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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPROVE ACCESS OF  
THEBUS IN OAHU'S RURAL COMMUNITIES.

1 WHEREAS, TheBus is the primary public transportation  
2 service on Oahu, with residents using the service to take  
3 approximately one hundred thirteen thousand trips each day; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the important service provided by TheBus is  
6 especially necessary for residents of Oahu's rural communities,  
7 many of whom reside far away from schools, places of employment,  
8 and locations that provide essential goods and services, and  
9 rely on TheBus to access these places; and  
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11 WHEREAS, for senior citizens, persons with disabilities,  
12 and low-income residents living in rural areas, utilizing TheBus  
13 may be the only means to obtain groceries, access healthcare  
14 services, or get to work; and  
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16 WHEREAS, TheBus also provides lifesaving transportation  
17 services during times of disaster, allowing individuals living  
18 in vulnerable areas to evacuate and access shelters and  
19 services; and  
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21 WHEREAS, although TheBus operates one hundred seven  
22 different routes throughout the island, there are still portions  
23 of the City and County of Honolulu that have limited access to  
24 TheBus's services, especially in Oahu's rural communities; and  
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26 WHEREAS, for example, TheBus does not currently service the  
27 Kapilina Beach Homes residential community in Ewa Beach, which  
28 is located within an extreme tsunami evacuation zone; and  
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30 WHEREAS, currently, residents of the Kapilina Beach Homes  
31 community who wish to access TheBus's services must walk two  
32 miles each way to reach the nearest bus stop; and  
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1 WHEREAS, this long walk may make it impossible for  
2 individuals with mobility issues to access bus services; and  
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4 WHEREAS, middle school and high school students who live in  
5 the Kapilina Beach Homes community must walk four miles each day  
6 along a busy road that lacks sidewalks and streetlights to get  
7 to and from the bus stop, creating an unacceptably dangerous  
8 situation for our keiki; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu can alleviate  
11 these dangerous conditions by expanding TheBus service within  
12 Oahu's rural communities; and  
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14 WHEREAS, in addition to keeping vulnerable citizens safe,  
15 expanded bus service will also help rural residents access  
16 employment, schools, and essential goods and services, promoting  
17 health and economically secure communities; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
22 Honolulu is urged to improve access to TheBus in Oahu's rural  
23 communities; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City  
27 and County of Honolulu; each member of the Honolulu City  
28 Council; the Director of Transportation Services of the City and  
29 County of Honolulu; and the President of Oahu Transit Services,  
30 Inc.  
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