

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 2 (2024), CD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to update and amend sections of Chapter 15B, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Islandwide Fare Structure").

SECTION 2. Section 15B-1.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended by repealing the definition of "Student Bus Pass" and by adding the definition of "Student Transit Pass," to read as follows:

~~["**Student Bus Pass.** A card, including a smart card, ticket, voucher, or similar document, distributed as approved by the department that entitles a student holding the pass to ride on the city transit bus system or special transit service for the duration specified on the pass."]~~

"**Student Transit Pass.** A card, including a smart card, ticket, voucher, or similar document, distributed as approved by the department that entitles a student holding the pass to ride on the city transit bus system or special transit service for the duration specified on the pass."

SECTION 3. Section 15B-2.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

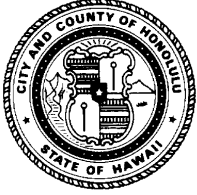
"§ 15B-2.1 Fare structure.

- (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Adult. Any person over the age of 17 years who does not qualify as a "youth."

Child. Any person five years of age or younger who is accompanied by a fare-paying passenger, a city employee, or an employee of the transit management services contractor. If not so accompanied, any person five years of age or younger is deemed a "youth" for purposes of this section.

Medicare Cardholder. Any person to whom a Medicare card has been issued, pursuant to Title II or Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 USC § 401, et seq. and 42 USC § 1395, et seq.



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Paratransit Eligibility ID Holder. A person with a card issued under § 15B-4.3.

Person with a Disability under § 15B-2.2. A person with a temporary or permanent disability qualified for a fare plan under § 15B-2.2.

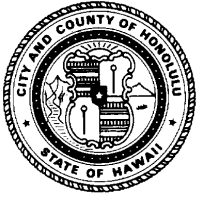
Senior Citizen. A person 65 years of age or older with a programmed city payment card issued in accordance with § 15B-2.3.

Service Day. The hours of operation of the city bus system and city rail system from 12:01 a.m. to 2:59 a.m. the following day.

Single Ride Fare. The required payment for a ride on the city bus system or the city rail system.

Single Ride Fare Special Event. The required payment for a ride on the city bus system or the city rail system for a special event as designated by the director.

Youth. A person six through 17 years of age, subject to the presentation of a valid identification card establishing the age of the person. [~~Youth~~] "Youth" includes high school students 18 and 19 years of age with a valid high school identification card establishing the age of the student and the student's current enrollment, but excludes college, university, and vocational training students if over the age of 17.



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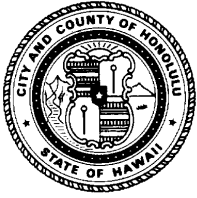
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- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, the following fares apply to every passenger using the city bus system and the city rail system, and every passenger riding the city bus system and the city rail system shall pay the applicable fare set forth in this table:

FARE STRUCTURE TABLE

	Cash	Fares Paid Using City Payment Card (CPC) Only					Special Event
Passenger Category	Single Ride Fare	Single Ride with 2.5-Hour Capped Fare with Free Transfers Between Bus, Rail, and Paratransit Systems	Daily Maximum Capped Fare	Monthly Pass or Maximum Capped Fare	Annual Pass	Seven-Day Pass	Single Ride Fare – Special Event
Adult	\$3	\$3	\$7.50	\$80	\$880	\$30	\$6.25
Youth	\$1.50	\$1.50 with programmed CPC	\$3.75 with programmed CPC	\$40 with programmed CPC	\$440 with programmed CPC	\$15	\$6.25
Child	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Senior Citizen (Non-Hawaii Resident)	\$1.25 with valid CPC ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$3 with programmed CPC	Not applicable	Not applicable		\$6.25
Senior Citizen (Hawaii Resident)	\$1.25 with valid CPC ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$3 with programmed CPC	\$20 with programmed CPC	\$45 with programmed CPC		\$6.25



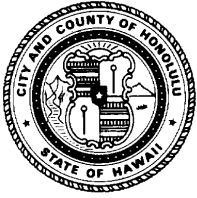
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Person with a Disability Under § 15B-2.2 (Non-Hawaii Resident)	\$1.25 with valid CPC ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$3 with programmed CPC	Not applicable	Not applicable		\$6.25
Person with a Disability Under § 15B-2.2 (Hawaii Resident)	\$1.25 with valid CPC ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$3 with programmed CPC	\$20 with programmed CPC	\$45 with programmed CPC		\$6.25
Medicare Cardholders (Non-Hawaii Resident)	\$1.25 with valid Medicare Card ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$3 with programmed CPC	[\$20 with programmed CPC] <u>Not applicable</u>	[\$45 with programmed CPC] <u>Not applicable</u>		\$6.25
Medicare Cardholders (Hawaii Resident)	<u>\$1.25 with valid Medicare Card ID</u>	<u>\$1.25 with programmed CPC</u>	<u>\$3 with programmed CPC</u>	<u>\$20 with programmed CPC</u>	<u>\$45 with programmed CPC</u>		<u>\$6.25</u>
Paratransit Eligibility ID Holders	\$1.25 with valid paratransit ID	\$1.25 with programmed CPC	\$2 with programmed CPC	\$6 with programmed CPC	\$35 with programmed CPC		\$6.25



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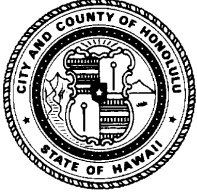
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Personal Care Attendant (PCA)	\$0 when performing PCA service	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		\$6.25

- (c) The department may establish a program for the use of transit passes issued to individuals upon payment of the designated fare ~~[and that]~~, which may be used for the duration specified on the pass. The passes will be issued at various locations to be selected and advertised by the department. The department, through the department of budget and fiscal services, may enter into contractual arrangements with any parties, private or public, when such arrangements are deemed to be in the ~~[best]~~ public interest for the sale and issuance of transit passes. The council must be informed within 30 days of the city's entering into any such arrangement.
- (d) The department may allow a person to board a city transit system vehicle or enter a designated paid fare area without being charged a fare as part of a promotional offer or package made available by the city.
- (e) In the event of a strike or work stoppage that shuts down any portion of the multimodal municipal transportation system, the department may make such fare adjustments as in the judgment of the department are warranted by the particular circumstances.
- (f) The department may establish a program for the issuance of college and university student, faculty, and staff transit passes. Such passes may be issued to students, faculty, and staff by a college or university and will be subject to terms to be agreed upon between the college or university and the department.



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Students, faculty, and staff to whom such passes are issued shall pay the fare negotiated rather than a fare established under subsection (b).

(g) The department may establish a program for the issuance of student transit passes in accordance with § 15B-2.11. Such passes may be issued to students by a participating State department of education school and will be subject to terms to be agreed upon between the department and the State department of education. The fare for students to whom such transit passes are issued shall be paid by the State department of education at the fare negotiated rather than a fare established under subsection (b).

~~[(g)]~~(h) The department may establish a program for the issuance of free transit passes for city employees.

~~[(h)]~~(i) A child riding a city transit system vehicle for free may not occupy a seat to the exclusion of another passenger.

~~[(i)]~~(j) The department may establish a trainer pass program for persons who train persons with disabilities to use the city transit system.

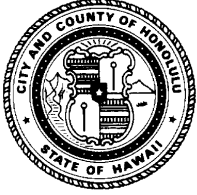
~~[(j)]~~(k) A personal care attendant accompanying a paratransit eligibility ID holder may not pay a fare when performing the service.

~~[(k)]~~(l) The department may establish a special seven-day pass for adults or youth that is effective upon first tap on any validator at multimodal municipal transportation system facilities, and on city transit system vehicles equipped with fare validators. The pass will be valid for seven consecutive days after the initial tap. The price for the seven-day pass is 10 times the value of an adult single ride fare or the youth single ride fare using the city payment card, as applicable."

SECTION 4. Section 15B-2.11, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 15B-2.11 Student ~~[bus]~~ transit pass ~~[pilot]~~ program.

(a) *Establishment.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department is authorized to establish a ~~[pilot]~~ program to provide ~~[bus]~~ transit passes for students enrolled at participating ~~[high]~~ schools to attend school and off-campus [or after-school internships.] educational and non-educational activities. For purposes of this section, "participating ~~[high]~~ school" means ~~[Kapolei High School or James Campbell High School;]~~ any State department

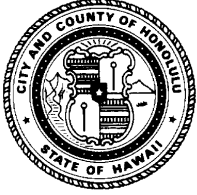


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~~of education school; provided that the [principal or administrator of the high school agrees] appropriate State administrators at the State department of education agree with the director to participate in the [pilot] program. Under the [pilot] program, the department shall issue student [bus] transit passes entitling the student pass holder to bus and rail rides, valid during the academic school year for which the transit pass is issued. [The program shall be open to no more than 500 students meeting the eligibility criteria set forth in this section.]~~

- (b) *Program eligibility.* A student enrolled at a participating [high] school may participate in the [pilot] program; provided that the State department of education approves the student's completed application [submitted to] and submits the student's information to the department in accordance with criteria established by the department in conjunction with the [principals of the participating high schools.] State department of education. [The department shall approve only applications submitted by or on behalf of the first 500 applicants meeting the eligibility criteria of this subsection.]
- (c) [Application. Student bus pass applications may be submitted to the department by any of the following:
- (1) ~~A parent, guardian, or other person legally responsible for a student enrolled at a participating high school on behalf of the student;~~
 - (2) ~~The principal or administrator of a participating high school on behalf of all eligible students named on the application who are enrolled in the school on the date of the application; or~~
 - (3) ~~A student enrolled at a participating high school; provided that:~~
 - (A) ~~If the application is approved by the department, the student bus pass is only used by the student who submits the application; and~~
 - (B) ~~The student who submits the application presents evidence of eligibility in accordance with this section.]~~

Student transit passes; restrictions on usage. Based on the student information provided by the State department of education, the department will provide the student transit passes for the academic program year. The



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department may restrict the use of a student transit pass as may be needed and appropriate to ensure student safety and accountability.

- (d) ~~[Duration.]~~ Program. The ~~[pilot]~~ student transit pass program will ~~[commence on August 4, 2020 for the participating high schools and terminate on August 3, 2021;~~ provided that the pilot program may be:

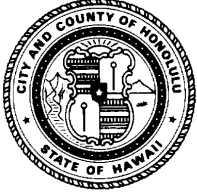
~~(1) — Modified no more than two times; or~~

~~(2) — Extended for an additional year no more than two times,~~

by the council's adoption of a resolution, following the council's review of the department's reports and recommendations submitted pursuant to subsection (e); provide the number of transit passes as may be required by the participating schools by academic program year, commencing on August 1 and ending on May 31 of each academic program year. The terms for the student transit passes for each academic year shall be negotiated and agreed upon between the department and the State department of education. The fare for students to whom such transit passes are issued shall be paid by the State department of education at the fare negotiated rather than a fare established under § 15B-2.1(b); provided that the fare for the student transit pass program shall be established so that the total revenue collected for the student transit pass program will not be less than the total revenue that would be collected pursuant to § 15B-2.1(b), based upon projected participating student usage. Projections shall be evaluated annually, based upon actual ridership data for participating students.

- (e) ~~[Reports.]~~ Annual Report. For each year of the ~~[pilot]~~ program, the department shall submit ~~[two reports]~~ a report on the program to the Council~~[: the first, no later than February 4 of the year following the commencement of the program year; and the second,]~~ no later than 60 days following the scheduled end of the academic program year. ~~[Each]~~ The report must include, at a minimum:

- (1) A discussion of the benefits, if any, gained from the program, including a voluntary survey of ~~[teachers whose students used the passes to access off-campus or after-school internships, including for each internship: the program type, the date, and the number of the teacher's students using the pass for the program;]~~ the participating students and schools for the purpose of collecting and analyzing data necessary to identify and determine riding trends and monitor student usage;



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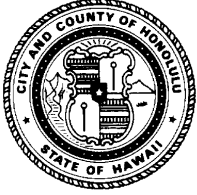
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- (2) An analysis of the method of implementation of the student ~~[bus]~~ transit pass ~~[pilot]~~ program, the cost of the program, and the number of student ~~[bus]~~ transit passes issued and used during the ~~[pilot]~~ academic program~~[:]~~ year;
- (3) An assessment and evaluation of the overall status or success of the program, and identification of the criteria used to measure success, including but not limited to increased participation by students in off-campus and after-school ~~[internships;]~~ academic and non-academic activities; and
- (4) Recommendations on whether to continue, modify, or discontinue the student ~~[bus]~~ transit pass ~~[pilot]~~ program~~[-]~~, including an assessment of the availability of alternative private bus services for the participating schools for the following academic program year."

SECTION 5. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 6. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval; provided that any program for student fares established pursuant to (a) SECTION 3 of this ordinance, solely with respect to amended Section 15B-2.1(g), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021; and (b) SECTION 4 of this ordinance, may be retroactively applied to encompass the entire 2023 – 2024 academic program year.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 3, 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:

Transit passes; Fare Structure; Public Transit; Resident and Nonresident Medicare Cardholders; Students; State Department of Education

Description:

Updates and amends certain provisions pertaining to the Islandwide Fare Structure. Changes the Student Bus Pass Pilot Program to the Student Transit Pass Program. Authorizes certain provisions relating to student fares may be retroactively applied to encompass the entire 2023 – 2024 academic program year.

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