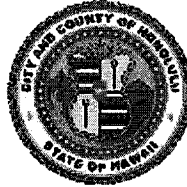


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The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
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Honolulu City Council
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Dear Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Bill 20 (2023) CD2 – Relating to Parking

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) cautiously supports Bill 20 (2023) that proposes changes to the City's Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program. DTS believes that the CD2 proposed RPZ program fee structure will require a significant general fund subsidy and result in numerous ineligible neighborhoods requesting RPZs without an identifiable traffic generator. Additionally, DTS provides the following comments related to DTS' operation and expansion of the RPZ pilot, as requested in Council Communication 193 (23).

DTS respectfully requests that § 15-30.5 Fees be modified to assess a fee of no less than \$100 for the first vehicle and no less than \$100 for the second vehicle, with a limit of two permits per dwelling unit. Additionally, we request that the authority to allot fees collected in an RPZ to credit city payment cards be removed.

During fiscal year 2023, the cost to administer the RPZ pilot program in Kalihi Valley was more than \$124,000. This cost included \$18,000 for office supplies, printing, hang tags, and signs. Planners, Traffic Technicians, Police Officers, and clerical staff also spent an estimated 2,080 hours.

Under the proposed CD2 versions of Bill 20 (2023), the administrative costs are estimated to start at \$194,486 annually for labor and materials (or \$278 per permit if 700 permits were issued).

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The Kalihi Valley RPZ pilot includes three zones with the following characteristics:

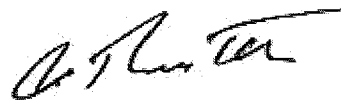
Zone	Total Street Parking Stalls	Total TMK Households	No. of Residential Permits Issued	No. of Visitor Permits Issued
Zone 16A: Wilson Tract	231	199	313	345
Zone 16B: Kula Kolea / Naai	121	116	180	179
Zone 16C: Aoo / Kono	42	51	78	88
Total	394	366	571	612

Proposed Bill 20 (2023) CD2 – TDST2, § 15-30.3 Establishment, expansion, reduction, modification, or dissolution of restricted parking zones, subsection (d), would also benefit from being modified as follows: “Whenever the council deems it necessary or appropriate, the council shall establish, expand, reduce, modify, or dissolve an RPZ by resolution.” As a steward of limited City funding, DTS would ask that affirmative action from Council occur prior to a study affirming a neighborhood meets the criteria for an RPZ.

Street curb parking is crucial in higher density neighborhoods, offering convenience and accessibility for residents, visitors, and local businesses. While a restricted parking program may have benefits for some residents, it’s important to recognize that it’s not a cure-all solution. An RPZ will have unintended negative consequences for some residents. Therefore, the department recommends careful consideration of this important policy.

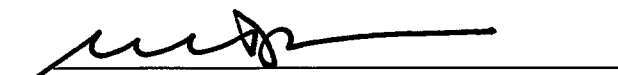
Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony. Your consideration is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call me at (808) 768-8303.

Very truly yours,



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