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The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
Committee on Transportation
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
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Dear Chair Cordero and Councilmembers:

Subject: Testimony on Resolution 24-257 – Appointment of Rex Akutagawa to the Rate Commission

On behalf of the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), I write in strong support of this resolution and the re-appointment of Mr. Rex Akutagawa to the Rate Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Akutagawa is the Harbors Administrative Services Officer, and in this role, he manages and analyzes revenues and expenses for this self-funded enterprise and is responsible for all budget forecasts and financial reporting. These skills and background have been and will continue to be invaluable to the Rate Commission as it develops recommendations for setting fares for the City's transit system. In addition, Mr. Akutagawa is a daily user of public transit and will share his first-hand experience in deliberating recommendations aimed at making the City's transit system equitable, accessible, sustainable, and available.

HDOT fully supports this appointment to the Rate Commission. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

EDWIN H. SNIFFEN
Director of Transportation