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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING BILL 10: RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED  
DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Individual Testimony of  
Audrey Suga-Nakagawa  
Staff Member,  
AARP Hawaii

AARP Hawaii is in support of Bill 10, Relating to Transit Oriented Development (TOD) which provides an excellent opportunity to enhance the neighborhoods and mobility of our communities along the transit route. AARP Hawaii represents a statewide membership of 156,000 adults over the age of 50 and strongly emphasizes the importance of community-based planning and input to address the unique characteristics, resources and needs of the surrounding vicinity of each transit station. Recognizing that a cookie cutter approach does not work, there is a greater chance for successful public support if the communities can be involved in the early planning and design stages of the development and redevelopment projects that will reflect their needs and priorities. The Waipahu community, for example, has been very successful up to now of having an inclusive public process relating to TOD. We hope to see this process continued at the same level for each station area.

In review of Bill 10, it incorporates the requirements that AARP Hawaii supports especially with design provisions that ensure safe, accessible

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and convenient travel by users of all ages and abilities which include pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles/buses and users, and motorists. Encouraging a balanced mixed land use of affordable housing for a wide range of incomes, community hubs, commerce space, open space, walkable and accessible streets are all important elements in building liveable and healthy communities for an aging society.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in Support of Bill 10.