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Testimony

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Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports Resolution No. 25-235

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez, and I am the Advocacy Director for the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

HBL Supports Resolution No. 25-235, which authorizes a transfer of funds not to exceed \$63, 642 from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity to the Department of Transportation Services Engineering activity. These funds cover the City's matching contribution required for the City's receipt of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and will support implementation of the O'ahu Bike Plan update.

The O'ahu Bike Plan was last updated in 2019. By updating this plan, the City can continue to realize a charter mandate to become a more pedestrian and bike-friendly city. In 2025, the City earned national recognition with a Silver Level Bicycle-Friendly City designation by the League of American Bicyclists. By continuing to invest in bike planning, Honolulu can:

- 1) Encourage and promote bicycling as a safe, convenient and pleasurable means of transportation
- 2) Enhance cooperation between roadway users
- 3) Increase the mode share of bicycle trips
- 4) Earn Gold Level Bicycle Friendly City designation

Together, this work helps to address transportation affordability for residents, attract visitors to engage in sustainable and low-carbon transportation, and reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this key investment for our transportation future.

Ride Aloha,
Eduardo Hernandez

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director