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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Thursday, February 24, 2022  
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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of  
**HB 2023, HD1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

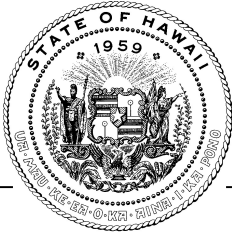
Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports** HB 2023, HD1 provided that it does not adversely impact priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY 2023). HB 2023 was amended as HD 1 with blank appropriations and effective date of July 1, 2050. The original proposal would authorize \$2 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds to support the planning and coordination of transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development* issued by the Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council). The Executive Supplemental Budget in HB 1600 provides \$1 million for FY 2023.

OPSD has received appropriations totaling \$5 million in TOD CIP funds in four of the six legislative sessions since OPSD was designated as the lead agency for State transit-oriented development in 2016. The response to the availability of TOD CIP planning funds from State and county agencies has been robust over the years. Over the four appropriations, 20 unique proposals were considered for funding, with the requests for funding totaling \$9,675,000. Fifteen of the 20 proposals received have been awarded TOD CIP planning funds. The amount of total funding requested by agencies in response to the single-year appropriations has ranged from \$2.0-3.4 million each year.

There is a continuing need to seed TOD projects including infrastructure assessments, mixed-use, and affordable housing projects. OPSD appreciates the Legislature's vision and recognition of the need to financially support TOD planning Statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

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Statement of  
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The Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) **strongly supports** HB 2023, HD1. The TOD Council is comprised of 25 members representing state agencies, the counties, the State Senate and House of Representatives, the Honolulu office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and affordable housing, business, and development interest groups. The TOD Council is charged with coordinating and facilitating state agency TOD planning and facilitating consultation and collaboration between the state and the counties in support of state and county TOD and Smart Growth initiatives.

HB 2023, HD1 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning and coordination of transit-oriented development projects identified in the *State of Hawai'i Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*. The appropriation would provide critical funding for state and county agencies to kick start TOD projects. The availability of these funds allows planning for TOD projects to move forward concurrent with the many other funding priorities of individual agencies, advancing the delivery timeline for agencies' affordable housing, mixed-use development, or mobility hub projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**H.B. 2023 HD1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.**

The HHFDC **supports** H.B. 2023 HD1, which provides general obligation bonds for the continued efforts of the TOD council in planning and coordinating TOD projects.

As co-chair of the TOD council, I greatly appreciate the introducers of this measure to support the work of the TOD council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.