

BILL011(23)
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 290

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COUNCIL Meeting

Meeting Date: Jun 7, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 60

I wish to comment: 7

Name: Caro Williams	Email: overtaxed808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 3, 2023 @ 02:59 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing this testimony FOR THE RECORD as we now know you don't have the interest of the people nor the interest to control higher taxes and economically govern the city because EVIDENTLY it's ALL ABOUT YOU.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the 12.5% pay raises but its apparent that you don't care to hear the public outcry, once you took office, it's no longer about the people but just about your self and your cabinet members.</p>		
Name: Sheryl Kochi	Email: sherylskochi@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 4, 2023 @ 09:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing this testimony FOR THE RECORD as we now know you don't have the interest of the people nor the interest to control higher taxes and economically govern the city because EVIDENTLY it's ALL ABOUT YOU.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the 12.5% pay raises but its apparent that you don't care to hear the public outcry, once you took office, it's no longer about the people but just about yourself and your cabinet members.</p>		
Name: Charmaine Doran	Email: chardoranhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 01:03 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in opposition to all raises for the Mayor and Department heads. The Salary Commission system is broken. It is no longer independent. Before any raises are accepted the public must have the opportunity to vote on charter provisions about the commission, the mayor, directors and its salaries.</p> <p>Where we are is shameful. The public deserves better.</p>		
Name: Jamie Detwiler	Email: hfrwonline@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Hawaii Federation of Republican Women	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 05:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose a 64% raise for Honolulu City Council Members. I support a raise commensurate with the work requirements and without limitations placed on outside employment as this is considered neither a part-time or full-time position. Perhaps consider a 10-15% raise at this time. The Hawaii Federation of Republican Women appreciate the diligent work of the Honolulu City Council. However, please understand that many hard-working constituents including a growing number of kupuna are living paycheck to paycheck to make ends meets. Furthermore, the Honolulu City and County should direct their resources towards infrastructure improvement such as roadways, parks, homeless outreach, EMS, Fire and Police department that will impact the needs of the people. These are services that the people depend on and pay for with their taxes. Respectfully, Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.</p>		
Name: Carolina Carreira	Email: going2carolina@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 06:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing to express my utter disbelief that any council member would think it is appropriate to give themselves a 64 percent raise. Just when I think Hawaii politicians can't get any more self-serving and tone-deaf to the needs of their constituents, here I am surprised yet again. Why 64%? Why not 100%? Might as well make it 200% since we you're already deep in the weeds of</p>		

outrageous numbers. This council (barring council members Tulba and Tupuola) seek to pad their pockets off the blood and sweat of tax payers like myself and I find it utterly deplorable. This is why people are disenfranchised with this State and more people leave every year. If you council members have any shred of integrity left you will vote NO on this budget and go back to the drawing board on what is an APPROPRIATE percentage.

Name: Andrew Crossland	Email: across86@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 07:33 PM

Testimony:
I STRONGLY OPPOSE the 12.5" pay raise for Honolulu Mayor. I STRONGLY URGE a majority (5) of the Councilmembers to call a Special Meeting before June 23 and then have three-fourths (7) of the councilmembers vote in favor of rejecting the raise. Thank you in advance for listening to the people you represent by taking these actions.

Name: Vincent Golio	Email: jjmichaels@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 07:57 PM

Testimony:
Can he supply documentation verifying a 12.5% increase in productivity to support this measure?

Name: Dayna Matsumura	Email: daynamatsumura@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 08:23 PM

Testimony:
Oppose the council members getting a 64% raise.
Our taxes could be spent on county programs, where it is needed.

Name: Rhonda Akimoto	Email: naniphf@yahoo.com	Zip: 95817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 09:16 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose a 12.5% increase to the Mayor's salary or any other Department Head. This is not the time to even ask for a raise. Times are hard, businesses are struggling, residents are struggling financially with all the price increases we are facing.

Name: Karen Crowell	Email: Karen.crowell@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706-4884
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 10:00 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,
I am opposed to the potential pay raise slated for the Mayor of Honolulu. I am in favor of a more modest raise of 2-5%. As the leader of the City & County of Honolulu, you should lead by example! The commission is granting raises on the backs of the taxpayer who can barely make ends meet. When you ran for office, you knew exactly what the salary would be and yet you ran anyway. Raises should be granted strictly on performance. It has been a rough three plus years, we are just coming out of a pandemic and here people are trying to make ends meet, buying food that now cost an extra \$50 for just the basic necessities and you want us to foot the bill of your raise. How is that fair? You say that affordable housing is needed, yet, we see all of these luxury condos being built, not very many local people can afford those condos. The people, the aina, the fabric of who we are as a people of these islands are being marginalized to the highest bidder, yet the life of the local people have not improved, in fact, it is more difficult for us to stay here. Our young people, have moved away and do not plan to come home because it is not affordable. We are priced out of paradise.

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Carol Jay	choosejesus808@gmail.com	96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 10:24 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I'll never understand how any Mayor of Honolulu needs to earn a higher salary than the Governor of the entire State of Hawaii. I do not believe that the 12.5% payraise is justified to attract more qualified and experienced mayoral candidates. Clearly, it is "Bullshit". Are you saying that sincere, decent mayoral candidates will run only for the money? If the Mayor's salary does not increase by 12.5% and is not paid higher than the Governor, than the Office of Mayor will not attract qualified candidates? Please do not use any funds from Bill 11 to pay for Mayor's salaries. Put forth a charter amendment to have City Council's, Mayor, Directors' pay in line with the Collective Bargaining.</p> <p>Be fair!</p>		
Name: Manulani Garcia	Email: mmakua808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 11:13 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I do not support a raise for the Honolulu Mayor. I oppose the 12.5% pay raise for the Honolulu mayor.</p>		
Name: Maya Nouchi	Email: mayakawaguchi@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 5, 2023 @ 11:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing to oppose any budget items for raises for the Mayor and his Cabinet. The Mayor already makes considerably more than the Governor, and the Mayor is responsible for fewer employees and a much smaller budget. To increase the pay difference between the mayor and governor even more than the current gap is unconscionable and irresponsible.</p>		
Name: Kehau Feleciano	Email: kfeleciano12@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 05:33 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The greed needs to stop! The needs and voices of us the people need to be heard! I strongly oppose this raise and I stand that this money should be used for the real issues at hand to benefit our communities and people!</p>		
Name: Rick Egged	Email: tmawaikiki@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Waikiki Transportation Management Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 08:57 AM
Name: Ralph Sherman	Email: Ralph.L.Sherman@gmail.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 09:26 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Our government is out of control and out of touch with reality. Government officials should be fired not given raises.</p>		
Name: Kyle Maschhoff	Email: kmaschhoff@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 09:43 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>No raises</p>		

Name: Adriel Lam	Email: adriel.lam@outlook.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 09:48 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The 64% pay raise for the Councilmembers is an illegal end run around the Charter. Councilmember positions are part-time employment. This 64% pay raise for Councilmembers and companion Bill 33 prohibition of outside employment effectively makes this a full-time position. This change to the Charter requires an amendment to be voted on the people.</p> <p>Instead of making full-time positions, the Council should amend the Charter to create more part-time elected positions for political subdivisions at the local town level. There are many season and experienced citizens at the local town level who can provide the accountability to handle local issues. Let the Council handle the more strategic issues at the County level for domestic and international issues. Let the towns lead, manage, and prioritize our own local issues.</p>		
Name: Adriel Lam	Email: adriel.lam@outlook.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 11:10 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I will present oral testimony along with previously submitted written testimony in opposition to the 64% pay raise for part-time Councilmembers.</p>		
Name: Donald Sakamoto	Email: cylonone@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 11:11 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I will provide oral testimony in opposition to the 64% pay raise for Councilmembers.</p>		
Name: Terry Murakami	Email: terrytmura@outlook.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I would like to oppose the 12.5% pay raise for the Honolulu Mayor. This is just too much and given the high cost of living here in Hawaii the citizens here should not be burdened financially any further at this point.</p>		
Name: Nora Wheeler	Email: norawheeler400@hotmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this Bill , the State need to get the money to the roads, and into the homeless problem, not in their pockets.</p>		
Name: Chester Lum	Email: clumcboy@hotmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:50 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Good morning.</p> <p>My name is Chester Lum and I want to thank everyone involved for allowing me to submit my written testimony. I don't represent any group and I am here as a private citizen.</p> <p>My testimony is in opposition to BILL011(23) in regards to the Mayor pay raise.</p>		

People in Honolulu are working hard to live in Honolulu and approving the pay raise will only make it harder to live here. A vote for this bill is not in the best interest of the people who live in Honolulu.

Please vote NO to the pay raise.

Thank you.

Chester Lum

Name: Sara Deguchi	Email: ichigo@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:57 PM
Testimony: I oppose this.		

Name: Liya Safina	Email: azzumi@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 01:06 PM
Testimony: I can't believe this ridiculous increase for part time workers in our government is apparently acceptable to our citizens. I'm so upset and am asking the council members if they honestly feel they deserve this insane raise!		

Name: Kimberley Limasa	Email: kimlimasa72@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 01:39 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill. This will encourage career politicians; which are a detriment to our community. Additionally, all elected knew of the requirements, pay, etc. when they ran. These raises are unfair to the average citizens who elected these officials. Since when does one vote on their own raise?		

Name: Catherine Bianchi	Email: catbianchi@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 02:12 PM
Testimony: Oppose!!!		

Name: Laurie Yano	Email: amareisaloha@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 02:41 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill, especially the 12.5% pay rate for the mayor. The mayor has a very sufficient salary, and with the people he serves struggling to get by each month, instead, he should be reducing our taxes in every way possible. Mahalo!		

Name: Fenton Lee	Email: sugar.chef@hotmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 02:59 PM
Testimony: I oppose Bill 11		

Name: Lena Haapala	Email: media@kokonutkoalition.org	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Kokonut Coalition 501c3	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 03:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha! I'm Lena Haapala, President of the Kokonut Coalition.</p> <p>We are grateful for the support for the Kokonut Coalition and we support the budget as a whole.</p> <p>I also want to take this opportunity to thank the council and DPR for letting us do this project in the first place.</p> <p>We are dedicated volunteers who love this historic site that now has become a Hawaiian destination.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Lena Haapala</p>		
Name: Hope Bennett	Email: ramble.intern_0y@icloud.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 03:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I write to urge the Council to restore the funds previously allocated to the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women. I serve as the Chair of the Committee, but offer this testimony in my personal capacity as the Committee has not had the opportunity to develop an official position on this matter. This Committee's responsibilities include addressing women's issues in the County and advancing the status of women "through education, awareness, development, and training."</p> <p>In cities and counties across the country, Committees on the Status of Women serve as important advocates in promoting equity. As Chair of this Committee, I have witnessed a group of dedicated volunteer members discuss, collaborate, and thoughtfully construct a strategic plan to carry out its purpose. The restoration of funds will allow the Committee, with the support of County staff, to implement components of the plan and conduct other duties concerning the status of women in the county. During this precarious time for women's rights, a funded Committee on the Status of Women will reflect Honolulu's commitment to equity and to the value of women in the community. Thank you for your consideration.</p>		
Name: Emil Svcina	Email: emilsvrcina@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 04:51 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This mayor doesn't deserve any pay raise and definitely not 12.5%. Don't do it.</p>		
Name: Maheshi Kae Kae	Email: maheshihawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 06:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha. That this city council is willing to accept a 64% pay raise while most of the citizens of Honolulu are struggling to make ends meet on minimum wages is outrageous and sinful. Nothing can validate this huge increase while so much of Honolulu suffers homelessness, on the brink of homelessness or afraid of becoming homeless as rents go through the roof and wages stagnate. How can you even think this would be ok, or is it you just don't care. Please be pono and stop the harmful pilikia. Maheshi kae</p>		
Name: Jun Blanco	Email: jblanco0120@me.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 06:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Why not give that pay raise to all the teachers. This crock politicians never done anything. Except stealing money from us tax payers! Teachers deserve more pay raise for our children's future.</p>		
Name: Leimomi Kekina	Email: leimomikekina@gmail.com	Zip: 96701

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 06:40 PM
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Testimony:

Dear Honolulu City Councilmembers,

I strongly oppose the 12.5% raise for the Mayor and 65% raise for the councilmembers. That is just way too much for jobs not being well done. Homelessness is still quite a problem as well as housing affordability. I would support a 2.5% or 3% raise, but no more.

I would also support putting it on the ballot and letting the people decide. Likewise, the people should decide by vote whether we want our elected City (or State officials) to work full-time or part-time. After all, you are elected by the people. With the lack of trust in government lately, it would make sense not to support such astronomical raises. If you think it won't upset the people, I would reconsider. Especially when bills like these only garner attention a day before the hearing.

I implore you to please consider NOT supporting your raises and not changing bills that detracts from the issue that these raises are MONSTROUS and that you are trying to do anything you can so that you can award yourself these raises. That's what it looks like. Please don't do that.

Sincerely,
Mahalo.
Leimomi Kekina

Name: Stephanie Wright	Email: stefunih1981@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 06:41 PM
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Testimony:

The economy is in a recession right now. Tax payers can't afford to put more money into government official pocket books.

Name: Stephanie Wright	Email: stefunih1981@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 06:45 PM
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Testimony:

Taxpayers can't afford to fill the pockets of government officials. This money should go towards benefiting the community and not one individual.

Name: Elena Jones	Email: elenaj1966@outlook.com	Zip: 96782
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 08:34 PM
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Testimony:

From the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition),

ARTICLE XI - STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Section 11-101. Declaration of Policy --

Elected and appointed officers and employees shall demonstrate by their example the highest standards of ethical conduct, to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government. They, as agents of public purpose, shall hold their offices or positions for the benefit of the public, shall recognize that the public interest is their primary concern, and shall faithfully discharge the duties of their offices regardless of personal considerations.

You hold your positions for the benefit of the public and the public interest is your primary concern. The Salary Commission neglected this part of the charter and set outrageous salary increases for the city council, the mayor, and other top-paid officials. The mayor and most other top-paid officials are already paid more than the governor of Hawaii, who is paid \$165k. The City council is still a part-time entity and should not get an increase until it establishes that it is officially a full-time position.

At the last town hall meeting the mayor angrily stated, "If you think that being the manager of 10,000 people and a \$4.5 billion budget a year doesn't warrant a raise, then you don't understand business." The mayor doesn't understand business. The public is struggling and cannot afford to pay for raises. Where is the money going to come from? The rail? It will never generate income. It is a money pit and should be stopped. The money will have to come from the public by increasing taxes and fees or reducing city services that are already severely lacking. You may as well just keep the \$300 exemption for property taxes.

The public should be able to weigh in on raises and a referendum should be included in the City Charter to prevent this kind of nonsense from happening again.

Reject ALL raises! Put resolutions 23-081 and 23-082 up for a vote. Again, according to section 11-101 of the charter, you must faithfully discharge the duties of your office regardless of personal considerations.

Also, it is not a conflict of interest to vote on the rejection of your raises. In the City Charter, Section 3-122.2 states, "Said resolution shall be forwarded to the mayor and the council but shall take effect without their concurrence sixty calendar days after its adoption unless rejected by a three-quarters vote of the council's entire membership. The council may reject either the entire resolution or any portion of it." I oppose all raises. Vote to reject the entire resolution.

Name: Teresa Parsons	Email: tapanc06@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 09:36 PM

Testimony:
Most residents of O'ahu are struggling to make ends meet. Voting the Mayor a huge raise is a slap in the face of hard working people.

Amend this raise to match what teachers and police officers got...more like 3%.

Don't be greedy, you're already making more than the average resident. The Mayor and executive staff are PUBLIC SERVANTS. These positions are not intended to get rich off of.

Name: Lovey Lee	Email: ydunamis808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 09:44 PM

Testimony:
I pay your salary. This is not the right time for Mayor and Directors pay raises. Nor is it being done the right way. Propose a charter amendment for all pay to match the CBA.

Name: Rondi Simon	Email: kamailekaua@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 10:13 PM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill011. It is a conflict of interest. It creates career politicians, where there should be public servants of the people who elected them in the first place. It exemplifies corruption and a lack of transparency that creates distrust.

Name: Cori Meyers	Email: corikmeyers@yahoo.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 10:18 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this raise

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Nita Sawyer	imageofaloha@yahoo.com	96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 11:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>You should not approve councilmember salary raises! especially not 64%</p> <p>The public only gets single digit raises, why should the part time "public servants" recieve over double their pay for no additional requirements or hours worked in their positions as Public Servants?</p> <p>I think this is an affront to the citizens of the City & County of Honolulu and this should be deleted and this measure not passed and not funded by the City & County of Honolulu.</p> <p>This is additional taxation without representation!</p> <p>I object to this portion of the Bill 11 passing.</p>		
Name: b.b. b.	Email: bluebassist@outlook.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 02:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Mr. Mayor,</p> <p>Please denounce this bill... if you want to get paid 12% more then you should go back to the private sector.</p> <p>Where do you think that "any" mayor of the state of Hawaii can get paid more than the governor?... Do you believe that you should get paid more than the other mayors of their respective counties?</p> <p>When you started your run for Mayor of City and county of Honolulu, what was your thought process?... not to line your pockets/ bank accounts with your tax payers dollars?... but I believe you were saying to yourself, "I" can make a difference!... "I" will fix the problems for where I live and for the citizens that "I" represent and voted for me! Yes?...</p> <p>You mayors have tall tasks and responsibilities to fulfil, but remember... you represent the citizens of the city and county of Honolulu... your voters are speaking loudly and it doesn't sit well with us if you are going to fill your pocket with taxpayer dollars!</p> <p>I do not oppose of you and you're committee getting a raise, I oppose the amount of the raise that will place you above the HIGHEST official in the state which is the GOVERNOR.</p> <p>If that is the case, then we will have to rethink that the HIGHEST OFFICE for the state of Hawaii is the HONOLULU MAYOR!... YES!?...</p> <p>I ask of you... please rethink this bill and come up with a better plan that the voters can TOLERATE and DIGEST!</p> <p>I believe that part of your campaign slogan was... "It's about YOU!"</p> <p>Please make it so!...</p> <p>I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL: 011(23)</p>		
Name: Teri SAVAIINAEA	Email: kealakia@ymail.com	Zip: 96792-2993
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 05:51 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose the 12.5% Honolulu Mayors pay increase. Thank you.</p>		
Name: Makana SAVAIINAEA	Email: Makana.savaiinaea@gmail.com	Zip: 96792-2993
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:01 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I OPPOSE Bill 011(23) which gives a 12.5% pay increase for Honolulu Mayor.</p>		
Name: Kaimana SAVAIINAEA	Email: Kaimana.savaiinaea@gmail.com	Zip: 96792-2993

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:08 AM
Testimony: I oppose Bill 011(23) which gives the Honolulu Mayor a 12.5 % pay increase. This is an outrageous amount of pay increase. This is not being fiscally responsible with taxpayers money.		
Name: Michael Savaiinaea	Email: michaelsavaiinaea@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:14 AM
Testimony: I am opposing the 12.5% pay increase for the Honolulu Mayors. This is simply lavish and not fiscally being responsible with taxpayers money.		
Name: WeLoveHonolulu 1,200 signatures OPPOSE	Email: WeloveHonolulu@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:28 AM
Name: alexis caramonte	Email: acaramonte@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:37 AM
Testimony: With Hawaii residents struggling and the rise of taxes that should be used for state repairs and programs, seeing it go to a 64% increase to salaries is a insult to the people of Hawaii. It is disheartening to see that this can just be passed without no input from the people whose money will be funding this.		
Name: Garrett Seto	Email: gtseto@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 06:42 AM
Testimony: I oppose this raise. It's not the right time or the right amount.		
Name: Jessica Caizzo	Email: wethepeople808@protonmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 07:28 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I strongly oppose Bill011, as the budget is not cohesive to a strong and successful handling of funds to better our our county and community members on this island. I recently submitted testimony in regards to Bill010, and until we slash these outlandish and inappropriate pay raises in no way should ANY one in good conscious support this current bill. We will not forget how this moves forward. Ignoring the voice of the people is shameful, and maybe someone should define what a public servant is and what it means to work for the people, you were elected. Which means it's your job to carry the wishes of the people. This is in no way easy but in no way impossible to achieve. I am here to remind you, you can do better and by opposing this bill you are proving you're willing to do just that. Mahalo. -Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo		
Name: Wendell Elento	Email: elentow@gmail.com	Zip: 96744

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 07:30 AM
Testimony: In a time when many of your constituents are taking financial hits, you getting a raise is beyond stupid.		
Name: Mialisa Otis	Email: mialisa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 07:57 AM
Testimony: Keep the 12.5% raise for the mayor and department heads. Likely, Councilmembers do deserve a raise but it should be at 12.5% also. But if we're making a decision today, based on the 64% raise, I oppose. It IS a full time job to represent the communities around the island. We have a good chamber right now, it seems to be working just fine with the current salary, as a part time position with a full time workload. I know each of you devote your personal life to the betterment of the communities. The people deserve your full attention. Councilmembers are great leaders without incentive, and a raise that absurd should not be allowed. Teachers, emergency personnel and lifeguards should be getting a substantial raise.		
Name: Jeffrey Mizuno	Email: mizunoj001@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 08:10 AM
Testimony: Oppose! They don't deserve the raise! They destroyed local businesses and people's ability to make a living with their over reach of the tier system while their paychecks paid for by the same people kept on coming. This is wrong!!		
Name: Nolan Chang	Email: nolan.chang88@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 08:25 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this bill. There are numerous pressing issues plaguing our state requiring millions of dollars. Tax money that will be more effectively utilized to improve our standard of living. Mr. Mayor is a millionaire who lives on Kahala Avenue. He needs to serve We the People! Instead taking an undeserved pay raise, start spending our tax money improving the roads around our State, replace old bridges with new ones, overhaul our sewage plants, improve the infrastructure around our state. Mr. Mayor should be finding ways to save money, to streamline cost and spending, to be more thrifty with our taxes, not spending more , not increasing his paycheck! Suggestion, improve all City and County processes and programs to become more efficient, to cut cost, to cut spending and not spend more of taxes on frivolous things like his pay raise. Mr. Mayor needs to take action to make the lives of the citizens of Hawaii more affordable, safe, and enjoyable. Your job Mr. Mayor is to serve We the People, not yourself, not by giving yourself a pay raise.		
Name: Kerry Ugale	Email: dr3amkass@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:19 AM
Testimony: no 64 percent raise for council members. Maybe a 5 percent..		
Name: Melissa Rothe	Email: 808mmr@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:19 AM
Testimony: I oppose to the 12.5% Honolulu Mayor pay raise!!		

Name: Shari Saiki	Email: sharisaiki@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:25 AM
Testimony: I do not agree with the salary increases		
Name: Thomas Motooka	Email: tomomae17@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:31 AM
Testimony: I do not support the salary increases.		
Name: Wilson Ajolo	Email: wnba3cats@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:40 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill		
Name: Maurice Pandjaitan	Email: mapandjaitan@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:41 AM
Testimony: Money used for salary increases could be used to help the hard working people of Hawaii or improving infrastructure.		
Name: Grant Lopes	Email: grantlopes@gmail.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:53 AM
Testimony: 64%pay raise is just a'ole		
Name: Theresa Neal-Viela	Email: taortiz86@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:54 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I would like to submit testimony opposing the proposed salary increases for city officials. While I recognize that these jobs are important, I believe that a 64% increase is preposterous! There are so many other initiatives, programs, departments, etc. in need of this money and to propose that it be given to certain elected officials is downright unacceptable. The elected officials that serve on the City Council and other offices should be serving for the betterment of the people, not in an attempt to line their pockets with the hard-earned money of it's community! It's a shame and a disservice to the people that you're supposedly there to serve.		
Name: Kryshelle Fajotina	Email: kryshellemay.fajotina@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:59 AM
Testimony:		

City councils already make \$100k per year. Getting a salary increase when the majority of Hawai'i residents struggle through poverty is corrupted and evil. The cost of living is way too high while the average household income barely caps at \$35k. This is unfair to put more of our hard working tax dollars to people that only sit in offices and meetings all day. Our men and women sacrifice their good years and time with their families to work multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

To support and push this Bill is only to create more difficulties for residents which could impact the state's economy. There would be no cash flow circulating to operate the state if more people fall into homelessness and if the number of businesses closing continues to rise.

The budget towards this increase should help the community DIRECTLY as we constantly are priced out of our home. This should help families in need, creating safer and cleaner neighborhoods, and to help increase the wage of our already poorly paid community.

Name: Jessica Silva	Email: 4miahslah@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Testimony:
When I think of all the issues we have here in Hawaii and possible solutions, I never once thought the first thing we should do is to give public officials raises. Considering you all are in public office positions, the audacity to try and justify a raise of that proportion. We have hard working individuals struggling to make ends meet and at the most they get is 1-3% raises in full time positions. I want to know how you public officials can justify this raise considering the current state of affairs? How can you continue to take away from the people and set them up for continued and future failure. Not sorry, Bills 10 & 11 is a no go..

Name: Daniela Stolfi-Tow	Email: mygoldenpalace@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 10:01 AM

Testimony:
The raise is too much. You should be struggling with the rest of us, therefore motivated to help.

Name: Crystal Batt	Email: crystal.batt@yahoo.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 10:02 AM

Testimony:
I oppose bill 011 23 council members focus on pay increase for themselves while the focus should be on the people they serve

Name: Iokepa Bahilot	Email: ibahilot@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 11:12 AM

Testimony:
At a time where most local families are struggling to put food on the table and pay bills, a 64% increase to executives who nearly shut down small business here in Hawaii seems like a major slap in the face. As a small business owner, who struggles to keep his doors open on a day-to-day basis, due to the fact that the pandemic has slowed our business entirely, I would like to see the money instead help small businesses, who need it.

Waikīkī Transportation Management Association Special Improvement District



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June 6, 2023

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

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT for Bill 11, CD2, FD1,
Proposed Amendments offered by Chair Waters**

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

The Waikīkī Transportation Management Association (WTMA) Special Improvement District (SID) supports the amendments to Bill 11, CD2, FD1, relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 offered by Chair Waters. The amendments will add \$199,675 to the FY24 Executive Operating Budget and Program revenues with a corresponding current expense appropriation of \$199,675 for the WTMA SID.

By FY24, the Waikīkī SID Permit and Decal Fees will have been collected for over four fiscal years. These funds will be used for the purposes intended when you approved Ordinance 17-58. The WTMA Annual Report transmitted to you last month (see M-0284) identified the projects and programs these funds will support.

We appreciate your consideration of Chair Water's Bill 11, CD2, FD1, 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

Cc: WTMA Board of Directors

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The Salary Commission adopted these schedule of salaries listed for the upcoming fiscal year:

- Honolulu mayor: \$209,856
- Council chair: \$123,292
- Council members: \$113,292
- Prosecuting attorney: \$198,888
- First deputy prosecuting attorney: \$189,096
- Managing director: \$200,712
- Deputy managing director: \$190,296
- Corporation council: \$192,864
- First deputy corporation council: \$183,220
- Deputy heads: \$187,488
- Deputy department heads: \$177,888
- Police chief: \$231,648
- Deputy police chiefs: \$220,944
- Fire chief: \$224,304
- Deputy fire chief: \$213,912
- Medical examiner: \$363,151
- Deputy medical examiner: \$354,161
- Band director: \$177,888