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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Apr 19, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 3

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>While under the City Management budget, the Honolu Youth Commission (HYC) has been granted a budget for the fiscal year of 2024, the goals that HYC hopes to strive for in the next year, will require more financial support. The HYC for the past two years since its founding has been relegated to only its monthly meeting, with the majority entirely held on Webex, as the only point of impact we had as a commission. The HYC also has not had many opportunities to connect with the large community of youths we represent as a commission. Now with the opportunity to request a budget, we would like to change that, and vastly expand the impact and reach that the HYC has through planned bi-monthly community events. These events will be aimed at the youth of varying age groups each month so that the HYC can both gain visibility within the community, talk with youth and their parents about what matters to them, and attract future politically active youth to participate in the HYC and local government. The HYC would be able to not only provide a service to the youths of the city but the HYC would also gain better insight into what issues youths in the community have, thus improving our ability to advise the mayor and City and County of Honolulu. This would only be the beginning of the exponential growth in utility the Honolulu Youth Commission could have if our increased budget is approved.</p>		



Date: April 16th, 2023

To: Honolulu City Council
Tommy Waters, Chair
Esther Kia`āina, Vice-Chair

From: Early Childhood Action Strategy

Re: **Bill 11, CD1 Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, April 19th, 10 am**

Position: **Strong Support**

Mahalo for prioritizing our youngest keiki at the County level by building the requisite infrastructure. Early Childhood Action Strategy (ECAS) is a statewide cross-sector collaborative designed to improve the system of care for Hawai'i's youngest children and their families. ECAS' 300+ partners work to align priorities for children prenatal to age eight, streamline services, maximize resources, and improve programs to support our youngest keiki.

As part of the City and County of Honolulu's Executive Operating Budget (Bill 11), the Department of Community Services (DCS) is requesting \$155,532 for the creation of 2 FTE positions for a Planner VII (Early Childhood Resource Coordinator) and Secretary I to support the City's Early Childhood Strategy.

Keiki prenatal to age five are supported by a variety of disconnected programs and services across three state departments (Department of Health, Department of Human Services and Department of Education) and one attached agency (the Executive Office on Early Learning). The majority of States across the nation have County Departments and/or Divisions that streamline supports for the counties' youngset children and families. In Hawai'i, Maui County is the only County with this type of dedicated support. Counties serve as critical infrastructure that can bring additional federal funds to Hawai'i, funds that currently go unspent due to lack of infrastructure. According to the Learning Policy Institute, developing a strong local infrastructure is critical to meeting the needs of diverse communities.¹ Ensuring Hawai'i has both State and County support for young children is the most effective way of addressing regional and community needs.

We strongly support the Department of Community Services' requests. By investing in the County's youngest keiki, you are investing in Hawai'i's future health and workforce. There is no more important investment! Mahalo nui loa.

¹ <https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/brief-road-high-quality-early-learning-lessons-states>



April 16, 2023

To: Honolulu City Council
Tommy Waters, Chair
Esther Kia`āina, Vice-Chair

From: Kerrie Urosevich, Co-Chair
Commit to Keiki

Re: Bill 11, CD1 Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, April 19th, 10 am

Position: Strong Support

Commit to Keiki strongly supports Bill 11, CD1, Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024, which includes the Department of Community Services request for \$155,532 for the creation of 2 positions for a Planner VII (Child Care Coordinator) and Secretary I to support the City's Child Care Policy in Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 11.

This past year, with the support of the Hawaii Community Foundation, the City and County of Honolulu created an Early Childhood Coordinator Consultant position to facilitate the development of an infrastructure to support a coordinated early childhood system to improve and enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of early care and education for all young children and their families. The budget request will establish city positions to continue this work to do the following:

- establish a Child Care Advisory Committee which is established in ROH 11-1.3;
- work with multiple stakeholders to align early childhood plans, standards, goals and activities;
- establish partnerships that include broad coalitions of all sectors within the community, including state-level partners; private providers, public schools, charter schools, health and business sectors as well as family and community representatives;
- engage families and communities as full partners for advice and innovation in formulating ideas and solutions that support an equitable early childhood system of supports and services in the City and County;
- work with public and private sectors to ensure the community has the needed policies, funding, resources and infrastructure in place;
- create a shared system for data collection, analysis and reporting to inform decision-making by all stakeholders;
- leverage city departments, resources/finances, policies and practices to support children and families (including EEC relocation, zoning, funding and program development).

Thank you for allowing Commit to Keiki to provide testimony on this important measure that will improve care for our youngest keiki.

Commit to Keiki, a project of the Early Childhood Action Strategy, is a public-private collaborative to ensure that Hawai'i's youngest children (birth to 5 years old) and their families have a brighter start. Early Childhood Action Strategy is a project under Collaborative Support Services, Inc. Led by a diverse Steering Committee, with representatives from Hawai'i business, education, early intervention, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, Commit to Keiki serves as a trusted partner and reliable resource for information on issues related to Hawai'i's youngest keiki and families.

Waikīkī Transportation Management Association Special Improvement District



*Making Waikīkī better
...one curb at a time.*

April 18, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: Bill 11, CD1, **Requested Amendments**

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

The Waikīkī Transportation Management Association (WTMA) Special Improvement District (SID) requests your consideration of amendments to Bill 11, CD1, relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. The amendments will add \$654,000 to the FY24 Statement of Revenues and Surplus with a corresponding current expense appropriation of \$654,000 for the WTMA SID.

The requested amendments are identical to the ones you approved last year. The attached pages from Bill 14 (2022), CD2, FD1, offer the exact amendment we are seeking. All funding will be from revenue generated by Waikīkī's SID Permit Fee collected by the Department of Customer Services since January 2020. The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services has set aside the Waikīkī SID Permit Fee and Decal revenues into a trust fund account. None of these funds have been expended; however, the ability to transfer these funds to the WTMA may lapse with the end of the current fiscal year.

By FY24, the Waikīkī SID Permit and Decal Fees will have been collected for over four fiscal years. As of this date, none of these funds have been expended. It is time to use these funds for the purposes intended when you approved Ordinance 17-58. The WTMA has taken all actions requested by the City to receive these funds. The WTMA Annual Report transmitted to you last year identified the projects and programs these funds will support as specified by Ordinance 17-58.

We appreciate your consideration of our Bill 11, CD1, requested amendments. I would be glad to meet with any Councilmember who desires further background on the work of our WTMA.

Thank you for your support of the WTMA.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Egged, President
Waikīkī Transportation Management Association Special Improvement District

Attachments

Cc: WTMA Board of Directors



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE 22-13

BILL 14 (2022), CD2, FD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

AMENDMENTS TO EXECUTIVE OPERATING PROGRAM

CD1 Amendments = Plain Text; CD2 Amendments = *Italic Text*, FD1 Amendments = **Bold Text**

II. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND SURPLUS

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
General Fund	Increase "General Excise Tax (GET) Surcharge"- Info from D-201, D-237 & D-307 (Deposited into the General Fund to comply with HRS 248-2.6)	\$301,311,003	GN
General Fund	Increase "Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT)"- Info from D-201, D-237 & D-307 (Deposited into the General Fund to comply with HRS 237D-2)	\$64,682,120	GN
General Fund	Decrease "Recov Debt Svc-HART"- Info from D- 206	(\$138,092,500)	GN
General Fund	Increase "Recov - Direct Costs HART"- Info from D-247	\$307,664	GN
General Fund	Increase "Interfund Transfer for General Excise Tax (GET) Surcharge" to Transit Fund	(\$301,311,003)	GN
General Fund	Increase "Interfund Transfer for Transient Accommodation Tax" to Transit Fund	(\$64,682,120)	GN
Transportation Fund	Increase "Supplemental Curb Load Zone-Permit"- Info from D-313	\$140,000	BT
Transportation Fund	Increase "Supplemental Curb Load Zone-Decals"- Info from D-313	\$14,000	BT
Transportation Fund	Increase "Unreserved Balance" for past collections of "Supplemental Curb Load Zone- Permit" and "Supplemental Curb Load Zone- Decals"- Info from D-313 & D-325	\$500,000	BT
Community Development Fund	Decrease "CDBG, PI-93-383"- Info from D-384	(\$369,548)	CD
Federal Grants Fund - Operating	Increase "HOME Grant"- Info from D-384	\$250,608	FG
Federal Grants Fund - Operating	Decrease "Emerg Shelter Grants Prgm"- Info from D-384	(\$657)	FG



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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ORDINANCE 22-13

BILL 14 (2022), CD2, FD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

<u>FUNCTION/PROGRAM/ AGENCY/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>CH</u> <u>FD</u>
UTILITIES OR OTHER ENTERPRISES			
MASS TRANSIT			
<u>Department of Transportation Services</u>			
<i>Administration</i>	<i>Add funding for current expenses. Add proviso: "At least \$654,000 out of current expenses shall be appropriated for the Waikiki Improvement District to fulfill the purpose of Ordinance 17-58."</i>		<i>\$654,000 CE BT</i>
DEBT SERVICE			
BOND PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST			
<i>City and County Bonds</i>	<i>Reduce funding for current expenses for debt service related to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation</i>		<i>(\$138,092,500) CE GN</i>
MISCELLANEOUS			
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS			
<i>Provision for Vacant Positions</i>	<i>Reduce funding for current expenses for positions vacant since January 1, 2011</i>		<i>(\$9,846,705) CE GN</i>
<i>Provision for Vacant Positions</i>	<i>Restore funding for current expenses</i>		<i>\$7,346,705 CE GN</i>
<i>Provision for Judgments, Settlements and Losses</i>	<i>Reduce funding for current expenses</i>		<i>(\$2,500,000) CE GN</i>
<i>Provision for ARPA Funding</i>	<i>Add new activity: "Provision for ARPA Funding"</i>		
<i>Provision for ARPA Funding</i>	<i>Delete new activity: "Provision for ARPA Funding"</i>		
<i>Provision for ARPA Funding</i>	<i>Add funding for current expenses</i>		<i>\$1,000 CE FG</i>
<i>Provision for ARPA Funding</i>	<i>Delete funding for current expenses</i>		<i>(\$1,000) CE FG</i>

Dear Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Kiaāina, and City Council Members

My name is *Margaret Novack*. My family and I live in Councilmember Kiaāina's district on the shore of Kaelepulu Pond (Enchanted Lake). I have served on the Board of Directors for the Enchanted Lake Residents Association (ELRA) for almost 10 years.

I strongly support Councilmember Kiaāina's request for \$2,000,000 in CIP funds to be used for capital improvement projects that minimize pollutants that enter our streams, ponds, bays and beaches from the City-owned stormwater systems and roadways in the Kailua Ahupuaa.

Our home is within a few feet of a major drainage ditch that runs downhill from the Keolu Hills directly into the Pond and we observe daily how organic debris, trash, and pollution flow into the same water that we fish from, boat on, and eventually flows directly into Kailua Bay.

From my seat on the ELRA Board, I hear frequent complaints from homeowners who struggle to keep their water fronts clear of the materials that flow down hill into the Pond. ELRA, a very small non-profit, finds itself having to fund cleanups of massive amounts of debris that it has no means of controlling.

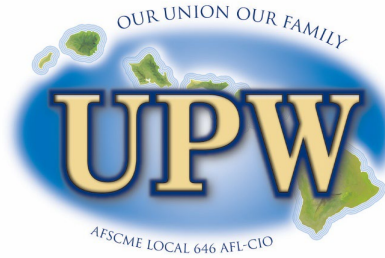
These CIP funds could be immediately directed at several worthy projects:

We can clean our waters and reduce flooding by adding a detention structure to the Kaopa Sediment Basin so that it functions as a settling basin to filter out excessive sediment and debris during heavy rains.

Many of the open storm drain channels in the surrounding hillsides have hydraulic jumps (vertical drops) already installed to dissipate energy. These drop structures could be modified with screens to capture and remove solids from the flow stream.

The storm drain under Akeke Place and Akumu Street should be re-routed directly beneath Akumu Street with a trash rack incorporated before it outfalls to the City's Kaelepulu Tributary storm channel.

The City could install trash racks at the terminus of each of the 80 buried storm drain pipes where they outfall into Kaelepulu Wetland, Kaelepulu Pond, Kaelepulu Stream, and Kawainui Stream. These trash racks could be serviced using one of the several boats already in the Kailua DFM baseyard.



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

REGULAR MEETING

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10:00 AM
City Council Chamber

Re: Bill 11, CD1 - Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Members of the Council:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW") is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes the Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") and Ambulance Paramedics ("MICT") of the City's Emergency Medical Services ("EMS").

UPW provides comments on Bill 11, CD1, which relates to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The current draft consists of amendments to the Executive Operating Budget that reduce funding within Emergency Medical Services for FY24 by \$5,188,910. This includes a reduction of \$1,847,910 for salaries; \$121,000 for current expenses; and \$3,220,000 for equipment.

High call volume and staffing shortages are resulting in EMTs and MICTs leaving EMS. UPW and EMS are currently working together with the hope of addressing some the core issues impacting retention. Our concern is that such a drastic reduction to the Executive Operating Budget will have a significant impact on our members ability to perform their jobs, as well as the critical services EMS provides our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

Kalani Werner
State Director