CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE _____

BILL **56 (2019), CD1**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO BUS PASSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Department of Transportation Services to establish a pilot program, subject to available appropriation or other non-City subsidy, to provide pre-paid bus passes for high school students enrolled at participating high schools to attend off-campus or after-school internships.

SECTION 2. Section 13-1.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Definitions"), is amended by adding new definitions of "Internship," "Student," and "Student bus pass" to read as follows:

""Internship" means a college career opportunity or after-school educational program approved for student participation by the principal of the student's high school.

"Student" means a person who attends a public high school in the City.

"Student bus pass" means a card, including a smart card, ticket, or similar document, distributed as approved by the department that entitles a student holding the pass to ride on the city transit bus system for the duration specified on the pass."

SECTION 3. Chapter 13, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Island Wide Fare Structure"), is amended by adding a new section to be designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"Sec. 13-2.__ Student bus pass pilot program.

(a) Establishment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the department is authorized to establish a pilot program to provide bus passes for students enrolled at participating high schools to attend off-campus or after-school internships. For purposes of this section, "participating high school" means Kapolei High School or James Campbell High School; provided the principal or administrator of the high school agrees with the director to participate in the pilot program. Under the pilot program, the department shall issue student bus passes entitling the student pass holder to bus rides, valid during the school year for which the pass is issued. The program shall be open to no more than 500 students meeting the eligibility criteria set forth in this section.

(b) Program eligibility. A student enrolled at a participating high school may participate in the pilot program provided the department approves the student's completed application submitted to the department in accordance with criteria established by the department in conjunction with the principals of the participating high schools. The department shall approve only applications submitted by or on behalf of the first 500 applicants meeting the eligibility criteria of this subsection.

(c) Application. Student bus pass applications may be submitted to the department by any of the following:

(1) A parent, guardian, or other person legally responsible for a student enrolled at a participating high school on behalf of the student;

(2) The principal or administrator of a participating high school on behalf of all eligible students named on the application who are enrolled in the school on the date of the application; or

(3) A student enrolled at a participating high school; provided that:

(A) If the application is approved by the department, the student bus pass is only used by the student who submits the application; and

(B) The student who submits the application presents evidence of eligibility in accordance with this section.

(d) Duration. The pilot program will commence on August 4, 2020 for the participating high schools and terminate on August 3, 2021; provided that the pilot program may be:

(1) Modified no more than two times; or

(2) Extended for an additional year no more than two times,

by the council's adoption of a resolution, following the council's review of the department's reports and recommendations submitted pursuant to subsection (e).

(e) Reports. For each year of the pilot program, the department shall submit two reports on the program to the Council: the first, no later than February 4 of the year following the commencement of the program year; and the second, no later

than 60 days following the scheduled end of the program year. Each report must include, at a minimum:

(1) A discussion of the benefits, if any, gained from the program, including a voluntary survey of teachers whose students used the passes to access off-campus or after-school internships, including for each internship: the program type, the date, and the number of the teacher's students using the pass for the program;

(2) An analysis of the method of implementation of the student bus pass pilot program, the cost of the program, and the number of student bus passes issued and used during the pilot program;

(3) An assessment and evaluation of the overall status or success of the program, and identification of the criteria used to measure success, including but not limited to, increased participation by students in off-campus and after-school internships; and

(4) Recommendations on whether to continue, modify, or discontinue the student bus pass pilot program."

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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval and will be repealed on June 30, 2023, provided that if any pilot program implemented in accordance with this ordinance is on-going on June 30, 2023, the ordinance is repealed on the day following the completion of the pilot program.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ron Menor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 10, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

City and County of Honolulu