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Testimony

BUDGET (BUD) Meeting

Meeting Date: Mar 14, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

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DATE: Friday, March 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Budget Review - **COMMENT**

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on the Parks and Recreation budget review. Since details are not provided in the review, I do not know what the Parks' Department budget is for signs. This is one small area that should be cut, however. Many parks have duplicate signs that are no more than 10 feet away from each other. This creates sign pollution. Some of these signs should be taken down and used in other parks.

These pictures were taken at parks in East Honolulu.



Our parks need better maintenance. Comfort stations are often dirty and sometimes have broken faucets or worse. Our neighborhood park often has unevenly cut grass that leaves me wondering why it can't all be cut at the same time (or at least within a couple of days).

It's embarrassing that our parks look like this. Please discuss this in the briefing.

