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Aloha Council Chair and Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony. I would have been happy to testify in-person; however, I note that it is remote access only. I am unable to testify via remote due to an eye condition that could lead to loss of eyesight utilizing too much technology and digital.

I strongly support Bill 50 to limit the number of street parades in Waikīkī. I am a full-time resident and with all the extra traffic it is very hazardous to be a pedestrian. Just in the last month or so, I was almost run over three (3) different times. Twice in a crosswalk and once crossing the road. It was safer for me to cross the road than to try and walk to the nearest crosswalk. I testified at the Waikīkī Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 and Senator Moriwaki was kind enough to take my information for a follow-up. I attended the Neighborhood Commission Meeting on Monday July 22, 2024 and shared some of my experiences outside of the meeting. I attended the Neighborhood Planning Meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024 and share some of my experience after the meeting with Dylan and I also shared my experiences with Chair Smith.

I know that planning committees can take months and years from the start of a project to implementations; however, stopping the problem in the beginning is immediately. I want to live in a safe and clean community now.

Please consider my experiences when you make the decision on this bill.

Mahalo,

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