
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 279E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§279E-3 Metropolitan Planning Organization membership.**

4 (a) The MPO shall consist of a policy committee and appropriate
5 staff. The MPO policy committee shall consist of [~~thirteen~~]
6 fourteen members. These members shall include:

7 (1) Five members of the legislative body of the
8 appropriate county;

9 (2) Three members of the state senate:

10 (A) One of whom shall be chairperson of the senate
11 committee with primary responsibility for
12 transportation issues. In the event there is
13 more than one chairperson of the senate committee
14 with primary responsibility for transportation
15 issues, the senate president shall identify the
16 chairperson who shall serve on the MPO policy



1 committee and who shall not be required to be a
2 resident of the appropriate county; and

3 (B) Two of whom shall be residents of the appropriate
4 county and shall be appointed by the senate
5 president;

6 (3) Three members of the state house of representatives:

7 (A) One of whom shall be the chairperson of the
8 committee of the house of representatives with
9 primary responsibility for transportation issues;
10 and

11 (B) Two of whom shall be residents of the appropriate
12 county and shall be appointed by the speaker of
13 the house;

14 (4) One member who shall be the director of
15 transportation; ~~and~~

16 (5) One member who shall be the director of the
17 appropriate county department assigned primary
18 responsibility for transportation planning~~[-]~~; and

19 (6) One member who shall be the director of the authority
20 for rapid or mass transportation, or a successor
21 agency thereof, that operates public transportation on
22 that island.



1 (b) Each member of the MPO policy committee who is a
2 member of the state legislature or the legislative body of the
3 county shall serve for the same term as the term of office for
4 which the member is elected. There shall be no remuneration for
5 this service.

6 (c) Vacancies in the MPO policy committee that occur shall
7 be filled in the same manner in which the original member was
8 appointed."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Statewide Transportation Planning; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Description:

Updates the membership of the Metropolitan Planning Organization policy committee to comply with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141. (SD2)

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TESTIMONY OF KIRK CALDWELL, MAYOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
BEFORE THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 309

**SENATE BILL 479 SD2, "RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF A
METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION"**

Position: Support

To: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation

The City & County of Honolulu supports Senate Bill 479 SD2, "Relating to the Membership of a Metropolitan Planning Organization".

The purpose of this bill is to add the Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) policy committee. The Policy Committee is the "heart" of the OMPO planning process. It determines the direction of the OMPO effort, considers and approves transportation planning issues, and makes the final approval for OMPO matters.

In the coming years, Honolulu's mass transit system will be an integral component of our county's transportation infrastructure. As such, the Executive Director of HART will have an important role in contributing to the planning and implementation of OMPO's major programs, which include the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Overall Work Program (OWP).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 768-4141.



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April 3, 2013

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Subject: **Senate Bill 479, SD2 Relating to a Membership of Metropolitan Planning Organization**

I offer my strong support for this measure as it would add the director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) policy committee and to comply with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 768-5008.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Breene Harimoto", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Breene Harimoto
Chair, Committee on Transportation
Honolulu City Council

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April 1, 2013

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
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Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Bill 479, SD 2, Relating to the Membership of a Metropolitan
Planning Organization

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports SB 479, SD 2, as it brings membership on the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) into compliance with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, by adding the Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) to the OahuMPO policy committee.

Very truly yours,

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Michael D. Formby
Director



HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

IN REPLY REFER TO:

CMS-AP00-00414

April 1, 2013

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Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Subject: SB479 SD2, Relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization
Committee on Transportation
Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) supports Senate Bill 479 SD2, as amended.

The voters of the City and County of Honolulu approved a City Charter amendment in November 2010, establishing HART, a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu responsible for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of Honolulu's fixed guideway rapid transit system.

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). One of the new provisions of MAP-21 is the following:

"Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of MAP-21, each metropolitan planning organization that serves an area designated as a transportation management area shall consist of...officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation."¹

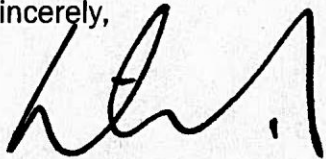
The addition of HART to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's policy committee ensures compliance with MAP-21 and would be consistent with HART's duty to plan, administer, and coordinate programs and projects of the fixed guideway system.

¹ MAP 21 §1201

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
and Members
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Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Grabauskas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel A. Grabauskas
Executive Director and CEO

cc: HART Board of Directors
Ms. Ember Shinn, Managing Director