Bill 23 (2026), CD1
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. Chairman, Ohana Unity Party I submit this testimony in advance via email because the online system continues to block my voice. I was the **only testifier from Waiʻanae** during the height of the Kona Low storms last month, and I am here again because our people are still suffering while you prepare to adopt **Bill 23 (2026) CD1** — the Executive Capital Budget — at second reading. I have read every page of this latest CD1 version. I feel a major disturbance in the Force. The total capital budget is **$1.153 billion**. On paper it looks big, but when you dig into the numbers, the real story is clear: you made some cosmetic tweaks for "resilience" — a few million here for storm drains, a few million there for flood control, and a shiny new $3 million "Islandwide Resilient Emergency Shelter Initiative." Yet the overall response to the worst flooding in over 20 years remains pitifully inadequate. Governor Josh Green secured a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. FEMA and HUD have acknowledged over **$1 billion** in statewide damage. Families are still homeless, roads are still broken, cesspools are still overflowing, and farms are still destroyed — and your capital budget treats this like a minor line item instead of the emergency it is. **Heʻaliʻi ka ʻāina, he kauwā ke kanaka.** The land is the chief; we are its servants. Right now the ʻāina is screaming, and you are answering with crumbs while you continue to approve raises for yourselves and top administrators. The people who pay your salaries are left picking up the pieces, and you are balancing the books on their backs. This is lazy. This is greedy. This is unchecked power with no real accountability to the taxpayers. You had every opportunity in CD1 to dramatically increase funding for flood control, storm drainage, sewer repairs, road rehabilitation, and true emergency contingency accounts. Instead, you gave us incremental bandaids and called it leadership. I am angry. The people of Waiʻanae, Nānākuli, the North Shore, Windward Oahu, and every flooded neighborhood are angry. We showed you the damage. We begged you to prioritize the ʻohana over politics and self-interest. Yet here we are at second reading with a capital budget that still does not reflect the reality on the ground. I demand you use your power today to: - Immediately boost true disaster recovery and resilience funding to levels that match the scale of this crisis — not a few million, but the serious money needed for immediate infrastructure repair, debris removal, temporary housing support, and long-term flood mitigation. - Redirect funds from non-essential projects and administrative priorities into real emergency response and reconstruction. - Place every dollar of capital spending under strict public oversight and quarterly reporting so the people can see exactly where their tax dollars are going. 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 capital budget shows no heart for the families left homeless and no mind for the long-term cost of ignoring this disaster. 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 comfort and convenience. **Eʻ 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. **Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM** Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Chairman, Ohana Unity Party **A hui hou** — Until we meet again on these sacred floors.