



## RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR TO PROPOSE A SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET BILL TO RESTORE BUS SERVICE CUTS.

WHEREAS, the City bus system ("TheBus") benefits residents and visitors alike by increasing public mobility, lessening traffic congestion by diverting people from cars, reducing emissions and pollutants associated with vehicular travel, and decreasing the demand for limited on- and off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, due to increased expenses in TheBus service operations and limitations placed on financing TheBus created by the farebox recovery ratio (Resolution 00-29), the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") has instituted significant changes to TheBus routes, including termination of certain routes; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2012, DTS instituted service cuts for TheBus that modified routes, reduced services, lengthened wait times, and/or eliminated routes entirely for thirteen different bus routes; and on August 19, 2012, DTS instituted additional service cuts for TheBus that further modified routes, reduced services, lengthened wait times, and/or eliminated routes entirely for another twelve bus routes; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Resolution 12-173, CD1, which urged the Mayor to find funding in the current budget (Ordinance 12-19) to restore cuts to TheBus service, and the Mayor was unable to find such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that restoring these bus routes may be funded by amending the Executive Operating Budget Ordinance to reduce funding for the following activities:

- 1) Provision for Energy Costs;
- 2) Provision for Vacant Positions;
- 3) Transfer to Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund; and
- 4) \$500,000 in current expenses from Community Based Development (Amendment list 41);

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WHEREAS, the Council also finds that funding may be available by amending the Executive Operating Budget Ordinance to add a proviso which would permit, without Council approval, the transfer of funds from any activity to the public transit activity solely for the purpose of the restoration of TheBus routes; and

WHEREAS, the Council also finds that an increase in bus fares, made possible by Resolution 12-177, which suspends the farebox recovery ratio policy for FY 2013, may also provide a tool for DTS to fund a restoration of bus services; and

WHEREAS, the Council is willing to repeal by ordinance the disposal charge discount for businesses that dispose of residue from recycling operations as provided in Section 9-4.2(c), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, as a further means to fund a restoration of bus services; and

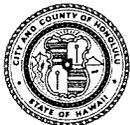
WHEREAS, the Council has further identified funding of \$150,000 in the legislative budget for special elections that could be used to further assist the administration in funding the restoration of the TheBus routes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9-105.2, Revised Charter of Honolulu, amendments to the annual executive budget are required to be submitted by the Mayor for consideration by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council is prepared to consider amendments to Ordinance 12-19 to restore funding to TheBus services for the benefit of the public, in addition to other means identified by the Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is urged to prepare and submit to the Council a supplemental budget amending the annual Executive Operating Budget Ordinance (Ordinance 12-19) that would restore recently altered or terminated TheBus routes to service levels before changes made on June 3 and August 19, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is willing to consider additional actions, as proposed by the Mayor, to restore TheBus services; and



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

INTRODUCED BY:

*Ami Kobayashi*  
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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
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**RESOLUTION 12-267**

Introduced: 09/13/12 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: BUDGET

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO PROPOSE A SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET BILL TO RESTORE BUS SERVICE CUTS.

Links: [RES12-267](#)  
[CR-340](#)

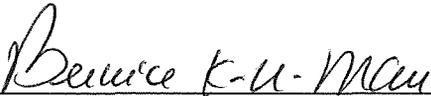
Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y\* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

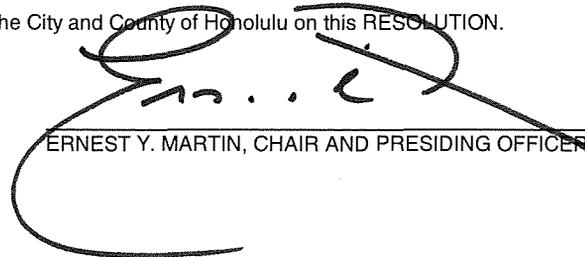
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BUDGET	09/19/12	CR-340 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.							
COUNCIL	10/03/12	CR-340 AND RESOLUTION 12-267 WERE ADOPTED.							
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GARCIA	Y
HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y				

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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