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**HART STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL FUNDING  
FOR HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT**

HART executive director and CEO Daniel Grabauskas issued the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations' approval of a transportation funding bill that includes federal funds for the Honolulu rail transit project.

"We are pleased to see that Honolulu is included in this early stage of the appropriations process. It's important to note that while the House funding level is not the same as the Senate bill or the President's request, all of the New Start transit projects with full funding grant agreements were fully funded. We are confident that as we move forward with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on signing a full funding grant agreement later this year, Sen. Dan Inouye and our entire congressional delegation will work to increase the final level of funding for Honolulu and keep the project moving forward so that we can provide Oahu residents with much-needed relief from what is now the worst traffic congestion in the country."

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