

BILL062(23)
Testimony

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PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (PIT)

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Meeting

Meeting Date: Oct 24, 2024 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 10

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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| Name: Lloyd Lim | Email: lloydlim600bach@aol.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 22, 2024 @ 01:02 PM |
| Name: Richard Emery | Email: randrhawaii@gmail.com | Zip: 96816 |
| Representing: Associa | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 22, 2024 @ 01:23 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am VP of Hawaii Affairs for Associa (Associa Hawaii) and understand the complexities associations are facing in complying with the new fire safety standards. Condominiums in general are under great financial stress due to the massive recent insurance premium increases. In addition, the resources to complete the inspection are limited. The time requirements to complete the report and make decisions needs to be extended.</p> | | |
| Name: Denise Pierson | Email: neiceypie60@yahoo.com | Zip: 96789 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 22, 2024 @ 02:04 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support waiting until 2038 to require the condos and apartments in Hawaii to have sprinklers. The cost is very expensive for residents/ owners who are on fixed incomes and have already experienced an increase in cost due to rising cost of food, utilities and inflation to mention a few. This increased cost could send more people out of Hawaii and away from home. many will just die I mean literally if they were forced to leave their lifetime home just because the government made it mandatory and so many just cant afford the additional costs to live let alone put in a sprinkler system.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>D.M. Pierson</p> | | |
| Name: Carol Steitzer | Email: cohmura@hawaii.rr.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Makiki Manor AOOU | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 03:44 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am the AOOU Board President of Makiki Manor on Wilder Avenue. I SUPPORT Bill 062 (2023). On behalf of our Board and owners, I would like to extend our appreciation to the former Committee members as well as Committee Chair Andria Tupola, Vice Chair Calvin Say, and members Augie Tulba and Matt Weyer for tirelessly supporting the community, listening to our concerns, and taking action.</p> | | |

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| Name: Ronald Steitzer | Email: ronks212@yahoo.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 03:45 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am the AOUC Board President of Makiki Manor on Wilder Avenue. I SUPPORT Bill 062 (2023). On behalf of our Board and owners, I would like to extend our appreciation to the former Committee members as well as Committee Chair Andria Tupola, Vice Chair Calvin Say, and members Augie Tulba and Matt Weyer for tirelessly supporting the community, listening to our concerns, and taking action.</p> | | |
| Name: JACQUELIN Seuh | Email: jacque.seuh@gmail.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: AOUC Makiki Manor | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 04:20 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support the ammendment.</p> | | |
| Name: Kenneth Molina | Email: kenjmolina@yahoo.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 04:50 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>Time is needed to figure out a more fair solution.</p> | | |
| Name: Sung Park | Email: skpark@hawaii.rr.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 05:17 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support this bill.</p> | | |
| Name: Emily Kekuewa | Email: ekekuewa55@gmail.com | Zip: 96822 |
| Representing: Self | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 23, 2024 @ 05:27 PM |
| <p>Testimony:</p> <p>AOAOs need more time!!</p> | | |

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| Name: Angela Melody Young | Email: Alohavinedesign@gmail.com | Zip: 96817 |
| Representing: CARES Community Advocacy Research Education Services | Position: Support | Submitted: Oct 24, 2024 @ 12:58 PM |
| Testimony: CARES testifies in strong support. | | |

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (PIT)

Re: BILL062(23) RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY

Hearing Date and Time: October 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Written Testimony Only

My name is Lloyd Lim and I am testifying in my individual capacity as a condo unit owner, not on behalf of any entity, in support of an extension of time as contemplated by Bill062(23) Relating to Fire Safety. A conflict requires me to submit testimony only in writing.

I will leave many of the possible arguments to others. This matter has been discussed before and I suspect will continue to be. I want only to relay a story that illustrates why a top-down, one size fits all approach can create hardship.

My condo association hired a condo management company to handle its fiscal duties under the condo regime and it went out of business, but not after leaving the association with a gap of about a year with no monthly financial reporting. The vendor also refused to give us back our records, not just those during their tenure as our vendor, but records from decades with another vendor. The government was not able to help in this matter. We were not the only clients of this vendor.

The result is that we have not been able to obtain fully audited financial statements for years. Because we need 2-3 years of audited financial statements to get a loan and accelerate the condo fees, we need more time. We have other big projects, some of which may be of at least equal life safety concern.

Risk is complex and no one can predict what will happen. But no one can prevent every possible bad thing that might occur; that expectation is not realistic. Policy that is not realistic often becomes failed policy.

Despite the attempts of some to demonize condo owners, and the moral condescension of those who are happy to spend money that doesn't come out of their own pockets, the situation in Honolulu is currently not favorable for many of us, including some of us who were born and raised here and who have spent most of our lives here. Prioritize goals correctly and government will have a better reputation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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