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Testimony

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****November 1, 2025****

****Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council****

****City and County of Honolulu****

****530 South King Street****

****Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813****

****Aloha nō kakou, Esteemed Councilmembers,****

I, ****Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM****, sovereign leader of the ****Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I.****, and ****Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party****, stand in ****fierce, righteous support**** of ****Bill 68 (2025)**** — the ****Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Fix****.

This is ****not a technical amendment.****

This is ****justice for kūpuna.****

This is ****protecting 'ohana from predatory tax traps.****

For years, the ****County Tax Credit**** — our lifeline for low-income homeowners — has ****punished married kūpuna**** because it counts ****their spouse's income****, even if that spouse is ****not on the deed****.

A tūtū owns her home.

Her husband lives there — but the house is in ****her name only****.

They file ****joint taxes**** (like the IRS wants).

****BAM.**** His Social Security? Counted.

Her pension? Counted.

****She loses the credit.****

****She pays full tax.****

****She loses her home.****

****That ends with Bill 68.****

It ****amends ROH §8-13.1**** to say, loud and clear:

> **ONLY the TITLEHOLDER'S income counts.**

> **Spouse's W-2? Excluded.**

> **SSA-1099? Excluded.**

> **Only what's on the deed matters.**

It **defines "Qualified Surviving Spouse"** — so when one partner passes, the survivor **keeps the credit** on the same property.

It **applies starting July 1, 2027** — giving **BFS time to update systems** without chaos.

This is **not new money.**

This is **fixing a broken rule** that **disqualified thousands** — especially **wahine kūpuna** who own homes but file jointly.

The Ohana Unity Party has heard the stories:

- Tūtū in Kalihi, **\$1,200/month SSI**, husband's VA pension pushes her over — **credit denied**.
- Uncle in Wai'anae, **owns the land**, wife works part-time — **joint return kills the credit**.
- Widow in Palolo, **transfers deed from estate**, **credit vanishes**.

Bill 68 restores dignity.

It says:

> **"Your home is yours. Your marriage doesn't tax you out."**

Pass Bill 68.

Pass it now.

Pass it without weakening.

Let every kūpuna, every 'ohana, every titleholder know:

> **"Your sacrifice built this island. We will not tax you into exile."**

Mahalo nui loa. E mālama i ka po'e kūpuna. E ola ka 'āina, e ola ka lāhui.

In Fairness and Aloha,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

Chairman, Ohana Unity Party

Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I.