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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jan 29, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Bill2, Repeal Special Funds – **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 2, which would repeal the Community Renewal Program Fund and Leisure Services Incentive Fund.

Please vote “yes” on Bill 2.

Jan. 29, 2024, 10 a.m.

Honolulu Hale

To: Honolulu City Council

Tommy Waters, Chair

Matt Weyer, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: Bill 2 (2025) — RELATING TO FUNDS

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Weyer and other members of the Council,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [Bill 2 \(2025\)](#), which would repeal the Community Renewal Program Fund and the Leisure Service Incentive Fund.

As the measure notes, the Community Renewal Program Fund has been obsolete since 1975 when the federal government repealed Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.

Likewise, the Leisure Service Incentive Fund has not been listed in the city's annual comprehensive financial reports since its inception in 1985, and therefore also appears to be useless.

Grassroot appreciates the intent of this measure and would welcome further Council actions to repeal outdated and redundant portions of the city code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas

Director of Strategic Campaigns

Grassroot Institute of Hawaii