

**BILL058(23)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 529**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Oct 4, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 9

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Teri SAVAIINAEA	Email: kealakia@ymail.com	Zip: 96792-2993
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 01:35 PM
Testimony: I agree that we must permit authorized personnel to enforce certain provisions of the RO of HNL. The monetary penalty for repeat offenders should be set high to deter a person(s).		
Name: Jeremy Lam	Email: drjlam@aol.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 2, 2023 @ 04:54 PM
Testimony: My name is Jeremy Lam and i am writing testimony to support Bill 57 which is directed at illegal gaming rooms which are sometimes associated with monster homes and monster home developers. Monsater homes and gaming rooms occur in all neighborhoods. Many go undetected and DPP has a complaint driven system due to investigator shortages. One monster home developer who has thumbed her nose at the City is Christy Lei. She is the landlord for a recently identified illegal gambling operation. Bill 57 allows DPP to impose fines and to take action against these property owners. Resolution 223-228 encourages departments to work together to stop this illegal activity --- both monster homes and game rooms. Please pass Bills 57, 58 and Resolution 223-228! Tahnk you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue. Bill 58 will allow inspectors to enforce the laws regarding this issue.		
Name: Sharon Rahe	Email: sharonrahe@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 03:42 AM
Testimony: Please go after all personal involved in gaming room activities . It is making our neighborhood dangerous and unsafe. Landlords , patrons , owners of the machines should all be punished and fined . I heard gunshots in my neighborhood twice. Once a security guard got shot by my house watching a house that had illegal gambling . Another time there were gunshots heard around 11pm one car was shooting at another car related to the gaming room down my street . (School street in between Aupuni St and houghtailing st) in fact I heard there were 2 gaming rooms. There were also an incident involving a man with the machete, cutting off the hand of another man. Crazy dangerous because I live by small businesses and schools as well the elderly condos down the street . Please pass the bills and impose fines and include jail time . The landlords should lose their property.  Mahalo Sharon Rahe		
Name: Allen Cardines, Jr	Email: acardinesjr@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 01:00 PM
Testimony: I stand in strong support of this bill		
Name: Ann Au Hoon	Email: aauhoon03@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 04:14 PM
Testimony: I am in strong support of BILL058		
Name: Kathleen Pahinui	Email: pahinuik001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96791

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 05:20 PM
Testimony: Aloha Council Chair waters and Council Members -  Game rooms are a scourge across this island. On the North Shore we have at least 2 and the activity is relentless. The owners have been made aware of the activity but have done nothing to evict the law breakers. I understand this is common practice everywhere and landlords claim they have no control, didn't know, etc. They are not just gambling havens - they attract drugs and sex traffickers. It is time to say no more and take back our communities. Please pass this bill and support your communities.  Mahalo,  Kathleen M Pahinui Waialua Resident		
Name: David Carona	Email: d-carona@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 3, 2023 @ 07:49 PM
Testimony: support		
Name: Noela Von Wiegandt	Email: noelavonw@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2023 @ 07:23 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I support this bill. Thank you		
Name: Stefanie Sakamoto	Email: ssakamoto@imanaka-asato.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: BIA Hawaii	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Oct 4, 2023 @ 07:23 AM
Name: Patricia Watson	Email: pat.watson@yahoo.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 4, 2023 @ 08:24 AM
Testimony: Finally with this bill we see action to all of the rhetoric that has plagued us for years. With the approval of this bill we are taking the steps needed to outsmart the crooks that run illegal game rooms. I'm sure it won't be easy but this bill is what we expect of our elected officials, our police, and whoever else we need to take action instead of just talking about the problems that we face. I'm so impressed by what this bill is trying to do, it's as if we are finally, as a community, working together to be smarter & more efficient than the illegal owners of these properties who, for years, seem to have outsmarted all of us. I see a community effort on behalf of our council & that makes me proud of those who are working to move this bill forward. This is a great first step & I hope every council member realizes how important this is. Good job leaders!		
Name: philip ganaban	Email: ganabanphilip@gmail.com	Zip: 96792-2903
Representing: Waianae Neighborhood Board	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 4, 2023 @ 09:31 AM



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL  
Kapolei Hale  
10:00 PM**

October 4, 2023

RE: Bill 58 - Relating to Authorized Personnel

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaaina, and members of the Council:

My name is Max Lindsey, Government Relations Committee Chair of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

**BIA Hawaii offers the following comments on Bill 58, Relating to Authorized Personnel.**

We understand that the intent of this bill may be to deter the illegal building of so-called “monster homes”, or to deter game room operators in our communities. While we certainly agree with that intent, we have concerns with the overly broad nature of the bill. The bill appears to give building inspectors the power to arrest people who may be in violation. We have strong concerns with this.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Re: Opposition to Proposed Bill [Bill Number] - Protecting Property Rights

Dear Andria Tupuola,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation, [Bill 58], "Protecting Property Rights." While the title may suggest a noble intent, a careful examination of the bill's provisions reveals several concerning aspects that, in my view, undermine the very property rights it claims to protect. I respectfully request that you consider the following points in your deliberations:

**Erosion of Property Owner Rights:** The proposed bill appears to grant excessive powers to regulatory authorities and may lead to declining property owner rights. Specifically, sections [1610.2 A, C, 1610.4] of the bill grant authorities broad discretion to interfere with property rights without adequate checks and balances.

**Lack of Clarity:** The language used in certain bill sections lacks clarity and specificity, leaving room for misinterpretation and potential abuse. It is essential that legislation affecting property rights is precise and unambiguous to prevent unintended consequences.

**Impact on Property Values:** The provisions related to property inspections and potential fines could negatively impact property values. Property owners should not be subjected to undue financial burdens without a clear and compelling reason.

**Overreach of Government Authority:** This bill could be seen as an overreach of

government authority into the private affairs of property owners. While addressing issues related to property use and safety is necessary, the proposed legislation may go beyond what is required to achieve these goals.

Limited Public Input: The bill's drafting and consideration have occurred with little public input. Before advancing this legislation further, I urge you to ensure a transparent and inclusive process for soliciting feedback from affected property owners and stakeholders.

I respectfully request that you reconsider your support for [Bill Number] in its current form and seek amendments that address these concerns. Any legislation affecting property rights must strike a balance between protecting the public interest and respecting the rights of property owners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope you will consider the perspectives of property owners like myself in shaping the final version of this bill. I am available to discuss my concerns further if needed.

V/r

Philip Ganaban