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Honorable Joey Manahan  
 City & County of Honolulu  
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Councilmember Manahan,

I received a copy of a letter dated January 18, 2018, from City Auditor Edwin Young to Mr. Andrew Robbins, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, announcing his plans to conduct a performance audit per the adoption of Resolution 17-199, CD1.

At the September 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, I introduced a Floor Draft 1 which inserted language to support the initiation of an independent forensic audit by HART to ensure proper and legal use of taxpayer's dollars for the rail project. The Floor Draft was not considered as you felt inserting language for a forensic audit was not appropriate at that time.

I am following up on your statement that a resolution would be introduced to conduct a forensic audit of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). As the City Auditor moves forward with his performance audit and we will soon be deliberating on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget, I would like to see the Council follow through with moving forward with a forensic audit. I support all efforts, including the funding of a forensic audit, if deemed necessary.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Trevor Ozawa  
 Councilmember  
 District 4