

Bill 37 (2021) Testimony

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Association of Apartment Owners
999 Wilder Avenue

November 3, 2021

To: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology
Honolulu City Council

From: Sigrid Southworth, President, AOA Board of Directors, 999 Wilder Avenue
Ted Sakai, Chair, Safety Committee, AOA of 999 Wilder Avenue

Subject: Bill 37 (2021) Relating to Fire Safety

The Association of Apartment Owners (AOAO) of 999 Wilder Avenue fully supports Bill 37 (2021). 999 Wilder owners have voted unanimously to install an automatic sprinkler system throughout the building. We are about to enter the planning stage for this project, but have been struggling with properly planning for it because of what we believe to be artificial deadlines established in the Ordinance. The sprinklers will be expensive and, if not done properly, will have a lasting negative visual impact on our homes. Moreover, we are trying to fit this expensive project into other necessary maintenance issues that we must address.

We especially appreciate the provision that deletes the requirement to obtain a building permit within three years from the date of notifying the AHJ of our option to install a building-wide automatic fire sprinkler system. We also support the provision that would amend the deadlines for installation from May 2031 to May 2033. These two provisions will give us the time and flexibility we need to more thoughtfully plan, design and finance the automatic fire sprinkler systems.

The current ordinance contains an artificial timeline that makes little sense. That is, under the current ordinance, we must obtain a building permit three years from the date we notify the AHJ that we will install sprinklers. Under this scheme, a building opting to install sprinklers will have to obtain the building permit by May 2025. The building permit is good for only 180 days, which mean that we will have to finance and start construction prior to November 2025. However, we will not need to complete construction until May 2031. We will not need five and a half years for construction.

999 Wilder understands the importance of fire safety, not only for our residents, staff and visitors, but also for firefighters should we ever have a fire in our building. We are committed to making our homes as fire safe as possible. Bill 37 will help assure that we can properly plan and finance the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the building.

Thank you very much.

Ted Sakai, Chair
Safety Committee, 999 Wilder Avenue

Sigrid Southworth, President
For the AOA Board

999 Wilder Avenue
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To: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair and Committee Members
Re: Bill 37, Testimony in support of bill.

Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee,

The Board of Directors strongly approve the passage of Bill 37. We need the flexibility of meeting compliance deadlines.

We have had extreme difficulty in:

1. During the Pandemic in getting information to start our bid process and as the Pandemic continues going on, it looks like we will continue to have problems finding and getting information.
2. Finding bidders for Sprinkler Systems and Fire alarm systems. Just not enough companies in Hawaii.
 - a. They make appointments then cancel. This goes on and on...
 - b. Can't get enough bids to present to Board, let alone the owners.
3. LSE, haven't been able to find contractors.
 - a. Consultants to do the interpretation of what is needed to build, cost out, and pass the LSE.
 - b. The Board hasn't found contractors that can do a turn key for the LSE or give a cost estimate, we are not consultants and contractors.
4. There now is a major supply issue and we are not sure how long this will go on with regards to the LSE. Example, we can't get paint to paint the outside of the building until estimated late February 2022. This was scheduled for June 2021.
5. We can't begin to work on financing until the costs and time lines are available. But we expect prices to be very high due to shortages of products and companies to do the work. Our owners are quite concerned and worry if they will be able to afford the mandated compliance.

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The Board strongly supports Bill 37 to get flexibility of meeting compliance, to get clarity from professional on the design requirements and a workable plan that is not rushed into a bad design and financial decisions because of a mandatory deadlines.

1. It will give us time to:

a. Get bids for the Sprinkler and or LSE to present to our owners,

b. Get past the Pandemic,

c. Get past the shortages in supplies,

d. Set time line to start to line up financing and or major maintenance fee increases for our owners. For us these are multi-million dollar decisions that impact all owners for years to come and most importantly can they afford the mandate for sprinklers/LSE.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony for Bill 37.

Aloha,

Eric B Johnson, President Contessa AOA

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AOAO Makiki Manor

1130 Wilder Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96822

Written Testimony

To: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology
Honolulu City Council

From: Carol Ohmura Steitzer, President AOAO Board of Directors
Makiki Manor 1130 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822

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Meeting Date: 11/3/2021

Agenda Item: Bill 37 (2021) Proposed CD1 Amendments A. ~ G.

Position: Fully Support

The AOAO Board of Directors at Makiki Manor, 1130 Wilder Avenue is fully supportive of the proposed amendments to Bill 37.

Brief description: Makiki Manor, built in 1969. Located between Piikoi and Pensacola Street off Wilder Avenue.

The building is entirely concrete, is 20 stories high with two units per floor (equivalent to 38 units) and is equipped with two upgraded elevators.

The corridor between each front door is approximately 10 feet. Each unit has an open lanai across the entire unit (diamond head side) and another lanai on each side (mauka and makai). There is one egress that is accessible from the diamond head lanai. There is an upgraded smoke detector in the common areas of the building and has a working alarm system that is serviced and inspected by the Fire Department every year. There is a fire extinguisher and fire hose on every floor. All fire exit doors have door closers. Every unit has smoke detectors that are to be maintained every year and the low mobility resident contact list is updated every 6 months by our resident manager. The vertical waste pipes are going to be replaced in 2022 which includes sealing all vertical openings in the building.

The majority owners of Makiki Manor have voted to opt-out of the installation for fire sprinklers and decided to comply with the Fire and Life Safety Evaluation (FLSE). The Board of Directors secured an engineer to perform the FLSE of the building in 2019. According to their recommendations, to receive a passing score for the matrix, the Board was told to upgrade the fire alarm system as well as install a diesel generator to operate the elevators IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE, for the fire men to reach two floors below the fire. As it is my fiducial duty as President of the AOAO to fully understand the meaning of this, I contacted the fire department and asked whether we would need to upgrade our fire alarm system. I was told "No" if it is in good working condition and is inspected every year. I then contacted the elevator company and asked them if the elevators are operable in a case of a fire, and they told me "No" as it is against the elevator code. I am especially concerned with this recommendation because IF a fireman gets stuck in the elevator and passes away from the fire or smoke, who is responsible for this?

We strongly ask the Committee and the Fire Department to re-evaluate the point system of the matrix in order to pass the FLSE. All buildings are different, and one matrix fits all is very unreasonable which is why the engineers are proposing unreasonable recommendations to score points. It is not whether the building is safe, it is more geared toward points. We also feel we are at the mercy of the engineer, who has the power to give passing scores for the FLSE and not the Fire Department or the City.

Fire Safety measures are extremely important, which we respect and will certainly proactively comply, but these extreme measures are very costly and were never budgeted or accounted for in the reserve studies. They are certainly a great burden, especially for our kupuna. If the City Council and the Fire Department mandate these measures, then a monetary subsidy may be a better resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Carol Ohmura Steitzer
President, AOAO Board of Directors
Makiki Manor

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Testimony on City Council Bill 37

Support for Extending Requirements for Fire Safety

Thomas Sheeran
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November 3, 2021

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Tom Sheeran and I live at the Contessa high-rise in Mo'ili'ili.

While I oppose the effort to require mandatory installation of sprinklers in all high-rise buildings in Honolulu, I am in support of extending the time requirements as proposed by Councilmember Fukunaga.

The expense of installing sprinkler systems in older buildings is very high, and for many owners who live on limited incomes, prohibitive. The estimate for our 38-story building now ranges from \$25,000 to \$30,000, per unit. As someone who lives on Social Security, I know we would be very hard pressed to pay this, even with low-interest loans or tax credits. **Many elderly owners would be forced to sell and with limited affordable housing available, be at risk of homelessness.** I know several elderly owners in our building who have told me they will be in exactly this situation should we be faced with the mandatory sprinkler requirement.

Additionally, with so many buildings facing these requirements, there are not enough qualified construction companies to fulfill the need. Add the labor shortage and materials shortages and the requirements become completely unrealistic.

I urge City Council to extend the existing time requirements, but would prefer the requirements be eliminated.

Mahalo,

Tom Sheeran

Resident Owner
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Hi Councilmember Fukunaga and Jane,

Thank you again for answering my questions and for the additional information regarding the fire safety law. I want to share additional requests and comments:

1. Draft Bill with Fire-Proofing Options/Revisit Fire Safety Evaluation Rubric

Yes, please draft a bill to allow fire-proofing options to be included in the fire safety evaluation rubric.

As a condo owner, I would much rather spend money on those measures that would be effective in preventing fires (without breaking the bank). It's unclear why these alternative are not included in the rubric now. The rubric should include additional points for condos and condo units that have and/or apply fire prevention methods/devices. For example, my homeowners insurance gives me points (or credit on my insurance bill) for installing fire alarms in my unit. Devices that can automatically shut-off kitchen appliances (cost <\$500) and/or monitor and send alerts via remote cameras and alarms are much more cost-effective. It doesn't make sense to spend money on ineffective measures, like the fire-resistant doors in a unventilated room that do little to protect against fires, in order to have the building insured. FYI, we were told it would cost at least \$30,000 to install 17 fire-resistant doors. This is not so bad in comparison to the millions that other condos need to pay for fire safety. However, this is on top of a \$3M special assessment for the next 15 years, which amount does not include the cost of additional fire safety measures and other major infrastructural improvements (elevators, pipes).

2. Exempt Laundry Rooms with Small Numbers of Dryers and/or Without Ventilation

To avoid fire hazards, please exempt laundry rooms without windows or ventilation and/or with less than x number of dryers from the installation of fire-resistant doors.

3. Need to Balance Risk

Fire safety got a lot of press due to the lives lost in the Marco Polo fire. Elevators also fail and result in loss of life and limb. Older buildings have an old jack that doesn't prevent free fall. Why isn't there a bill/law calling for the urgent installation of safer jacks for such older elevators in condos? Is it because accidents resulting from defective elevators are not reported? Or, it it because we have so few elevator inspectors in comparison to the many firefighters who also have

powerful insurance companies supporting them? FYI, when our elevator failed elevator inspections, the insurance company continued to take our money and insured the building. It was a non-issue.

Fire safety is only one of a handful of terrible disasters that low- or high-rise condo owners face. Older condos have other expensive repairs that are equally life-threatening: elevator replacements, rusty and broken building railings, replace harmful contaminants in extensive leaky pipes, and various structural improvements unique to each condo that we don't know about (e.g., for Kaimuki Jade, the wall-to-wall jalousie windows can be deadly during storms).

What will happen to older buildings when they need to have their elevators fixed, their extensive pipe system replaced, weak concrete floors stabilized, rusty/broken railings replaced, and other improvements unique to a condo? Condo associations won't be able to fix them because they have to pay for the fire safety requirements or risk being uninsured.

There must be a balance of risks given the scarce resources and unique situations (different building designs) of older condos.

4. No Equity in the Fire Safety Law

If the fire safety law is going to stand on the side of the insurance companies, then lawmakers need to be cognizant of the significant impact that this law has on particular segments of society (low-income, elderly, etc.). The fire safety rubric on which the fate of older condos is evaluated and determined (highrises that do not pass will not be insured) needs to justify every indicator that is used to determine the pass/no-pass fire safety evaluation score. More options (see #1 above) should be included in this rubric so condo associations have a greater chance of passing and insuring given the characteristics of their buildings and residents.

Adding a second or third multi-million dollar special assessment to meet only fire safety concerns will bankrupt elderly or low-income owners or renters. These groups are the very people who need advocates and will be shortchanged if the fire safety law is not revised (or repealed).

In conclusion, the fire safety law in its current form is not sustainable. Unfortunately, it empowers insurance companies to hold owners of older condos hostage to pay for fire safety measures that might not be as imminent as other building elements that require more urgent action. *This decision to prioritize and address risks should be left to condo associations who are more informed about the challenges and needs of their buildings and the people who live in them.* In practice, building and/or fire inspectors could conduct random inspections, like elevator inspections, of elements (lint in dryers, lint in laundry rooms, etc.) to ensure that condo associations are actively fire-proofing their buildings based on a fire safety evaluation rubric with more options.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my thoughts and to engage in an open dialogue about these difficult decisions. I appreciate both of your work and contribution. You have permission to share my comments.

Aloha.
Elaine

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Dear Honorable Councilmember Chair Waters and Councilmembers Cordero, Elefante, Fukunaga, Kia'aina, Say, Tsuneyoshi, Tulba, and Tupola:

I am writing in regards to the fire safety law adopted by the Honolulu City Council in response to the Marco Polo fire. This is in no way a disregard to the Marco Polo fire and the lives that were lost. The critical question here is whether the fire protection requirements of the law are fair to all building associations given the differences in building design and the disproportionate resources available to owners of condominium associations. Are we discriminating against older and lower income owners whose buildings might not require the extensive fire safety protections prescribed in the law due to the individual designs of high-rise buildings? For example, the Kaimuki Jade building (1139 8th Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816) is a high-rise with 17 floors, which was constructed with noncombustible materials (concrete and concrete masonry units) built in 1967. The Kaimuki Jade was designed with a unique concept, with an open donut-shaped atrium at the center of the building and with continuous (circular) balconies that open to the sky on each floor. The open center/atrium of the building allows open access to exits and stairways to/from the individual units on each floor. The balconies are connected to two sets of exit stairs: 1) stairs located next to the laundry rooms and 2) a separate stairway situated opposite the elevators for emergencies.

The common laundry room in Kaimuki Jade contains only one washer and one dryer, some storage lockers, and a trash chute to the trash room at the ground floor. The fire safety evaluation stated that we have to spend so many thousands of dollars to install fire-resistant doors to the laundry rooms on each floor. What is the likelihood of a single electric dryer catching fire? Very low, or about an average of 15,000 fires ANNUALLY across the entire United States, according to statistics provided by the National Fire Protection Association. I understand that Kaimuki Jade hadn't had a fire for at least 30 years per the old timers who has lived there.

For laundry rooms with no windows or ventilation like those in the Kaimuki Jade and other similar buildings, there's a greater chance of fires when fire-resistant doors are closed and the dryer(s) is/are in use, especially when lint is collected within the laundry rooms and isn't cleaned

diligently. Without proper ventilation, there will be residents who will prop the fire-resistant doors open when the dryer(s) are running due to the heat. If so, then why spend so much money on the fire-resistant doors when they will do more harm closed or propped open, which defeats the purpose of installing these expensive enclosures? Currently, the laundry room doors have been completely removed. How about requiring condo buildings to keep records of fireproofing dryers, such as checking electrical outlets, clearing of lint in dryers, and cleaning of vent hoses? This is no different than requiring the elevator inspector to review the safety of elevators every several years based on key safety indicators. [BTW, why aren't laundry rooms in low-rise buildings require the same fire-resistant doors as high-rise ones if laundry rooms are prone to fires?]

Wouldn't it be more effective for condo associations to optimize and use technology that can monitor, alert, and disable kitchen appliances, which are the primary cause of over 50% of all fires in residential buildings (based on U.S. Fire Administration statistics, refer to usfa.fema.gov<<http://usfa.fema.gov/>>)? Allowing condo associations the option to install gadgets that can disable appliances would be more effective and easier to retrofit than those very expensive and difficult ones in the current fire safety law. Condo associations that do not have as much reserves and are dealing with heavy special assessments for capital improvements are treated unfairly by not having enough resources to hire consultants to evaluate their need for a "one size fits all" fire safety law.

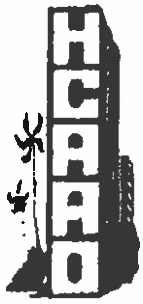
The fire safety law needs to be revisited to allow condo associations with unique and safe emergency designs to select alternate fire safety options, such as remote fire and security alarms and cameras, fire extinguishers, and gadgets to control (shut off) kitchen and other appliances for potential fires, rather than compliance with laws that are not cost-effective (or realistic?) for buildings with safety configurations (and practices) in place. The law should consider the building design, the availability of technology, and the current economic times to balance safety from fires (and other disasters) with the high cost of living and low living wages in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Elaine Lee
Owner, Kaimuki Jade

CC: Honorable Council Chair and Councilmembers of the City and County of Honolulu
Honorable Mayor Blangiardi of the City and County of Honolulu
Honorable Hawai'i State Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
Honorable Hawai'i State Representative Jackson D. Sayama



**Hawaii Council of Associations
of Apartment Owners**
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November 2, 2021

Hon. Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Infrastructure, Technology & Sustainability

Re: Testimony in Support of Bill 37 Relating to Fire Safety
Hearing: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 1 p.m., City Council Chambers

Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

I am Jane Sugimura, President of the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners (HCAAO dba HCCA).

HCCA served on the Residential Fire Safety Advisory Committee ("RFSAC") and we agree with the intent and purpose of this Bill, which amends the Ordinance

- To require the licensed professionals who conduct the LSE's to provide LSE scores to the AOA's or to cooperative housing corporations and requires the scores to be published on the AHJ's website. [Sect. 13.3.2.26.2]
- To delete the requirement for a building that has opted to install an automatic fire sprinkler throughout the building to obtain a building permit for the system within 3 years from the date of notifying the AHJ of its option [Sect. 13.3.2.26.2.2.]
- To remove the requirement that that signs be posted in the building public notification areas that there are no sprinklers in the building. [Sect. 13.3.2.26.2.3]
- To change the date for compliance with the requirement that a building must be protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system or alternative system from within 13 years of May 3, 2018 to within 15 years of May 3, 2018. [Sect. 13.3.2.26.2.6]1
- To replace the tiered compliance schedule for buildings of various heights with a general requirement that the common areas for all buildings shall be complete within 15 years from May 3, 2018. [Sect. 13.3.2.26.2]

These changes will provide relief to condominium AOA's and cooperative housing corporations that are facing many challenges in trying to comply with the Ordinance. The pandemic has resulted in delays in goods that need to be shipped to Hawaii for repairs that are required to implement repair recommendations by licensed professionals in the LSE's. It has also resulted in inflation that has increased the cost of these repairs.

We still need to get clarification on issues like "mobility" and "vertical openings" but I understand that those discussions are ongoing and we suggest the establishment of a permitted interaction group to consider revisions to the matrix, which will take more time since the changes to the matrix need to be approved by the Council and the Fire Department. AOA's and cooperative housing corporations also need financial assistance to pay for the repairs that will be required to comply with their LSE's since most of the repairs may not have been included in the current maintenance budget.

Finally, I know that the HFD has indicated that they have concerns about the extending Ordinance deadlines and that they would rather deal with extensions on a case-by-case basis. However, verbal assurances may not be appropriate in view of the challenges facing AOA's and cooperative housing corporations during this pandemic and we need statutory provisions that will provide us the extra time to complete the building repairs to comply with the Ordinance.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this very important matter.


Jane Sugimura
President

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	Please pass Bill 37 to help clarify the fire safety requirements for high-rise HOAs.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Parkland Gardens AOA

On behalf of the Board of Parkland Gardens AOA, I would like to express our strong support for Bill 37, CD1.

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Like many of the other 350 residential condo properties on Oahu subject to the mandatory fire sprinkler requirements, our Board has struggled to meet the deadlines to conduct a fire and safety evaluation and to have our association arrive at a decision to install or opt-out of the installation of a fire sprinkler system, especially under the stress and restrictions of COVID 19. While we are diligently working to comply with the City's fire safety ordinance, we would appreciate more time to not only gather more information and analyze our options, but to also implement a plan to educate our association members about the options and to work with them to reach an informed and well-considered decision regarding this important issue..

We urge you to approve Bill 37, CD 1. Mahalo

Carl Takamura, Board President

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Written Testimony I fully support this set of much-needed amendments, as a homeowner (Maunaihi Terrace, Punahou Gardens) and as a property manager (AOAO Foster Tower). Thank you for considering my support in your deliberations.
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