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October 1, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters
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and members of the Honolulu City Council
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

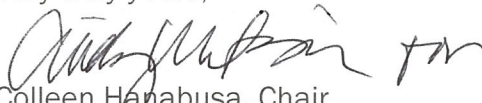
Dear Chair Waters,

Subject: Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Resolution No, 2021-10 Approving and Recommending that the City Council and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu Propose a Bill for an Ordinance Establishing Chapter ____, Revised Ordinance of the City and County of Honolulu, Implementing a Transient Accommodations Tax

Attached please find Resolution 2021-10, Approving and Recommending that the City Council and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu Propose a Bill for an Ordinance Establishing Chapter ____, Revised Ordinance of the City and County of Honolulu, Implementing a Transient Accommodations Tax, which was adopted by the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board of Directors at its September 24, 2021 meeting. The purpose of the resolution is to recommend that the City Council and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu propose a bill to implement a transient accommodations tax.

If you have any questions, please contact HART Board Executive Officer, Cindy Matsushita at (808) 768-6258 or cmatsushita@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,


Colleen Hanabusa, Chair
HART Board of Directors

Enclosure

cc: HART Board of Directors
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Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU PROPOSE A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER _____, REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, IMPLEMENTING A TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS TAX

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has been established pursuant to Article XVII of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended (Charter); and

WHEREAS, Section 17-103.2(n) of the Charter empowers HART "[to] apply for and receive and accept grants of property, money and services and other assistance offered or made available to it by any person, government or entity, which it may use to meet its capital or operating expenses and for any other use within the scope of its powers . . .;" and

WHEREAS, Section 17-104.1 (a) of the Charter empowers the Board of Directors of HART (Board) to "[b]e the policy making body of the authority;" and

WHEREAS, Section 17-104.1 (e) of the Charter also empowers the Board to "[r]equest and accept appropriations from the city, and request and accept grants, loans and gifts from other persons and entities;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 1, Special Sessions Laws of Hawai'i 2021, the City and County of Honolulu (City) along with the other Counties were stripped of their statutory allocation of the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenue, Section 237D-6.5(b) Hawai'i Revised Statutes; but also provided with the City and other Counties with the authority to assess up to three (3) percent of the TAT to compensate for the loss revenue and to use the income as the City Council and Mayor may determine; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Kaua'i adopted Bill No. 2829 on September 15, 2021 to enact its Transient Accommodations Tax effective October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Maui has scheduled Bill No. 101 (2021) for final reading on October 1, 2021, to enact its Transient Accommodations Tax effective October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu has not proposed an Ordinance to implement a Transient Accommodations Tax as of this date; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu has testified for and supported the implementation of the a Transient Accommodations Tax for the City and County of Honolulu; and

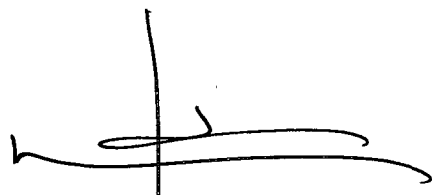
WHEREAS, HART faces a budget deficit for the completion of the minimum operable segment of the "Fixed Guideway System" as identified in section 17-102 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, HART believes a portion of the TAT can assist in addressing the anticipated deficit for the completion of the Fixed Guideway System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of HART as follows:


1. That the HART Board of Directors recommends to the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu to propose a Bill for an Ordinance establishing Chapter ___ in the Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu, to implement the Transient Accommodations Tax;
2. That the HART Board of Directors respectfully request that the City Council for the City and County of Honolulu consider and enact a portion of the TAT for the benefit of HART in the completion of the minimum operable segment of the Fixed Guideway System; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honolulu City Council and the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation on September 24, 2021.



Board Chair

ATTEST:



Board Executive Officer