
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH ALL STATE AGENCIES THAT HOLD TITLE TO OR LEASES OF LAND ALONG THE TRANSIT ROUTE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITIES ALONG THE ROUTE.

1 WHEREAS, in the next twenty years, Hawaii's population is
2 expected to grow by approximately 300,000, forty-two percent of
3 the population of the City and County of Honolulu alone; and
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5 WHEREAS, successful planning for growth requires reducing
6 sprawl and creating urban developments in existing and new
7 communities that offer a high quality of life for a broad range
8 of household types; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is
11 constructing an elevated rapid transit line on the island of
12 Oahu; and
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14 WHEREAS, the construction will start from the edge of
15 Kapolei to Ala Moana Center and pass through communities along
16 southern Oahu via Honolulu International Airport and downtown
17 Honolulu, and the route will include the University of Hawaii
18 West-Oahu, Leeward Community College, Honolulu Community
19 College, and the office buildings of the Department of Land and
20 Natural Resources, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department
21 of Public Safety, Department of Accounting and General Services,
22 and Department of Transportation; and
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24 WHEREAS, the proposed transit stations are scheduled to
25 open in three phases between the years 2015 and 2019, starting
26 from suburban areas to urban centers with the first phase to
27 include a baseyard for the trains, delaying major infrastructure
28 impacts associated with construction in the urban center; and
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30 WHEREAS, the proponents of rapid transit have given much
31 thought to the planning and design but have not fully accounted



1 for the effects it will have on the surrounding communities and
2 the State as a whole; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning was established to maintain
5 an overall framework to guide the development of the State
6 through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and
7 strategic planning to meet the physical, economic, and social
8 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of
9 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical
10 manner, including the conservation of natural, environmental,
11 recreational, scenic, historic, and other limited and
12 irreplaceable resources for future generations; and
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14 WHEREAS, the rapid transit project is well underway and
15 there is a need to accommodate the communities surrounding the
16 stations; and
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18 WHEREAS, considering the route and length of the rapid
19 transit line, many state agencies are likely to be affected, due
20 to the areas along the route as well as each state agency's
21 respective purview; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
26 coordinate with all state agencies that hold title to or leases
27 of land along the elevated rapid transit route in order to
28 develop a community development plan for communities along the
29 route; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community development plan
32 include the following:
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- 34 (1) Plans to develop public-private partnerships to assist
35 with the planning, coordination, and implementation of
36 revenue-generating activities and development plans
37 for the community;
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- 39 (2) Density goals to increase rail transit ridership; and
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- 41 (3) Updates of existing state agency state plans to
42 incorporate rail transit and optimize the
43 opportunities the Project can provide; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning submit
2 the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
3 the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State use the information
6 provided to update state plans and to focus density in
7 appropriate areas to preserve agricultural and conservation
8 lands and prevent urban sprawl and better utilize our assets;
9 and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
13 of the Office of Planning, and Chairperson of the Honolulu
14 Authority for Rapid Transportation.

