HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 60 (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose and findings. The purpose of this ordinance is to address provisions related to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART").

The City Council ("Council") finds that Section 17-103, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), provides that the "public transit authority shall have authority to develop the fixed guideway system as provided in this article," and the fixed guideway system is defined in Charter Section 17-102 as "the minimum operable segment approved by the city council and any extensions to the minimum operable segment approved by the mayor and the city council."

The Council also finds that Charter Section 17-119 provides that HART shall adhere to the fixed guideway system alignment of the locally preferred alternative approved by the Council and that any new alignment, extension, or addition to the fixed guideway system alignment is subject to Council approval by ordinance. The Council further finds that early planning of extensions beyond the minimum operable segment will facilitate the expansion of the rail system as well as inform decisions for adjoining segments.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("The Mayor and Executive Agencies–Additional Powers, Duties, and Functions"), is amended by adding a new article to be designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

"**ARTICLE __: HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION**

§ 2-__.1 Definitions.

Authority. The governmental unit known as the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

§ 2-__.2 System extensions and additions.

In accordance with Article XVII of the Charter, the authority is authorized to conduct planning and preliminary engineering for extensions to the minimum operable segment, including any studies, evaluations, surveys and assessments, and the

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preparation of any required environmental impact statements and other reports; provided that any such extension adheres to the locally preferred alternative. The authority shall prioritize the extension of the minimum operable segment to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa."

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

AUG 11 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART"); Locally Preferred Alternative; Fixed Guideway; Alignments, Extensions, and Additions; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Description:
Clarifies the authority to HART to plan extensions or additions to the fixed guideway system. Prioritizes the extension of the system to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

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