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Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Councilmembers,

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

I support the amendment to add provisional language to the line item for the councilmembers' expense accounts. It would prohibit the use of the expense accounts for payment of the car allowance.

Councilmembers received a huge salary increase two years ago, and you're scheduled to receive another one for 4% next fiscal year while many residents are struggling to make ends meet. Requesting councilmembers to forego a monthly car allowance is reasonable and would be a goodwill gesture.

In addition, during the last meeting, I had requested that the council report to the public the amount of vacant positions in the legislative budget. That appears to not have been done, which is very disappointing. T