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CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSES COUNCILMAN TOM BERG'S RESOLUTIONS TO RESTORE BUS CUTS

Two resolutions, 12-173 and 12-177, introduced by Councilman Tom Berg to restore city bus service without raising fares passed the full City Council unanimously today, after outcries from the bus riding community when bus cuts caused dramatic impact on public transit commuter quality of life and ability to travel reasonably and comfortably. Resolution 12-173 restores bus service 12-177 suspends farebox requirements to allow eliminated bus routes to be reinstated without raising fares. Both resolutions were heard today and passed the full City Council unanimously.

Councilman Berg was the only Councilmember to vote against the bus cuts. Overcrowded buses, delayed arrivals, decreased frequency, further away bus stops, the elderly being forced to stand for long rides and cut routes altogether with no viable alternatives have been among the complaints of Honolulu bus riders.

Councilman Tom Berg says, "These bus cuts have indeed triggered a crisis. Buses are now driving by folks waiting at bus stops because the buses are full-packed like sardines and cannot handle one more passenger. Bus patrons are waiting longer too to be picked up and coupled with routes being cut, the once reliable bus ride experience has turned into a dreadful ordeal. Thank goodness all councilmembers supported the plea to support bus services and took heed to the calling to stop all cuts, and restore what has been lost."

[Resolution 12-173](#)

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