# Bill 31 (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**,
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I am submitting this testimony in advance via email because the online submission website is currently blocking entries. Mahalo nui loa to the Clerk's Office for assisting me with the proper process.

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 31 (2026)** — *A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CULTURAL SITES IN PUBLIC PARKS*.

This bill is a pono and heartfelt step toward true lokahi between our city parks and the living cultural treasures they hold. It honors the ʻāina by creating a clear, respectful framework to recognize and steward "Important Cultural Resources" — heiau, burials, historic properties, and other sites of deep cultural, historic, and spiritual significance already recorded with the State Historic Preservation Division.

Here is why this measure is balanced and beneficial:

- It adds thoughtful definitions for "Adopter," "Important Cultural Resource," and "Important Cultural Resource Area," bringing clarity and structure to programs that protect what matters most to our lāhui.
- It strengthens the existing Cultural Sites in Public Parks Program and establishes a new Important Cultural Resource Areas Program, allowing interested persons to recommend or nominate sites while requiring adopters to help steward them through stewardship plans developed in consultation with the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission, State Historic Preservation Division, lineal descendants, cultural practitioners, and relevant agencies.
- Costs for marker installation and maintenance are reimbursed by the recommending party — a fair, self-sustaining approach that places **no new burden** on City taxpayers or general funds.
- Stewardship plans may include boundaries, allowed/prohibited activities, cultural access protocols, maintenance, and educational signage — all while explicitly protecting traditional and customary Native

Hawaiian rights under Article XII, Section 7 of the State Constitution.
- Enforcement is reasonable and graduated: fines of $25 (first offense), $50 (second), and $100 (third within one year). This is education-first accountability rather than heavy punishment.
- The bill carefully states that designations do **not** create new historic protections under State law, do **not** supersede the State Historic Preservation Division's authority, and do **not** restrict traditional Native Hawaiian rights.

**He aliʻi ka ʻāina, he kauwā ke kanaka** — The land is the chief, the people are the servants. This ordinance embodies that sacred teaching by empowering our community to care for cultural sites in public parks with respect, consultation, and community stewardship — without overreach or new spending.

In a time when development pressures and visitor impacts challenge our wahi pana (storied places), Bill 31 offers a balanced, community-driven path forward that strengthens aloha ʻāina and ensures our moʻopuna can still feel the mana of these places for generations to come.

I urge you to pass **Bill 31 (2026)** as presented. Let it become law so our parks can better reflect the cultural heart and living heritage of Hawaiʻi nei.

**E hoʻomaikaʻi kākou** — Let us give thanks together for legislation that protects our wahi pana while honoring both past and future.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana and for receiving this testimony.

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