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February 2, 2009

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English:

Subject: SB 711, Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services opposes Senate Bill No. 711, which would allow for the operation of larger articulated buses used for public transit purposes on public roadways.

We feel that operating triple articulated buses in the City and County of Honolulu is not appropriate for the following reasons:

- Eighty-foot (80') vehicles would require that many bus stop areas would need to be increased by about 90 feet.
- There is limited curb space to allow for boarding and alighting.
- New bus facilities must be developed to properly service an 80-foot vehicle.

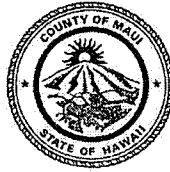
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,

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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB711 - Allows for operation of larger articulated buses used for public transit purposes on public roadways.

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

In support of SB711, which will allow larger articulated buses in Hawaii for public transit.

The MAUI BUS is in its third year of service on the Island of Maui. Each year more and more folks choose the MAUI BUS as an option to driving a car. Last fiscal year the MAUI BUS logged a 68% increase in ridership. This fiscal year the trend continues with a 48% increase in ridership. The larger high capacity buses we put into service to address the high passenger utilization are now at capacity. This means passengers must stand on many bus routes. Soon larger buses will be needed to address the popularity of the MAUI BUS service. For this reason larger articulated buses that can hold up to 150 people will be needed to address our growing demand for service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Don Medeiros,
Director



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**TESTIMONY OF MURRAY TOWILL
PRESIDENT
HAWAII HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION**

February 4, 2009

RE: SB 711 Relating to Transportation

Good afternoon Chairman English and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. I am Murray Towill, President of the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association.

The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms and individuals. Our membership includes over 170 hotels representing over 47,300 rooms. Our hotel members range from the 2,523 rooms of the Hilton Hawaiian Village to the 4 rooms of the Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast on the Big Island.

The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association supports SB 711 Relating to Transportation. This bill will allow larger articulated buses to be used by public transit agencies. The larger buses provide the opportunity to move up to 150 people at a time. This option would help to relieve traffic as we await the completion of Honolulu's rapid transit system. We understand the proposed buses meet all Federal requirements and actually have a smaller turning radius than the articulated buses currently in use.

We urge you to support this measure. Mahalo again for the opportunity to testify.



February 2, 2009

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON SB 711 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you Chair Enlish and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) which has 380 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association can support this measure. It will rest upon the expertise of each counties' respective transit agencies to determine where this type of transit vehicle can be best utilized.

Thank you.