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CR-82 BILL 9 - RELATING TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OR THE HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Aloha Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of City Council:

My name is Maurice Morita and I am the assistant director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

The Hawaii LECET "**strongly opposes**" CR-82, Bill 9, relating to the agreements between the City and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation(HART) or the Honolulu Board of Water Supply(BWS).

Both HART and the BWS, while semi-autonomous, are also part of the City and County of Honolulu under the authority of the City Charter.

The BWS and HART do not now have to go to the Council for these inter-city agency approvals, and it is not efficient to do so.

The bill, if passed would only cause more delays in the functions of HART if they need to go to the Council for each and every agreement they have with other city departments.

How is this consistent with a semi-autonomous city authority which the voters approved when HART needs to get Council approval for agreements with other city entities?

This process would cause more delays to complete the rail transit project.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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