

# Bill 32 (2023) Testimony

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation

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SUBJECT: Bill 32, Relating to Public Transit – **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Councilmembers

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 32, which revises and updates the city ordinance regarding public transit.

The bill would make it a violation to:

Page 7, (2) drop litter; and

Page 11, (3) occupy “more than one seat, including placing objects,” etc. on adjoining seats, among many other things.

According to page 16, the penalty for violating any of the provisions in the bill, including the two listed here, may result in a fine of not more than \$500 or six months in jail or civil penalties.

The bill goes overboard in its attempt to regulate passengers. **It should not be an offense if someone accidentally drops litter or places a backpack or other personal item in the adjoining seat if there is room to do so.** When policy goes beyond that which is seen as reasonable, it provides justification for people to disobey it.

Please revise this bill accordingly.