

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1141
Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2021
RE: H.C.R. No. 126

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 126 entitled:
"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH A STATE TOD INVESTMENTS TASK FORCE TO PRIORITIZE NEAR-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING WITHIN PRIORITY TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AREAS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-oriented Development establish a State Transit-Oriented Investments Task Force to prioritize near-term infrastructure projects for funding within priority transit-oriented development areas.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, and Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

Your Committees find that transit-oriented development promotes a development pattern that supports quality of life, preserves the natural environment, provides a range of housing choices for residents, and encourages various forms of environmentally friendly modes of transportation. Your Committees further find that the Office of Planning has identified the infrastructure facility needs and costs in three transit-oriented development priority areas, which play a pivotal role in providing the people of Hawaii access to affordable housing. Your Committees believe that the State needs to determine priorities for the funding and timing of needed infrastructure investments and develop a financing plan to be used to offset the cost of state investment in infrastructure projects. This measure will allow the State to make informed decisions regarding transit-oriented development zones and priorities in funding by establishing a task force to provide recommendations regarding a comprehensive transit-oriented development financing plan.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 126 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on
Transportation and Housing,

NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair

HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair