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DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 25-209, Gift from Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies -
Comment

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Resolution 25-209, which is the acceptance of a gift of \$57,268.70 from the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies as reimbursement for registration fees collected from a virtual workshop held in August 2023.

The workshop was held more than TWO YEARS ago. According to Dept. Com. 571, this delay was due to turnover at the board level of the HCES. There were no questions, no testimony and no discussion about this delay or the resolution during the committee hearing. This is very disappointing.

While I can appreciate board turnover, delays such as this are unacceptable. The Council should understand what follow up was done regarding these funds and what procedures have been put in place so that future reimbursements occur in a more timely manner.

In addition, since this is a reimbursement, why is it not considered payment of a receivable? And how many other "reimbursements" like this are pending?