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The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Cordero and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Testimony on Bill 20 (2024), Relating to Fines, Fees, and Other
Revenues of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)

The DPP provides the following comments on Bill 20 (2024). The DPP appreciates the intent of this bill to allow the DPP to directly receive revenues it collects through its fees and fines, to help support its operations.

The DPP is aware that changes to revenue streams and their exclusion in the City Budget may impact other Departments and their programs and priorities. Therefore, the DPP defers to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, who has overall authority of the City's budget and how revenues should best be managed and dispersed.

The DPP is implementing major fundamental changes to its capacity, processes, and technology, in an effort to greatly improve operations and services to the public. As the DPP works through this transition period, it is prudent to wait until the transformation is complete.

If the long-term goal is to make the department self-sustaining, there are a couple of considerations. The DPP is subject to the cyclical nature of the construction industry, which in a market downturn could negatively impact staff positions and/or require the raising of fees or fines.

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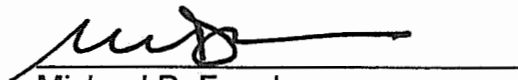
Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on Bill 20. Should there be any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-8000.

Very truly yours,

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Dawn Takeuchi Apuna
Director

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