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Testimony

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Support: 1

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Testimony:

I'd like to thank members of the council for considering my testimony.

My name is Anthony Caliano and I am a 24 year old Kaimuki resident.

In regards to Bill 49, I have comments relating specifically to setback improvements. The timing of the hearing of this bill is quite unique as the high temperatures have led to oppressive heat that everyone feels physically—especially in urban areas. This is a seasonal issue to an extent, but an increasingly concerning issue due to the implications of climate change. It will continue to get worse.

The current LUO sets an arbitrary 36 inch horizontal projection limit on awnings and other sunshade devices. That 36 inch limit constitutes structures that will be built that may provide little to no relief from the impacts of the sun as the sun moves across the sky throughout the day, changing pitch.

The prime example of this being a problem as well as a change that needs to be made is the new building being erected on the corner of Waialae Ave and Koko Head Ave. The DPP did not approve a permit for this project to have a reasonable awning, nor did they approve a variance. As a result, every passerby of this new building will suffer the impacts of this solar oppression. For a reference, many of the “street trees” in this neighborhood are yellow—or brown. Nowhere near robust enough to provide any real sun protection. If the trees are having a difficult time in this environment, then what about the humans and their pets?

The benefits of removing this 36 inch limit are several. For one, ground floor businesses will have a lower energy bill as the climate control systems will not need to work as hard to cool the immediate indoor area within proximity to the setback. This may be insignificant in the short term, but is a win not only for business, but the environment as a whole in the long run due to the accumulated savings in electricity. Secondly, patrons of these commercial establishments will be more comfortable and protected from the sun. This shade is conducive of an environment where commerce is poised to benefit as people will feel more welcomed in these areas and protected from the harmful effects of UV rays on people’s skin. Lastly, I do not think I am alone in recognizing that these awnings in certain business districts are aesthetically pleasing and contribute to a sense of pride and unity in the communities of which we live.

Mahalo Nui Loa For Consideration of My Testimony.



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by

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**BILL 49 (2022) CD2 – RELATING TO THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL DISTRICT.**

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and members of the Honolulu City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 49 CD2. The University of Hawai'i supports Bill 49 CD2 which is to "expand the transit-oriented development ("TOD") special district to include three additional Honolulu Rail Transit Project station areas and to incorporate land use standards and guidelines for those areas based on the recommendations in the Aiea-Pearl City Neighborhood TOD Plan."

Thank you for your consideration and incorporation of the University's prior comments into Bill 49 CD2.