice chair Kitagawa, and members. I am James Gashel, representing National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Hawaii, proudly supporting SB3002 H.D. 1, on behalf of people with transportation needs due to age or disability. Thank you for holding this hearing.

Driving a car is something most people expect to be able to do and often take for granted. It may be hard to imagine what life would be like if you couldn't drive, but that's the daily reality for many of our Kupuna, those of us who are blind of any age, and for many others with disabilities.

SB3002 H.D. 1 asks the state to fund positions to help plan and coordinate transportation services for people who need public transportation as an essential service. This is intended to address the many instances of spotty or nonexistent transportation services, especially in our more rural counties. The need was documented by a task force on mobility management within the Department of Health and reported to the Legislature on January 30, 2015.

The needs identified in that report are as real and compelling as they were when the task force filed its final report. These needs will not be resolved by doing nothing. Therefore, the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii respectfully requests that the identified positions be established and funded. Three of these positions are designated in the bill to serve the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

Mahalo for considering this bill and moving it along toward passage in this session.

Brandon Young

3/31/2024

Testimony for SB3002 HD1

Committee on Finance (FIN)

Hawaii State House of Representatives

Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024

April 2, 2024, 2:30 PM, hearing on SB3002 H.D. 1

Dear Chair and Vice Chair,

My name is Brandon Young, and I am a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii. I am submitting testimony in favor of SB 3002 HD1. I believe that this bill, if passed, would help to improve the lives of the elderly and disabled on the neighbor islands that rely on public transportation. We all know that there is a lack of public transportation on our neighbor islands. However, the elderly and disabled communities depend on public transportation to get to where they need to go on a daily basis. For those who are elderly or disabled, you will need to have a support system that is willing to help you with your transportation needs. This bill, if passed, would provide funding to a bill that was passed several years ago. I would call on you and your committee to provide the necessary funding to improve the level of public transportation for those who depend on this service for their daily needs. I thank you for taking the time to hear our bill in your committee. I hope you have a wonderful day, and I look forward to working with you soon.

**SB-3002-HD-1**

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| Joel Cho            | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice chair Kitagawa, and members. My name is Joel Cho and I strongly support SB3002 H.D. 1, needed for people with transportation needs due to age or disability.

I've been a resident of Hawaii for all my life and I have been a client of Hawaii's paratransit services for the past 25 years. I defer to the report submitted 9 years ago by the Department of Health's task force on mobility management, which was submitted to the state legislation on January 30, 2015, because the findings and concerns of that report are still just as relevant as they were all those years ago and things have only gotten worse.

Here on Maui we have a lot of very caring and dedicated people working for Maui Economic Opportunity and Maui Paratransit Services, but they need help in every area from management and coordination expertise, recruiting and employee retention, ongoing staff training, vehicle upkeep, and technology upgrading, so that they can provide the same level of service as Oahu. SB3002 will go a long way in making those things happen.

Mahalo for your support.

Testimony of Donald Sakamoto  
Before the Committee on Finance (FIN)  
Hawaii State House  
Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024  
April 2, 2024, 2:30 PM, hearing on SB3002 HD1

Good afternoon Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members. I am Donald Sakamoto, I strongly support SB3002 HD1 because the time is now to prepare to address the need for all the people who are facing transportation needs due to their age or disability. Thank you so much for scheduling this hearing.

In 2013 through 2014 I had the privilege to participate in the state's Mobility Management Task Force meetings with the Executive Office of Aging, and many others ranging from county transportation representatives, state legislative representatives, and countless others. Furthermore, after the report was done, it was introduced in the legislative session on January 30, 2015 as bill SB297 however, it didn't proceed on or had the opportunity to be reintroduced in 2016.

At last year's legislative session house chair of transportation representative Chris Todd introduced the Transportation Mobility Management bill HB415 however when it proceeded on to the joint house and senate transportation conference committees on April 28, 2023 it was sadly deferred.

Many of our Kupuna, and for those others with different disabilities who especially live on the neighbor islands experience difficulties in accessing public transportation in rural areas, and who don't have family members or others to assist them with their transportation needs.

SB3002 HD1 asks the state to fund 5 positions to help plan and coordinate transportation services for people who need public transportation as an essential service. This bill is truly overdue to have in place to address the baby boomers and those with disabilities that experience limited or nonexistent transportation services.

I am urging you all to support this bill in having these five identified positions and to have the Hawaii Department of Transportation to be the lead agency to oversee it, and that the three of these positions will serve the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Big Island of Hawaii to help with the needs for our Kupuna and disabled residents. The time is now to prepare to have this bill past now and not next year or years later. Famous "by failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" by Benjamin Franklin. Mahalo for considering SB3002 HD1 and I urge you all to prepare and do the right thing and let's move this bill forward for this session.



**SB-3002-HD-1**

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| James Labrie        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

**Aloha Chair Yamashita and committee members. My name is James Labrie, I strongly support this measure to get funding to implement recommendations from the Mobility Management Task Force. Meeting transportation needs for people with disabilities would be useful for getting people where they need to be so they can engage in the community properly.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.**

**SB-3002-HD-1**

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| M. Honda            | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Testifying in support. Thank you!

**SB-3002-HD-1**

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| Andy Kagemoto       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this important bill! I am testifying in support.