RES26-017
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Feb 18, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Self	Support	Feb 16, 2026 @ 09:14 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kākou,

Kimeona Kane of Waimānalo in support of this resolution. It is very apparent that we can do better and we must. This is an example of us doing better, with humility. Please move this resolution forward and continue to challenge the many things that challenge our communities.

Mahalo nui,

Kimeona Kane

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Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members -

I strongly support RES26-017 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

We need to ensure that the community is informed about agritourism activities as often these activities have no connection to the ag being done on the property. In fact, I have never been given a good explanation on why ATVs, kayaks, ziplines, gondolas, and biking would even be allowed as agritourism activities. What possible connection would these activities have with growing food or raising livestock?

For CUP minors, I strongly support notification to the appropriate neighborhood boards. Leave it up to each board to decide if they want a presentation or not. I can safely say, most of the boards would rather be given the opportunity to decide than not knowing and being surprised later by an inappropriate project.

Mālama ʻāina,

Kathleen Pahinui

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Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters Vice Chair Tupola and Council Members. My name is Racquel Achiu of the Waialua Moku (North Shore O`ahu) I'd like to MAHALO CM Weyer for the introduction of Resolution 25-228 in August 2025 and Mahalo to Zoning Chair Kia'aina for hearing it at the Feb 5, 2026 Zoning Committee. Our community has been relentless in our requests with CM Weyer to introduce this measure. Although Res 25-228 hasn't been reported out, we are grateful for Committee Chair Kia'aina's introduction of Resolution 26-17. THE MATTER OF DISCRETIONARY PERMITS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

I SUPPORT the intent of Resolution 26-17. However, I do have comment and some concern with regard to the proposed Amendments in the CD1.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING as these points have become of significant concern in the CUP process/approvals that have impacted our community:

#1 PLEASE PLEASE consider identifying an APPROVAL EXPIRATION. As I can understand the ability to consider an Extension (as mentioned by Director at the Feb 5 Committee meeting), an Extension process lacks a clear timeline and provides for a running approval. Extensions could be an ongoing/open ended approval (unless of course there is a CAP on the number of extension requests that would be accepted) An approval that is not established in a reasonable amount of time is at risk of having to ultimately address changes related to Community Growth, Environmental concerns, Traffic, Land, Climate & or Resources (to name a few) due to, what could be..10 years for example. These situations need to be looked at in a PROACTIVE manner vs having to REACT to situations such as non-compliance that are difficult to address once they're established. Placing an Expiration provides & supports a structured, defined process, creating a clear expectation of the applicant. The alternative gives approvals with endless timelines that don't support accountability or the integrity of the approval.

#2 PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE ADD, as introduced in CM Weyer's Resolution 25-228,CD1, Page 1, 3rd WHEREAS, ROH Section 21-2-40-1 (b) "that before a minor permit application is submitted, the Applicant shall first present the proposed project to the neighborhood board of the district where the proposed project will be located..." Neighborhood Boards, Community Associations and other appropriate community groups already review CUP MAJOR applications. If there are no points of the application that raise question, we will and have opted out of applicants presentation and submit a letter to DPP with

explanation. However, presentations made to DPP, City Council, Planning Commission etc are followed to ensure the information that was submitted for review is consistent with what was submitted to the Board, Assoc etc. Adding this requirement doesn't add work or time to DPP's review process and places the responsibility on the Applicant. Further, the community is able to weigh in and provide what could be critical input into the considerations that DPP will place in the approval process. The community, that the "Conditional Use" is being requested, is a resource that is able to contribute and provide responsible, reliable and current information or status about a space, activity, capabilities, concerns or even benefits of a proposed use. An applicants intentions impact a communities space, way of life and and overall footprint. PLEASE PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING THIS REQUIREMENT

#3 In SECTION 3 of the Bill attached to the resolution as Exhibit A:
In proposed ROH Section 21-2.90-2 (f) - If possible, please consider amending and inserting "51%" in the sub section language (for the purpose of requiring the applicant to maintain agriculture as their PRIMARY Use) to read "the director SHALL (may) require all (or a portion) of the site to be dedicated for a minimum of 10 years to 51% active agricultural use. If the active agricultural use ceases before the expiration of the minimum period of dedication, the director SHALL (may) nullify the dedication AND the permit is revoked or considered void under subsection (g) or s. 21-2.60(a)(4)

These suggestions I believe help address the severely abused approvals that applicants obtain for discretionary permits. CUP's among others have led to unprecedented situations of misrepresented, non compliant and significantly impacting activities that have compromised the use and integrity of lands throughout my moku (and our pae`āina)

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. MAHALO for your consideration
Aloha for now
Racquel Achiu

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Kualoa Ranch	I wish to comment	Feb 18, 2026 @ 06:54 AM

Testimony:
Aloha esteemed members of the Honolulu City Council,
Speaking on behalf of Kualoa Ranch, I wanted to provide two comments of concern for Resolution 26-17 as it pertains Agritourism.
Our local agricultural industry struggles with fiscal solvency and finding ways for producers to diversify their income streams will be paramount in the state's goal of doubling food production. Taking careful consideration not to impose an undue burden on legitimate producers who desire to use agritourism for the purpose of economic sustainability, will be a crucial step both now and moving forward for these types of policy considerations.
Regarding the change requiring agritourism to obtain a CUP Major vs a CUP Minor. The current language could potentially escalate a low-intensity operation to a Major without objective standards, that escalation imposes

disproportionate financial and procedural burdens, as well as an added layer of regulatory complexity, potentially discouraging agricultural diversification. This conflicts with the General Plan's agricultural protection goals, and becomes a fairness and administrative discretionary issue. This is especially concerning for smaller operations.

Secondly, setting forth certain circumstances under which the DPP director may reconsider a previously approved CUP is concerning for legitimate existing operators, particularly if this creates space for ambiguity and interpretation. It is an unfortunate truth that there are alternative agendas (anti-tourism, etc) that could be fueled within this space, creating an environment for unsubstantiated litigation. All agricultural operations are dynamic and change over time, and Kualoa is a perfect example of this. Our agricultural output has risen dramatically over the past 10 years, and this expansion was only possible due to the financial subsidy of the tourism arm of our operation. As a reference, In 2025 we as a company produced 200,000 pounds of food.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments, and a Mahalo for all the work you do for our county and state.

Mahalo

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Aloha 'Aina o Kamilo Nui	Support	Feb 18, 2026 @ 07:50 AM

Testimony:

Aloha e Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Honorable Council Members,

Aloha Aina o Kamilo Nui is an ʻāina-based nursery dedicated to supporting East Honolulu's restoration initiatives. We are located in the back of Kamilonui Valley, we express our support for Resolution 26-17, CD1, which mandates that agritourism projects obtain a major conditional use permit. We firmly believe this resolution ensures that both the City and the public are equipped to make well-informed decisions regarding agritourism developments and their potential impacts on local communities. While agritourism may occupy a role within the visitor industry, it should not come at the expense of neighborhoods that share borders, infrastructure, roads, ʻāina, and watersheds that would be affected.

We maintain that all districts should preserve agricultural land primarily for food production and resiliency needs, rather than for agritourism purposes, unless such uses are explicitly addressed through their respective Development or Sustainable Plans.

We extend our appreciation to the Council for supporting Resolution 26-17. Mahalo!

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RE: **SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 26-17, CD1**

Aloha e Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Council Members,

As an ʻāina-based nonprofit with a mission to protect East Honolulu's cultural and natural resources and uphold the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan, Livable Maunalua Hui **supports Resolution 26-17, CD1**, which requires agritourism projects to obtain a major conditional use permit.

As stewards of agricultural lands ourselves, we strongly believe in this resolution's intent to empower both the City and the public to make informed decisions about agritourism projects and their community impacts. The Hui believes agritourism can be successful, even beneficial to communities if chosen carefully. On the flip-side, poorly planned and placed projects can be detrimental to both the ʻāina and the communites built around it.

For example, speaking from our own experience in Kamilonui Valley, we would say that while agritourism could work in outer, more rural ag lands, it would not do well in areas such as ours that share intimate boundaries with and require access via dense neighborhoods. That said, if an agritourism project were proposed in Kamilonui, we would certainly appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on the matter as would be required by Resolution 26-17.

Mahalo to the Council for voting in support of this measure.

Mālama pono,

Elizabeth C. Reilly

Elizabeth Reilly
Founder/President