

RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR TO FIND FUNDING IN THE CITY BUDGET TO RESTORE SERVICE CUTS INSTITUTED TO CITY BUS ROUTES.

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2012, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) instituted service changes for TheBus that modified routes, reduced services, lengthened wait times, and/or eliminated routes entirely for 13 different bus routes; and

WHEREAS, these changes, and additional changes scheduled to take effect on August 19, 2012, are supposedly designed to make better use of limited transportation funds by tailoring service to actual usage, reduce operating expenses that are projected to increase by \$7 million, and avoid the need to raise fares while maintaining acceptable service; and

WHEREAS, service changes are negatively impacting all bus riders around the island and creating hardships that have effectively eliminated public transportation as a means of commuting and forcing many previous bus riders into cars; and

WHEREAS, the DTS director has testified against Resolution 12-66, which seeks to amend City policy regarding the bus fare ratio and allow for fare increases as a tool to address rising costs, stating that he was concerned about the economic impact on bus riders if fares would be increased; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the option of increasing fares when faced with expected increases in operating costs leaves only one other viable option—reducing bus services; and

WHEREAS, the Council has heard the uproar of bus riders over the already-instituted and additional upcoming service changes and does not believe that reducing bus services has successfully precluded the need to raise fares while maintaining acceptable service; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that DTS has lapsed operating funds of \$3 million in FY 2011 and \$5 million in FY 2010, so it remains unconvinced that the Department of Transportation Services has considered every option to fund bus operations in order to maintain the standard of service provided prior to the June service changes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Mayor to find funding in the City budget to immediately restore service cuts instituted to the 13 bus routes; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Mayor to examine the sources of lapsed Department of Transportation Services funds in past fiscal years as one way to find funding to restore bus service cuts now; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Mayor, if sufficient funds can be found now, to restore bus services to all affected routes and to cancel the planned service changes scheduled for August 19, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Mayor to seek federal funding, including Community Development Block Grant and other federal funds, to help maintain the current level of bus services in the future; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Transportation Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Berg

Ernest Martin

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 11, 2012
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 12-173, CD1

Introduced: 07/11/12 By: TOM BERG

Committee: BUDGET

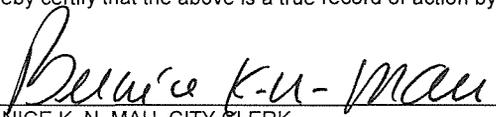
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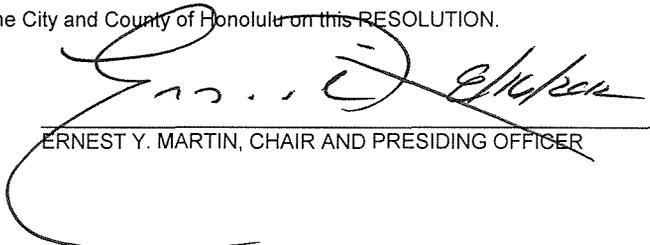
Links: [RES12-173](#)
[RES12-173, CD1](#)
[CR-260](#)

Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

BUDGET	07/25/12	CR-260 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN <u>CD1</u> FORM.							
COUNCIL	08/15/12	CR-260 AND RESOLUTION 12-173, CD1 WERE ADOPTED.							
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GABBARD	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y		

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER