

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 464

Honorable Members
Twenty-Second Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 464, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Implementation of a Fixed Rail Transit System."

The purpose of this bill is to address growing traffic congestion problems by requiring the State Department of Transportation, in conjunction with both the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) and the City and County of Honolulu, to develop an action plan for the implementation of a fixed rail transit system for Oahu.

This bill is objectionable because I have already created a task force that includes representatives of the Legislature, the Honolulu City Council, the Mayor, OMPO, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and both state and city transportation departments to study all possible transportation options that could help alleviate the traffic congestion problem on Oahu. This task force is taking a broad view of the transportation options available, and is looking at a variety of alternatives, including but not limited to rail transit, as a means of addressing this pressing issue that is of tremendous concern to our residents and families on Oahu.

Additionally, I note that the development of the action plan required by this bill would be a large undertaking for which no funding has been provided.

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For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill
No. 464 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 464, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Implementation of a Fixed Rail Transit System," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 464 is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return Senate Bill No. 464 with my objections thereon to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 20th day
of June, 2003.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii