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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jun 1, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 8

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Sunny Kidani	Email: kahilani77@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 29, 2022 @ 11:18 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a parent of soccer player who plays at the waipio soccer complex every weekend. It would be very nice to have a comfort station near fields 16, 18, 20 so we don't have to walk all the way across the park. Some grandparents can't make the walk and have to be driven to a bathroom. This sometimes causes us to miss parts of the game to have to go that far to a bathroom. Also having doors on the stalls would be nice. Thank you for your time</p>		
Name: Jennifer Yamashita	Email: aya808js@hotmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 29, 2022 @ 11:21 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>My family has been going to Waipio soccer complex for soccer games for both my son and daughter for almost 4 years. Between the two of them, we are at the soccer field some days from 7:30am until 5pm. Many of their games are up at the bigger fields now and with the nearest restroom at the next parking lot, it has been difficult to either drive to a restroom or take the whole half time and more, to make it to the restroom and get back in time. It would be greatly welcomed to have a restroom near by the dirt parking area; especially for players that have to use the restroom before a game. Please consider this as it will help all players and families who will use the park for decades to come.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		
Name: Trevor Nagamine	Email: tnagamine.nb25@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 08:06 AM
Name: Michelle Kidani	Email: senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 03:37 PM
Name: Nanci Kreidman	Email: nancik@stoptheviolence.org	Zip: 96801
Representing: Domestic Violence Action Center	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 04:53 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>the demand for supportive program services and housing is unyielding for families escaping the harm of abuse. it is a very long and twisted journey to overcome barriers, become self-sufficient and stable, heal from trauma and stay safe. our community's programs designed to assist island families seek funding from multiple sources annually. the importance of federal, state and city support cannot be overstated. The Domestic Violence Action Center is grateful to see funding included in the FY 23 budget to support community based programs.</p> <p>thank you.</p>		
Name: Mufi Hannemann	Email: mhannemann@hawaiilodging.org	Zip: 96815
Representing: Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association	Position: Support	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 06:02 PM
Name: Katherine Kamada	Email: kthrnkmd@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	May 31, 2022 @ 09:07 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dennis and Katherine Kamada 87-085 Kulaaupuni Street Waianae, Hawaii 96792 808-696-2545 or kthrnkmd@gmail.com</p> <p>Honorable Mayor Rick Blangiardi City and County of Honolulu, Council Chair, Tommy Waters Vice Chair, Esther Kiaaina Councilmember, Andrea Tupola</p> <p>RE: Testimony in Support of FY2023 Proposed Capital Budget Bill 15 (2022), Facilities Maintenance, 2019151, Sustainable and Resilient Improvements through Drainage for Kulaaupuni Street, Ma'ili, Waianae</p> <p>Dear Honorable Mayor Blangiardi, CCH Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Esther Kiaaina and Councilmember Andrea Tupola,</p> <p>We, the residents of 87-016 through 87-085 Kulaaupuni Street, thank you for including us in the FY2023 City Budget for \$100,000 as announced during the May 17, 2022 Nanakuli Ma'ili Neighborhood Board meeting by Lei Llanos. We understand that funds have been budgeted for the planning and designing of drainage and landscape improvements.</p> <p>Thank you, especially to Councilmember Tupola who twice visited our neighborhood first to assess the situation and then came with officials from the Department of Facilities and Maintenance and others for their input in seeking steps to be taken to resolve the lack of drainage.</p> <p>Next year, hopefully, the planning and designing of the drainage for our street will be budgeted for fruition of the much needed drainage which our neighborhood petitioned for following unprecedented flooding in early December 2021 and early January 2022. Unprecedented flooding occurred because the natural flow of flood water was impeded by the development of an apartment complex.</p> <p>Residents were impaired by the flooding and could not go to work or medical appointments or suffered property damage. Government services such as mail delivery or trash pickup were nearly interrupted due to the flooding and comments were made by these service providers about the depth of the flooding on this Ma'ilili Stream end of Kulaaupuni Street. Rented pumps helped to alleviate the situation, however, where to pump the water was an issue as there were no drainage outlets.</p> <p>Again, thank you for including the Ma'ilili Stream end of Kulaaupuni Street in the FY2023 Budget and we hope to resolve the drainage problem before the next flood.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Dennis and Katherine Kamada Dwayne Liaga, Manager of Hale Makana O Ma'ili</p>		
Name: Mary Pat Waterhouse	Email: marypatw@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 1, 2022 @ 08:28 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair Waters and Members of the Council,</p> <p>I wish to strongly support the CIP project 2003223. This will provide \$2.5 million in a joint project with the State for a multimodal system along the Waipio Point Access Road in Waipahu between Farrington Highway and the bridge. I volunteered at the Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, which is located on this road, and there is a serious safety issue for anyone walking or biking along</p>		

this section. When I volunteered at the Clubhouse, prior to the pandemic, two members were hit by cars. About 80 members a day took the bus to a Farrington bus stop and walk to the Clubhouse, before the pandemic. There is no sidewalk, a bend in the road, no crosswalks, and cars are often driving fast. Thus, this is necessary. Please support this important project.

Mahalo,

Mary Pat Waterhouse

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 1, 2022 @ 09:43 AM

May 31, 2022

Trevor Nagamine
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Honolulu City Council
c/o Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Bill 15 (Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.)

Dear Chair Waters and Members of the City Council,

My name is Trevor Nagamine, and I am writing in support of Bill 15. I am a resident of Mililani and a member of Neighborhood Board No. 25 (Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu); however, I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity, and this testimony does not reflect any official position of Neighborhood Board No. 25.

I am specifically testifying in support of the \$58,738,000 appropriation to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) on page 34 of the CD2 draft (project no. 1978005), which is to fund the purchase of new vehicles for TheBus and TheHandi-Van. This is a necessary and vital appropriation for TheBus and TheHandi-Van to replace aging vehicles that have exceeded their useful life by several years.

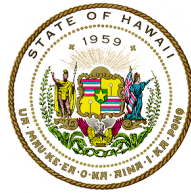
The Draft Transit Asset Management Plan that was published by DTS this past April notes that as of 2021, 27.93% of TheBus' fleet of articulated buses had exceeded their useful life and that 45.69% of TheBus' fleet of conventional buses had exceeded their useful life. Given that TheBus currently has 546 vehicles, 110 of which are articulated buses, and that the Draft Transit Asset Management Plan sets the useful life of a bus at 14 years, this translates to 230 vehicles currently in service that are over 14 years old. (The specific number of vehicles may be off due to vehicles that may have been recently retired from service.)

I urge the City Council to support this appropriation and Bill 15. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Mahalo,

Trevor Nagamine

Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Vice President of the Senate



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June 1, 2022

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Testimony in Support of Bill 15 CD2 – Waipio Soccer Park Comfort Station Funding

Council Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, and members of the council,

I am writing in support of the proposed plan and design funding for the Waipio Soccer Park comfort station as found in the current draft of Bill 15. This is a heavily utilized soccer park by many Ohana not just from the Waipahu area but from across Oahu.

The park supports 25 soccer fields but currently has only 3 restroom sites for the entire complex. Unfortunately, during a recent AYSO soccer tournament, one of these facilities was out of service leaving hundreds to use the two remaining sites. The growing popularity of soccer means sites like these will continue to be heavily utilized for years to come. An investment by the council in these facilities will have long-lasting impacts on the generations of families who come to this park to build community with one another.

Mahalo for your consideration for the needs of our keiki players and their ohana,

Michelle N. Kidani
Vice President, Hawaii State Senate



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of
Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Honolulu City Council
Bill 15 (2022), CD2, FD1 (Proposed TW)
June 1, 2022

Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's oldest and largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—have long prioritized public safety for residents and visitors in the Waikiki community and throughout the entirety of the City & County of Honolulu. For a number of years, we have hosted the Visitor Public Safety Conference which brings together area stakeholders, tourism industry professionals, community groups, policymakers, and law enforcement to address safety issues that affect residents and visitors alike, and we have continued to organize these meetings throughout the pandemic.

Over the past several months, crime rates have continued to climb, and this has made us all feel less safe and has threatened Hawai'i's reputation as a safe, premier travel destination. Recognizing this, HLTA has been an outspoken advocate for the establishment of a new Weed & Seed Hawai'i site in the Waikiki area. First established in 1998 and now operating as a nonprofit, the organization's weeding and seeding strategy has been highly successful in Site 1 (Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan), Site 2 (Waipahu), and Site 3 (Ewa Beach-Ewa). As a City councilmember and mayor, I have been a longtime supporter of Weed & Seed and feel strongly that a Waikiki site is not only needed, but would also be successful.

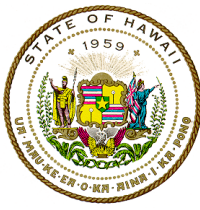
Working with our Visitor Industry Public Safety Coalition members including the Waikiki Business Improvement District Association, the Hawai'i Hotel & Visitor Industry Security Association, the Waikiki Improvement Association, and the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i, we have found widespread support for this initiative. We have conveyed our strong support in discussions with Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Council Chair Tommy Waters, Prosecutor Steve Alm, and HPD Interim Chief Rade Vanic. Additionally, we have been in discussion with Weed & Seed Hawai'i Executive Director Gale Bracerros, the organization's board of directors, Senator Kurt Fevella, and Councilmember Augie Tulba and recognize that funds are needed to stabilize the three existing sites—as they expand their reach into Waikiki.

As such, we are grateful for the inclusion of monies to support Weed & Seed Hawai'i in this draft of the City's proposed budget bill. It is our position that sustained funding for this initiative

will pay dividends for the entire county, and that this is a necessary step in proactively addressing growing crime rates that are affecting our safety and the success of our state's leading industry in the City & County of Honolulu.

For these reasons, HLTA supports Bill 15 (2022), CD2, FD1 (Proposed TW).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

June 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honolulu City Council

FROM: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

RE: Support for Bill 15, CD2

Aloha Councilmembers,

I would like to humbly express my strong support for Bill 15, CD2. In particular, I would like to highlight my support for project number 2003223, Waipio Point Access Road Improvements. This project will greatly improve safety, access, and mobility for area residents, Waipahu High School students, and those who utilize the Pearl Harbor Bike Path. This project is the culmination of years of hard work by the SHADE group, various community stakeholders, state and county transportation departments, as well as area legislators.

Mahalo for your consideration of this request.