

**BILL025(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 383**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sep 7, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Kyle Kettle	Email: kylepkettle@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Sep 7, 2022 @ 07:42 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Lobbyists need to have their filings with the city notarized so there is not a loophole where they can claim they did not sign/submit the document and to also make another record of what was submitted along with how many pages to prevent potential losses of record due to internal filing errors. Lobbying of the government should be closely monitored and recorded to prevent corruption and unethical practices. Please do not pass this bill removing the requirement of lobbyists having their filings notarized.</p>		
Name: Zhizi Xiong	Email: alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Kapalama NSW	Position: Support	Submitted: Sep 7, 2022 @ 09:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair, Vice Chair &amp; Members of the Committee,</p> <p>I'm testifying in strong support of Bill 25 on behalf of Kapalama NSW. We lobby not only to advance our NSWs efforts in research, advocacy &amp; education, but we lobby also to provide education to those who govern us. Kapalama NSW serves in our community by addressing a variety of safety concerns. We have credible witnesses, systematically documented evidence, audio recordings, and data collected in real time so that we can provide accurate information to the HPD when it is requested from us and if and when we get a subpoena for evidence from a criminal defense attorney. In our various community initiatives, we have organized &amp; coordinated with HPD, legislators, the City Council, churches &amp; community leaders.</p> <p>Removing the notary requirement is one less barrier for those who are like me, just regular citizens, with families who have members that work 2-3 jobs. I, personally, actively testify at the City for various ordinances &amp; resolutions. There are many like me who also testify to try to contribute in the ways that we can to advocate for equitable policies. We coordinate regularly with Kanehili Citizens Patrol. They are a group of kupunas from Kapolei &amp; Nanakuli. They unite together to testify at the State. The kupunas work emergency shifts to address TROs in the neighborhood at midnight, the coordinate food pantries and donations drives where they are also the volunteers giving out food and putting it in in people's cars.</p> <p>These are just real examples of the people from the communities that then have to learn how to navigate the complicated systems of government in order to testify to impact public policy. These ordinary people have valuable experience &amp; knowledge to be able to influence the drafting of effective public policy. But the system has to be simplified so that barriers can be removed. These processes &amp; procedures should not require an elite college education to figure out, but it does. Did you know, according to a new study from Harvard and the Asian Development Bank, 6.7 percent of the entire world has a college degree? To study at an elite level of knowledge is a privilege that less than 10% of the world has.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to testify.</p> <p>Blessings, Zhizi Xiong</p>		