

Bill 64 (2023)

Testimony

For May 23, 2024 meeting

Planning and the Economy

MISC. COM. 243



TO: Honolulu City Council Committee on Planning and the Economy

RE: BILL 64, FD1, CD1 TESTIMONY – COMMENTARY AND AMENDMENT REVIEW

Hearing Date: May 23, 2024, Time 9:00 am

Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Committee on Planning & the Economy:

**FROM: Eadean Buffington, Mililani Group, Inc. dba Mililani Memorial Park
and Mortuary**

DATE: May 22, 2024

As spokesperson for Mililani Group, Inc., I offer the following comments with respect to Bill 64, FD1, CD1.

Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary ("MMPM") was originally built in 1960. Since that time, various other structures have been built that are employed in our daily operations. Although fully compliant at the time of their construction, some of these buildings may presently be considered non-conforming. We are diligent in our maintenance of these buildings and secure appropriate insurance coverage in the event of damage. If these buildings were damaged, the placement of an artificial restriction of no more than 10% of the structure's replacement cost, would hinder our ability to restore the building. Further I am uncertain as to how the insurance company would react to our being limited to repairs of no more than 10% of the replacement cost of the structure.

It is essential to continuing operations that we be permitted the ability to fully and completely repair and maintain these building for our families. Also I would ask that we be permitted to have flexibility to expand or augment any non-conforming buildings in the future as may be needed.

Therefore, MMPM respectfully requests the Council to permit repairs and renovations to non-conforming structures pursuant to the applicable plan review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eadean Buffington".

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