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Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Honolulu City Council
530 S. King St.
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Re: Testimony in Support of Bill 60 (2025)- Relating to the Honolulu Authority for Repid Transportation

Aloha Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Danielle Bass, and I serve as Chair of the Mililani Neighborhood Board No. 25. I submit this testimony in support of Bill 60.

From a Central O‘ahu perspective, Skyline represents long-term opportunity for our island’s future. For commuters in Mililani, Waipio, Kunia, and beyond, reliable rail service means greater access to jobs, the airport, and the urban core — with more transportation choices and less time spent in daily traffic.

Since 2005, the Mililani–Waipio–Melemanu Neighborhood Board has adopted more than seven resolutions supporting the Honolulu rail system and related multi-modal planning efforts, including the O‘ahu Regional Transportation Plan. These actions reflect our community’s long-standing commitment to improving rail and multimodal access for Central O‘ahu residents and helping alleviate traffic congestion.

For decades, there has also been strong advocacy to ensure the rail system connects to UH Mānoa, to UH West O‘ahu and with the broader campus system. As a former ASUH Mānoa student leader in 2006, I was part of the original student body that voted for and strongly advocated for this vision — rooted in service, equity, and access to higher education for students from Central and West O‘ahu.

Providing HART authority to plan toward UH Mānoa and further west strengthens both student access and commuter mobility. It reflects decades of community advocacy and positions O‘ahu to build a more connected, accessible future.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of Bill 60.

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