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Support: 1

Oppose: 0

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Feb. 11, 2025, 9 a.m.

Honolulu Hale

To: Honolulu City Council Committee on Budget

Tyler Dos-Santos Tam, Chair

Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: Bill 2 (2025) — RELATING TO FUNDS

Aloha Chair Dos-Santos Tam, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and other members of the Committee,

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As the measure notes, the Community Renewal Program Fund has been obsolete since 1975 when the federal government repealed Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.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Grassroot appreciates the intent of this measure and would welcome further Council actions to repeal outdated and redundant portions of the city code.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

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