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DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Bill 21, Legislative Budget - **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Bill 21, which is the legislative budget.

All city departments were asked to provide details of their vacant positions, yet you did not provide this information for your own bill. About \$25 million in vacant-funded positions has been proposed to be cut from city departments in Bill 22.

There are 173 full-time equivalent positions in the legislative budget. No cuts have been proposed for the Council's budget, however.

How many vacant positions does the legislative branch have?

How many years has each vacant position been open?

Please provide this information to the public no later than the posting of the full council agenda.

In addition, please cut your expense accounts by at least \$37,800, which is the equivalent of the annual cost of monthly car allowances for each councilmember.