



McCULLY – MŌ'ILĪ'ILĪ NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING BILL 54 (2025) RELATING TO TRANSIT FARES

WHEREAS, affordable, reliable public transportation is essential to the economic stability and mobility of O'ahu residents, particularly those with lower and fixed incomes who rely on TheBus as their primary means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, according to the City Department of Transportation, approximately 71% of TheBus riders earn under \$60,000 per year, and 21% of TheBus riders earn under \$20,000, indicating that fare increases disproportionately affect working-class and economically vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, O'ahu residents are already experiencing rising costs of living, making additional transportation costs especially burdensome at this time; and

WHEREAS, Bill 54 (2025) (<https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/measure/3424>) increases the Adult Monthly HOLO Pass from \$80 to \$90 and the Adult Annual HOLO Pass from \$880 to \$990, representing a 12.5% increase for both passes; and

WHEREAS, under these increases, the Adult Monthly Pass becomes equivalent to paying for a single \$3 ride every day for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Bill 54 increases cash-only fares for discounted riders in order to incentivize use of the HOLO card, despite the fact that riders who pay cash are often those with the least access to banking services, smartphones, or stable housing, and are therefore among the most financially vulnerable transit users; and

WHEREAS, Bill 54 reduces the free transfer time window from 2.5 hours to 2 hours, which may result in riders being charged for two separate fares when traveling long distances or making transfers during periods of traffic congestion or extended wait times, such as trips between central Honolulu and areas like Wahiawā or the Leeward Coast; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board opposes Bill 54 (2025) due to its cumulative financial impact on bus riders and its disproportionate effect on low- and moderate-income residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board urges the City Council member representing this neighborhood, Councilmember Scott Nishimoto, to oppose Bill 54 (2025); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and all members of the Honolulu City Council, including:

- Mayor Rick Blangiardi
- Council Chair Tommy Waters — tommy.waters@honolulu.gov
- Vice Chair Esther Kia'āina — ekiaaina@honolulu.gov
- Councilmember Matt Weyer — mweyer@honolulu.gov
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- Councilmember Radiant Cordero — rcordero@honolulu.gov
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- Councilmember Augie Tulba — atulba@honolulu.gov
- Councilmember Andria Tupola — atupola@honolulu.gov

This resolution was ADOPTED by Neighborhood Board No. 8 (McCully-Mō'ili'ili) on Monday, January 26, 2026; 9-0-0 (Aye: Eréndira Aldana, Drew Erickson, John Johnson, Daniela Minerbi, Susan Pope, Christopher Salas, Ke'alohilani Wong, Darryl Young, and Morgan Lee; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Morgan Lee (mepaynl@gmail.com)
Chair of Neighborhood Board No. 8 (McCully-Mō'ili'ili)