Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe414, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1902

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1902 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's mass transit system. Specifically, this measure creates a Mass Transit Special Fund that will be managed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and used for:

- (1) Providing grants-in-aid through legislative appropriation to the counties to implement or improve existing mass transit systems, including purchasing buses and subsidizing bus fares; and
- (2) Improving the State's van pool system.

The City Councilmember from District VIII and concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Taxation opposed this bill.

Your Committee finds that most modern metropolitan areas around the world have a mass transit system to help alleviate traffic congestion and that a mode of convenient, reliable transportation other than the private automobile needs to be offered to help solve traffic problems statewide, especially on

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Oahu. Without a long-term, multimodal, mass transit solution, the situation will only worsen.

This measure would be a first step in the process of developing options for our long-range transportation strategy and provides the counties with a means by which to begin the process of planning for mass transit systems.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1902 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation,

JØSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1902 Date: 2/08/06 Committee Referral: TRN, FIN The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
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The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	□ P	ass, with amendmen	ts - The state of	
☐ Hold ☐ Recommit				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	V			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)				
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				
4. CHONG, Pono	<u> </u>			
5. ITO, Ken				
6. NAKASONE, Bob				
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				X
8. TANAKA, Kameo	<i>\</i>			
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	<u> </u>			
10. MOSES, Mark S.	m -	WR		
11. STEVENS, Anne V.				
TOTAL	8		1	
The recommendation is:				
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