REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY

Voting Members:
Radiant Cordero, Chair; Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair;
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
September 24, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, which considered Bill 60 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION,"

introduced on August 11, 2025, and which passed first reading at the September 3, 2025, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to address provisions related to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART").

The Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of HART commented that the HART Board of Directors has not taken a position on the Bill but will discuss the Bill at its board meeting in October.

Your Committee considered and approved a CD1 version (OCS2025-0749/9/17/2025 11:46 AM) that makes the following amendments:

A. Changes the format of the Bill to an uncodified ordinance.

B. Removes language prioritizing the rail extension to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 319

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Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 60 (2025), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee in the form attached hereto as Bill 60 (2025), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Okimoto, Tupola, Weyer – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL **60 (2025), CD1**

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. In accordance with Article XVII of the Charter, HART is authorized to conduct planning and preliminary engineering for extensions to the minimum operable segment, including any studies, evaluations, surveys and assessments, and the preparation of any required environmental impact statements and other reports; provided that any such extension adheres to the locally preferred alternative.

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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

Radiant Cordero

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

August 11, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART"); Minimum Operable Segment; Fixed Guideway System; Rail System; Alignments, Extensions, and Additions

Description:
Clarifies the authority granted to HART to plan extensions or additions to the minimum operable segment of the fixed guideway system.

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