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Meeting Date: Mar 30, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Bill 28, Legislative Budget- **COMMENT**
CD1 - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Okimoto and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 28 and the proposed CD1, which sets the legislative budget for next fiscal year. The proposed CD1 would add a proviso that at least \$10,000 per district be appropriated for district mailers.

Expenditures for district mailers should not be set aside in this manner, especially in an election year. Rather than spend money on mailers, many of which will likely be thrown out, councilmembers should provide timely updates to neighborhood boards, promote electronic newsletters and use social media to update constituents.

Please vote “no” on the proposed CD1. Please also provide a listing of vacant positions, including number of positions and years vacant, for the next reading of budget bills.