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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH ALL STATE AGENCIES THAT HOLD TITLE TO OR LEASES OF LAND ALONG THE ELEVATED RAPID TRANSIT LINE ROUTE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ROUTE.

1 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Rail Transit Project ("Project") is
2 the plan to construct an elevated rapid transit line on the
3 island of Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Project will construct an elevated rapid
6 transit line from the edge of Kapolei to Ala Moana Center and
7 pass through communities along southern Oahu via Honolulu
8 International Airport and downtown Honolulu; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Project will provide people living and working
11 from West Oahu to Ala Moana Center with a fast, reliable
12 alternative to driving in traffic congestion; and
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14 WHEREAS, the proposed stations are scheduled to open in
15 three phases between the years 2015 and 2019, starting from
16 suburban areas to urban centers with the first phase to include
17 a baseyard for the trains, delaying major infrastructure impacts
18 associated with construction in the urban center; and
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20 WHEREAS, the proponents of the Project have given much
21 thought to the planning and design but have not fully accounted
22 for the effects it will have on the surrounding communities and
23 the State as a whole; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning was established to maintain
26 an overall framework to guide the development of the State
27 through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and
28 strategic planning to meet the physical, economic, and social
29 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of
30 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical
31 manner, including the conservation of natural, environmental,
32 recreational, scenic, historic, and other limited and
33 irreplaceable resources for future generations; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Project is well underway and there is a need
2 to accommodate the communities surrounding the stations; and
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4 WHEREAS, considering the route and length of the Project,
5 many state agencies are likely to be affected, due to the areas
6 along the route as well as each state agency's respective
7 purview; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
11 that the Office of Planning coordinate with all state agencies
12 that hold title to or leases of land along the elevated rapid
13 transit line route in order to develop a community development
14 plan for communities along the route; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community development plan
17 include the following:
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- 19 (1) Plans to develop public-private partnerships to assist
20 with the planning, coordination, and implementation of
21 revenue-generating activities and development plans
22 for the community;
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- 24 (2) Density goals to increase rail transit ridership; and
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- 26 (3) Updates of existing state agency state plans to
27 incorporate rail transit and optimize the
28 opportunities the Project can provide; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning submit
31 the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
32 the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of the
3 Office of Planning, and Chairperson of the Honolulu Authority
4 for Rapid Transportation.
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