



RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO LIMIT PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY TO ONE POSITION WITHIN HART AND TO TERMINATE ALL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 17-103, of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu ("RCH") provides certain powers, duties, and functions of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART"), including the power to "make and execute contracts, project labor agreements and other instruments requiring execution by the authority on such terms as the authority may deem necessary and convenient or desirable with any person or entity in the execution and performance of its powers, duties and functions."; and

WHEREAS, according to information provided by HART to the Honolulu City Council in Dept. Com. 405, 2012, HART lists five employees dedicated to public relations and involvement, at a cost of approximately \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, according to Dept. Com. 405, 2012, HART has also contracted with two major contractors to provide public involvement services, at a cost of approximately \$3,275,000, in addition to the public relations services provided internally by HART employees; and

WHEREAS, some spending by contractors for public relations and public involvement related to the rail project is considered proprietary information and not included in totals provided by HART to the Council, thus increasing further the total spending for public relations and public involvement to an unknown amount; and

WHEREAS, the Council is concerned that HART's public relations and public involvement spending is unnecessary and excessive in accomplishing its mission to develop, operate, maintain and expand the city fixed guideway system, as authorized in Article XVII, Section 17-103, RCH; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that a more limited role for public relations and public involvement by HART, both in-house as well as through contractors, is more appropriate to the mission of HART; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to limit its public relations and public involvement services to one position within HART; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to terminate all contracts for public relations and public involvement services and to amend any contracts which include various services to remove any requirements for public relations and public involvement services; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and the Chair of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers