

Testimony of
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City & County of Honolulu
City Council
Councilmember Ron Menor, Chair & Presiding Officer
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair

Bill 3 (2017), CD1 - Transportation Surcharge
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Aloha Chair Menor, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the Council:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.

We respectfully encourage the members of the Council to lift the county surcharge sunset date to complete the minimal operating segment of 20 miles with 21 stations. This project will create thousands of jobs in construction, engineering, and professional services. In addition, thousands of other indirect jobs will be created by the businesses that provide goods and services to the project. The direct investment of federal and local funds will boost the economy and increase demand for goods and services at local businesses, while increasing tax revenues for the City and State. Transit oriented development around all 21- rail stations will sustain the demand for jobs in a variety of industries for many years into the future.

For the reasons mentioned above, we respectfully request your support in moving Bill 3 (2017), CD1 forward. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion on this matter.

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