

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1010

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 1010 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the negative impacts inherent to widespread use of motor vehicles including traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and a reliance on fossil fuels in the transportation sector. Specifically, this measure promotes the use of commuter benefits programs by allowing counties to adopt ordinances requiring employers to offer employees specified commuter benefits options to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation to commute to and from work.

Enterprise RideShare testified in support of this measure.

Commuter benefits programs are employer-provided benefits programs that allow employees to reduce their transportation costs for transit, vanpooling, and biking under section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, by permitting employees to use pre-tax dollars, subject to monthly limits, to pay for their commuting expenses. Your Committee finds that the use of such programs to promote alternative forms of transportation will lead to an enhanced quality of life and help reduce Hawaii's dependence of fossil fuels.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1010 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1010</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRN, JUD, FIN</i>	Date: <i>02/09/2015</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
2. LOPRESTI, Matthew S. (VC)	X			
3. HAR, Sharon E.				X
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X			
6. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X			
9. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.				X
11. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	X			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	X			
TOTAL (12)	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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