

TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS AUGUST 24, 2021 MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 12:

Request for authorization to settle a claim made by Daniel Grabauskas against the City and County of Honolulu for prior legal expenses incurred in matters relating to the federal investigation of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project

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TO: Members of the Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Tuesday, August 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Executive Session items 12 and 13, Request to settle claim made by Daniel Grabauskas and Resolution to Retain Legal Services of Goodwin Procter LLP related to federal investigation of Rail - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Tupola and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Executive Session items 12 and 13 both of which deal with Dan Grabauskas and legal fees related to the federal investigation of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. *I am testifying in my individual capacity.*

It appears taxpayers are being asked to fund Dan Grabauskas' prior legal fees and also retain legal counsel for him related to the federal investigation of rail. **He should not receive any assistance from taxpayers.**