# RES26-110
# Testimony

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***INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY (ITT) Meeting**

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Testimony:

Aloha e ITT Committee Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto, and members of the ITT Committee,

My name is Hollie Rader, and I serve as a Honolulu Youth Commissioner. I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity in strong support of Resolution 26-110. E kala mai for being unable to testify in-person today. Several of my fellow Commissioners and I are attending Hoʻopilina Oʻahu (the Sister City Summit 2026) hosted in partnership with MOCA and DTS.

I would also like to mahalo Chair Waters for continuing to create spaces for youth voices in these important conversations, and mahalo to the ITT Committee and Council for your ongoing efforts in strengthening disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.

Last month, Commissioners Bonifacio, Bumanglag, and I introduced Resolution 26-007 urging urging the City and State to incorporate lessons learned from the recent Kona low storms into future disaster planning, strengthen community engagement in preparedness efforts, and better integrate public feedback into after-action planning.

The recent storms made clear that disaster preparedness cannot be reactive. Before, during, and after the consecutive Kona low storms, community members stepped up to assist neighbors, support vulnerable residents, document flooding conditions, and fill gaps in real time. That response demonstrated that effective disaster preparedness requires both government coordination and meaningful community partnership.

At both the North Shore town hall meeting, the City's special meeting on the storms, and the State House Committee on Public Safety informational briefing, there was consistent discussion about improving communication, coordination, and trust between agencies and the communities they serve. Resolution 26-110 shows our intent to move that work forward.

Given the budget and capacity constraints individual departments face, coordinated planning and stronger public engagement are essential. Disaster resilience depends not only on emergency response, but on whether long-term infrastructure and planning decisions are keeping face with the realities our communities face and work that is already being done on the ground.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Hollie Rader