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March 19, 2024

The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
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 Marten, Representative Todd, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB3002 SD1 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 SB3002 SD1**, which 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 Hawai'i 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024- 2025.

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**.

Sincerely,
Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | KA 'OIHANA ALAKAU
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March 19, 2024
10:50 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 329

**S.B. 3002 S.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 Human Services and Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides **comments** on S.B. 3002 S.D. 1, 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.

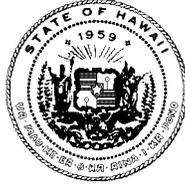
The DOT is the agency designated to administer federal rural transit funding available from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As part of this responsibility, the DOT completed a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CSP) which is required by the FTA to identify eligible 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.

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March 15, 2024

TO: The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 3002 SD1 – 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, March 19, 2024, 10:50 a.m.
Conference Room 329, 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: 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 Hawai'i 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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.

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.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3002 SD1
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 HUMAN SERVICES
REP. LISA MARTEN, CHAIR
REP. TEREZ AMATO, VICE CHAIR

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
REP. CHRIS TODD, CHAIR
REP. DARIUS K. KILA, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 10:50 A.M., Conference Room 329

- 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 to the Department of Transportation. Exceeds the
- 5 general fund expenditure ceiling.

1 **Purpose and Justification:** Makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation to
2 implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, in
3 consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and
4 other stakeholder groups. Frail elders and individuals with disabilities, particularly those in rural
5 communities, may have difficulty in accessing transportation for medical appointments,
6 shopping, visits to family and friends, and other necessary activities. Establishing a Mobility
7 Management program and Mobility Center to assist individuals to better access transportation
8 resources would enable frail elders and individuals with disabilities to live independently,
9 participate in their community, and provide a quality of life.

10 **Recommendation:** EOA supports the intent of this measure and defers to the Department of
11 Transportation on development and implementation.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 19, 2024

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND ON TRANSPORTATION

Senate Bill 3002 SD1 – 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 – 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.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRBY L. SHAW
Executive Director

Testimony of James Gashel
Submitted for National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii
Joint committee hearing
Committee on Human Services (HUS)
Committee on Transportation (TRN)
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024
March 19, 2024, 10:50 AM, hearing on SB3002 S.D. 1

Aloha chairs, vice chairs, and members. I am James Gashel, representing National Federation of the Blind (NFB) of Hawaii, proudly supporting SB3002 S.D. 1, on behalf of people with transportation needs due to age or disability. Thank you for scheduling 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 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 is intended to address the many instances of spotty or nonexistent transportation services, especially in our more rural counties. The need has been 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 in the Department of Transportation. 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.

Testimony of Donald Sakamoto
Member, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii
Before the Committees on Human Services (HUS) and Transportation (TRN)
Hawaii State House
Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024
March 19, 2024, 10:50 AM, hearing on SB3002 SD1

Good morning chairs, vice chairs, and members. I am Donald Sakamoto, I strongly support SB3002, SD1 because the time is now to prepare to address the needs for all the people with transportation needs due to their age or disability. Thank you for scheduling this important 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.

In 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 those of us who are blind at any age or 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 SD1 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 over due to have in place to address the baby boomers and those with disabilities that experience limited or nonexistent transportation services.

I am requesting that the identified positions that were listed in SB3002 SD1 be established and funded in the Hawaii Department of Transportation, and that the three of these positions will serve the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui to help with the needs for our Kupuna and disabled residents.

Mahalo for considering SB3002 SD1 and I urge you all to prepare and do the right thing and let's "Go For Broke," and move this bill forward for this session.

SB-3002-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 5:44:14 PM

Testimony for HUS on 3/19/2024 10:50:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Cho	National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee

My name is Joel Cho and I stand with the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii in strong support of SB3002 because our residents who live on our neighbor islands who are disabled, people who may someday face living with a disability, and people who can no longer drive a car due to advancing age need a reliable and dependable means of transportation. Not having transportation on an island where things are spread far apart makes it very difficult for these people to get to work, go shopping, attend church, participate in community events and functions, and anything else that fulfills a person's being.

On Maui, where I live, we have a paratransit service that is run by some very caring and dedicated people, but they are very limited in resources and help is needed in areas such as updating technology, acquiring more vehicles, and boosting up manpower in order to be able to keep up with the growing demand for transportation service. Passing SB3002 will go a long way in getting these services available to the people who need them now and in the future.

Thank you for your support and for doing the work of the people.

Brandon Young

2/11/2024

Testimony of Brandon Young

Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA)

Hawaii State Senate

Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2024

February 13, 2024, 3:05 PM, hearing on SB3002

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 this bill. I believe that the elderly and the disabled should have a right to public transportation on the neighbor islands. Currently, there is very little public transportation for those who are elderly or disabled on the neighbor islands. This bill would ask for funding to create more opportunities for public transportation for those who are elderly or disabled on the neighbor islands. I want to thank you and your committee for taking the time to hear our bill this session. I would wish that you pass our bill so that we can help improve the lives that are elderly or disabled on our neighbor islands. I hope you have a wonderful day.

SB-3002-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:43:18 AM

Testimony for HUS on 3/19/2024 10:50:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annette Chiyo Tashiro	State Rehabilitation Council	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members:

I strongly support SB3002 S.D. 1, needed for equal access to public transportation for the State of Hawaii. Being mobile is something people expect to be able to do and often take for granted. I was fortunate and privileged to have received my driver's license when I turned 18. My husband was able to drive when he was 16. Unfortunately, he became blind the year before graduating from Honokaa High School. We met when he came to O`ahu to finish his education at UH. He was able to use public transportation. Yet, when returning to visit his family, he always depended on private transportation with friends or family members. That was over 50 years ago. The transportation deprivation still exists today. I joke about being his "Uber" and I feel taken advantage of when other people who are blind depend on me for transportation. I am aging and wonder what will happen once I am no longer eligible to drive. I live on a bus line but not everyone is as fortunate as me. At this point, we need to be more aware of our citizens, many of whom are aging. Let us prepare better than we have for the people living in Hawaii.



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**The State Legislature
House Committee on Human Services
House Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Conference Room 329
10:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Lisa Marten, Chair
The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
FROM: Keali'i Lopez, State Director, AARP Hawaii
RE: Support for S.B. 3002, SD1 Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Chairs Marten and Todd, and Members of the Committees:

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 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."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 **SB 3002, SD1**.

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



Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

House Committee on Human Services and House Committee on Transportation

March 19, 2024 at 10:50AM
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference

SB 3002 SD1

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 Chairs Marten and Todd, Vice Chair Amato and Kila, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) **supports SB 3002**, 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.¹ 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.

¹ https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2215

SB-3002-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2024 1:52:43 PM

Testimony for HUS on 3/19/2024 10:50:00 AM

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

Comments:

To Much Government Control. / Communist !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SB-3002-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2024 6:30:08 AM

Testimony for HUS on 3/19/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clifford Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please schedule a hearing to consider SB3002 S.D. 1 in time to meet the legislature's March 21 second lateral deadline. Mahalo for your consideration and approval of this bill during the 2024 regular session. Please schedule a hearing to consider SB3002 S.D. 1 in time to meet the legislature's March 21 second lateral deadline. Mahalo for your consideration and approval of this bill during the 2024 regular session.