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**To:** Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Chair  
Councilmember Joey Manahan, Vice Chair  
Honolulu City Council Committee on Budget

**From:** Kiersten Faulkner  
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**Committee Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2016  
9:00 a.m.  
City Council Committee Meeting Room

**Subject:** **Council Bill 14 (2016) – Executive Operating Budget and Program  
Proposed CD1 for Historic Resource Survey (CC-63)**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support for the proposed appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Planning and Permitting to conduct a historic resource survey to identify historic properties, scenic and cultural landmarks and evaluate their eligibility for Hawai'i or National Register of Historic Places designation within the one-half mile radius around each transit station (see CC-63 for the proposed CD1 language).

Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a membership-based non-profit organization with the mission to preserve and encourage the preservation of sites, buildings, objects and communities significant to the history of Hawai'i. HHF has been engaged in planning, preservation review, and public comment opportunities for the Honolulu Rapid Transit system since 2006, including provisions related to transit-oriented development in the project's Programmatic Agreement, and with the City's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning efforts since at least 2011.

The Transit-Oriented development (TOD) special district ordinance explicitly directs that Neighborhood TOD plans shall address the unique community historic and other design themes, and that objectives shall summarize the cultural and historic resources that form the context for TOD (ROH Sec. 21-9.100-2) [emphasis added].

Further, the ordinance states that the TOD development recommendations for each TOD zone shall include "identification of important neighborhood historic, scenic and cultural landmarks, and controls to protect and enhance these resources" (ROH Sec. 21-9.100-4) [emphasis added].

Although the TOD Neighborhood Plans drafted to date include sections on historic and cultural resources, the lists are incomplete. The data sources include: 1) properties already listed on the Hawaii and/or National Register of Historic Places; and 2) the inventory and survey of eligible historic properties conducted for the transit project.

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic viability of the state.

The list is beneficial within its limits, but those limits are significant. The survey boundary for the transit project was the guideway alignment and one parcel to each side of the transit line (or 400 feet in cases where there is not a parcel line). This boundary is not consistent with the TOD planning area boundary one-half mile radius around each transit station.

Therefore, any potential historic property that lies between 400-feet and 2640-feet from the stations, unless it is already listed, has not been included on the identification of historic and cultural resources. The exclusion of numerous significant historic properties may have been done as matter of convenience, but it is not appropriate. These sites deserve the same opportunity for recognition and protection as other cultural resources.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation has recommended that the City's transit-oriented development plans include a more thorough inventory of properties that are eligible for the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

To complete the identification, a Historic Resource Survey should be conducted by qualified historic preservation professionals. The proposed appropriation will provide funding to support the study and ensure that historic properties are known and considered when land use planning and development decisions are made.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports the proposed CD-1 to CB 14 (2016) as conveyed in CC-63.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your thoughtful consideration of the proposed budget amendment.

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