



RESOLUTION

SUSPENDING THE FAREBOX RECOVERY POLICY ON FUNDING THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE CITY BUS SYSTEM FOR FY 2013.

WHEREAS, the public transit system of the City and County of Honolulu is comprised of the bus system which provides regularly scheduled, fixed route service and the special transit service which provides paratransit services for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City bus system benefits residents and visitors alike by increasing public mobility, lessening traffic congestion by diverting people from cars, reducing emissions and pollutants associated with vehicular travel, and decreasing the demand for limited on- and off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, as an essential municipal service, the City bus system is heavily patronized as evidenced by the following statistics reported by the Department of Transportation Services: actual passenger boardings of 70.5 million in fiscal year 2011, 71.2 million in fiscal year 2010 and projected ridership of 71.9 million in fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 00-29, the fare box recovery ratio, which is the ratio of bus fare revenues to operating cost, was established to be not less than 27 percent and not more than 33 percent; and

WHEREAS, because of the uncertainty of the status of continuing federal subsidies for the bus system and the increasing costs of providing bus services, including rising fuel and labor costs, the Council finds that it is necessary to temporarily suspend the fare box recovery ratio; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the farebox recovery policy relating to funding the annual operating cost of the City bus system, excluding special transit service and debt service, as established by Resolution 00-29, CD1, is hereby suspended for FY 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Department of Transportation Services to use this policy suspension period to restore and maintain the current level of bus services provided to riders prior to the June 3, 2012 service changes; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall sunset on July 1, 2013 and that the farebox recovery policy provided in Resolution 00-29, CD1 shall be restored in effect on July 1, 2013; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Transportation Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers