

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: bernard.chicky@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Fwd: FW: Rate Commission requests input from public on transit fares
Attachments: image001.png

Aloha Mr. Chee,

I would like to respond to the following topics

- Should single ride fares increase by twenty-five cents (\$0.25)? These rates would apply to both TheBus and Rail. **If you increase the per ride rates, then you should not increase the monthly rate as daily riders will see the benefit of the monthly rates. Monthly passes are realized revenue for the transit company and they can count on that revenue for the month rather than having up and down revenue.**
- Should a daily cap of \$7.50 be set for adult riders (ages 18-64), with a monthly cap of \$80.00, eliminating annual passes for this category? **An Annual pass with the current discount is an incentive to riding public transit and should not be eliminated. In the early stages of the rail transit, the City should encourage ridership instead of discouraging it due to increased rates. Granted the cost to operate will go up, but that can be a discussion at a later date. Annual passes also will give the bus company another baseline to manage their annual budget. but, image the participation in ridership, their may be no need to raise rates. Having the pass non-transferable would be helpful.**
- Should a daily cap of \$3.75 be set for youth riders (ages 5-17 plus 18 & 19 if still in high school), with a monthly cap of \$40.00, eliminating annual passes for this category? **The same reasoning for an annual pass apply here.**
- Should a new category be created as a pilot program for qualified Low Income riders? Those under 30% Area Median Income (AMI) may apply for this category. **If a discount will supplement and improve their financial status, then it would be a charitable gesture. The same goes for the current Senior discount program, which I applaud, since many seniors also live on low to reduced incomes. I am looking forward to the day that I achieve a senior annual pass as I will reduce my driving cost and parking fees, and contribute to a cleaner Hawaii.**

Thank you for your time. Please encourage the use of the rail and bus transit as a daily part of life and not set the cost so high that it becomes more of a novelty to ride then our method to commute.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Yuen

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Honolulu, HI 96816

Subject: FW: Rate Commission requests input from public on transit fares



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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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Rate Commission requests input from public on transit fares



One of the new trains topping the elevated rail line.

HONOLULU — The Honolulu Rate Commission is requesting input and testimony from members of the public on the future policies and rates for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project once the system begins operations.

Public testimony may be given at the following Rate Commission meetings:

- **Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Kapolei Hale**
- **Thursday, March 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Kailua District Park community room**
- **Tuesday, March 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mission Memorial Building meeting room**

Written testimony may also be submitted to Howard "Puni" Chee at the following email address: hchee@honolulu.gov

Written testimony can be mailed to Howard "Puni" Chee at the following address:

Rate Commission, c/o Howard "Puni" Chee
Department of Transportation Services (C&C Honolulu)
650 South King Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813

Some of the topics to be covered by the Rate Commission are as follows:

- Should single ride fares increase by twenty-five cents (\$0.25)? These rates would apply to both TheBus and Rail.
- Should a daily cap of \$7.50 be set for adult riders (ages 18-64), with a monthly cap of \$80.00, eliminating annual passes for this category?
- Should a daily cap of \$3.75 be set for youth riders (ages 5-17 plus 18 & 19 if still in high school), with a monthly cap of \$40.00, eliminating annual passes for this category?
- Should a new category be created as a pilot program for qualified Low Income riders? Those under 30% Area Median Income (AMI) may apply for this category.

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Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Roy Tsukamoto <tsukamotoroy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Senior bus fare increase

Please do not increase the \$6 monthly bus fare for seniors.

I will lose all faith in government if you do so.

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Deb Di Bella <greenfairy68@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: New proposed Senior and Disabled bus fares

Dear Sir,

Pardon my French but ARE YOU PEOPLE NUTS???? Where the heck do you think the elderly and the handicapped are going to get this income from? For many, the bus is the main mode of transportation - are we now expected to walk to our doctor appointments? WHO is the genius who came up with this proposal? I paid \$60/mo for several years and feel that I earned the right to get a discount. Find another way to support that stupid rail system which I have *never* supported. Tax the geniuses who wanted it in the first place. My social security is already being drained by taxes and my medical coverage. I would attend the open house but I'm starting CHEMO at that time, therefore this irate email. I really hope this proposal FAILS big time and we kick out the idiots who proposed it to begin with.

Yours truly,
Deborah Di Bella

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: dan cook <dandcook@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Rate Commission

I am writing you in regards to the upcoming meetings on the bus rate increase proposed for senior bus passes. Since we are seniors and have little option to bring in extra income, I would plead to you to not double the annual pass. This is our only way around as we can not afford to pay for parking and car expenses.

I am doubtful my plea will count, but would appreciate if you would consider it.

Dan Cook

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Jan <janotterskykoalani@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Attention Rate Commission

Attn: Attention Rate Commission

As a homeowner in Makakilo and elderly, my husband and I cannot use The Bus system due to the distance where catching the bus is and our health.

We have paid a lot for this rail system and don't feel its fair to add more burden to the public for something so poorly handled and over budgeted. Many places we go have suffered from the congestion of building this rail.

Enough is enough! Weather its The Bus or rail its not convenient for a lot of us elders. The Handivan does come up to our area but we would have to get a ride downtown to sign up to use this system and the time spent going places would wear our what energy we have. Right now we depend on our friends to help us stay in our home.

Jan Gaffney

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Bruce Godwin <bwg5472@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Attention Rate Commission

Aloha.

I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income who uses public transportation.

As such, I would like to make known that I oppose any hike to the fare rate of Public Transportation for Seniors. A fixed income is just that - it is fixed and not likely to increase, certainly not degree proposed for the rate hike. Additionally, aging brings with it illness that can range from minimally problematic to severe and can create conditions that make it impossible to earn extra income.

The socialization involved in getting out of ones residence and taking TheBus is also effective in combatting depression in seniors.

I think increasing the costs of public transportation for seniors would be a mistake and an injustice to Hawaii's seniors.

Thank you,

Bruce Godwin

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: carolyn reid <carolynreid14@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: ATTN RATE COMMISSION

Regarding the proposed increase in bus fares - almost DOUBLING the senior rate for annual "passes"/cap is outrageous!!!! Seniors, such as myself, have a limited income but you would be putting the burden of the greatest increase on those seniors.

Effective public transportation is key for older residents to maintain their mobility and independence, and to ensure that people can stay in their homes in familiar communities, as they age.

It is difficult enough as it is, trying to keep up with costs - why are you wanting to make it even harder.....?????

And eliminating the current adult day passes and needing to have a Holo Card which can, at this time, only be obtained at two not-easy-to-get-to locations in Honolulu, is going to make things extremely difficult for visitors. As it is, they hold up the buses, when they get on, not having their money ready, not having the right change, treating our public buses like tour buses. etc so that the bus can sit for a prolonged amount of time at stops, dealing with them and inconveniencing the regular riders.

Then if they do get Holo cards for their one or two week stay, those PLASTIC cards will be disposed of, when they leave, making another problem for the environment.

There really are a lot of things to be considered and not just the amount of money you are trying to take in!!!!!!!!!!

Carolyn Reid
Honolulu Taxpayer
2345 Ala Wai Blvd
Honolulu

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Jeannie Ferrier <jefferier@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Bus Fare Increases!!

This bus system has gone from #1 to one of the worst I can remember. First of all, you idiots put all the buses running on Kapiolani (like 14 different buses run on Kapiolani. WHAT is on Kapiolani, nothing but Ala Moana and McKinley High School. We had 3 buses on King/Beretania St and you moved #13 to Kapiolani. On King/Beretania there's all the grocery stores, two major hospitals/clinics and many many Drs and dentists offices. Can no one think outside the box???? Many cities that I have friends in have FREE bus service during the morning and evening hours for the business people. Everyone takes the bus and saves the cities a lot of money!! This takes away all the heavy traffic, no need for a rail and our roads would be in better shape. Who wouldn't take a free bus to/from work and they wouldn't have to pay for parking. The city would save money by not needing rail, repair roads (which we don't do anyways) but its a win win situation for everyone. Not for the bus pass for Seniors and Disabled... where do you think they get their money. Social security went up about \$3.00 and you want to double the bus pass price. We are not going to get to ride the rail, it won't be going anywhere we go in our lifetime!!! Plan is to have it from Ewa to Aloha Stadium! What may I ask would we do at the stadium? Football maybe 4 nights a year! You need someone in there that thinks about the people, not the money!!!! Come up with something that isn't ridiculous if you want a job after election!!

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Ben Robinson <metroben@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: ATTN: Rate Commission

Aloha!

I agree with the new rates for TheBus and Rail with the exception that I believe you should increase the “cap”-s for seniors; specifically the annual cap. While I can understand the restrictions that come with a fixed income for kapuna, it is simply too far skewed in their favor compared with others.

Public transportation should be subsidized for those who need it, but not to the extent that it compromises the performance and sustainability of the system.

Mahalo for allowing public input!

Ben Robinson

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metroben@me.com

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Patricia Blair <patriciablair@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 7:07 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: I oppose any increase in senior and handicap bus fare. Most people that I know are struggling financially.

Patricia Blair, Kailua

Sent from my iPad

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Jolyn Davis <jolynmaria@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: RE: Rate commission

Aloha,

I have a HOLO Card, I do not understand the proposed rate increase. Will my charge be only .25 cent, to \$3 per ride, up to \$6 per day? Or will it rise to \$7.50, which is much higher than the .25 cent rate increase?

I enjoy the convenience of the HOLO Card for myself these days, as I do not ride theBus as often as I used to and often do not carry cash.

Mahalo,

J.Davis

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Bjorn Marsen <bmarsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Cc: Maigee Chang
Subject: Testimony on future policies and rates for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project

To Mr Howard "Puni" Chee, Honolulu Rate Commission

Dear Mr Chee,

you and your fellow members on the Honolulu Rate Commission are seeking testimony from the public on future policies and rates for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. Just today it is reported that the country of Luxembourg joins a growing number of localities that have made public transport fare-free:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/feb/28/luxembourg-public-transport-free-nationwide-congestion>

The City and County of Honolulu would do well to learn from other communities that have taken that path and seen a variety of benefits, including, of course, reduced traffic congestion on roads. All benefits derive from the increased ridership of rail and bus once the barrier of fares is removed.

Let me respond directly to the four questions posed in the press release about the testimony you are seeking:

- Should single ride fares increase by 25 cents? These rates would apply to both TheBus and Rail.
 - No! That would increase the barrier and decrease ridership on TheBus and have fewer people try out and stick with the Rail.
- Should a daily cap of \$7.50 be set for adult riders (ages 18-64), with a monthly cap of \$80, eliminating annual passes for this category?
 - Eliminating annual passes would be great as part of making it fare-free. That corresponds to a daily cap of zero and a monthly cap of zero. Anything higher than that presents a barrier for usage of TheBus and Rail
- Should a daily cap of \$3.75 be set for youth riders (ages 5-17, plus 18-19 if still in high school), with a monthly cap of \$40, eliminating annual passes for this category?
 - Especially for youth riders, public transit should be free. If we increased the percentage of teenagers taking TheBus and Rail to and from school and afternoon activities, many passenger car miles would be saved. My two children have been regular TheBus riders with monthly passes since middle school, taking TheBus from school to afternoon activities and back home, and enjoying freedom of independent transportation anywhere around town on weekends.
- Should a new category be created as a pilot program for qualified low-income riders? Those under 30% area median income may apply for this category.
 - Public transit should be free for people at all income levels. We want to see people of all income levels use TheBus and Rail. The revenue from fares typically covers only a fraction of the operational cost anyway. Higher income folks can pay a greater share in terms of their municipal taxes supporting the public transit operation.

In addition to those points, it should be noted that:

- 1) The cost of fare collection would be saved in a fare-free model.
- 2) More people can enter the workforce if cost of transportation no longer eats up a disproportional amount of modest paychecks.
- 3) People may just try TheBus or Rail by hopping on, and become regular riders because they see it work.
- 4) The current "must have exact change" is about the most inconvenient thing, but even electronic fare cards are not going to increase ridership just because of the convenience.

In order to reduce traffic congestion, reduce oil consumption, CO2 and other vehicle emissions, the City and County of Honolulu needs to take bold steps rather than following a "business as usual" approach. After all the years of Rail construction, we want to see it carry many passengers to their destinations rather than shuttle back and forth empty.

Please consider the points raised in your deliberations with the Commission.

Aloha,
Bjorn Marsen

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Jean Ishikawa <jjog4life@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 2:08 AM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Rate Commission

As a senior on limited income, I object to these constant changes in TheBus fares. The suggested proposal is convoluted and as usual, is confusing as one will need to keep an accounting note. Have you forgotten you live in Hawai'i nei and kuleana/pono. Consideration must be forefront on increases for TheBus which seniors rely for their transportation.

While we are on the subject of TheBus, those who make changes to the routes/schedules must ride to ensure it reflects for the riders in a timely manner.

Another thing I would like to bring up about TheBus is that too many people bring on the shopping carts which block the aisle - this is for safety purpose and must be addressed. There are too many occasions whereby one literally may fall due to these carts.

A Very Concerned Citizen of Hawai'i nei, Jean ishikawa

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Dan Diane <danddcook11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Rate Commission

Dear Commission,

I am truly sorry I cannot attend one of the meetings on the bus fare rate increase. For seniors like myself, I am not able to go out and add to my income to help pay for the big increase for annual senior passes. I'm not asking nor did I ask for the rail and I just want to get to my doctors and grocery stores since I do not have the funds to have a car. Being a senior is hard enough without having such a big increase for our transportation. I had always thought of Hawaii as a state who took care of their elders, but this increase is a lot for someone on a budget and fixed income.

Please reconsider raising the annual fee for seniors. I and so many others would appreciate it.

Diane Cook

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: barbara dinoff <hopehoapili@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: The Rate Commission

I am a senior citizen of Honolulu and use the bus exclusively for doctor's appointments, shopping, and other activities. I have watched fares steadily increase over the many years I've used The Bus. While it isn't perfect, nothing is, it is my chosen mode of mobility.

Expecting seniors on fixed incomes to pay increasing bus fares is a challenge for us.

Please reconsider a more equitable distribution of The Bus fares.

Barbara Dinoff
Waikiki

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: sharewestr@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Please read re bus pass

I am a senior citizen I pay my annual bus fare yearly. Your raise for our yearly bus pass is absurd.

My home phone number is 808-200-4237 I would appreciate having some one call me and acknowledge receipt of this email!

Fortunately I can afford the increase. However, there are many who cannot.

My proposal is as follows:Keep in mind we are trading our seniors income for higher living costs due to increase in minimum wage When the minimum goes up so does the price of goods for people on fixed incomes. SSI gave us an increase last year but we went for two years without an increase. My increase did not cover the increase in medications that I take; one pill and three types of eye drops daily.,The cost of fast food or groceries went up. I ended up in a hole.my supplemental health insurance went up, my supplemental prescription insurance went up. people seem to forget the older you get the more expensive things get as we have more ills that have to be taken care of and in my case I made wise choices when I was younger and at this point in time can keep my head above water

1. Tourists - We have many visitors who com here every year and the seniors are charged ths same as our Ohana That is absurd!

The tourists should be charged a flat fee of \$35 - \$45 a month as a non-resident.Or it could even be a special three month rate of \$95 - \$100 or something similar. If a man standing at the Pali can charge for rental parked cars a fee.then we can charge an additional fee for visitors who buy a bus pass. This charge would take pressure off our Ohana and help to fill our city coffers. Its entirely up to you to come up with a charge for the tourists

A. All elderly must have proof of where they live in order to get a senior pass at the lower rate need only show proof the first time they apply for a senior pass The renewals can be taken care of by mail to their Hawaii address in the same way we are doing it now. The return address will state to return to sender do not forward..

I must apologize for the larger font but my eyesight is acting up now and I did try to read my note to you and ask for your consideration regarding the bus increase in rates.

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Harlan Sheppard <harlan.117@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Attention: Rate Commission

Aloha,

I saw a posting at the Middle Street Bus Pass Office regarding the proposed increase.

Supporting our local bus system is important, and I'm happy to bear the cost of a rate increase. I could care less about rail interoperability, as OTS provides me with a better service than HART ever will.

Increasing the size of the low income pilot would be advantageous. Two thousand seems on the low side, given the size of the community that stands to benefit.

Thank you,
Harlan Kanoa N Sheppard

Chee, Howard (Puni)

From: Sasha Springer Asato <springerasato@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Chee, Howard (Puni)
Subject: Bus Rate Increase Testimony
Attachments: Bus Price Increase.docx

Honolulu Rate Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

Please read the attachment and accept this as my testimony to the Bus Rate Increase.

Respectfully, I am,

Sasha Springer Asato
25 Aulike Street, Apt. 201
Kailua, Hawai`i 96734

Honolulu Rate Commission

RE: Bus Fare Increase

I am a 74 year old woman living in a Senior Independent Living apartment in the heart of Kailua.

The bus is the only means of transportation, not only for me, but for many of my neighbors in this 81 unit apartment building. Many of us live in this subsidized housing because it is all we can afford and many of us subsist on a fixed income.

Your proposal to increase the annual cost of the Senior Bus Pass may seem insignificant to most of you and especially to James Burke with regard to his comment "...that this is [just] a teenage step". However, to most of us, this puts an additional strain on our limited resources.

Until recently I subsisted on less than \$900 a month. That is a fact that many of us seniors have to cope with. We rely on shopping at places that give senior discounts; we apply for food stamps; some of us qualify for electrical credits; many of us curtail our visits to doctors because of the cost of co-pay. This is our reality. The cost of owning a car is financially prohibitive and absolutely out of the realm of balancing a budget. Many seniors are working longer, if we're able, just to make ends meet.

The increasing numbers of seniors requiring the bus for transporting us to do our business or just take a ride to get out of the house, the bus is a lifeline.

I understand the need to raise the cost of bus passes. Do we really need newer buses? Do we really need to subsidize the cost of the rail project? Many of us will never see or use the rail in our life.

I oppose the proposed increase. I will attend the Kailua town meeting on March 5th.

Respectfully, I am,

Sasha Springer Asato

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March 3, 2020

Honolulu Rate Commission
City and County of Honolulu

Re: Proposed Bus Fare Increase

Dear Honolulu Rate Commission Chair and Members of the Commission:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with nearly 145,000 members in Hawai'i. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawai'i families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawai'i wishes to submit comments on the proposed fare increases for TheBus which will be the same for a ride on the rail. In particular, we are focused on the monthly and annual fares for seniors and the disabled that are being proposed. Instead of the current \$6 monthly pass, seniors will pay the regular fare until they reach a daily cap of \$3, or a monthly cap of \$20. For seniors who use TheBus often, the price increase for the annual pass is from \$35 to \$60 annually.

Transportation is the vital link that connects older adults to social activity, economic opportunity, and community services that support their independence. Without it, people are less able to remain in their homes and communities as they age. Fixed-route transportation is the backbone of public transportation. It allows people to get around by bus and, where available, rail at designated stops and specific times.

Steady and reliable funding sources are crucial to assuring the integrity of our transit systems. This is especially true for the most vulnerable Hawaii residents who can least afford to have their transit service cut or their fares hiked.

We understand the ongoing balancing act that must take place to accommodate Hawaii's transit ridership while endeavoring to meet budgetary guidelines and constraints. However, given the importance of public transportation as the lifeblood of Hawaii's economy, we respectfully suggest that the fare increases should be phased in over time to reduce the financial burden on the most vulnerable riders, and that the annual cap is held at \$60. We appreciate the consideration for those who are low income and eligible to purchase a discounted fare, although

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it doesn't provide any additional benefits to low income seniors since the monthly and annual caps still remain at \$20/monthly and \$60/annually. If the pilot program is adopted, we recommend that the City not limit the program to only 2,000 riders, and also a major public awareness campaign should be included to inform the public of this reduced fare option.

AARP appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this critical matter. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Craig Gima, AARP Hawai'i Communications Director at CGima@aarp.org or 808-545-6006.

Respectfully,



Keali'i Lopez
State Director
AARP Hawai'i

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members, including nearly 145,000 in Hawaii, and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation's largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARPHawaii, @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

February 27, 2020

RATE COMMISSION
c/o Howard "Puni" Chee
Department of Transportation Services
(c/c of Honolulu)
650 So King St 2ND FLOOR
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr Chee

I READ with dread and consternation about the proposed New fare structure for SENIORS.

I am sure that at least half or more Seniors, (myself including), do not fully UNDERSTAND your "CAP" - let alone calculate the amt, even with the Holo Holo CARD.

I am in favor of simply RAISING the annual Senior fare by \$20 to \$55 to \$60, rather than placing a "CAP".

At my age (83), I pay property taxes as well as a lot of taxes on the goods I purchase.

I ride the bus, sometimes a short way, because I have medical issues with my legs - so I will struggle to walk even a short way.

I am not considered "disabled" and with a "CAP" on rides it will be a struggle to visit my friend 3 stops away.

Please reconsider the Bus fare structure AND the "CAP".

The meetings are all in the evenings and most of us do NOT "venture" out at night. THE BUS HELPS ME GET AROUND. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT HARDER. THANK YOU. Nanci Billings.