

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Calvin K.Y. Say, Chair; Radiant Cordero, Vice-Chair;
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Esther Kia'aina, Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
April 21, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Bill 87 (2020) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT,"

which passed second reading and was the subject of a public hearing at the December 9, 2020 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to amend Chapter 13, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to amend the fare for paratransit services.

The Director of Transportation Services testified in support and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the bill from 1 individual and the following organizations: Honolulu Rate Commission and the State of Hawaii Disability and Communication Access Board. Testimony in opposition was received from 3 individuals. Comments were received from 1 individual.

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Your Committee considered and approved a proposed posted CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:
 - 1. Sets forth ROH Section 13-4.5 in its entirety (as opposed to just subsection (b) of that section) and updates the amendatory language to reflect amendments made to ROH Section 13-4.5 by Ordinance 20-19 (currently uncoded);
 - 2. Amends ROH Section 13-4.5(d) by replacing all provisions relating to the paratransit eligible individual bus pass with provisions relating to the programmed city payment card, which will be issued to paratransit eligibility ID holders for the reduced fare on the city bus system and city rail system for paratransit eligibility ID holders as specified in the Fare Structure Table in ROH Section 13-2.1; and
 - 3. Deletes ROH Section 13-4.5(e) and (g) and redesignates ROH Section 13-4.5(f) as ROH Section 13-4.5(e).
- B. Deletes SECTION 3 of the bill and rennumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.
- C. Amends renumbered SECTION 3 (Revisor of Ordinances section) to specify that in SECTION 2 of the bill, the Revisor of Ordinances shall insert the appropriate section number for the reference to ROH Section 2-12.____ from SECTION 2 of Ordinance 21-7 upon its codification.

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- D. Amends renumbered SECTION 4 (Effective date section) to specify that the increase in fare from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for persons with paratransit eligibility ID cards, as specified in ROH Section 13-4.5(b), as amended in SECTION 2 of the bill, takes effect on July 1, 2022.
- E. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 87 (2020), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass third reading in the form attached hereto as Bill 87 (2020), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Elefante, Kia'āina, Say – 4; Ayes with reservations: Tupola – 1; Noes: None; Excused: Tsuneyoshi – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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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 amend Chapter 13, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to amend the fare for paratransit services.

SECTION 2. Section 13-4.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended by Ordinance 20-19, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 13-4.5 Fare.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

"ADA Complementary Paratransit Service Standards" means regulatory requirements for the special transit service imposed by the federal government pursuant to 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Section 37.131.

"Agency-sponsored fare" means a fare for a one-way passenger trip on the special transit service paid for in whole or in part by a qualified human service organization, as defined in this section.

"Agency trip" means a one-way passenger trip taken by a paratransit eligible individual to the site of a program administered by a qualified human service organization, as defined in this section, for trips guaranteed to the organization.

"Core service area" means the corridor extending a width of three-fourths of a mile on each side of a fixed route. The corridor includes the area within a three-fourths of a mile radius of either terminus of a fixed route. The corridor also includes an area of not more than one square mile that does not fall within a corridor, but is entirely surrounded by corridors.

"Qualified human service organization" means an organization that serves persons who qualify for human service or transportation-related programs or services due to disability, income, or advanced age and whose services to such persons include the purchase of agency-sponsored fares, and receives funding, directly or indirectly from the programs listed in Appendix A of 49 CFR, Part 604.



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(b) Single Fare.

- (1) Any person issued a paratransit eligibility identification card under Section 13-4.3 and any person accompanying the ADA paratransit eligible individual shall pay a fare of ~~[\$2.00]~~ \$2.25 per person per one-way passenger trip ~~[or a fare allowed by the ADA,]~~ either in cash, by coupon, or by city payment card programmed for the paratransit fare, except as provided in Section 13-2.6. Revenues from the fare will be deposited into the transportation fund.
- (2) Any person to whom a current paratransit eligibility identification card has been issued under Section 13-4.3 shall pay a single ~~[cash]~~ ride fare in accordance with Section 13-2.1 to ride a city ~~[transit]~~ bus or the city ~~[ferry-service]~~ rail system, either by using a programmed city payment card or, for the city bus system, payment may also be made in cash upon display to the bus operator of the paratransit eligibility identification card; except that the single ride fare shall not apply when a [fare-for] special event fare [services] is charged under Section 13-2.1.

(c) Fares for Services that Exceed ADA Complementary Paratransit Service Standards.

- (1) The department may charge a premium fee in addition to the single fare for a one-way passenger trip on the special transit service for services that exceed ADA complementary paratransit service standards, including but not limited to the following:
 - (A) Same-day one-way passenger trip reservations by paratransit eligible individuals;
 - (B) Passenger trip reservations by paratransit eligible individuals to or from locations outside the core service area for the special transit service; and
 - (C) Passenger trip reservations by paratransit eligible individuals outside the hours and days of fixed route service regularly provided by ~~[TheBus.]~~ the city bus system.
- (2) The department may negotiate with a qualified human service organization and charge a fare higher than the single fare for agency-sponsored fares and agency trips, provided that the fare charged cannot



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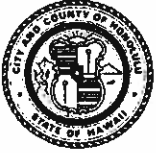
exceed applicable rules set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for paratransit services.

- (d) ~~[Paratransit Eligible Individual Bus Pass. There is established a paratransit eligible individual bus pass fare plan. Under the plan, a person with a valid bus pass issued pursuant to this section:~~

- ~~(1) Is not required to pay the single cash fare at any time when using the city transit bus service and/or city ferry service, except when a fare for a special service is charged under Section 13-2.1. To be entitled to ride a city transit bus and/or city ferry without payment of the single cash fare, the paratransit eligible individual shall display the valid paratransit eligible individual bus pass to the bus operator; and~~
- ~~(2) Is entitled to an unlimited number of rides on the city transit bus service and/or city ferry service for the duration specified on the paratransit eligible individual bus pass.]~~

A programmed city payment card will be issued to paratransit eligibility ID holders for the reduced fare on the city bus system and city rail system for paratransit eligibility ID holders as specified in Section 13-2.1. The reduced fare is not applicable when fares for special event services are charged or for rides on the city paratransit system. Use of this programmed city payment card is subject to Section 13-2.7. In the event of loss or theft, the person to whom the programmed city payment card was issued shall notify the department immediately. Thereafter, the programmed city payment card issued to that person will be invalidated, and a replacement programmed city payment card may be issued to that person upon payment of the fee for a replacement card as specified in Section 2-12.

- (e) ~~[Issuance and Effective Date of Bus Passes. Any person issued a valid paratransit eligibility identification card under Section 13-4.3 and who applies for a paratransit eligible individual bus pass from the department will be issued the paratransit eligible individual bus pass upon making the appropriate payment in accordance with Section 13-2.1, for the duration specified on the bus pass.~~
- (f)] A personal care attendant shall pay no fare at any time when accompanying an ADA paratransit eligible individual and performing services as the individual's personal care attendant.



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- [(g) ~~Employees of the transit management services contractor or the ferry management services contractor who have been certified as ADA paratransit eligible pursuant to Section 13-4.2 may use the special transit service without being charged a cash fare by displaying their employee identification card and their paratransit eligibility identification card.]~~"]

SECTION 3. 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. In SECTION 2 of this ordinance, the Revisor of Ordinances shall insert the appropriate section number for the reference to Section 2-12.____, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, from SECTION 2 of Ordinance 21-7 upon its codification.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval; provided that the increase in fare from \$2.00 to \$2.25 specified in Section 13-4.5(b), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, in SECTION 2 of this ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Kobayashi (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 29, 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu