# Bill 23 (2026)
# Testimony

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**Aloha kakahiaka nui, Honorable Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council.**

My name is **Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM**,
Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I.
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I stand before you today with a heart filled with the Aloha Spirit, in full accordance with **HRS 5-7.5 Aloha Spirit Law**: "Aloha is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good thoughts and good feelings to others."

I offer my **strong support** for **Bill 23 (2026)** — *A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027*.

This is the companion to yesterday's operating budget — the long-term vision that builds the future infrastructure our 'ohana needs. While the operating budget keeps the lights on today, the **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** invests in the bridges, roads, sewers, parks, housing, and safety facilities that will serve generations. It is the practical expression of aloha 'āina — caring for the land so it can care for us.

Here is the arithmetic that proves its pono (righteous balance), taken straight from the bill:

- **Grand Total Appropriations**: **$1,113,665,947**

**Breakdown by major function (exact from Section 9):**
- General Government: **$81,701,590**
- Public Safety: **$68,381,810**
- Highways and Streets: **$213,410,000**
- Sanitation (including sewer): **$454,601,000**
- Human Services (including housing): **$143,939,649**
- Culture-Recreation (parks, beaches, trails): **$106,369,898**
- Utilities or Other Enterprises: **$45,262,000**

**Simple addition check:**
81.7M + 68.4M + 213.4M + 454.6M + 143.9M + 106.4M + 45.3M = **$1,113,665,947** — exact to the penny.

**Funding sources (no new general taxes burden):**
- General Obligation Bonds: **$552,884,400**
- Capital Projects Funds (including Solid Waste, Affordable Housing, etc.): **$355,126,129**
- Federal Funds: **$127,555,418**
- Sewer Revenue Bonds: **$78,100,000**

**Arithmetic verification:**
552.88M + 355.13M + 127.56M + 78.1M = **$1,113,665,947** — matches perfectly.

This CIP is disciplined and forward-looking. It invests heavily in sanitation and highways (over $668 million combined) — critical for flood control, wastewater, and traffic relief in our growing city. Human services and housing receive nearly $144 million to address affordability. Culture-recreation funds protect and improve our parks and beaches that define Hawai'i's spirit.

**Implementation is practical:** Appropriations are for multi-year projects (valid up to 24 months total), with clear rules for transfers, lapses, and reporting. Sewer revenue bonds are self-sustaining through user fees. The bill incorporates the full Executive Capital Program by reference, with safeguards like the Project Adjustments Account and required Public Infrastructure Map updates. This is not wish-list spending — it is targeted building with accountability.

**He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kanaka** — The land is the chief, the people are the servants. This capital budget honors that sacred truth by investing in long-lasting improvements to our wai (water), kai (sea), and 'āina while creating jobs and resilience for our keiki and mo'opuna (children and grandchildren).

Without these capital projects, our roads crumble, sewers overflow, parks degrade, and housing shortages worsen. That is not aloha. Passing Bill 23 alongside the operating budget creates true lokahi — harmony between daily services and future vision.

I urge you to adopt **Bill 23 (2026)** as presented. Let it become law so we can build a stronger, more beautiful Hawai'i for all.

**E ho'omaika'i kākou** — Let us give thanks together for a capital budget that invests in our future while honoring our past.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana and for the opportunity to testify.

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**A hui hou** — Until we meet again on these sacred floors. 