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Testimony

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

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Testimony:

Bill 36 (2026) – Ordinance Revision (Housekeeping) (First Reading)

Analysis:

Broad revision bill that deletes obsolete or unnecessary provisions (e.g., old small business licensing like “shooting galleries”), updates references after state law changes, and removes sections invalidated by courts. It is part of ongoing efforts to reduce “policy sludge.”

Assessment: Generally positive for modernization. Low risk if properly reviewed, but housekeeping bills sometimes bury substantive changes.

Testimony (Cautious Support)

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

I support the intent of **Bill 36 (2026)** to remove obsolete and unconstitutional provisions from the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. Cleaning up outdated laws is good governance.

I ask the Council to provide full transparency during committee review — please clearly identify every change so the public can verify that no important protections are being quietly weakened. Mahalo.

Mahalo for your service.

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May 13, 2026, 10 a.m.
Honolulu Hale

To: Honolulu City Council
Tommy Waters, Chair
Andria Tupola, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: Bill 36 (2026) — RELATING TO ORDINANCE REVISION

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and other Council Members,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** Bill 36 (2026), which would repeal certain ordinances relating to shooting galleries, skating rinks, public shows and vehicular advertising.

As the bill notes, these ordinances have either never been enforced, are unenforceable due to changes in state law or have been ruled unconstitutional by courts. However, because they are still on the books, they might cause confusion among residents who read the code and still believe these rules are in effect.

The 2025 National Community Survey of Honolulu residents found that just 28% believe the city is "being open and transparent to the public."[1] This is a 10 percentage point increase from 2024, but it indicates that the city still has a long way to go. Repealing these outdated laws could help increase confidence that what is written in the code is actually applicable to city operations.

Grassroot appreciates the intent of this measure and would welcome further Council actions to repeal outdated and redundant portions of the city code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas
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[1] "Honolulu, HI: The National Community Survey," National Research Center, 2025, p. 10.