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The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
and
The Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Buenaventura, Senator Lee, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB101 Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS and offers comments SB101**, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to implement the recommendations of the statewide Mobility Management Task Force, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013.

The Council supports the intent of this measure, but we believe the Department of Transportation is better suited to implement the recommendations made by the task force on mobility management. The DoT is the department that would be most effective as the department houses the policies and partnerships needed to improve mobility conditions. We do recommend the Aging and Disability Resource Center and other stakeholder groups are consulted regarding new mobility practices but should not be the implementors.

For any more substantive changes, we defer to the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support and offer comments on SB101**.

Sincerely,

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The State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Conference Room 204
3:10 p.m.

TO: The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
RE: Support for S.B. 101, Relating to Mobility Management

Aloha Co-Chairs San Buenaventura, Lee and Members of the Committees:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social mission organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families, including transportation.

AARP **supports SB 101** to develop and establish a mobility management program that support the counties' growing transportation needs for riders with limited mobility, and/or disabilities including kupuna who need a variety of transportation options. "Mobility management is an integrated strategic approach in coordinating a full range of mobility services in communities and transcends beyond the fixed-route transit services (i.e. public bus system). While no two mobility programs look alike, a robust program typically comprises a multiagency partnership which includes social service agencies, senior programs, non-emergency medical providers and taxi companies; use of information technology systems in real time, and a one-stop travel information and trip planning systems."¹

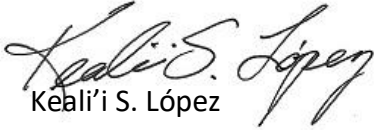
While the four counties in Hawaii have their respective mobility management programs, the state can further assist them by leveraging federal funds, establishing a statewide purchasing cooperative to procure new vehicles, technologies and equipment and data-sharing across a network of different transportation providers.

It is paramount that Hawaii has a comprehensive transportation system work that can offer

consumers efficient, safe, and affordable transportation options and gives them full access to the economic, health and social aspects of their communities.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support for **S.B. 101**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i S. López". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Keali'i S. López
State Director

¹ Statewide Mobility Management Report to the Twenty-Ninth Legislature -2015, Hawaii
Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging.

Member, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii

Testimony of Donald Sakamoto before the Committees on Health and Human Services (HHS) and Transportation, Culture, and Arts (TCA) Hawaii State Senate Thirty-second Legislature, regular session of 2023 February 14, 2023, 3:10 PM, hearing on SB101.

Good afternoon chairs, vice chairs, and members. I am Donald Sakamoto, a member of the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, in full support of SB101.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Senator Lorraine inouye for introducing this bill.

This is a very important bill for those who are elderly and disabled especially, for those who are living on our neighbor islands. A lot of these individuals should be able to live at home with the supports they need so that they can participate in communities that value their contributions especially in rural communities, many residents are without family members nearby to provide transportation and are too frail or disabled to access public transit.

This bill means hope for better opportunities to enable the elderly and disabled people to improve their daily lives.

In 2013 I and many other county, state, and other individuals participated in contributing with the Statewide Mobility Management Task Force that was conducted by the Department of Health's Executive Office of Ageing in 2013. As a result a Mobility Management Report was created and introduced with Act 214, which was done for the 2015 legislative session. However, the bill SB297 that was introduced in the 2015 legislative session did not proceed on.

The bill truly acknowledges the need for a Mobility Management Plan to address the county island concerns of elderly and disabled residents who are seeking the best help with their independence, etc. The time is now to prepare to have better public transportation services for our neighbor island residents. Famous "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" by Benjamin Franklin.

I truly urge you all to "Go For Broke" and please support to move this bill forward into law.