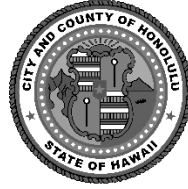


DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET, 3RD FLOOR  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
Phone: (808) 768-8305 • Fax: (808) 768-4730 • web: www.honolulu.gov

KIRK CALDWELL  
MAYOR



JON Y. NOUCHI  
ACTING DIRECTOR

DREANALEE KALILI  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

November 24, 2020

The Honorable Joey Manahan, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 89 (2020) – Relating to Public Transit

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports this measure that implements the recommendation of the Rate Commission to raise the fare schedule for the City's bus and rail systems.

Pursuant to the Revised Charter of Honolulu, the Rate Commission is authorized to recommend adjustments to fares and other charges for use of the City's multimodal municipal transportation system. Following transmittal of the recommendations to the Council, the Council shall fix and adjust reasonable fares and other charges so that the revenues derived therefrom, in conjunction with any other revenues allocated to the City's transportation system, shall be sufficient or as nearly sufficient as possible. The Council may also consider factors such as transportation equity, accessibility, sustainability, availability, and effect on ridership.

While we support this measure, in light of the widespread economic impacts of the pandemic and the significantly reduced ridership on TheBus, the DTS defers to the Council on the timing of the implementation of the updated fare schedule. However, the DTS respectfully urges the Council's favorable consideration to approve non-fare provisions in this bill for immediate implementation, including those provisions that authorize fare capping and administrative fees for the HOLO card.

DEPT. COM. 768

BUDGET

The Honorable Joey Manahan, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Budget  
November 24, 2020  
Page 2

This measure complements Bill 87 (2020) that also implements recommendations made by the Rate Commission and proposes to increase the paratransit.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. Should you have any questions, please call me at 768-8303.

Very truly yours,

Jon Y. Nouchi  
Acting Director

APPROVED:

---

Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.  
Managing Director