

RES24-050
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Apr 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 48

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 5

Name: Mo Freitas	Email: momosurfs@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2024 @ 04:24 PM
Testimony: In support of 24-050 Having a commission offers an even playing field for everyone.		
Name: Justin Riddleberger	Email: riddleberger56@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2024 @ 05:07 PM
Testimony: This will help protect and serve the local community and tourists.		
Name: Chelsey Hatori	Email: chlsyhtr@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 15, 2024 @ 11:00 AM
Testimony: I am in support of Ocean Safety becoming it's own department with a commission.		
Name: Keegan Dunn	Email: mypokebowl@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 15, 2024 @ 01:28 PM
Testimony: Support the ocean safety lifeguards please		
Name: Bryan Phillips	Email: bryanphillips808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 15, 2024 @ 02:18 PM
Testimony: I am in full support of Resolution 24-50. I was a member of the Ocean Safety Taskforce stood up by this administration. The taskforce unanimously supported a creation of a separate Department of Ocean Safety. We did NOT provide the "how to do it". I believe that Resolution 24-50 provides the best pathway forward towards a nationwide best practice. Commissions, like Fire and Police, provide oversight and fosters transparency, accountability, and trust between communities and public safety departments. I urge the council and administration to work with the subject matter experts (chiefs) at Ocean Safety. I stand in strong support of Resolution 24-50. Mahalo, Bryan Phillips		
Name: Ed Fujioka	Email: puunui@msn.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 15, 2024 @ 06:25 PM
Name: Denise Antolini	Email: antolinid@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Apr 15, 2024 @ 07:38 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Council Chair Waters and Members,</p> <p>I continue to support RES24-050 (Charter Amendment, Department with Commission) as the preferred route to stand up Ocean Safety to a Department.</p> <p>Recognizing the Mayor's initiative and request for a resolution to allow the Executive to proceed with a reorganization in the interim, I also support RES24-103.</p> <p>And I support RES24-92, introduced by Councilmember Weyer, to put the Commission on the Charter if RES24-050 is supplanted by the Executive reorganization.</p> <p>The additional budgetary request (approximately \$1.4m) is a small investment in a new administrative structure given the incalculable value of human life and safety, the inherent risks of our coastal recreational areas, and the proven record of our world-class Lifeguards as dedicated and effective first responders.</p> <p>Bottom line: I fully support the creation of an Ocean Safety Department that - ideally and eventually - has a Commission and independent Director to ensure transparency and public oversight. Our lifeguards and our communities deserve this major step forward and upward!</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Denise Antolini Ppkea, Oahu</p>		
Name: Christian Hemmings	Email: aloha_hemmings@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 15, 2024 @ 09:40 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please Support Ocean Safety becoming its own department by being set up the right way with a commission and chief. Never mine big Rick and his appointed director.</p> <p>Mahalo</p>		
Name: Crystal Homcy	Email: cravegreens@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 08:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of the first responders center. This would benefit the community more than a shopping center.</p>		
Name: Kila Young	Email: kilayoung@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:22 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please make this a reality, we need to support our ocean safety as they are our lifeline and truly are, the first responders of our Kai. Mahalo</p>		
Name: Reyna Pila	Email: 08repila@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:31 AM

Testimony: I give my support to provide transparency to our people		
Name: Evan Hodges	Email: evan_hodges@outlook.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:52 AM
Testimony: Hello, my name is Evan Hodges I am an Ocean Safety Officer for the City and County of Honolulu. I am writing in support of RES24-050. I thoroughly believe that a commision based department is the best way for Ocean Safety to provide the best care for our community and its visitors. Nationwide commision based systems have proven to ensure that emergency response departments continue to grow and expand. Thank you for your time and for reading my testimonial.		
Name: Samuel Fisher III	Email: swfda3rd@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:54 AM
Testimony: I am for a Department of Ocean Safety. Mayors executive order I feel is the fastest and surest way to that. Mahalo Sam Fisher		
Name: Derek Wong	Email: wongderek808@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 12:46 PM
Testimony: I support Ocean Safety to become its own department .		
Name: kamakani froiseth	Email: kamakanifroiseth@live.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 12:49 PM
Testimony: i support ocean safety becoming its own department m!		
Name: Mike McHale	Email: mikemchale001@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 12:56 PM
Testimony: As a full time OSD Lifeguard since 2008 I am very much in support of OSD becoming a stand alone department. Our current Mayor seems to be in support as well and I believe we shouldn't delay the process in any way.		
Name: Joseph Vitek	Email: joevitek1@hotmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 02:00 PM
Testimony: I support Ocean Safety becoming its own department. Older lifeguards close to retirement will benefit from the process moving quickly, I support the mayor using his executive power to create a stand alone department and down the line creating a commission. Joseph Vitek.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Luke Shepardson	lukeshepardson10@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 02:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of res24-050 because we need to have transparency and community input that way we can move in the right direction</p>		
Name: Sarah Fairchild	Email: sarah@dukefoundation.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 02:28 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I'm writing in continued support of a separate Department of Ocean Safety overseen by a public commission, and in general support of all public safety agencies being overseen by commissions rather than politically appointed directors. Ocean Safety Commission members should be a mix of individuals with experience in professional ocean safety and/or in public administration or something similar. With the vast ocean heritage and skillsets in Hawaii, we have great human resources in our community to supervise AND support our ocean safety chief in a way that most mayors or council members would not be able to, especially given their many other responsibilities to the public. Public safety leaders, such as an ocean safety chief, should be focused on the task of preventing loss of life and administration around that mission, not on politics. Commissions can provide some buffer to that. Public safety leadership (supervised by commissions) should continually operate in structured and planned review cycles disconnected from political events or changes of political leadership.</p>		
Name: Michael Jutt	Email: mikejutt12@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 04:10 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of Ocean Safety becoming its own department. I worked for City and County Ocean Safety for over a decade. It was an amazing career but the need for it to be its own department was very apparent in my time there. It's important for getting the crews on the beach the things they need, as well as having their financial needs met. The overall public is in great support of this and allowing transparency and public input is important.</p>		
Name: Tamayo Perry	Email: oahusurfingexperience@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 04:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I Tamayo Perry stand in support of RES24-050. I 100% support Department of Ocean Safety to become their own Independent Department with a Commission & a Chief acting on their behalf. This has already been a viable & successful way to develop a legitimate Department in many already existing U.S. States. It's already a working formula for the Hawai'i Fire Department as well as the Hawai'i Police Department first responders, so Ocean Safety as well should adopt this process & formula also.</p> <p>Thank you for your sincere consideration, Tamayo</p>		
Name: Emilia Perry	Email: emiliadas@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 04:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I Emilia Perry stand in support of RES24-050. I 100% support Department of Ocean Safety to become their own Independent Department with a Commission & a Chief acting on their behalf. This has already been a viable & successful way to develop a</p>		

legitimate Department in many already existing U.S. States. It's already a working formula for the Hawai'i Fire Department as well as the Hawai'i Police Department first responders, so Ocean Safety as well should adopt this process & formula also.

Thank you for your sincere consideration,

Emilia Perry

Name: Robert Beall	Email: robertbeall123@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 05:05 PM
Testimony: I support		

Name: Alex Ferencz	Email: aferencznj@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 05:05 PM
Testimony: A commission is nationwide best practice for public safety departments. Commission oversight fosters transparency, accountability, and trust between communities and public safety departments. It provides an additional layer of scrutiny, potentially reducing misconduct and ensuring that department actions align with community expectations.		

Name: Blake Caporoz	Email: bjcaporoz@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 05:06 PM
Testimony: I'm in support of resolution 24-050.		

Name: Kurt Lager	Email: lager.kurt@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 05:49 PM
Testimony: Aloha, I continue to be in strong support resolution 24-50. It makes complete sense to have transparency, accountability and community engagement with any public safety first responder agency. Public Safety should never be governed by an appointed position whose decisions are made not necessarily on what the public needs are, but rather serve the agenda of an administration. Just because an executive decision can be made, does not mean it should be done. Let the community have input on how a public safety agency will best serve their needs. HPD has a commission, HFD has a commission, Ocean Safety and EMS should have commissions. Let the public have a voice for public safety, or at least a choice.		

Name: Danielle Troup	Email: dtroup7@yahoo.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 06:28 PM
Testimony: I am in full support of this resolution. As a public safety department the public should have a say and Ocean Safety becoming its own department would lead to greater protections for our beach and water enthusiasts and more efficiencies in running the department independently as the members of ocean safety know best what they need to get the job done well. Mahalo.		

Name: Bouvey Bradbury	Email: bouveybradbury@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Apr 16, 2024 @ 06:50 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Long overdue for the crucial and vital work of Ocean Safety on the island of Oahu. Been in the department for 30 years and seen how we been bounced around the city departments like no one knows where we belong as lifeguards</p> <p>Let's get it right this time and grant Ocean Safety their own department</p> <p>We put our lives on the line to save people we don't even know every day</p> <p>Hawaii is famous for its beaches but the lifeguards get back burner in this city structure</p> <p>It's about time</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Bouvey K Bradbury</p>		
Name: Keoni Keaulana	Email: kkeaulana47@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: City & County of Honolulu Lifeguard Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 07:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support resolution 24-50 to make ocean safety a separate city department. As a lifeguard I would appreciate the additional layer of that reduces misconduct and ensures that our department can meet and exceed community expectations.</p> <p>Mahalo for your consideration.</p>		
Name: Kiele Muraco	Email: kielemaria@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 07:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please support the bill to make ocean safety its own department.</p> <p>Mahalo</p>		
Name: Paul Franco	Email: paulgfranco@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 08:13 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Esteemed Honolulu City Council Members,</p> <p>My name is Paul Franco and I have established my career employment with the Honolulu City & County Dept. of EMS / Ocean Safety for the past 17 plus years. I would also add that I have worked for several other Departments of Ocean and Water Safety since 2002 to include the Los Angeles County Fire Department; Ocean Lifeguards and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Lake Lifeguards. In short, my entire working career has been in Open Water / Ocean Safety Departments and General Water Safety for both public and private entities and has spanned for 22 years overall now. It is my understanding by my many years of service to the public, that the main driver for GREAT Water Safety has its origins in the public's expectation-to be held in safe and capable hands-and the ability of those officials in charge of Public Safety, to provide the funding and operational safeguards to protect the public's interest and to provide any changes needed to meet the challenges of the future. These Challenges faced, such as a growing local population and visitor presence on our beaches, only serve to highlight a carefully thought out progression for Ocean Safety to come into its own as a Department and to continue its commitment of ensuring the safety of Oahu's visitors and our own Kama'aina. I would strongly implore all Honolulu City Council members to allow the public at large to look and have a say in the future of Ocean Safety through the voting process and consider the implementation of a Commission designed for the public to continue to keep its say, trust and faith in what Ocean Safety does now to continue its current capabilities and to adapt to the future as changes are needed. Thank you for your time.</p>		
Name: Ikaika Won	Email: ikaikawon@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:03 PM

<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support this resolution to provide a question on the ballot in regards to an Ocean Safety Commission. A commission is nationwide best practice for public safety departments. Commission oversight fosters transparency, accountability, and trust between communities and public safety departments. It provides an additional layer of scrutiny, potentially reducing misconduct and ensuring that department actions align with community expectations.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Gabrielle Woolery</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>gaw5175@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96782</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:36 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hello, my name is Gabrielle Woolery I am a registered nurse, ocean enthusiast, and resident in Pearl City. I am writing in support of RES24-050. A commission is nationwide best practice for public safety and emergency response departments. It allows for transparency, accountability and trust between communities and public safety departments. Thank you for your time and for reading my testimony.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Mary Thornton</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>memethornton@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96712</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:46 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Ocean Safety to get their own department, Commission & a Chief.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Kyle MacCuish</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>kpmaccuish@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96712</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Apr 16, 2024 @ 09:47 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a former City and County lifeguard I support this bill undoubtedly. Ocean Safety is such a crucial roll in our society in Hawai'i as we have so many visitors and residents alike that enjoy the ocean year round. Without the protection of lifeguards on duty our beaches would be plagued with drownings and catastrophes that would severely disrupt not only our local communities but the tourism industry as a whole. Ocean Safety needs to have its own department to properly allocate funds to keep the beaches safe for everyone.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kyle MacCuish</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Chelsea Kahalepauole-Bizik</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>chelsea_opuulani@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96734</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:01 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>An Ocean Safety Department under this plan would look more similar to our HFD. More resources and money going directly to the needs of Ocean Safety for the proper and most efficient tools for them to keep our residents as well as visitors safe in our waters. This is what has been needed at least on the Island of Oahu for decades now.</p> <p>EMS & OSD should not be under the same department, their needs to perform their lifesaving skills are different</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Joshua Thornton</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>josht7373@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96712</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:06 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Ocean safety is an underfunded and understaffed island community obligation that benefits everyone living and visiting the islands, especially Oahu. Please don't push this aside and make the unwise decision to make a simple director - this needs to be</p>		

its own commission with an acting chief to solve the problems the guards are currently facing here and throughout the islands. These first responders are some of the most dedicated and pono members of our community - stop letting them get left without the support they need and establish a Department of Ocean Safety.

Name: Jesse King	Email: jking808808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:14 PM
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Testimony:
I am in strong support of Resolution 24-050.
Ocean Safety must be a standalone department with a commission. A commission is vital for any public safety agency to best serve the people of Hawai'i. Please push this to the ballot so the public can vote for it in November.
Mahalo Nui!

Name: Jarad Makaiau	Email: jarad.makaiau@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:19 PM
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Testimony:
I strongly support Res. 24-050 to establish an Ocean Safety Department. Hawai'i lifeguards are the best watermen in the world and are the front lines providing emergency response and safety for residents and visitors. A stand alone department would bring them with on equal footing with other first responders (fire and police) and facilitate resources to this Department.

Name: Maile King	Email: maileking808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 10:30 PM
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Testimony:
Aloha, I support Res 24-50.
An Ocean Safety Department must have a commission. Allow them to better serve the public.
Mahalo!

Name: Alan Cavaco	Email: alikacavaco@me.com	Zip: 96744
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 11:16 PM
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Testimony:
I support ocean safety becoming its own department with a Chief and a Commission of oversight.

Name: kelly krohne	Email: kskmakaha@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 16, 2024 @ 11:48 PM
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Testimony:
I support this bill

Name: Daniel-Ray Kahalepauole-Bizik	Email: kawaonuiola808@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 12:10 AM
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Testimony:
I support ocean safety in becoming its own department

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Ikaika Gualdarama	ijkgualdarama@gmail.com	96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 01:38 AM
Testimony: I SUPPORT Res24-050		
Name: Christa Funk	Email: cfunkphoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 04:24 AM
Testimony: Ocean Safety should be a separate city department with a chief and commission. A commission is nationwide best practice for public safety departments. Commission oversight fosters transparency, accountability, and trust between communities and public safety departments. It provides an additional layer of scrutiny, potentially reducing misconduct and ensuring that department actions align with community expectations.		
Name: Donald Rodgers	Email: djrogers03@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Pacific Ocean Patrol LLC	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 06:28 AM
Testimony: To provide, prevent and protect the public with the best possible means Ocean Safety needs to be its own department.		
Name: Aka Tamashiro	Email: akatamashiro@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 06:52 AM
Testimony: I strongly support ocean safety becoming its own department with a commission! if we have a mayor appointed director that it would NOT be good for the public or ocean safety. It would be the same situation as being under EMS Help ocean safety help the public		
Name: Frederic Booth III	Email: freddybooth@hotmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 07:22 AM
Testimony: i strongly support 24-50. i believe the problem Ocean Safety had in the first place was directors. Often times like last year Ocean Safety was being blocked by directors and we had to ask the council to call upon our Chief so they could hear what was truly needed when it came to positions for 4-10s which has already saved lives. Directors often times donate to the mayor, they are hired by the mayor, and usually come and go with the mayor. So naturally their commitment is to the mayor more than the Lifeguards. We need a Chief who is committed to the Lifeguards and a commission for over site, accountability and transparency. Also there is no rush. We should not be in a rush to do this the wrong way. i believe it is a lot of the older Guards who want to do it the mayors way to simply get a title before they retire rather than fighting for a proper foundation for the future of Ocean Safety to stand on. i believe a Chief and commission like Fire and Police is the only way forward. Doing it the mayors way is just more status quo. i would like to personally ask the council. Are we shooting for a strong foundation for Ocean Safety's future with accountability and transparency? Or are we shooting for status quo? i support a Chief and a commission.		
Name: Jacob DiPaola	Email: mauijake@hotmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 07:51 AM
Testimony:		

California has a better established and better paid ocean safety program, despite the fact that Hawaii has been the leader in ocean lifesaving for a thousand years. Our water safety officers do more with less and do not get paid accordingly.

Furthermore, since we have chosen to migrate our primary economic driver from agriculture to tourism our very existence is predicated on having safe beaches and waterways. Sustainment is dependent on a voice speaking ONLY for our water safety professionals.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Jake DiPaola
Chief Petty Officer, United States Coast Guard

Name: John Silberstein	Email: islandsurfresq@aol.com	Zip: 96795
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 07:54 AM
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Testimony:
Please support the establishment of a dedicated OS Dept. as well as the ocean safety commission. This is critical to ensure the right people are put in place to navigate this agency on a proper course. Mahalo

Name: John Kahalewai	Email: jakahalewai@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 08:22 AM
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Testimony:
In support of Ocean Safety becoming their own department. With a commission, not a director.

Name: Megan Long	Email: meganlong413@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 08:35 AM
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Testimony:
I support Res24-050

Name: Jeffrey Okuyama	Email: jeffreyokuy@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 08:36 AM
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Testimony:
I am in huge support.

Name: Matthew Mako	Email: matthewmako84@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 17, 2024 @ 08:59 AM
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Testimony:
The ocean is our lifeblood... it is who we are as people of Hawaii. To dedicate resources specifically to Ocean Safety and creating a Commission is paramount to success of our community. Ocean safety deserves this. Mahalo

April 15, 2024

Testimony of Edward Fujioka on Honolulu City Council Resolution 24-50

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Members of the City Council

Thank You for allowing me to Testify on Resolution 24-50

Based on the current language in Resolution 24-50 I am opposed to this Resolution for the following reasons.

Creating another Department within the City of Honolulu is not an easy task and should not be rushed. There needs to be a detailed strategic action plan with milestones on how the City will benefit with Resolution 24-50 is implemented. Included in SAP there should be the following.

- A detailed assessment if the Separation is needed, doable, plan and what is required for a successful transition.
- Business Structure (Org Map) of all positions with SR or pay grades current and with new Department.
- Detailed Financial Plan/Budget reflecting Personnel Salaries, Fringe benefits, Equipment, Rent, Communications (Radio's, Dispatch Centers, internet, devices, phones and Internet of Things) included refresh of equipment (end of life).
- What enhancements can/should the city and public expect be included.

Internet Connectivity for all OS towers and personnel. Are all personnel able to connect to the intranet to check emails, Policies, Alerts, Memos, Timecards and schedules. Do they have access to CCHPTA to check pay and leave balances?

Do all Towers have access to CAD data with a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) to view call and Dispatch data and comment updates live. Include EMS and HFD data on every 911 call.

Will all requests for rescues/calls for service be logged using system/software for Records Management, Data source like what EMS/HPD/HFD currently uses creating case numbers to track incidents, victims etc.

How will 911 services in Ocean Safety Dispatch improve, will it be staffed 24/7 like other public safety agencies (HPD/EMS/HFD). If someone calls 911 at 1am and request OS, will they respond or will it be forwarded to HFD

Where will Ocean Safety's backup/Alternate Dispatch center be and who will fund the set up and equipment/cost

I respect the great work that current Ocean Safety personnel perform today. They risk their own personal safety to save those in need every day. I have worked along side these men and woman as a former City Paramedic. I want the best for them and want a good plan that will work for everyone.

I do strongly support the formation of the Ocean Safety Commission made up of a range

of the community up to 7 members like the language in Resolution 24-92. I also would strongly support the formation of an EMS Commission. Both commissions will help solve issues and look for solutions that are raised by the public and department employees. Currently there is no commission to advocate for either.

Thank You for the opportunity to testify.

Ed Fujioka