Bill 34 (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**, 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 on **Bill 34 (2026)** — *A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD AREAS*. I have read the full bill. This is a technical update to Chapter 21A of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. It brings the City's flood hazard rules into line with current FEMA requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System. It adds clearer definitions (Design Flood Elevation, Freeboard, flood-resistant materials), updates development standards in flood zones, requires better certifications, sets new permit fees, and makes various housekeeping changes. **He aliʻi ka ʻāina, he kauwā ke kanaka.** The land is the chief; we are its servants. On paper, this bill is pono — it helps protect our ʻāina and keeps federal flood insurance available for homeowners after the devastating Kona Low storms. However, I must speak plainly. Updating the rule book is the easy part. The hard part is actually protecting the people who just lost homes, farms, and roads. While you pass this ordinance to satisfy FEMA, thousands of our ʻohana are still displaced, roads remain broken, cesspools are still overflowing, and infrastructure needs urgent repair. This bill does nothing to increase funding or accelerate real recovery work. I support **Bill 34 (2026)** because it is necessary to maintain flood insurance eligibility. But I strongly urge you to pair this technical fix with real action: - Immediately increase disaster preparedness and recovery funding far beyond the current $32.5 million level. - Redirect meaningful capital dollars into actual flood mitigation, road repairs, sewer fixes, and temporary housing. - Ensure every dollar spent on flood hazard compliance actually reaches the communities that need it most — not just more paperwork. The Aloha Spirit (HRS 5-7.5) is not optional. It requires you to coordinate mind and heart for the good of others. Right now, passing another ordinance while the people still suffer shows no heart for the families left homeless and no mind for the long-term cost of treating flood protection as an afterthought. Do the right thing. Pass this bill, but immediately follow it with real funding and real accountability so the ʻāina and the ʻohana can heal. **Eʻ hoʻomaikaʻi kākou** — but only if you do what is pono today. Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana. The people are watching. **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. 🌺