Bill 28 (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, and I am here again because our people are still suffering while you prepare to adopt **Bill 28 (2026), CD1** — the Legislative Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. I have read every page of this CD1 version. The total appropriation is **$33,457,332**, almost entirely from the General Fund, to fund the City Council, Office of Council Services, City Clerk, and City Auditor. The CD1 amendment adds **$90,000** specifically for council district mailers — $10,000 per district. This is not a minor technical adjustment. This is the legislative branch writing its own check while thousands of our ʻohana remain displaced, roads are still broken, cesspools are still overflowing, and farms are still destroyed from the storms. **He aliʻi ka ʻāina, he kauwā ke kanaka.** The land is the chief; we are its servants. Right now the ʻāina is crying, and you are answering with self-funding and district mailers while the emergency and disaster response funding you approved in Bill 22 remains shamefully low at roughly $32.5 million. This is not leadership. This is unchecked power with no accountability to the taxpayers who pay your salaries. You approved raises for yourselves and top administrators, you continue to subsidize the troubled rail project with hundreds of millions, and now you are quietly adding $90,000 for mailers that help incumbents communicate while families who lost everything are still waiting for real help. Governor Josh Green secured a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. FEMA and HUD have acknowledged over $1 billion in statewide damage. Yet your legislative budget shows no urgency, no redirection, and no remorse — only more money for the legislative branch to operate comfortably. I strongly oppose adoption of **Bill 28 (2026), CD1**. Before you pass another dime for your own operations, I demand you: - Remove the $90,000 district mailer add-on — it looks like self-serving incumbent protection while people suffer. - Redirect meaningful funds from this legislative budget into immediate disaster recovery, road repairs, sewer fixes, and temporary housing. - Place every dollar of legislative spending under strict public oversight and quarterly reporting so the taxpayers can see exactly where their money is 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 this budget shows no heart for the families left homeless and no mind for the long-term cost of prioritizing yourselves over the ʻohana. 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. **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. **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.