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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE  
STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT.

1           WHEREAS, Act 247, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, authorizes  
2 the counties to levy, by ordinance adopted no later than  
3 December 31, 2005, a county surcharge on the state general  
4 excise tax to fund public transportation systems; and  
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6           WHEREAS, in 2005, the Council of the City and County of  
7 Honolulu adopted ordinance No. 05-27, which established the one-  
8 half per cent general excise tax surcharge for the Honolulu rail  
9 transit project; and  
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11           WHEREAS, in 2010, voters approved an amendment to the  
12 Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu to create the  
13 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is  
16 a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the  
17 planning, construction, operation, and extension of the rail  
18 system; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the initial section of the rail system, from  
21 Kapolei to Aloha Stadium, is scheduled to open in 2017, and the  
22 entire rail system is expected to be fully operational in 2019;  
23 now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
28 requested to convene a working group to examine the status and  
29 progress of the Honolulu rail transit project; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons or their  
2 representatives are requested to be members of the working  
3 group:

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- 5 (1) The Auditor, who shall serve as the chairperson of the  
6 working group;
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  - 8 (2) A representative from the Office of the Governor;
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  - 10 (3) The Director of Finance;
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  - 12 (4) The Director of Transportation;
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  - 14 (5) The President of the Senate;
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  - 16 (6) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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  - 18 (7) The Chairperson of the Council on Revenues; and
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  - 20 (8) One member representing each county, to be appointed  
21 by the mayor of each respective county; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
24 to:

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- 26 (1) Examine current sources of funding for the rail  
27 system; and
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  - 29 (2) Consider the feasibility of using alternative sources  
30 of funding, as opposed to extending, making permanent,  
31 or increasing the one-half per cent general excise tax  
32 surcharge currently collected for the Honolulu rail  
33 transit project; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
36 to report its findings and recommendations, including any  
37 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
38 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Auditor,  
42 Director of Finance, Director of Transportation, President of



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1 the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson  
2 of the Council on Revenues, and the Mayor of each county.

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