



Robert A. Alm
Senior Vice President
Public Affairs

December 6, 2006

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Honolulu City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Re: Testimony on Bill 79
December 7, 2006

The Hawaiian Electric Company supports the development of mass transit for Oahu.

We believe traffic is a major issue on Oahu, for both our employees in their personal capacities and as they perform their jobs. Action needs to be taken and we appreciate the leadership of the Mayor and the City Council and endorse your collective efforts to solve this problem.

We do know that this system will need power and we have been in consultation with the City about the power this system will need. It is our responsibility to serve load that is presented to us, that is in fact a core part of our "obligation to serve" under our governing laws. We appreciate the early and continuing consultation so that we can meet this load as it occurs, and we will meet it.

Again, we appreciate the city's leadership in the mass transit arena. We urge favorable consideration of this measure.

Mahalo a nui loa.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Alm
Senior Vice President

WINNER OF THE EDISON AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

