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Testimony

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

Support: 0

Oppose: 3

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Janet Jones	Email: janjones16@msn.com	Zip: 96825-1341
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 6, 2023 @ 12:44 PM
Testimony: I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL 10. You can't fund your own 64% pay raises! YOU are denying the public the opportunity to testify by blocking Resolution 23-81 & Resolution 23-82 from being on this Meeting's AGENDA.		
Name: Cristina Luck	Email: cluck@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 08:44 AM
Testimony: Dear Tommy Waters, I am reaching out as a concerned constituent in your district. I wish to express my deep concern regarding the passage of a 64% pay raise effective July 1, 2023, for council members, a decision made at a time when many in our community are still recovering financially from the pandemic. I am profoundly disturbed by the fact that public officials have voted to fund their own 64% pay raises without allowing public testimony or debate, which I find to be a serious breach of public trust. As you are aware, the public's right to weigh in on matters of public interest, especially those that directly involve taxpayer funds, is a fundamental principle of our democracy. In this particular case, my concerns are amplified by the fact that Resolution 23-81 & Resolution 23-82, which could have given the public an opportunity to testify, were blocked from being on the meeting's agenda. This act further undermines the public's faith in our elected officials, and appears to be a clear circumvention of our democratic processes. I respectfully request you, as my elected representative, to reconsider the implications of this bill and its manner of passage. Please use your position to fight for transparency, accountability, and a genuine democratic process where the voices of the public can be heard. Sincerely, Cristina Luck		
Name: Charlotte Rosecrans	Email: shocknh2o@gamil.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 7, 2023 @ 09:11 AM
Testimony: I am opposed to the pay raise if mayor!		