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Testimony:

Testimony in Support of Bill 12 (2026) – Relating to Sewers, Drainage, and Cesspools

Submitted to: Honolulu City Council

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Honorable Chair Tommy Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

As Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, representing the Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I., and as Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, I strongly support Bill 12 (2026), which amends Chapter 43 to require public access to wastewater and storm sewer information via a dedicated website and interactive GIS map.

This bill enhances accountability by mandating monthly updates on critical data like spills, contaminants, maintenance schedules, water quality, runoff, and complaints—empowering citizens to monitor systems and hold the city responsible. In light of past issues like the Red Hill aquifer contamination, and ongoing cesspool pollution concerns addressed in recent laws (e.g., SB2926 extensions and Bill 60, 2024), such transparency is vital for public health, as demonstrated by CDC's wastewater surveillance for community monitoring.

Environmentally, it supports pollution reduction and flood prevention through data on gray water reuse and trash capture, aligning with green infrastructure benefits. GIS mapping enables better planning, yielding cost savings via predictive maintenance (e.g., FHWA and municipal studies show ROI in reduced project timelines). While mindful of implementation costs (e.g., hardware/software needs per UN-Habitat guidelines), these are offset by long-term efficiencies, especially amid 2026 sewer fee adjustments.

This measure embodies principles of open government and fiscal prudence for our ohana. I urge its passage with provisions for secure, accurate data handling.

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Sincerely,

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Testimony:

Hello County Council -

Thank for this bill. I regularly use City and County GIS data related to wastewater facilities and collection system in my work, as do my students. It is very valuable to have this information public and organized. I support having a clear process to make this data available.

Kim

Dr. Kim Falinski

UHM Water Resources Research Center

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Tommy Waters, Chair
Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
Honorable Council Members
Honolulu City Council

Subject: Bill 12 2026
Relating to Sewers, Drainage, and Cesspools

Dear Chair Waters and Honorable Members of the Council,

AIA Honolulu is in **strong support** of Bill 12 (2026), which would make critical wastewater and storm sewer system data – including capacity and flow information – publicly accessible on an interactive GIS platform. Currently, the City's GIS only shows where utility infrastructure is located, not how much capacity exists or how systems are performing. This gap means design professionals often develop full project proposals only to learn late in the process that there is insufficient system capacity to support the development. The result is wasted time, resources, and potential project delays that could have been avoided with earlier access to relevant data.

This bill will improve transparency, support better planning and project coordination, and reduce costly surprises for architects and developers. Ensuring that designers and planners have access to this information early in the process will help streamline project delivery and support sound decisions that align with City infrastructure constraints and goals.

For these reasons, AIA Honolulu supports Bill 12.
Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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