

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 120

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.R. No. 120 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TASK FORCE BE CONVENED TO DEVELOP OPTIONS TO REDUCE COST AND RETURN INCREASED VALUE TO RESIDENTS FROM FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE STATE FOR PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request a task force be convened to examine successful public mass transit projects in appropriate cities and countries and develop options to reduce costs and return increased value to Hawaii residents from funds made available by the State for public mass transit.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that public transit is important because it has been proven to reduce the cost of transit for taxpayers, reduce the cost of transit for commuters, reduce traffic, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase efficiency, increase access to new areas in the urban core for housing and mixed use communities, and increase jobs. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii has appropriated funds for public mass transit projects such as the City and County of Honolulu's Skyline project through the general excise tax, approximately two-thirds of which is paid for by the general public, and approximately one-third of which is paid for by visitors to Hawaii. Your Committee concludes that a task force



to study cost reduction is vital for future public transit projects to help reduce costs and increase the value to residents from funds made available by the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 120 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 120	TCA	03/28/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes