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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, in the next twenty years, Hawaii's population is  
2 expected to grow by approximately 300,000, forty-two percent of  
3 the population of the City and County of Honolulu alone; and  
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5 WHEREAS, successful planning for growth requires reducing  
6 sprawl and creating urban developments in existing and new  
7 communities that offer a high quality of life for a broad range  
8 of household types; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is  
11 constructing an elevated rapid transit line on the island of  
12 Oahu; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the construction will start from the edge of  
15 Kapolei to Ala Moana Center and pass through communities along  
16 southern Oahu via Honolulu International Airport and downtown  
17 Honolulu, and the route will include the University of Hawaii  
18 West-Oahu, Leeward Community College, Honolulu Community  
19 College, and the office buildings of the Department of Land and  
20 Natural Resources, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department  
21 of Public Safety, Department of Accounting and General Services,  
22 and Department of Transportation; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the proposed transit stations are scheduled to  
25 open in three phases between the years 2015 and 2019, starting  
26 from suburban areas to urban centers with the first phase to  
27 include a baseyard for the trains, delaying major infrastructure  
28 impacts associated with construction in the urban center; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the proponents of rapid transit have given much  
31 thought to the planning and design but have not fully accounted  
32 for the effects it will have on the surrounding communities and  
33 the State as a whole; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning was established to maintain  
2 an overall framework to guide the development of the State  
3 through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and  
4 strategic planning to meet the physical, economic, and social  
5 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of  
6 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical  
7 manner, including the conservation of natural, environmental,  
8 recreational, scenic, historic, and other limited and  
9 irreplaceable resources for future generations; and

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11 WHEREAS, the rapid transit project is well underway and  
12 there is a need to accommodate the communities surrounding the  
13 stations; and

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15 WHEREAS, considering the route and length of the rapid  
16 transit line, many state agencies are likely to be affected, due  
17 to the areas along the route as well as each state agency's  
18 respective purview; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
22 that the Office of Planning coordinate with all state agencies  
23 that hold title to or leases of land along the elevated rapid  
24 transit route in order to develop a community development plan  
25 for communities along the route; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community development plan  
28 include the following:

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30 (1) Plans to develop public-private partnerships to assist  
31 with the planning, coordination, and implementation of  
32 revenue-generating activities and development plans  
33 for the community;  
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35 (2) Density goals to increase rail transit ridership; and  
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37 (3) Updates of existing state agency state plans to  
38 incorporate rail transit and optimize the  
39 opportunities the Project can provide; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning submit  
42 the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
43 the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State use the information  
2 provided to update state plans and to focus density in  
3 appropriate areas to preserve agricultural and conservation  
4 lands and prevent urban sprawl and better utilize our assets;  
5 and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of the  
9 Office of Planning, and Chairperson of the Honolulu Authority  
10 for Rapid Transportation.

