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1. I am Mary Smart of Mililani, HI and I oppose Bill 3 (2017), CD1 for several reasons.
2. The build-out to Ala Moana is not "minimum operable segment." The residents of Oahu, including architects, have provided alternatives that end the rail at Middle Street. Do not be held hostage by the federal government. If we can't afford rail to Ala Moana, you shouldn't force it on the residents of our state.
3. There should be no funds expended on an expansion of this rail system. If given the chance to vote again, most residents would vote against it. Do not spend any funds on a plan to expand the project. The rail is a money pit and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is a United Nations solution for moving people to the urban core. This development will destroy the beauty and culture of our state.
4. Capital costs include "debt service" according to the bill. Debt is wasted taxpayer funds. We don't get anything tangible from debt service. It is normally a result of mismanagement. There should be a separate category for debt service so residents can determine where our hard earned taxes are being spent.
5. With the increase in multi-million dollar condos that can have hundreds of taxpayers on footprint of land that previously had a few taxpayers, the tax being collected from the high-rise is a windfall for the City and County of Honolulu . It seems this new base of income is being ignored in the calculations for needed revenue. The City and County of Honolulu



should be able to adhere to a budget within current receipts with the added income and not require this tax increase.

6. Remove the restriction of payment of repair of roads, highways, bike paths, or current transport systems from that funding source. Your constituents prefer those modes (roads and buses) of travel and would want them funded first -- before rail expenses.

7. The original projected cost tripled and there is no firm estimate for the final build-out cost. Do not pass Bill 3 CD1. Stop Rail Now!

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