Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 998

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 998 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to grant voting rights to members of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board of Directors who were appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 1186.

Your Committee finds that the HART rail project will provide an efficient and reliable transportation alternative for Honolulu's congested urban corridor. The elevated rail system will take more than 40,000 vehicles off the road every weekday by the year 2030. However, many critical and timely decisions are periodically impeded by quorum requirements and the disparity between voting and non-voting members of the Board of Directors. This measure will improve the efficiency of the HART Board by granting voting rights to two members who currently are statutorily prohibited from voting.

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 S.B. No. 998 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

CHRIS LEE, Chair

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Transportation TRS

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: $SB998$ TRS, TDC $2/4/2021$					
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)		_			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)		X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		_V_			
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		5			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes