

Bill 37 (2021), CD1 Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Bill 37 Relating to Fire Safety
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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Written Testimony I support Bill 37 Relating to Fire Safety and the HCAA testimony submitted by Carol Fukunaga. I further request consideration of funding to assist AOAOs in funding to meet the LSE requirements, which will run into the millions for our building. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 37
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization AOA Foster Tower

Written Testimony I fully support RFSAC Bill 37 changes to the Ordinance. These changes are much needed for Hawaii's embattled condominium associations. Please consider my plea to make these changes on behalf of AOA Foster Tower, a mixed use project (141 residential units + 6 commercial tenants) in Waikiki. Mahalo nui loa.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 37
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Contessa Condominium

To: The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair and Committee members.

Re: Bill 37, Testimony in support of bill.

Chair Fukunaga and Committee Members

The Board of Directors strongly approve the passage of Bill 37. We support the
ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY AS A PERMITTED INTERACTION
GROUP

TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE SAFETY
ORDINANCES IN RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

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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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill37, CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization

Written Testimony

I am Carl Takamura, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Parkland Gardens AOAO, I wish to express our strong support for Bill 37, CD1. We feel that given the complexity of the fire safety ordinance and the difficulties caused by COVID 19, the flexibility this proposal will provide to associations like ours is urgently needed.

Thank you and please approve this bill.

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Carl Takamura, President

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill37
Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony I support the changes submitted by Jane Sigumura
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Council members:

I urge you to extend the fire sprinkler compliance deadline. Condo boards are already on notice of the issue and have a strong liability and moral incentive to act in a timely way. But you don't know each condo's situation; they may be facing more than one major repair issue with limited finances.

When you impose a mandate, you enforce demand, which tends to drive prices up. When you create a deadline that is too short, you put the power in the vendors' hands to raise prices even further, and when you do that in the middle of a historic pandemic and unprecedented global supply chain crisis, you make matters even worse.

We aren't socializing the cost of these retrofits to society at large via taxation, so don't imagine that you aren't harming some specific people.

Best regards,

Lloyd Lim
Makiki

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item RFSAC Bill 37 changes to the Ordinance
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Mauna Luan Association of Owners

Written Testimony

The Mauna Luan Condominium Association supports Bill 37. The association cannot afford a sprinkler system as this would create an undue financial burden for our owners many of whom are retired and on a fixed income and would not likely vote in favor of obtaining a loan for the project. The association cannot obtain a loan without owner approval and without a loan, associations do not have any feasible means to comply with costly sprinkler systems. The LSE and push for sprinklers is an overreach by the City into a private matter. Our residents are in need their money to pay for things like health care. Nearly all of the top ten reasons people die are health related and the fact that people are being deprived of money they need for healthcare is inexcusable. According to the Center for Disease Control the leading causes of death are heart disease, cancer, infections diseases and diabetes. Death by fire or smoke is number 102 on their list. 1 in 6 people die of heart disease and 1 in 1500 die in fires.

Depriving people of the money they need to prevent the likely causes of death is unacceptable. Please stop trying to take money from hard working condominium owners who should be allowed to make their own decisions about how their money is best spent to prolong their lives. We strongly believe the LSE is designed to fail safe buildings and it appears that the motivation may be financial and not safety.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 37 (2021), CD1 Fire Safety and CC-402 (2021)
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Kaimuki Jade AOA

Written Testimony

Committee Chair Fukunaga and Council Members....thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bill 37 and CC-402 relating to fire safety. The Board of Directors of Kaimuki Jade AOA is in support of Bill 37 and CC-402 in its original form and entirely. A large number of owners and residents living in Kaimuki Jade are well over 80 years in age and retired. Their only sources of income (savings, social security, pensions, etc.) supports their housing, medical and day to day living needs. A major \$3M spalling and painting project for the building was completed in 2019 where it was necessary to borrow funds to complete the project. We are currently in the 3rd year of a 14 year loan payback period. The monthly loan assessment payment is \$367. Although we've resolved structural issues (recall June 24, 201 Florida building collapse) , the owners are now dealing with the City's ordinance to install fire sprinklers and/or upgrade and resolve issues revealed by the FSLE. Yes, fire safety is important, but the cost to perform the upgrades "taps into" the Reserve Funds which is earmarked for long awaited elevator remodification, drain pipe replacements and electrical panel replacement projects. These components are everyday necessities. The Board believes that more can be done to come to a better resolve to fire safety rather than placing an enormous financial liability on the owners to install fire sprinklers. More emphasis should be placed in communicating, educating, inspecting and performing fire drills to help alleviate confusion during a fire emergency. It should also be noted that the water from fire sprinklers causes more damage than the fire itself. Focusing in on "fire sprinklers" as the solve all solution to compartmentalizing and controlling a fire seems archaic and counter productive. With the onset of new fire safety technology, more needs to be done to look at more affordable solutions to the standard "fire sprinkler".

Thank you again for your time and understanding.

Aloha,
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