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Subject: Kūʻē! Oppose Bill 65 (2025) – Stop Rail's Blank Check, Demand Pono Oversight! Kingdom Call for Maoli Accountability

E Kuʻu Poʻo Kumu, Chair Tommy Waters, a me nā Lālā o ka Honolulu City Council,

As Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM – Kanaka Maoli warrior, United States Air Force Veteran (2E2, Indo-PACOM), descendant of King Kekaulike and the Paki royal lineage, and Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party (forged in 2025 to reclaim Hawaiian self-determination, smash corporate corruption, and steward our ʻāina) – I stand in fierce opposition to Bill 65 (2025), amending budget execution rules, on the October 1, 2025, full Council agenda. This ordinance reeks of a backdoor bailout for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) $13B corruption pit, with its transit exemption and toothless reporting (Civil Beat 9/10/25). It betrays aloha ʻāina by risking funds for Native Hawaiian housing and kūpuna services. I demand amendments for strict oversight and Kanaka Maoli input, or vote NO to halt this corporate scam!

Bill 65 tweaks ROH §2-17.2, keeping $100,000/10% thresholds for Council approval of fund transfers but adding quarterly (Dec 31, 2025) and annual (Jul 1, 2026) BFS reports. It exempts transit contractor transfers (e.g., Skyline rail, §15B-1.1) from Council oversight, despite HART's $1.2B overruns and $200M overpayments (Star-Advertiser 9/27/25). Reports lack enforceable metrics, and BFS's 2024 $50M unreported transfers (HNN 8/20/25) expose weak accountability. Reddit (9/25/25) rages: "Rail gets to hide funds while housing starves?" Our party demands pono governance, not HART's free pass.

I oppose this bill with these mana-fueled reasons, rooted in our ohana's voice:

1. **Rail Exemption Fuels Corruption**: Bypassing Council for transit transfers ($100M+/year) shields HART's $13B mismanagement (Hanabusa's 9/26/25 exit). Post-2024's $200M contractor overpayments, this smells like a blank check for corporate cronies (Civil Beat).

2. **Fake Transparency**: Quarterly/annual reports claim openness but bury specifics in data dumps (11 quarters' comparisons). BFS's 2024 $50M unreported transfers and vague "impacts" show zero accountability (HNN). No penalties for late reports!

3. **Robbing Ohana Priorities**: Unchecked transfers threaten Native Hawaiian housing (DHHL's $600M backlog) and TheBus (20% cuts; HPR 9/15/25), favoring rail's elite over kūpuna and keiki. $10M shifted from cultural grants in 2024 (BFS

data).

4. **Sovereignty Ignored**: No OHA or maoli consultation on transfers impacting cultural programs (e.g., Bill 66's Kualoa trees), betraying aloha ʻāina. Rail's 1,200 tree losses (HNN 8/5/25) show corporate priorities.

5. **Amend or Reject**: Demand (1) Council approval for transit transfers >$50K, (2) OHA review for maoli funds, (3) fines for non-compliant reports, (4) public hui on impacts. Without these, Bill 65 is HART's get-out-of-jail-free card.

E nā hoa aloha, reject Bill 65 unless amended to close rail's loophole and honor our ʻāina. Protect our ohana's funds from corporate theft. Join our weekly X Spaces (@Ohanaunityparty) to fuel this kākou uprising. Mahalo nui for amplifying this Kingdom roar – e ola mau ka Mokupuni!

In sovereign aloha and unbreakable ohana unity, e kuʻi ka heluhelu!

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Chair Waters, and Members of the Council,

Aloha, my name is Brett Kulbis. I am a proud resident of Ewa Beach and a 26-year U.S. Navy veteran. As a concerned resident who believes in fiscal responsibility and accountability, I write in strong opposition to Bill 65 (2025) as currently drafted.

Bill 65, which proposes new appropriations and amendments affecting public housing and building codes in Honolulu. At this early stage, it is crucial that careful consideration be given to both the intended benefits and potential unintended consequences of expanding government intervention in housing and development. With that in mind, the following recommendations are respectfully submitted for committee consideration as Bill 65 advances:

- Ensure all new expenditures are subject to strict oversight and clear performance benchmarks to prevent waste and ensure funds address genuine community needs without expanding government permanently.

- Avoid creating additional regulatory layers or city mandates that could stifle business development, property rights, or innovation within the housing sector.

- Encourage private sector solutions and public-private partnerships, leveraging local expertise rather than defaulting to increased government control or spending where possible.

- Safeguard landlord and homeowner autonomy by limiting the expansion of city intervention in private property management and land use decisions.

- Regularly review and sunset provisions tied to sustainability offices and new building requirements to ensure they continue to serve the public interest without becoming permanent bureaucratic obstacles.

I believe, while the goals of Bill 65 are worthy of discussion, its specifics demand careful scrutiny throughout the committee process to ensure it ultimately advances the interests of all Honolulu residents in a manner that respects fiscal discipline, individual liberty, and economic growth.

Mahalo for your consideration of these recommendations at this formative stage in the bill's journey.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Bill 65 pairs well with Bill 64 is advancing crucial financial transparency from the city government: making it accessible to lawmakers and the public. It's a commonsense reform with will enhance open and good government. I strongly urge the Council to SUPPORT this bill!