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The Honorable Calvin Say, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Budget  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Say and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 89 (2020), FD1, CD1 – Relating to Public Transit

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports this measure and the posted CD 1 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.

As we have previously testified, in light of the current economic climate, the DTS defers to the Council on the timing of the updated fare schedule. We appreciate the Council's consideration of the need for a fare increase and the proposal in this CD 1 to implement the increase along with the new proposed program to provide reduced fares for eligible riders with Extremely Low Incomes effective July 1, 2022.

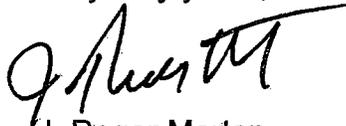
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. Should you have any questions, please call me at 768-8303.

Very truly yours,



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