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Meeting Date: Mar 31, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 8

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kori Oros	Koriharvey@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 29, 2025 @ 10:35 PM
Testimony: Aloha Council Budget Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members, Please support the Mayor's budget request for the North Shore First Responder Center. We urgently need the NSFRC. After the tragic passings of my friend's daughter on New Years Eve along the trail mauka to Ehukai beach park and my colleague's son at Ke Iki Beach, as well as witnessing countless rescues, the visiting young lady who was swept away by Jump Rock in 2020 at Waimea Bay, this will fill a much needed gap in the EMS ambulance coverage and will provide a central and easily accessible location for the area's lifeguards and save future lives. Mahalo, Kori Oros North Shore Resident		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Blake McElheny	blakemcelheny@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 30, 2025 @ 05:09 PM
Testimony: Dear Budget Chair and Committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I support the Mayor's proposed budget request for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility. We are grateful the Mayor and the Council are willing to address Honolulu's public safety challenges in a big way and are willing to invest for the long-term - addressing immediate public safety needs in a sustainable way. This Mayor and your Council consistently work together to make meaningful public investments that match the scale of the challenges being addressed for the people of Honolulu. The community is grateful for the bravery and dedication of Honolulu's first responders and we appreciate the commitment to public safety our decision makers demonstrate on these matters of life and death. Please consider supporting the budget request from the Mayor for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility commonly referred to by community members as the North Shore First Responder Center. Thank you very much. Take care, Blake McElheny		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karen Gallagher	KarenGallagher222@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	I wish to comment	Mar 30, 2025 @ 05:22 PM
Testimony: Aloha, Regarding D-232. I strongly support the proposed North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit. This facility will definitely save the lives of our residents and visitors. Within minutes of the proposed facility are a heavily used motocross track, popular hiking venues and an ocean which is frequented by everyone from the least experienced visitors to the best surfers pushing the limits in some of the most dangerous waves on our planet. Our First Responders need to be better prepared, and this is the answer. Thank you so much for supporting this budget request! Karen Gallagher North Shore Resident		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Joe Wilson	qwavesjoe@yahoo.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective	Support	Mar 30, 2025 @ 06:14 PM
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jacqueline Leinau	jacque.leinau@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 30, 2025 @ 06:56 PM
Testimony: Re: D-232 - In Support of North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility Aloha Council Budget Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members, I fully support the Mayor's proposed budget for the North Shore First Responder Facility. This investment is a crucial step toward enhancing public safety on the North Shore. It demonstrated a long-term commitment to addressing immediate needs while ensuring lasting solutions that will positively impact both residents and visitors alike. Please support this budget request from the Mayor. Mahalo, Jacqueline Leinau Pūpūkea Resident		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Denise Antolini	antolinid@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Mar 30, 2025 @ 08:27 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Budget Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Committee members,

Please support the Mayor's budget request for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility - D-212.

The Mayor announced his intention to support this facility in his State of the City address, and the community is confident the Mayor will succeed in making this dream a reality.

This Ocean Safety and EMS facility is urgently needed on the North Shore and will provide emergency medical support not only for the community and visitors, but the entire population of O'ahu and the State, local folks and families who enjoy the recreational opportunities in our rural area, which is under-served by ambulance services and whose Lifeguards cover an extraordinarily large geographic area with a dilapidated headquarters building.

We appreciate your support moving this budget request forward!

Denise Antolini

Pūpūkea resident

District 2

Name: Larry McElheny	Email: lkmcelheny@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 31, 2025 @ 03:55 AM

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Aloha

I strongly support the Mayor's proposed budget request for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility.

Mahalo,

Larry McElheny

Name: Lynell DaMate	Email: lynell808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 31, 2025 @ 06:56 AM

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Aloha e,

As a local resident, born and raised here on the North Shore of Oahu, I have observed the growth in population of both residents and visitors alike. The North Shore has become quite the "go to" place in our State. Therefore, it would be a

tremendous benefit to all to have the North Shore First Responders Center and Ambulance Unit come to fruition. Supporting this Bill, supporting the hard work of Mayor Blangiardi and his Team, would be momentous and extremely beneficial to all who live and visit our North Shore of Oahu.

Mahalo Nui

Name: Douglass Cole	Email: douglassvzcole@gmail.com	Zip: 96822-5040
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 31, 2025 @ 09:49 AM

Testimony:
I strongly support the Mayor's proposed budget request for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility.



North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective

Honolulu City Council Committee on Budget

March 31, 2025

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Committee Members,

On behalf of the North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective, a grassroots effort working to ensure that our rural O'ahu communities are welcoming, inclusive, and safe for LGBTQ+ residents and visitors alike, I'm writing to ask you for your continued support for the Mayor's budget request for the North Shore Ocean Safety Station and Ambulance Unit Facility.

This First Responder Center is critically needed on the North Shore to provide essential emergency medical services for all who spend time in our region, particularly local families and individuals who enjoy the outdoor activities throughout the area.

We greatly appreciated hearing the Mayor highlighting his commitment to this project during his recent State of the City address and are optimistic that, with your Committee's and the full Council's support, the vision may soon become a reality.

Thanks so much for considering this request and for helping to keep it moving forward.

Sincerely,

Joe Wilson

Kaunala / Velzyland
North Shore O'ahu
District 2