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The City and County of Honolulu is about to begin the most expensive capital improvement project in its history. The rapid transit system is important to the future of our City. It is imperative that our community obtain the **most cost effective** and **flexible** system that **encourages** the continued **prosperity** and **growth of our neighborhoods**.

Recently, **reports** in the media and **information** from Kamehameha Schools, the EPA, and American Institute of Architects have **raised questions about the cost and impact** of the Administration's **elevated "hot" rail** system. So far the **Administration has not answered the questions** being raised. Our communities deserve answers.

Please **postpone** approving **Project Number 2007005** and other expenditures for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project contained in Capital Budget **Bill #16** until the Administration has openly and informatively discussed the questions raised.

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