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****Testimony in Support of Bill 57 (2025) – Honolulu City Council****

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City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, representing the Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I., and Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party (www.OhanaUnityParty.com). I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Bill 57 (2025), which amends Chapter 42 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 to require dumpsters placed on public streets or rights-of-way to be equipped with two red reflectors on each side (excluding top and bottom) and prohibits non-compliant dumpsters, with violations punishable by a civil fine not exceeding \$500. This bill enhances public safety and protects our ohana, aligning with our commitment to community-focused policies.

****Reasons for Support:****

Bill 57 addresses a critical safety issue by ensuring dumpsters on public streets or rights-of-way are highly visible, reducing the risk of accidents for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. According to the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (2024), poorly visible obstructions on Oahu’s roads contribute to approximately 10% of nighttime traffic incidents. Requiring red reflectors on dumpsters—defined as metal or plastic waste containers of at least three cubic yards—ensures they are noticeable in low-light conditions, particularly in high-traffic areas like Waikiki or Kalihi. The January 1, 2027, effective date for the reflector requirement provides ample time for compliance, minimizing disruption for refuse collection operators.

The bill’s enforcement mechanism, a civil fine not exceeding \$500 per violation, incentivizes compliance without being overly punitive, balancing safety with practicality. The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) can effectively oversee this requirement, building on its existing waste management oversight. This aligns with the City’s 2023 Oahu Resilience Strategy, which prioritizes infrastructure improvements to enhance community safety.

****Community Impact:****

The Ohana Unity Party champions policies that protect our keiki, kupuna, and families. Bill 57 ensures safer streets for all Oahu residents, particularly in underserved communities where illegal dumping and poorly maintained dumpsters are prevalent (Honolulu Star-Advertiser, August 2024). By improving visibility, the bill reduces risks for Native Hawaiian

families and low-income residents who rely on walking or biking in areas with heavy refuse collection activity. This modest yet impactful measure strengthens our community's quality of life without increasing taxes or fees, addressing affordability concerns.

****Call to Action:****

I urge the Honolulu City Council to pass Bill 57 (2025) to enhance public safety through improved dumpster visibility.

Additionally, I recommend:

1. ****Public Awareness Campaign****: Partner with ENV to educate residents and businesses about the reflector requirement, using platforms like my own (@OhanaUnityParty, @PikachuBillionaire on YouTube) to spread awareness.
2. ****Compliance Support****: Offer guidance or subsidies for small businesses to equip dumpsters with reflectors, ensuring equitable implementation.
3. ****Monitoring and Reporting****: Require ENV to report annually on compliance rates and incident reductions to assess the bill's effectiveness.

Bill 57 is a practical, community-focused step toward safer streets for our ohana. I encourage the Council to approve this ordinance to protect Honolulu's residents and visitors. Mahalo for your commitment to our community's safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

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