

Bill 89 Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 89
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

It's such a completely inappropriate time to increase public transit prices that it borders on cruelty to your constituency. People are out of work, struggling to pay bills, unemployment is held up, rental relief programs aren't functioning, and you want to increase costs for the people who need the bus to go to work or look for work and perform daily functions. Don't do this. (Because there is no workable search function on your website to find when a bill is calendared and the press release did not give one, and I couldn't find one looking through the agendas, I had to use an arbitrary date.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Hello. My name is Jae Yun Ham, I am an active voter in Councilwoman Kobayashi's district, and I am submitting testimony in firm opposition to Bill 89, which would raise bus fares and rates for the people of Honolulu throughout the district. The COVID-19 pandemic has utterly devastated the economy with the urban Honolulu area facing the largest rates of unemployment (around 16.7%) due to the lack of tourism. Bus passengers in the city depend on affordable services, especially in these troubling times. Raising rates, especially during a pandemic is not only ill-advised, it is morally wrong. I strongly urge the Council to consider the people of the city, the voters who elected you, when deliberating over this piece of legislation. The people of the city are facing both a pandemic and a recession. We cannot be raising rates for essential services until our economy recovers again and people start working.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Bus ridership is shrinking according to the last couple years of OTS ridership reports. Increasing bus fares during this time of massive unemployment during the Covid-19 pandemic on to the same bus riders who depend on the bus for their daily transportation is illogical and cruel. Also those sitting on the rate commission and who work at the Department of Transportation Services who prepared Bill 89 cannot relate to the plight of bus riders. The majority drive to work in their automobiles. Look at the parking roster for the Fasi Municipal Parking lot. Those persons cannot relate to the plight of bus riders and the unemployed during this time of Covid-19 pandemic since they are sitting in their cozy cars driving to work while employed full-time and practicing good hygiene and social distancing. Bus riders have the added expense of purchasing PPE to ride the bus daily adding to the cost of public transportation. Any additional cost to riding the bus would only hurt ridership. Cuts to the bus operating budget must be made to support bus operations. Do not place the burden of increased operations costs on the poor bus riders.

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