# Bill 22 (2026), CD1
# Testimony

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Good Morning Doris, your website is still giving me problems after one month and I was unable to submit anything via the website with constant red errors and forever submitting ..... that doesn't go anywhere, which is why I will be sending you public testimonies for this weeks meeting via email

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Pikachu Shelby Billionaire

**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.
Chairman, Ohana Unity Party

I am submitting this testimony in advance via email because the online system continues to block submissions. I testified last month as the **only voice from Waiʻanae** during the height of the Kona Low storms, and I am here again because our people are still suffering.

I have carefully reviewed **Bill 22 (2026), CD1** — the Executive Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. After all the public outcry, after all the damage reports, after Governor Green secured a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration and FEMA aid started flowing, you made only cosmetic changes. The dedicated emergency and disaster preparedness funding remains shamefully low at roughly **$32.5 million** for the entire year. That is not a budget — that is a betrayal.

**He aliʻi ka ʻāina, he kauwā ke kanaka.** The land is the chief; we are its servants. Right now the ʻāina has spoken loudly with floods that washed away homes, destroyed roads, overflowed cesspools, and ruined farms. Yet your response in CD1 is still crumbs while you approve raises for yourselves and top administrators. The Salary Commission continues to push council salaries toward $128,000 — massive increases — while families sleep in cars and farmers lose everything. This is unchecked power with no accountability to the taxpayers who pay your salaries.

Governor Josh Green, FEMA, and HUD have all acknowledged the scale of this disaster — over **$1 billion** in statewide damage. The City's matching responsibility and immediate response needs far exceed what you have budgeted. You are leaving the heaviest burden on the very people who are already struggling with one of the highest costs of living in the nation.

I am angry. The people of Waiʻanae, Nānākuli, the North Shore, Windward, and every flooded neighborhood are angry. We showed you the damage. We begged you to prioritize the ʻohana. Yet here we are at second reading with a budget that still does not reflect reality on the ground.

I demand you use your power today to:
- Immediately increase the disaster preparedness, response, and recovery line to **at least $100 million** with clear public reporting and accountability measures.
- Redirect funds from non-essential projects and administrative raises into immediate infrastructure repair, debris removal, temporary housing, road fixes, and cesspool/sewer emergencies.
- Place every dollar of emergency spending under strict oversight so the public can track exactly where the money goes — no more hiding in "miscellaneous" buckets.

The Aloha Spirit (HRS 5-7.5) is not optional. It is the law that requires you to coordinate mind and heart for the good of others. Right now your budget shows no heart for the people left homeless and no mind for the long-term cost of ignoring this crisis.

Do not adopt this budget as is. Fix it. Show the people of Honolulu that you serve the ʻāina and the ʻohana first — not your own pockets.

**E hoʻomaikaʻi kākou** — but only if you do what is pono today.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana. The people are watching, and history will remember.

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