# BILL023(26)
# Testimony

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| I support funding for VMAC on Bill 23(26) | | |

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| Testimony: | | |
| Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee. | | |

My name is James, residing in Salt Lake Moanalua neighborhood, and I am testifying today in support of bill 23 because We need resilience hubs for the next big storms and rainy events as we have seen recently. we also need traffic and pedestrian safety improvements in Mailo Road erosion control Manolo stream and Salt Lake drainage system as these all contribute to the health of Keehi Lagoon which includes the sights and smells. I can't imagine paradise smelling that foul. Since I was a kid it was pretty bad but it has gotten better. The only place that smell should be is in wastewater plants. We also request speed mitigation on likini street near several public schools not to mention the many elderly folks who walk these streets for movement.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

James Gauer

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My son has been swimming at VMAC for the past 3 years now and it would be great for the City to invest in better facilities for the swim clubs.  Most of them have to bring their own tents and shade for the all day events.

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| I am a swim parent and current official of two daughters that have swum at VMAC for the past 12 years. It has also been the stage for International competition (and hopefully more to come) and a vital part in bringing our community and our keiki together. Continued improvements, maintenance and care of the well-used and beloved facility will surely benefit all. Mahalo | | |
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| Testimony:<br>vmac sucks compared to any other pool in the country | | |

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I, Kirsten Oleson, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

My child swims competitively and plays water polo. This is a great but aging facility for our keiki. Please keep it in good repair.

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I, Jeremy Pederson, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

This facility hosts a large number of people and facilities, such as the restrooms/lockerrooms, the dive blocks, and the bulkhead, need to be updated/refurbished to accommodate this use.

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I, Michael Carney, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Please support!! Keep that park top notch!

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We value opportunities for children and VMAC has been a huge help giving kids an outlet to swim and exercise.

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| Testimony:<br>I, Dawn Tauanuu, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).<br><br>VMAC is my children's second home. Our family is so grateful to have this facility only 20 min away from our residence. Both my children swim here 5-7 days a week. Swimming at VMAC has given my children a life skill they will carry onto adulthood. Swimming has changed my children's lives providing them with health benefits, confidence, and learning to work hard to achieve their goals. | | |
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| Testimony:<br>I, Logan Marotta-Cerwonka, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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I, Anja Loomis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

We spend a lot of time at VMAC with four children participating in USA Swimming. Our children's safety and health is very important to our family.

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I, Kristie Kawakmi Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). VMAC has given my daughter many great memories, and has been a place where she has learned grit, determination and confidence.  We look forward to enjoying the facilities for

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| many more years to come! | | |
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| Testimony:<br>I, Jenel Okamoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).<br><br>I grew up as a competitive swimmer and we didn't have a facility like VMAC. Even without one, swimming instilled many life skills I carry with me today: time management, determination, dedication, persistence, and more. Expanding to have this facility allows more children to have the opportunity to swim and gain these life skills. In addition, I and many others, have used this facility as an adult to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Please increase funding for VMAC. | | |
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I, Yvette Matsumoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

WE are a long time family that uses VMAC regularly so our son can swim at competitive swim meets. The competition is top notch but the facility is in desperate need of an upgrade. The smell of raw sewage is present at almost every swim meet and swimmers can smell it. The system was once on the verge of overflowing into the pool and we had to ban everyone from using the toilets to prevent sewage overflow at a swim meet about a year ago. The toilets are very old and shabby. There is grass and mud within the pool deck and on rain days many swimmers dive in with muddy feet. Please allow the $1M if not more to go through to bring up the level of the facility and hopefully attract more high level swim meets that brings mainland families to attend swim meets. Their hotel stays and meals will boost our economy and indirectly offset these costs.

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In this age of young people spending all their time on electronics for this more important than ever to give them outdoor social healthy alternatives, especially on an island.

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This bill is a great community benefit!!

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The VMAC pool is the most central pool on Oahu, where theres often state championships and other major swim meets held. I have noticed as a swimmer that swimmers from our neighboring islands think Oahu as a whole is under equipped because of the lack of funding for the one pool they often see.

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I, Christina Cox, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Our keiki deserve a facility that reflects the pride, talent, and dedication they bring to every competition. This pool is the heart of major swim events on the island and serves as a host venue for teams traveling from the outer islands and the mainland. Unfortunately, the current condition of the facility no longer meets the needs of athletes, families, or visitors. The venue is in desperate need of major upgrades, including expanded shade areas to protect spectators and athletes from the heat, as well as much-needed plumbing and bathroom improvements. Investing in these updates will create a safer, more welcoming environment and ensure our community can continue to host high-quality competitions with pride.

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Punahou Aquatics may a bit a statement on my behalf

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I, Eric Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

I am in support of this bill.  Having children that have swam for various clubs as well as school teams, I believe without reservation that all funds used for improvements to VMAC will be not just put to good use by the huge amount of families that come from all over Oahu (we drive an hour to get there on a regular basis), but will that the swim families will continue to be great stewards of the facilities. Please pass this bill.

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As a father of four swimmers, swimming is a central part of my family's life. I have spent many weekends at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC) and have seen firsthand how the excitement of competing against athletes from across Oahu and the other islands motivates children to excel. Through swimming, my children have learned the value of hard work while remaining healthy and active. I believe the State of Hawaii should continue to invest in our swimmers and the facilities that support them. Please support Bill 23 (26) to fund the necessary improvements for the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.

Sincerely,

Brandon Hadfield

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I, Avi Mannis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Linda Lileikis | llileikis@yahoo.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:40 PM |

Testimony:

I, Linda Lileikis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Tom Lileikis | lileikistom@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:41 PM |

Testimony:

I, Tom Lileikis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Thank you for your support in perpetuating the skills and sport of swimming for future generations on Oahu and the State of Hawaii.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jennifer Dalgamouni | jencarlile@gmail.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:42 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jennifer Dalgamouni, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

As the main pool for swim meets on the island it’s really important that our competitive swimmers have a great, functional, safe pool. Please approve funding for improvements. Thank you!

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Anna Foster | alohafoster@hotmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:43 PM |

Testimony:

I, Anna Foster, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

I have used and enjoyed the pool for lap swimming and look forward to improvements so that it is available to me and aquatic athletes for many years to come.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Thomas Ogden | tmogden@gmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:43 PM |

Testimony:

I, Thomas Ogden, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Fully supporting the funding for VMAC and all of the groups that use the facility is a no brainer for the health and wellness of residents of Honolulu.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| David Ball | dmball@gmail.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:44 PM |

Testimony:

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing today as a civic educator and a swim dad to support appropriations for the facilities at Veterans' Memorial Aquatic Complex (VMAC) at Patsy Mink Park in Waipio. Our family has benefitted enormously from the large and supportive competitive swimming and water polo communities that use these facilities nearly every weekend. Having a safe and supportive recreational environment is essential to the development of our young people, and in many respects VMAC is just this environment for our swimmers and our water polo players--spam musubi concessions to support local organizations, families building strong community ties with one another during the (admittedly quite long) two-day swimming competitions, events that often attract our friends on neighbor islands as much as the entire Oahu community. Yet the condition of some parts of the facility, especially the bathrooms, needs immediate attention, leading my daughter

to say she feels unsafe when she swims. Our young athletes deserve better than this, and the appropriations under consideration would help immensely toward a safer environment for our keiki. As the outpouring of support from these water sports communities shows, appropriations for VMAC would uplift so many in our community and create a stronger Oahu.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
David Ball Waialae-Kahala

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Martha Garcia | marthacgarciav@gmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:45 PM |

Testimony:
I, Martha Garcia, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Thank you for listening the community and for supporting the young athletes. It means a lot for them and for the HI community that benefits from using the venue

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Athea Aina Sjoblom | asjoblom26@punahou.edu | 96701 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:45 PM |

Testimony:
I, Athea Aina Sjoblom, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Sharon Gaboya | hokupoo@yahoo.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:46 PM |

Testimony:
I, Sharon Gaboya, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Matthew Baker | cakeybakey67@gmail.com | 96183 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:46 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Matthew Baker, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Kevin Nakamoto | Email:<br>pukapig@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:47 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Kevin Nakamoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Alia Mulcahy | Email:<br>alia42254@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:47 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Alia Mulcahy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Nancy Chu | Email:<br>nancy.chu@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:48 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I support Bill 23(26) and the $1M it puts toward VMAC.<br><br>My daughter swims, so I've spent a lot of early mornings on that pool deck. VMAC is one of the few public facilities on Oahu where kids can train long-course and actually prepare to compete. On a busy morning the lanes fill before sunrise, and families drive in from across the island to use them.<br>The pool has carried a heavy load since it opened in 2005, and it shows. Lane lines, deck surfaces, locker rooms, the mechanical systems that keep a facility this size safe to use. The $1M goes straight to those parts, the ones that keep the doors open and the water clean for the thousands of people here every week.<br>VMAC is working infrastructure. Swim teams depend on it, lap swimmers depend on it, and it honors the veterans it was built for. Letting it fall behind only costs the city more down the line.<br>I'd ask the Council to vote yes on June 3 and keep this pool the resource it was meant to be.<br>Mahalo for your time and for the work behind this bill. | | |

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| Connor Chun | 2391600691@k12.hi.us | 96817 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:49 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Connor Chun, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rose Anne Agustin | agustin.rose15@gmail.com | 96707 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:49 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Rose Agustin, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Naomi Hayasaka | omimomichan@icloud.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:50 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Naomi Hayasaka, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26) | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Francine Tobalado | frandinel@aol.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:50 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Francine Tobalado, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Paige Kupsky | paige.kupsky@gmail.com | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:51 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I, Paige Kupsky, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26)

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| Leilani Nakashima | lwlh_76@hotmail.com | 96782 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:51 PM |

Testimony:

I, Leilani Nakashima, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kaya Takashige | hiilawe.kaya2@gmail.com | 96786 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:53 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kaya Takashige, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Margaret Glasgov | Ladynav135@gmail.com | 96782 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:53 PM |

Testimony:

I, Margaret Glasgov, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

VMAC pool has attracted National and International swimming competition in the past. We need to ensure that this venue has the necessary improvements to continue to draw such competition.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Gerald Hong | hongg006@hawaii.rr.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:54 PM |

Testimony:

I, Gerald Hong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Kerri Ruiz | kchr2x28@gmail.com | 96795 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:54 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kerri Ruiz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Our daughter has been swimming competitively since 2019. Over these years VMAC has become our favorite facility for swim meets. It's one of the best facilities available to our swim community. VMAC supports the sport of swimming and providing funding will continue to support a sport that is deeply rooted in our state.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jacqueline Barklund | jbarklund23@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:55 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jacqueline Barklund, strongly support VMAC funding in Bill 23(26).

Funding for this bill will significantly increase the safety and accessibility for the community and Hawaiian swimming.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Stacy Yoshizawa | syoshizawa@punahou.edu | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:56 PM |

Testimony:

I, Stacy Yoshizawa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Russell Iwamura | russiwamura@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 05:57 PM |

Testimony:

The K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center has been an essential facility for families in the swimming community for many years. The funding included in this budget will provide for much needed improvements that will allow the facility to serve additional families in the future. Thank you for supporting this item.

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| Nāwaipūnohukamakanamaikalani Doctolero-Alana | 808njtda@gmail.com | 96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:57 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Nāwaipūnohukamakanamaikalani Doctolero-Alana, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Name:<br>Yura Kim | Email:<br>ccherrystonee@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96818 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:58 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Yura Kim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Name:<br>Dillon Ishimi | Email:<br>dishim123@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:59 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Dillion Ishimi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26) | | |

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| Name:<br>Joy Okano | Email:<br>joyo_808@hotmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 05:59 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Joy Okano, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).<br><br>Having swimming and water polo practices and tournaments at VMAC has been a staple in DOE and ILH schools across Hawaii and so many hundreds of thousands of students and public patrons need to have this facility updated and maintained for safety and enjoyment. | | |

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| Name:<br>John Yoza | Email:<br>johnyoza@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96782 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:00 PM |

Testimony:

I, John Yoza, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

As a parent whose child has been on several swim teams and programs, the VMAC pool has been an invaluable venue for practice sessions and tournaments.

Please consider funding the sorely needed maintenance costs for the pool so that it can continue to help island keiki.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Christine Granger | granger.christine@yahoo.com | 96813 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:02 PM |

Testimony:

I, Christine Granger, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Bryan Helfer | bryanhelfer@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:03 PM |

Testimony:

I, Bryan Helfer, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Please support this bill for much needed improvements to VMAC. Families and kids need your help to keep the community healthy and active. Thank you.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Dean Otaka | deankazuyoshi@gmail.com | 96782 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:04 PM |

Testimony:

As an official of 10+ years and Coach for 2 teams, I have appreciated what swimming has offered the youth of Hawaii. It's a great sport and I know it's provided many kids with great experiences as athletes. VMAC is a great facility, but it is an

aging facility. VMAC is sorely in need of new starting blocks, a possible upgrade to the stands (possibly with overhead covering), and a general upgrading of the electrical system would be a great start. There are also other needs, but those are items that I know would elevated VMAC to the world class facility it could be. This bill (23(26)) would greatly be wisely utilized and the impact would be immeasurable.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jonathan Toma | jtoma96782@gmail.com | 96782 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:05 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jonathan Toma, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

I'm a city lifeguard and I'm also a coach for a swim team. We've used the VMAC facility for years. The facility is in need of refurbishing, especially those areas that affect the safety of the swimmers and the public.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Alejandra Drury | alcrideray@gmail.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:06 PM |

Testimony:

My daughter does club swim. She often goes to the meets at VMAC, at the last meet she attended there. She almost got hurt because the block 10, had rusted bolts sticking out and she almost got hurt. It also was shaking pretty bad and impacted her dive in. Please change the blocks!!! Our youth deserves not to get hurt while competing due to faulty infrastructure.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rene Nakamura | nakamura.rene@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:07 PM |

Testimony:

In support of this bill and it is very much needed for all swimmers (our kids) and their future. VMAC is a big asset to our community and our kids who are competitive swimmers.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Marun Chun | marensachun@gmai.com | 96817 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:08 PM |

Testimony:

I, Maren Chun, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rod Peroff | rodperoff@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:08 PM |

Testimony:

The VMAC is used by kids from all over the island. It is in constant use and it's upkeep should be a priority. The facility provides a great location for local keiki to train and compete in a sport that is essential for residents of an island community.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Amanda Noguchi | aacorby@gmail.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:10 PM |

Testimony:

I, Amanda Noguchi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Our family is grateful to have a public space where our keiki can practice with their teams, water polo, swimming and other water sports and we must protect these places and spaces for our communities to thrive and live healthy lives.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Gerald Lim | tlimohana@gmail.com | 96706 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:12 PM |

Testimony:

I, Gerald Lim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Maureen Lim | tlimohana@gmail.com | 96706 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:13 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Maureen Lim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Larry Oshiro | Email:<br>larryoshirosr@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96689 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:13 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Larry Oshiro, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26) | | |
| Name:<br>Kimberly Kuahiwinui | Email:<br>kim.kuahiwinui@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:15 PM |
| Testimony:<br>Aloha. About a year ago my daughter started swimming at VMAC, which has become a pillar in our small community. As a parent, seeing my child discover her passions, engaging in social activities, finding supportive friendship and mentors, has been life changing. It's because of the programs VMAC supports and the environment there that our child is thriving. Please continue to support local families and youth activities by funding VMAC and keep it a pillar for our communities and more. | | |
| Name:<br>Ky Wong | Email:<br>kyboy.hi@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96826 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:15 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Ky Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26) | | |
| Name:<br>Donna Wiedecker | Email:<br>dfswiedecker@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:16 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I, Donna Wiedecker, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Shem Miyamoto Shem Miyamoto | shemmiyamoto@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:17 PM |

Testimony:

I, Shem Miyamoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). CORP is one of the main public swimming facilities in the island that hosts many events for our keiki. This bill will directly impact our keiki and families for generations. Please do what's pono for Hawaii and vote in support for this bill. Mahalo nui for your consideration and reviewing my testimony.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Terence Matsuoka | teemats@yahoo.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:18 PM |

Testimony:

I, Terence Matsuoka, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

VMAC needs major renovation for bleachers, scoreboard, starting blocks, touch panels, etc.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| HAOWEN CHENG | haowen.cheng@yahoo.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:19 PM |

Testimony:

I, Haowen Cheng, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Michelle Hong | michelle-hh@hawaii.rr.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:21 PM |

Testimony:

I, Michelle Hong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Maintenance and upgrades are a must to continue supporting the swimmers

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Philip Woo | philiptwoo@gmail.com | 96814 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:23 PM |

Testimony:

I, Philip woo, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Pool is used by so many that help promote healthy living. Please fund the facility to keep it in great shape for generations to come

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Christina Lau | clauboston@gmail.com | 96817 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:24 PM |

Testimony:

I, Christina Lau, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Dane Costa | dane.costa07@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:26 PM |

Testimony:

I, Dane Costa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Adrienne Costa | adrienne.t.hale@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:28 PM |

Testimony:

I, Adrienne Costa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Bathroom remodeling

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Eli Costa | 2422000129@k12.hi.us | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:29 PM |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Eli Costa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). A new scoreboard | | |
| Name:<br>Marc Freiberg | Email:<br>chefmarcanthony@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:31 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Marc Freiberg, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Kristen Moura | Email:<br>kris10_735@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:32 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Kristen Moura, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Ruth Villanueva | Email:<br>ruvillanuev@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96701 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:33 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Ruth Villanueva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Tricia Andrasko | Email:<br>tricia_young65@hotmail.com | Zip:<br>96782 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:35 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Tricia Andrasko, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Andy Villanueva | Email:<br>andy5131969@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96701 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:36 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Andy Villanueva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Andie Villanueva | Email:<br>ruth_ofrancia@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96701 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:37 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Andie Villanueva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>John Mihok | Email:<br>johnmihok@hotmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:39 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, John Mihok, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Swimming is a sport that is an integral part of countless young people and their families. I was a scholarship swimmer at the university of Hawaii at manoa, my daughter was a swimmer, and now my grandson is a swimmer for kamehameha swim club. Please keep the strong tradition of success, hard work, and fun strong within our communities. | | |
| Name:<br>Michael Kaneshiro | Email:<br>mkaneshiro16@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96707 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:40 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Michael Kaneshiro, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Ester Villanueva | Email:<br>estervkauolu@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96797 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:41 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Ester Villanueva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Araceli Villanueva | sallyvperry@gmail.com | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:43 PM |

Testimony:

I, Araceli Villanueva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Casey Wong | caseyboy.hi@gmail.com | 96815 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:44 PM |

Testimony:

I, Casey Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Kristi Kaneshiro | tranillak@gmail.com | 96707 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:45 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kristi Kaneshiro, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Maria Miyamoto | tparedes07@hotmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:47 PM |

Testimony:

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to respectfully express support for improvements and continued investment in the VMAC pool facility. This facility serves a large population of swimmers of all ages from across the island and plays an important role in our community because of its central location and accessibility.

VMAC is more than just a pool, it is a place where children learn essential water safety skills, young athletes develop discipline and teamwork, and adults maintain health and wellness through regular activity. Multiple swim clubs rely on

this facility for year-round practices, training, and swim meet events, bringing together families and participants from many different communities across the island.

Because VMAC serves such a broad range of users and remains heavily utilized throughout the entire year, ongoing improvements and maintenance are essential. The high level of use naturally places significant demands on the facility, and investing in upgrades now will help ensure that it remains safe, functional, and welcoming for everyone who depends on it.

Improvements to VMAC would not only benefit current swimmers and families but would also be an investment in future generations. Maintaining quality recreational and athletic facilities strengthens our communities and supports the health, development, and well-being of residents of all ages.

I respectfully ask that you prioritize funding and support for improvements and long-term maintenance at the VMAC pool facility. This investment will positively impact countless swimmers and families now and for many years to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to our community

Sincerely,
Teresa Miyamoto

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| Rodney Takahashi | rodney.takahashi@gmail.com | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:48 PM |

Testimony:
I, Rodney Takahashi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). This facility is critical to the well being of our community. It is a place where our keiki grow and adults can stay fit.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jennifer Manuel | pualaniparis@gmail.com | 96712 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:50 PM |

Testimony:
I, Jennifer Manuel, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Please think about our future generations for our keiki to swim in our favorite pool!

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Courtney Smythe | cagsmythe@gmail.com | 96701 |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:52 PM |

Testimony:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of funding for Vmac pool through Bill 23(26).

As a parent of competitive swimmers and an active member of Hawaii's swim community, I have seen firsthand how important this facility is to families across Oahu. My children swim here several weekends every year for practices, meets, and community events. There is truly no other facility like it on the island capable of supporting the needs of so many teams, athletes, and families in one place.

This pool is more than just a sports venue. It is a gathering place for our community. It gives children opportunities to build confidence, discipline, teamwork, and lifelong healthy habits. It supports athletes from beginner learn-to-swim programs all the way through high-level competition. Military families, local families, and visiting teams all rely on this facility.

Aquatic sports are uniquely important in Hawaii. Swimming is not only a competitive sport here — it is also a life-saving skill and a critical part of island culture and safety. Facilities like this provide safe, structured opportunities for children to stay active, connected, and engaged in positive activities.

The demand for pool space on Oahu already exceeds availability. Losing or underfunding a facility of this scale would negatively impact thousands of swimmers, families, coaches, and community programs island-wide. Continued investment ensures that future generations will have access to a safe, well-maintained space to grow both as athletes and as members of the community.

Please support funding for Vmac.This investment will strengthen youth sports, community wellness, and opportunities for families across Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Courtney Smythe

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 06:54 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Wesley Y Kawakami, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Kelli Nishikawa | Email:<br>pcaquatreasurer@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96782 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:55 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Kelli Nishikawa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Alex Chiya | Email:<br>achiya09@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96814 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:56 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Alex Chiya, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Justin Schiltz | Email:<br>schiltz5477@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:57 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Justin Schiltz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Liam Slusher | Email:<br>liamaslusher@icloud.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 06:59 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Liam Adian Slusher, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Tia Walker | Email:<br>tialc15@gmail.com | Zip:<br>97346 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:00 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC needs this funding! It is a staple for Hawaii. Children and adults gather from multiple islands to compete. If VMAC does not get this critical funding the bulkhead wall is at risk of collapse. Revamping this facility impacts thousands of swimmers.

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| Alex Walker | lotsasun@me.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:02 PM |

Testimony:

I, Alex Walker, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Taylor Schneider | taylormreck@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:03 PM |

Testimony:

I, Taylor Schneider, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Ammon Leung | a.mark.leung@gmail.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:04 PM |

Testimony:

I, Ammon Mark Leung, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Kimi Regula | kimiregula@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:05 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kimi Regula, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Albert McCollum | albiem808@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:07 PM |

Testimony:

I, Albert McCollum, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Amanda Wilson | straightsmile4u@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:09 PM |

Testimony:

Strongly Support Funding for VMAC – Bill 23(26)

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council, My name is Dr. Amanda Wilson. I am a local dentist, a proud parent of two children raised in the Hawaii swimming community, and I have served as an official and volunteer for Hawaii Swimming for the past 13 years. I am writing to express my strong, unwavering support for Bill 23(26), specifically the $1 million capital improvement funding allocated for the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC).Over my 13 years of volunteering on the deck, I have watched Hawaii Swimming literally change lives. I have seen this sport secure life-altering college scholarships for local kids who otherwise would never have had that chance. The impact of these opportunities is purely generational, opening doors and building futures for families across our islands. However, we cannot continue to train the next generation of swimmers without adequate, functional facilities. We are already losing so many of our amazing, talented local athletes to mainland programs simply because our facilities do not match their caliber or needs.Investing in VMAC is not just an investment in a pool; it is an investment in keeping our local talent home and expanding generational opportunities for all Hawaiians. I strongly encourage these long-overdue renovations to move forward. Please vote YES on Bill 23(26) at the final hearing on June 3.Mahalo nui loa for your time and leadership,

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| Lexi Hatfield | fishatfd@gmail.com | 96753 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:11 PM |

Testimony:

I, Lexi Hatfield, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| John Pope III | jcpope808@gmail.com | 96761 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:12 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, John C Pope III, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Katie Joca | Email:<br>ktjoca@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:13 PM |
| Testimony:<br>The VMAC pool is essential to high school sports, swim clubs and international competitions. The much needed funding will bring the pool up to date and continue to host high level competitions that have a greater impact on the whole community and state. | | |
| Name:<br>Jenine Isawa | Email:<br>scazee@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96782 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:14 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Jenine IsawaI, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Lance Fujieki | Email:<br>fujieki@hawaii.edu | Zip:<br>96818 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:16 PM |
| Testimony:<br>My son & daughter both swam for Splash Aquatics. And they both swam at the VMAC for several years. It was & is a great facility for both kids & adults. Please support the VMAC so that it remains so for many years to come. | | |
| Name:<br>Kiana Ganancial | Email:<br>ganancial.kiana@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:17 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Kiana Ganancial, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Eduard Ganancial | Email:<br>edganancial@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:19 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Eduard Ganancial, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Hiroko Shinoda | Email:<br>hirokos0319@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:20 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VMAC needs renovation for start blocks, score board, bleachers, restrooms, among others. | | |
| Name:<br>Elijah Ganancial | Email:<br>kekoaganancial@icloud.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:21 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Elijah Ganancial, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Quyen Nguyen | Email:<br>qnguyen108@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:21 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Quyen Nguyen, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>John Flanagan | Email:<br>honu17@aol.com | Zip:<br>96821 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:22 PM |

Testimony:

I, John Flanagan, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Eric Wong | ehawaii808@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:22 PM |

Testimony:

I, Eric Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). We live in HAWAII KAI and frequently drive for events at VMAC, spending entire days at the center using the facilities. For a venue that is used so heavily, it deserves and needs funding for facility improvements. Thank you.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Seiko Dallas | sdallas54@gmail.com | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:23 PM |

Testimony:

I, Seiko Dallas, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| James Tomizawa | jameo8888@yahoo.co.jp | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:23 PM |

Testimony:

I, James Tomizawa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). support the fix because our swimmers deserve a pool that performs as hard as they do!

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Sarah Fagents | sarahfagents@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:23 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is an important Olympic-sized pool facility that supports swimming programs across Oahu, as well as public swimming. Generations of Hawai'i's keiki have been through the facility, and it is the only public pool on Oahu with 1- and 3-m diving capabilities. I strongly support Bill 23(26) for improvements to the facility.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Ana Hiyane | amarea@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:24 PM |

Testimony:

I, Ana Hiyane, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| GERALD DUNG | melechan@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:25 PM |

Testimony:

I, GERALD DUNG, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). This is a very important pool to the State of Hawaii and to O'ahu in general.  This pool is the primary pool for competitions for swimmer of the State of Hawaii.  This pool has also hosted out of state and country swim teams in the past.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Yukiko Tobalado | alohanagi@hotmail.com | 96701 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:26 PM |

Testimony:

I, Yukiko Tobalado, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Losa Jang | losa.jang@yahoo.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:26 PM |

Testimony:

I, Losa Jang, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| George Matsui | rekt.yt.808@gmail.com | 96814 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:27 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| Updates to VMAC pool bathrooms and facilities | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kirk Shitaoka | hnlntnfan@hotmail.com | 96813 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:27 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Kirk ShitaokaI, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Sherri Tisza | drsherritisza@gmail.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:28 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| A fully functioning VMAC is vital for our community.<br><br>I, Sherri Tisza, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Dorothy Ikeda | kititon@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:29 PM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Dorothy Ikeda, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Brooke Peters | bkp808@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:29 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Brooke Kaneshiro, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Harry Uy | Email:<br>uyharry@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96817 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:29 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Harry Uy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Celia Simon | Email:<br>casimon1933@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96744 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:30 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Celia Simon, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Carissa Uy | Email:<br>kidsuy3@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:31 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Carissa Uy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Paulette Jencks | Email:<br>paulette.jencks@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:31 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Paulette Jencks, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). My daughter has participated in many swim meets over the last two years at the VMAC facility. It is the main pool that is used for swim meets and the State Championships was held there in February. This pool is extremely important to our family and especially to our daughter as it provides a place for her to do what she loves, swim and swim competitively. By hosting large meets the pool allows for a place for the swim | | |

community of Hawaii to come together and watch our keiki excel and learn lessons from swimming that they will carry with them for their entire lives.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| John Uy | ju8173@yahoo.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:32 PM |

Testimony:

I, John Uy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Claire Fukumoto | cbear255@hotmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:32 PM |

Testimony:

I, Claire Fukumoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:32 PM |

Testimony:

I, Cristina Uy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| George Puder | georgepuder@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:34 PM |

Testimony:

I, George R Puder, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

This is bigger than any one of us. This is about protecting our children, our grandchildren, and future generations across Hawai'i. Hawai'i is recognized around the world as a premier destination for ocean and water activities, yet nearly half of our children do not know how to swim. According to the Hawaii Water Safety Coalition, fewer than 2% of second graders

have the basic water survival skills needed to avoid drowning. As a result, drowning remains the leading cause of death for Hawai'i residents ages 1–15.

This is not simply about preserving a facility — it is about preserving lives. Every day this facility serves as a place where children can learn critical water safety skills, build confidence, and gain the ability to survive in the waters that surround us. The need is urgent, and the consequences of inaction are devastating. Maintaining this facility is an investment in the safety, future, and lives of our community.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rachel Antal | rache01@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:36 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rachel Antal, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Grace Schonhardt | gschonhardt@hotmail.com | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:37 PM |

Testimony:

Thank you for supporting our efforts to make Hawaii safer for our youth.

My name is Grace Schonahrdt, and I strongly support funding to renovate the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC).

I grew up in the Leeward area, where my father worked as a sugar plantation laborer in the Waipahu and 'Ewa plantations.

When I was in the 4th grade, I remember walking from August Ahrens Elementary School to the Waipahu gym on Paiwa Street for swimming lessons. Those early experiences reflect something we all recognize in Hawai'i which is that swim safety is not optional; it is essential.

That value has continued in my own family. It was important to me that my children learn water safety, and they all took lessons at that same Waipahu gym.

The approval of HB1234 in 2025, which strengthens water safety education and drowning prevention for our keiki, underscores the urgency of this issue.

Drowning remains the leading cause of death in Hawai'i for children ages 1–15, and our state ranks among the highest in the nation for youth drowning rates. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth are three times more likely to drown compared to other ethnic groups in Hawaii.

Renovating and modernizing VMAC is essential to supporting the goals of HB1234. A safe, well-maintained facility ensures that students and community members have reliable access to high-quality swimming instruction and water safety education. Improvements to the pool deck, bulkhead, starting blocks, restrooms, and expanded spectator areas will enhance safety and increase the facility's capacity to serve more learners and host programs aligned with statewide efforts. Investing in this facility is an investment in drowning prevention and community health.

Living on an island community, swimming is a life skill.

My youngest son began learning to swim at six months old in a pool and is now a competitive swimmer who participates in meets at VMAC. Facilities like this are critical not only for safety, but for building discipline, confidence, and excellence in our youth.

Since its completion in 2005, VMAC has served the growing needs of our community. The current condition of the facility reflects how heavily it is used. VMAC remains a vital hub for daily exercise, lessons, team practices, and major competitions that bring together athletes from across Hawai'i and beyond.

Events such as the Keo Nakama Invitational
established in 1946 which is the longest running swim meet in Hawaii and the 2022 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships highlight the facility's importance on both a local and international level.

Investing in these improvements will ensure that VMAC continues to serve our community safely and effectively, while honoring its history and meeting modern standards for training and competition.

Most importantly, maintaining and improving this facility means continuing to provide a safe place where our children can learn to swim. By doing so, we can reduce preventable drowning deaths and inspire the next generation of swimmers, just as it has inspired my son and many local athletes, carrying forward the legacy of its namesake, Veteran Mark Takai.

Mahalo for your consideration and for supporting this important investment in our community.

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| Name:<br>Chelsey Harbottle | Email:<br>chelsey.harbottle@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96744 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:37 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Chelsey Harbottle, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Ryan Muraoka | Email:<br>rkmuraoka@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:38 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Ryan Muraoka, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Christina Keaulana | Email:<br>tina.keaulana@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96797 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:39 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Christina Keaulana, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Matthias Cheng | Email:<br>jbcheng917@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96744 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:39 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Matthias Cheng, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). As a competitive swimmer on Oahu, VMAC is important to me because we have a place to host meets and compete. Without VMAC we would have less accessibility to competitions. | | |
| Name:<br>Shaun Chun | Email:<br>shaunchun@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96817 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:40 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Shaun Chun, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Dwight van der Spoel | Email:<br>dvdspoel@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96825 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:40 PM |

Testimony:

I, Dwight van der Spoel, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jessica Cheng | president.rainbowaquatics@gmail.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:41 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jessica Cheng, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).VMAC is an essential facility for the Oahu swimming community and the success of our youth. The additional funding would be an investment into generations to come and the Hawaii Swimming legacy.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Michael Kim | mtkim1975@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:42 PM |

Testimony:

I, Michael Kim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Melania Urquides | melania.urquides@yahoo.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:42 PM |

Testimony:

I, Melania Urquides, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Nancy Ogden | nkogden76@gmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:43 PM |

Testimony:

I, Nancy Ogden, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Christina Alexander | c.alexander1987@gmail.com | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:43 PM |

Testimony:

I, Christina Alexander, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Nana Nishimura | nanasearlychildcare@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:44 PM |

Testimony:

I, Nana Nishimura, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Our daughter is in the swimming team.

We use the pool every month or twice a months for the meet. We hope this bill go through and provide the better quality of swim for children.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rachel Ruh | rcrawford1026@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:45 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rachel Crawford Ruh, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Amber Motz | ambersmotz@yahoo.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:45 PM |

Testimony:

I, Amber Motz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). My daughter heavily uses this pool for swim and polo. We have athletes from around the world who come to races taking place in the pool.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Yun Yi | yi.yunkyong@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:46 PM |

Testimony:

I, Yun Yi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Andrew Steele | bunza299@icloud.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:47 PM |

Testimony:

"VMAC is a vital cornerstone for the Oahu swim community, as well as for the swim communities across the entire state.

Say YES to Bill 23(26)!

Say YES to providing VMAC the critical funding needed to ensure this vital cornerstone continues that legacy of service for Oahu and all of Hawaii. "

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Sam Harquail | sharquail@punahou.edu | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:47 PM |

Testimony:

I, Sam Harquail, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

It would be a huge help to the community especially the swimming community create a more exciting and competitive environment where people want to go see.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jaren Cooper | jarenlcooper@yahoo.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:48 PM |

Testimony:

My family is at VMAC at least one weekend every month, if not more. I believe it is the most used pool for competitive swimming in the state of Hawai'i. Every time we are there, the parking lot is maxed out due to community use and

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| involvement. VMAC is a vital part of the swimming community, and the community in general. Money spent on this facility is money well spent! | | |
| Name:<br>Stephanie Monahan | Email:<br>samonahan17@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:48 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Stephanie Monahan, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Grace Monahan | Email:<br>gracemonahan126@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:49 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VMAC holds a special place in my heart as a former swimmer who grew up there and qualified for numerous mainland meets, including nationals. My love for VMAC blossomed at a young age and continues to grow even after I returned from college swimming at NC State University. I would be thrilled to witness improvements at VMAC, ensuring that the pool meets the high standards of competition-level facilities found on the mainland. The swimming community deserves nothing less! | | |
| Name:<br>Steve Allnutt | Email:<br>allnutt@hawaii.edu | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:49 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VAMC is a cornerstone of one of Hawaii's most prestigious sports, swimming. This funding will go far to helping maintain the VMAC as the gathering place for all swimming across the state. | | |
| Name:<br>Hannah Caddle | Email:<br>hcaddle@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:50 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I, Hanna Caddle, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Barbara Beyerle | bar.bey.hi@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:50 PM |

Testimony:

I, Barbara Beyerle, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jayson Hagi | jhagi@punahou.edu | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:50 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jayson Hagi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

This community pool is vital to the Hawaii community and its aquatic family.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| DongHyun Kim | dhkim82@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:51 PM |

Testimony:

I, DongHyun Kim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kiki Matsumoto | mauiswimclubcoach@gmail.com | 96732 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 07:52 PM |

Testimony:

I have been involved in coaching youth swimming in Hawaii for 23 years as a volunteer. I fly from Maui to Oahu for meets at the VMAC three to four times a year. As the years have passed, I have seen the deterioration of the pool facility. This saddens me greatly. I feel the governing bodies both on Oahu and the outer islands, need to put more emphasis on maintaining the wonderful facilities that already exist and not allow them to literally fall apart over time. I strongly support

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| Bill 23(26) and hope you will consider passing it so our island keiki and families may continue to enjoy it for years to come. Mahalo. | | |
| Name:<br>Elizabeth Tracy | Email:<br>elitracy88@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96740 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:52 PM |
| Testimony:<br>Aloha,<br>I, Elizabeth Tracy, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). I am a swim coach and a swim parent in Kailua Kona, HI. This pool is a key location for our entire swim community across the state and it would mean so much to us to see this pool get the upgrades that it needs. My own children and the kids that I coach all have wonderful memories at this pool. This bill would be a huge step forward so that this facility can be used to its fullest potential. Mahalo for your time,<br>Liz Tracy<br>Kona Dolphins Swim Club | | |
| Name:<br>Sean Moura | Email:<br>sean.moura@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:53 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Sean MouraI, funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Sandy Drake | Email:<br>sandydrakemaui@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96768 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:53 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Sandy Drake, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Katrina Masada | Email:<br>kdangleman@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:54 PM |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Katrina Masada, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Eugene Drzymala | Email:<br>waokanaka@icloud.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:55 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Eugene Drzymala, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).<br><br>It SHOULD be $3,000,000.00 | | |
| Name:<br>Eamon Jordan | Email:<br>eamon.jordan@resurgo.net | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:55 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Eamon Jordan, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Water polo is an important sport for Hawaii's youth (from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds), and very few pools dedicate the time to the sport like VMAC. | | |
| Name:<br>Matthew Stimpson | Email:<br>stimpsonma@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:56 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Matthew Stimpson, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Shawn Williamson | Email:<br>shawnwilliamson@mac.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:57 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Shawn M Williamson, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name: | Email: | Zip: |

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| Kaily Smitson | kailysmitson@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:57 PM |

Testimony:

As a Honolulu resident, I am writing in strong support of funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). The funding provided in this capital budget is vital for maintaining and improving our city's public parks and recreational spaces. My daughter regularly uses these city facilities for her swim competitions, and ensuring they are safe, functional, and well-maintained is essential for our youth athletes and the broader community. I urge the council to pass this measure. Thank you.

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| Name:<br>Konoske Jones | Email:<br>ko.jones2020@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:58 PM |

Testimony:

I, Konoske Jones, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Name:<br>Casey Johnston | Email:<br>caseyskeating@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:59 PM |

Testimony:

I, Casey Johnston, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Name:<br>Biljana Baker | Email:<br>bakerbiljana@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 07:59 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is one of the official swimming pools that supports children pursuing competitive swimming, gathers swimmers from all over Hawaii, Mainland and the World to compete! Please help us fund this facility for everyone to enjoy this sport!

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| Name:<br>Brandon Loi | Email:<br>yugiloiboy@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:00 PM |

Testimony:

I am writing to support the allocation of $1,000,000 to maintain the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.

The facility has been the same for over 18 years since i started swimming. We need for new diving blocks, new bulkhead, new scoreboard, better spectator seating

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Nicole Burton | naburton33@hotmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:00 PM |

Testimony:

I, Nicole Burton, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Justin Loi | jlyugi@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:01 PM |

Testimony:

I am writing to support the allocation of $1,000,000 to maintain the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.

The facility has been the same for over 18 years since i started swimming. We need for new diving blocks, new bulkhead, new scoreboard, better spectator seating.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Natasha Baldauf | napuabaldauf@gmail.com | 96792 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:01 PM |

Testimony:

I, Natasha Baldauf, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Lauren Hamlin | sqlmerchant@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:01 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Lauren Hamlin, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Chloe Loi | Email:<br>Chloekyloi@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:02 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I am writing to support the allocation of $1,000,000 to maintain the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. We need for new diving blocks, new bulkhead, new scoreboard, better spectator seating | | |
| Name:<br>Todd Sanders | Email:<br>sspianomovers@aol.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:02 PM |
| Testimony:<br>Please vote yes to this bill. VMAC is a very important facility for so many young swimmers. So many local kids got their start here and went on to be successful swimmers in college. Thank you. | | |
| Name:<br>Agnes Loi | Email:<br>ahploi@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:03 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I am writing to support the allocation of $1,000,000 to maintain the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. | | |
| Name:<br>Alison Grasse | Email:<br>alisongrasse@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:04 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Alison Grasse, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Caleb Johansen | calebjohansen08@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:04 PM |

Testimony:

I, Caleb Johansen, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Elizabeth Burgin | kea29@me.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:05 PM |

Testimony:

I, Elizabeth Burgin, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Paul Kaneshiro | paulkaneshiro@aol.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:05 PM |

Testimony:

I, Paul Kaneshiro, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Yuki Agresti | yukishoji8@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:06 PM |

Testimony:

I, Yuki Agresti, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Children enjoy being at the pool.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Richard Oshiro | oshirorh@hawaii.rr.com | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:07 |

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| Testimony:<br>As a longtime resident of Waipahu and our Neighborhood Board, I support the passage of Bill 023 (26) and specifically the funding of improvements to the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center. This swimming complex is vital to our children who use the Aquatics Center for swim practices and competition. This funding will go a long way to support our children and swimming community. Thank you for your consideration and support. | | |
| Name:<br>Nichole Begonia | Email:<br>nicholeac@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:07 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VMAC is so important to the swimming community on the island of Oahu. Please continue to fund this investment for the future of our athletes. This pool is the best we have - please maintain it for the benefit of future generations of swimmers! | | |
| Name:<br>Tracy Kaichi | Email:<br>tracy.a.kaichi@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:08 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Tracy Kaichi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Kyle Seto | Email:<br>kbseto@hotmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:08 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Kyle Blair Seto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Julie Chiya | Email:<br>jchiya@punahou.edu | Zip:<br>96814 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:09 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I strongly support Bill 23(26) and the proposed $1 million for repairs to the VMAC pool. The facility is heavily used for recreation, swim competitions, and community programs, but important safety repairs are needed, including tiles falling off at the pool. Funding these improvements will help keep the pool safe and operational for the community. I respectfully urge the Honolulu City Council to approve full funding for this project.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Lee Britos | lee.britos@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:10 PM |

Testimony:

I, Lee Britos, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Steven Camacho | steven.camacho808@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:10 PM |

Testimony:

I, Steven Camacho, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jennifer McFarland | jenmcfar@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:10 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jennifer McFarland, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Marcelle Arakaki | marcelle808@gmail.com | 96792 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:11 PM |

Testimony:

We sat at the City Council meetings in support of building an aquatics center when the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park was being built 25 years ago. I am glad to be here now to further support Bill 23(26) to see that the needed repairs can be made to the K Mark Takaki Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rosalyn Cheng | bosacheng@gmail.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:11 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rosalyn Cheng, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Adrieanne Hamilton | adrieanne.rivera@gmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:12 PM |

Testimony:

I, Adrieanne Hamilton, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Cory Reelitz | coryreelitz@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:12 PM |

Testimony:

I, Cory Reelitz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rachel Coel | usemyemail2025@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:13 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is the cornerstone of our athletic weekends in our family and for so many families across the islands. It plays host to swimming lessons and swim meets and water polo tournaments and so many other activities for our citizens to play and learn and enjoy the water together. This bill is an opportunity for us to keep this facility beautiful and safe for generations to come.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Josh Lorge | joshlorge@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:14 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Josh Lorge, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). We need to invest in our athletic complex for our youth. | | |
| Name:<br>Tricia Uemura | Email:<br>p.uemura@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:14 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Tricia Uemura, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Vonceil Yara | Email:<br>vonceil@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:15 PM |
| Testimony:<br>The competitive swim clubs on this island and surrounding islands need a world class facility to train, compete, and host invitational and international swim meets. This should be the pride of the islands swimming and water sports culture. Please approve this bill. All my children have completed and swam at VMAC and we would love to see generations more to experience the amazing world of swimming. | | |
| Name:<br>Joe Cox | Email:<br>joepatrickcox@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:15 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I Joseph Cox support funding for VMAC in Bill 23 (26). | | |
| Name:<br>Dane Sjoblom | Email:<br>danesjoblom@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96701 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:15 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I, Dane Sjoblom, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rosana Weldon | rhweldon@gmail.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:16 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rosana Weldon, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Stacy Layco | stacylayco@gmail.com | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:17 PM |

Testimony:

I, Stacy Layco, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Xanadette Sordillia-Cozo | xsordilliacozo@gmail.com | 96786 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:17 PM |

Testimony:

As a former lifeguard and patron of this pool I have witnessed firsthand the impact VMAC provides the community. The pool is used by various ages with swim teams of multiple age brackets, high school and college competitions and the elderly who find comfort in their routines and keeping fit at the same time. To maintain this pool is to provide the community what it needs a safe refuge for its various purposes. I support this bill.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Candy Kawakami | kandykawakami@gmail.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:18 PM |

Testimony:

I, Candy Kawakami, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Duke Layco | dukelayco@gmail.com | 96797 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:18 PM |

Testimony:

I, Duke Layco, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Megan Fitzgerald | megfitzgerald808@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:19 PM |

Testimony:

The VMAC pool has been a part of my life for years now and I have many memories there. Any improvements to the pool would help my swimming career dramatically.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Leslie Takayama | ltakayam@hawaii.edu | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:19 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is so important to the young swimmers on this side of the island as there aren't any pools with diving blocks. This allows so many swimmers to be able to practice their diving from the blocks and prepares them for swim meets and remain competitive with other town teams that have facilities with blocks.

Also it is the only facility in this side of the island that can host swim meets and it also has enough parking to accommodate the larger meets.

Any improvements to keep the facility well maintained is so important to keep young and future swimmers in the pools and excelling in the sport.

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:20 PM |

Testimony:

I, MICHELLE HSIA, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:20 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Miho Jones, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Jean Stavrue-Pe'ahi | Email:<br>peahiohana@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:21 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Jean Stavrue-Pe'ahi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Michael Sklarz | Email:<br>sklarzm@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:21 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Michael Sklarz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Susanna Cheng | Email:<br>syc10@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:22 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VMAC has been very important to helping develop our son’s self-confidence. It’s a heavily used facility and needs upgrades. It is a vital community resource that deserves some TLC. | | |
| Name:<br>Kirk Fritz | Email:<br>kirkdavidfritz@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:23 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

I, Kirk Firtz, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Age group competition swimming highly relies on this venue. The level of disrepair is evident. Funding is paramount now for improvements. The state of Hawai'i was recognized originally through Duke and his swimming abilities. The legacy of youth swimming relies on the support of funding for facilities.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jolee Gust | joleeg11@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:23 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jolee Gust, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Fabiana Atwood | fabi_atwood@yahoo.com | 96712 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:24 PM |

Testimony:

I, Fabiana Atwood, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Kendal Furudera | furuderakt@gmail.com | 96813 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:24 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kendal Furudera, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:24 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jengie Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Isabel Camacho | camacho.izzy3@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:25 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Isabel Camacho, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Chelsey Flanagan | Email:<br>chelsey.flanagan@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:25 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Chelsey Flanagan, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Luana Silva | Email:<br>luanasurfhawaii@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96712 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:26 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Luana Silva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:27 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Fábio Silva, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Jenefer Oyama | Email:<br>jenefer.oyama@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:27 PM |
| Testimony:<br>The Veteran Memorial Aquatic center in Waipio is used daily for swimming, diving, water polo, lifeguard training and more. The facilities are worn and damaged, and restoring the pool would make a huge difference for the aquatics community and the community at large. | | |

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| Tatiana Coelho | taticoelho@hotmail.com | 96712 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:28 PM |

Testimony:

I, Tatiana Coelho, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Alex Walker | walkea14@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:28 PM |

Testimony:

I, Alex Walker, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Darsha Lee | darsha@hawaii.edu | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:29 PM |

Testimony:

I, Darsha Lee, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:30 PM |

Testimony:

I, Christine Sweeney, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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Testimony:

I, Lars Hanson II, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:31 PM |

Testimony:

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| Julie Chang | changfamily.hi@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:31 PM |

Testimony:

I, Julie Chang, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:31 PM |

Testimony:

Swimming is vital to our communities and the health of our population. Funding for VMAC and CORP are needed to support our Parks and Rec Dept.

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| Bailey Fritz | baileyfritz0@gmail.com | 96706 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:32 PM |

Testimony:

I have been swimming and Coaching at VMAC pool for my entire life. It's a place that has not only allowed me to develop community and confidence in my sport, but also be able to pour into the next generation. It's a place where all ages in our community come together to be active, get healthy, and train for excellence. It's such an important part of so many taxpayers routine/life.

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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:32 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Lily-Ayn Kamano, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Danielle Bass | Email:<br>bassdanielle@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:33 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Danielle Bass, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Richard Cheong | Email:<br>richard.g.cheong@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:33 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Richard G Cheong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).<br><br>The more resources we have as a state and county to support our young athletes the better it is. Having up to date infrastructure is essential! | | |
| Name:<br>Traci Kanoa | Email:<br>tmkanoa@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:34 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Traci Kanoa, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Swimming is a vital part of my 'ohana's life. I support funding to improve the facilities of VMAC. My keiki is a member of a swim club and we know how important pool maintenance is. | | |
| Name:<br>Rom Layco | Email:<br>rom80876@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:34 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Rom Layco, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Changsung Kang | Email:<br>rkdckdtjd7@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96814 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:35 PM |
| Testimony:<br>VMAC is important to our family as a place where our child competes regularly in swim meets.<br>Through those experiences, we see how heavily the facility is used by athletes, teams, and families across the community.<br>We have also noticed that many areas could benefit from much-needed upgrades.<br>Renovating VMAC would greatly benefit both current and future athletes who rely on this facility.<br>Thank you for considering the renovation. | | |
| Name:<br>Roman Tivyan | Email:<br>tivyan@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96817 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:35 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Roman Tivyan, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Staci Overton-Tune | Email:<br>staci.n.overton@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:36 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Staci Overton-Tune, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Haunani Hew-Len | Email:<br>haunanikh@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96706 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:37 PM |

Testimony:

I, Haunani Hew-Len, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Yingfei Dong | yingfei@gmail.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:37 PM |

Testimony:

MARK TAKAI VETERANS MEMORIAL AQUATICS CENTER (we all called it VMAC) is the most important public swimming facility for kids on the Island of Oahu, and also is used hosted State Swimming Championship every year. I have been a volunteer for various swimming meets (from 10-year under to high school seniors meets) in the past 10 years. Every year, at least 10 or more meets were held at VMAC (more than a half of high-level meets (invitationals and state championships) at Oahu, based my personal estimation). When you see 400+ kids are cheering for their relay teams, it is such an emotional sight. All kids love this pool and enjoy so much have meets there, because it is the most convenient place for large meets with large space and parking areas. If you ask any kids in a swimming club on Oahu (and other islands), she/he can tell you how much she/he enjoys the meets there. The facility at the pool is getting old, and the score board and touchpads have problems more and more often. Sometimes, the touchpad does not work at all. It is really frustrated for meet volunteers and very disappointed for all the kids, especially for the important meets such as State Championships. For the advanced kids, they really need to get the best time to qualify for inter-state, sectional, future, and junior Olympics meets. We had many good swimmers who actually went to D1 swimming teams for colleges. They represent the best of Hawaii. We should create the best environment for our kids to succeed. VMAC is such a place to need to fix and maintain for Hawaii's future. All kids and their parents will be gratefully to see VMAC get improved. There are about 20+ meets every year. (my rough guess: VMAC hosts about 1/3 of these meets). All organized by parent volunteers. They are the great resources to help anything make Hawaii better. If you need people to help, come to the meets and you will find plenty supports.

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:37 PM |

Testimony:

I, Maelyn Uyehara, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Swimming has made such a positive impact in my daughter's life. We love this big open facility because we can watch from so many different angle. We also love the grassy areas, perfect for a picnic during the breaks.

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| Ian Kang | lambyearboy15@gmail.com | 96814 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:38 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is important to me because I compete there for swim meets throughout the year.

It brings together so many swimmers, coaches, teams, and families from our community. Even as a kid, I can tell the facility is used a lot and could really benefit from renovations and improvements.

Updating VMAC would help create a better experience for current athletes and future generations of swimmers.

Thank you for considering the renovation.

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| Michael Wells | mike.9.wells@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:38 PM |

Testimony:

I, Michael Wells, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

I think this is very important for the community and well overdue and deserved.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Michael Carney | mcarney@hawaii.edu | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:40 PM |

Testimony:

Please fund updates and repairs for VMAC.  It is one of the GEM's in Hawaii for our Keiki.

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| Carolyn Chan | carolynnchan@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:40 PM |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Carolyn Chan, support for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Jennifer Carney | Email:<br>mcarney@hawaii.edu | Zip:<br>96822 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:41 PM |
| Testimony:<br>Please fund updates and repairs for VMAC.  It is one of the GEM's in Hawaii for our Keiki. | | |
| Name:<br>Celi Franke | Email:<br>celifranke@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:41 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I Celi Franke support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Joseph Kang | Email:<br>cigarkang@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96712 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:41 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Joseph Kang, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Laurie Asato | Email:<br>laurieasato@yahoo.com | Zip:<br>96816 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:42 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Laurie Asato, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Tanya Alana | Email:<br>tkda808@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:43 |

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| Testimony:<br>I, Tanya Alana, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). This is not only a beautification type of project, this is also to make the facilities safer for our Keiki. | | |
| Name:<br>Malia Kamisugi | Email:<br>akubelly@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:43 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Malia Kamisugi, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Leah Abbott | Email:<br>leeleemw@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:44 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Leah Abbott, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Maylani Alana | Email:<br>nokeaha808@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:44 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Maylani Alana, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Better bathroom conditions: cleaner and better up keep. | | |
| Name:<br>Christopher Dods | Email:<br>cldods@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96821 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:45 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Christopher Dods, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Peter Hursty | Email:<br>pshursty@hotmail.com | Zip:<br>96822 |

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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Testimony:

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| Nancy Liu | turbine.dime.0n@icloud.com | 96813 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:47 PM |

Testimony:

I, Nancy Liu, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

This is an amazing pool for our water polo events.

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:47 PM |

Testimony:

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:48 PM |

Testimony:

I, Robert Nakasone, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

My son loves playing water polo at VMAC!

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:48 PM |

Testimony:

I, Boretta Lim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Jennifer Carney | piblokto2k1@yahoo.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:49 PM |

Testimony:

Kids and families deserve and well maintained aquatics center and facilities with working bathrooms, cleanliness, updated pools for competitive swimming and working scoreboards and touchpads. We need to be competitive with the mainland. Please help the infrastructure of VMAC and especially the aquatics center

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Christopher Regala | cregala@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:49 PM |

Testimony:

I, Christopher Regala, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Juan Carlos Bonilla | jcbr67@gmail.com | 96818 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:50 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Juan Carlos Bonilla, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Kevin Phillips | Email:<br>kevin16george@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:50 PM |
| Testimony:<br>My daughter Jasmine who is 14, started swimming about a year and a half ago. Since she started, she has improved by leaps and bounds, (and strokes)!! She is on the Aulea Swim Club and has participated in many many meets at the VMAC, and she attributes much of her improvement and growth on participating in these events.<br>Please pass this bill so the pool can continue to be properly maintained and improvements can be made, so that Jasmine and everyone who loves this facility will continue to thrive in the beauty of aquatics.<br>Mahalo, Kevin Phillips | | |
| Name:<br>Yomna Ibrahim | Email:<br>yuyu75@me.com | Zip:<br>96825 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:51 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Yomna Ibrahim, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Jieun Woo | Email:<br>jiun77hi@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96814 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:51 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Jieun Woo, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Leila Alli | Email:<br>leilaalli69@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96712 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:52 PM |

Testimony:

I, Leila Alli, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Jeffrey Wong | jeffwhawaii@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:52 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jeffrey Wong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:53 PM |

Testimony:

I, Jennifer Fullick, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Emily Humber | emilyehumber@gmail.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:53 PM |

Testimony:

I, Emily Humber, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| John Serrano | serrano1010@gmail.com | 96744 |
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Testimony:

I, John Serrano, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Brianna Burik | briannaburik@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:54 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Brianna burik, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:54 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Joanna Guinle, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:54 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Kailee Burik, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 29, 2026 @ 08:55 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Brian Burik, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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Testimony:

I, Lindsey Burik, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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Testimony:

I, Karen Park, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:57 PM |

Testimony:

I, Margaret Camacho, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

The VMAC is a very special facility that has been integral to my children's lives and success through turbulent middle school and high school years. We've participated in club swimming (HSC) and high school swimming (Mililani High School). Swimming is an amazing activity that requires dedication and commitment, and leads to the development of citizens of Hawaii who have the highest levels of self-discipline, community involvement, and appreciation for volunteers. This would be a great use of taxpayer money to keep the VMAC a viable place for the whole community, from the youth to the kupuna of Hawaii.

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:58 PM |

Testimony:

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 29, 2026 @ 08:58 PM |
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| I, Stephen Frano, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Ryan Matsumoto | rmatsumoto808@gmail.com | 96822 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 04:40 AM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Ryan Matsumoto, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Janelle Lee | jan_ching@hotmail.com | 96797 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 04:41 AM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Janelle Lee, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 04:43 AM |
| Testimony: | | |
| I, Jada Lee, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 01:22 PM |
| Testimony: | | |

The VMAC pool is a vital community space for thousands of families each year. My two children (10 and 12) have been swimming at the pool since 2024 with Pearl City Aquatics and have participated in swim meets there. We consider their swimming activities as essential to the development of their character and their health. Along with school and Scouting, swimming teaches our children responsibility, leadership and perseverance. Please help our family and thousands of others continue to have VMAC as a vital resource for our children. Our kids need and deserve these community resources.

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 01:25 PM |

Testimony:

I, Lyle Nakashima, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Rita Yoshihara | ryoshi12@yahoo.com | 96821 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 01:31 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rita Yoshihara, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 30, 2026 @ 01:33 PM |

Testimony:

Aloha, Mayor Blangiardi and City and County of Honolulu Council Members.

As previously submitted I am in favor of Bill 23(26). Asking you to please seriously consider passing this bill.

K Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (KMTVMAC) is in dire need of restructuring to improve the venue for safety and maximize the use, not only for local, national and world competition but more importantly to promote community water safety programs.

Your approval of this bill is greatly appreciated.

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| Naomi Takai | | |
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| Representing:<br>Punahou School | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 30, 2026 @ 01:35 PM |
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| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 30, 2026 @ 01:37 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Hillary Quam, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). | | |
| Name:<br>Lee Ann Matsumoto | Email:<br>lmatsumoto808@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96819 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 30, 2026 @ 01:39 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Lee Ann Matsumoto, am in support of funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Mahalo! | | |
| Name:<br>Del Fujinaka | Email:<br>del@fujinaka.com | Zip:<br>96814 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>May 31, 2026 @ 05:10 AM |
| Testimony:<br>Support for Funding Improvements to the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC)<br><br>Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,<br><br>My name is Del Fujinaka, and I respectfully submit testimony in support of funding improvements to the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. | | |

This testimony is especially personal to me because my cousin was Congressman and former UH Athlete Mark Takai. Mark dedicated his life to serving the people of Hawai'i—as a state legislator, member of Congress, Army National Guard officer, and community leader. He believed deeply in investing in facilities and programs that strengthen our communities and provide opportunities for future generations.

VMAC has long been an important community asset for Hawai'i's families, keiki, athletes, seniors, and veterans. Unfortunately, the facility has experienced years of deterioration and deferred maintenance. Those who use the facility understand that significant improvements are needed to preserve its safety, functionality, and long-term value.

As I reflect on Mark's legacy of service, I believe he would support efforts to restore and improve public facilities that bring people together, promote health and wellness, and serve our community with dignity.

Supporting this funding is not simply an investment in a building. It is an investment in the people of Hawai'i and in future generations who will benefit from a safe, modern, and welcoming aquatic facility.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration and support of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Del Fujinaka

Nakoa Board Member UH Athletics

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Ohana Unity Party | Oppose | May 31, 2026 @ 08:03 AM |

Testimony:

RE: Bill 23 (2026), CD1 – Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year 2027

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I respectfully submit this testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 23 (2026), CD1.

This bill authorizes approximately $1.166 Billion Dollars in capital spending commitments and authorizes the City to continue down a path of long-term borrowing that future generations of Honolulu taxpayers will be required to repay. According to the bill, the proposed capital budget totals approximately $1.166 billion. More than $605 million is expected to come from general obligation bond funds and other debt-financed sources. While capital improvements are necessary, every dollar borrowed today becomes a liability that future taxpayers must repay with interest. Fiscal responsibility requires distinguishing between essential infrastructure and discretionary spending. The City should focus on core priorities before approving additional borrowing on this scale.

At a time when Honolulu residents face some of the highest living costs in America, the City is proposing another massive capital spending package while many families are already struggling to afford housing, groceries, utilities, insurance, and property taxes.

THE NUMBERS MATTER

Before voting on Bill 23, the Council should consider the financial reality facing taxpayers:

• Median home prices on O‘ahu remain near or above $1 million.

• Many working families are spending well over 30% of their income on housing.

• Honolulu consistently ranks among the most expensive metropolitan areas in the United States.

• Property taxes, utility rates, sewer fees, and government service costs continue to rise.

Yet despite these affordability challenges, Bill 23 proposes committing taxpayers to hundreds of millions of dollars in additional capital expenditures.

DEBT TODAY = TAXES TOMORROW

The Capital Improvement Program is not free money.

Much of the funding authorized under Bill 23 will ultimately be financed through bond issuance.

That means taxpayers are responsible not only for the principal borrowed, but also:

• Interest payments
• Financing costs
• Administrative expenses

• Maintenance costs

• Future repair costs

• Future replacement costs

Every $100 million borrowed today can ultimately cost taxpayers substantially more once interest and lifecycle expenses are included.

The true cost of government projects is rarely the initial appropriation amount.

RAIL SHOULD BE A WARNING, NOT A MODEL

Honolulu taxpayers have already witnessed one of the largest public works cost overruns in Hawai'i history.

The rail project was originally estimated at approximately $5.1 billion.

Public estimates have since exceeded $10 billion.

That represents a cost increase of roughly $5 billion or more above original projections.

Taxpayers have repeatedly been told that additional funding, additional borrowing, and additional appropriations were necessary to complete the project.

The lesson should be clear:

Large government projects frequently cost more than projected and take longer than promised.

Bill 23 asks taxpayers to place even more faith in a process that has already produced one of the most expensive infrastructure projects in the nation.

OPPORTUNITY COSTS

Every dollar spent on one project is unavailable for another.

If Bill 23 authorizes approximately $1.166 Billion Dollars in spending, taxpayers should ask:

How many miles of roads could be repaired?

How much sewer infrastructure could be upgraded?

How many flood mitigation projects could be completed?

How many public safety improvements could be funded?

How much property tax relief could be provided?

Government resources are finite.

Priorities matter.

ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE APPROPRIATION

Before approving hundreds of millions of dollars in new commitments, taxpayers deserve:

• Independent cost-benefit analyses
• Debt service projections
• Lifecycle cost estimates
• Maintenance projections
• Completion timelines
• Performance benchmarks
• Public accountability measures

Taxpayers should know what these projects will cost not only next year, but ten, twenty, and thirty years from now.

THE CITY SHOULD FOCUS ON CORE NEEDS

Before embarking on new capital commitments, Honolulu should prioritize:

• Road maintenance
• Flood control
• Sewer infrastructure
• Public safety facilities
• Emergency preparedness
• Deferred maintenance
• Existing infrastructure repairs

Government should maintain what it already owns before acquiring new liabilities.

CONCLUSION

Bill 23 represents another significant expansion of taxpayer obligations at a time when Honolulu residents are already under immense financial pressure.

The City cannot borrow its way to affordability.

The City cannot spend its way out of every problem.

The City must demonstrate fiscal discipline, prioritize core infrastructure, and protect taxpayers from unnecessary long-term debt obligations.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Honolulu City Council to REJECT Bill 23 (2026), CD1, or substantially reduce the proposed capital program until greater accountability, transparency, and fiscal safeguards are implemented.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

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| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:35 AM |

Testimony:

I, Raena Takai, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). I support the renovations of this pool because it is a very important facility for diving. My daughter is a former diver and this is the only public pool that has a diving board. We had to drive from town during peak traffic just to get to this pool for practice. If we didn't come to this facility, she would not have been able to get practice time during the year. There were very limited days/times for diving practices, so we had to make sure she was there when it was available. Please make sure this pool is safe and restored for everyone in the community to use. Thank you.

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| Layne Uyeno | luyeno@sbcglobal.net | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:37 AM |

Testimony:

I, Layne Uyeno, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Our veterans deserve to have a memorial suitable for the service they did for our country and freedom. Our keiki deserve a beautiful and safe facility to learn and train to swim in.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| John Starmer | john@johnstarmer.com | 96753 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:42 AM |

Testimony:

I am writing in strong support of the proposed allocation of $1,000,000 for critical maintenance and improvements to the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. This facility is a cornerstone of competitive aquatics in Hawaii, serving swimmers from across the state and hosting events of regional and international significance. The requested funding is not merely a budget line item — it is an investment in the safety, dignity, and long-term viability of one of Hawaii's most important athletic venues.

A Facility of Statewide and Regional Importance

The K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center serves as the premier competitive swimming facility in the state of

Hawaii. Each year, it plays host to Hawaii Swimming's State Junior and Senior Championship Meets, drawing athletes, coaches, and families from every corner of the islands. Beyond statewide competition, the facility has successfully hosted regional and international swimming competitions, bringing athletes and visitors to our community and showcasing Hawaii on a broader stage.

This level of use and prestige demands a facility that is modern, safe, and functional. Regrettably, years of deferred maintenance have left the aquatic center in need of significant upgrades. Without the requested investment, the facility risks losing its ability to host major competitions and, more critically, risks the safety and experience of the athletes and spectators who depend on it.

Most critical of these improvements is the replacement of the pool bulkhead - the moveable wall that allows the competition course to be reconfigured between short-course and long-course formats — ast it is aging and increasingly difficult to operate. A failing bulkhead limits the types of competitions the facility can host and can pose safety risks if it malfunctions during use. A failed bulkhead potentially closes the entire facility.

I understand the replacement of this structure alone will cost close to $750,000, making a million dollar investment in this facility less generous than it initially may seem.

Additional necessary repairs include:

- Replacement Diving Blocks: The existing starting blocks are outdated and failing. Modern, regulation-compliant dive blocks are essential for athlete safety and are a prerequisite for hosting sanctioned meets at the state, regional, and national levels. Upgrading to current-standard blocks will protect our athletes from injury and ensure the facility remains eligible to host championship events.
- New Scoreboard: The current scoreboard is outdated, difficult to read, and no longer adequate for the demands of modern competitive swimming. A new, high-visibility scoreboard would allow athletes to monitor their splits and results in real time, provide spectators with clear and immediate race information, and project the professionalism expected at state and international competitions. A functioning, modern scoreboard is a basic expectation of any serious competitive venue.
- Improved Spectator Seating: The aquatic center's spectator seating is insufficient for the crowds that championship and international meets attract. Families, supporters, coaches, and officials deserve safe, comfortable, and adequate seating. Improving spectator accommodations will enhance the overall event experience, increase community engagement, and allow the facility to accommodate larger audiences as competitions continue to grow in scale and prestige.
- Pool temperature control: Possibly not obvious in a tropical climate, the need to maintain not just comfortable, but safe competition conditions includes water temperatures that do not exceed standards. These standards have been violated in the afternoons of several meets over the past two years.

Failure to fund these improvements carries real consequences. Governing bodies such as USA Swimming set strict standards for competition venues, and facilities that cannot meet those standards are disqualified from hosting sanctioned events. Losing the ability to host the State Junior and Senior Championships — let alone regional and international competitions — would be a significant blow to Hawaii's swimming community and to the broader economic

and cultural value these events bring to our area.
Beyond competition eligibility, aging infrastructure poses direct safety risks to the swimmers, officials, and spectators who use the facility every day. Proactive investment now is far more cost-effective than emergency repairs or liability exposure in the future.

The allocation of $1,000,000 for the maintenance and improvement of this facility is a sound, necessary, and meaningful investment. I respectfully urge the committee to approve this funding in full.
Mahalo for your time and your service to our community.

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| Cheryl Ann Jong | 4keiki@gmail.com | 96817 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:44 AM |

Testimony:
I, Cheryl Ann Jong, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). We need the support of OUR COMMUNITY to maintain important facilities that affect so many.  YOU represent OUR COMMUNITY.  Please show your ALOHA by supporting this bill.  Mahalo!

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| Lauren Takaoka | lmmt.rn@gmail.com | 96786 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:46 AM |

Testimony:
I, Lauren Takaoka, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). I used to use this facility quite often and am saddened to see it fall into such disrepair.  it is dangerous for the families that use the facility.  please approve funding for repairs

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| Candice Vidal | candeecane914@gmail.com | 96814 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | May 31, 2026 @ 08:48 AM |

Testimony:
I, Candice Vidal, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). I whole heartedly support this bill because this is the main pool that is used by swim clubs and DOE high schools for meets and practices. Improvements would directly impact swimmers and their families. My sons make the drive from town to use this facility to practice because it has driving blocks and ample swim lanes. Thank you for your consideration and support.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Suzanne Cummings | cummingsr005@hawaii.rr.com | 96701 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:54 AM |

Testimony:

I, Suzanne  Cummings, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Jeffrey Dixon | jeffrey.s.dixon00@gmail.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:55 AM |

Testimony:

I, Jeffrey S. Dixon, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). This facility is a tremendous resource that expands opportunities for, and sustains youth swimming on Oahu.

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| Barbara Buckhalter | barbarabuckhalter21@gmail.com | 96707 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:56 AM |

Testimony:

I, Barbara Buckhalter, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Nohea Lileikis | nohea.lileikis@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:57 AM |

Testimony:

I, Nohea Lileikis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Aukai Lileikis | alikeikis25@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:59 AM |

Testimony:

I, Aukai Lileikis, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| John Hoogsteden | jhoogsteden@gmail.com | 96712 |

| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
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| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 05:00 AM |

Testimony:

I, John Hoogsteden, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

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| Emily Silver | elesnick@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:45 PM |

Testimony:

I, Emily SL Silver, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

Water is such an important part of our culture here.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Anthony Aquino | akaquino76@gmail.com | 96782 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:47 PM |

Testimony:

I, Anthony Aquino, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). Do it for the community

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Erin Hadfeld | erinlloyd@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:48 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is an important space for our community. As drowning is the leading cause of death for children under 15 in Hawaii, it is critical that we have facilities such as this where keiki can learn valuable, life-saving swimming skills. Funding and future Improvements will help ensure that this will continue to be a place where children, teens and adults have access to safe and clean pools. Learning to swim is essential and funding for this project will demonstrate our collective commitment to combating preventable drowning deaths, ensuring access to lifetime fitness options for all ages, and encouraging healthy lifestyles and habits in our community.

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| Evan Hadfield | evanhadfield711@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:49 PM |

Testimony:

VMAC is a great facility. As a high school swimmer, I am really appreciative that I have access to this pool for training and

competition. Funding would definitely help improve the facilities and allow even more swimmers to enjoy the many benefits swimming provides. I definitely am in support of this bill.

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| Ashtyn Hadfield | ashtynhadfield@gmail.com | 96734 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 04:50 PM |

Testimony:

Please support this bill which would provide funding for improvements to VMAC. My family and I use these pools often and it's nice to have access to facilities like this for our swim competitions. Improvements are an investment in our community and healthy lifestyle habits for kids and teens like me.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jacob Wiencek | jacob.m.wiencek@pm.me | 96815 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 1, 2026 @ 05:10 PM |

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

Bill 23 deserves strong support, with particular enthusiasm for the investments it makes in Waikiki and the surrounding urban core. The $61.7 million appropriation for the Ala Wai Bridge is long overdue and transformative — a new pedestrian and bicycle crossing connecting Waikiki, Ala Moana, and McCully/Mo'ili'ili will strengthen multi-modal access to one of the city's most economically vital corridors while reducing automobile dependence in an already congested area. The $5 million Waikiki Beach Sand Restoration and the Kuhio Beach Comfort Station Renovations further demonstrate that the Council understands the beach park system is not merely a tourist amenity but a community resource requiring sustained capital investment. Equally important are this budget's commitments to housing affordability and transit-oriented development: the $99.8 million Affordable Housing Mixed-Use Development appropriation and the $16.3 million Pearlridge Bus Transfer Center improvements reflect a city beginning to connect land use and transit policy in a meaningful way, and the Council should be commended for maintaining those line items through the committee process. The budget's attention to Complete Streets infrastructure — sidewalk reconstruction, curb ramp upgrades, guardrail improvements, bikeway expansions, and localized traffic safety interventions — also signals a welcome shift toward streets that serve all users, not just vehicle traffic.

The Council and the administration should candidly acknowledge the fiscal pressure that wastewater obligations are placing on the overall capital program. Sanitation consumes $424.6 million — more than a third of the entire budget — with the majority directed toward sewer and wastewater treatment plant upgrades that are, in many cases, driven by federal consent decree timelines rather than local discretionary priorities. Projects like the $55 million Kailua WWTP System Improvements, the $31 million Honouliuli WWTP construction package, and the $29.1 million citywide Sewer

Mainline and Lateral program are not optional expenditures; they are legal obligations with real deadline consequences. The practical effect is that a city facing acute needs in housing, parks, and transportation must finance those priorities largely through additional bond debt on top of an already substantial wastewater capital commitment. The Council should request a multi-year wastewater capital forecast alongside this budget so that future Councils are not surprised by the trajectory of sewer-related appropriations, and so that residents understand why infrastructure they cannot see continues to command such a dominant share of the city's borrowing capacity.

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| Eric Beaver | rebeaver@hawaiireserves.com | 96762 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Hawaii Reserves, Inc. | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 11:37 AM |

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Noah Schonhardt | nschonhardt28@punahou.edu | 96819 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 01:53 PM |

Testimony:

My name is Noah Schonhardt and I am a 16-year-old high school student who loves swimming. I strongly support funding to renovate the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. I swim for Punahou Aquatics Club and Punahou School ILH and have competed at many swim meets at the pool.

Swimming has taught me important life skills that go far beyond the pool. It has helped me learn perseverance, discipline, and how to keep going even when training is difficult. In both practice and competition, I've learned that success comes from consistency, effort, and the willingness to improve over time.

Funding to improve the bulkhead, starter blocks, and spectator area at VMAC are important because they directly impact both safety and the quality of training. Outdated equipment can create unnecessary risks and limits how well swimmers can develop proper technique. Modern, well-maintained facilities would provide a safer environment where athletes can train confidently and focus on improving.

Swimming also teaches critical water safety skills. A strong, accessible community pool helps ensure that young people receive proper instruction and develop habits that can save lives. This is especially important in Hawaii, where drowning rates among kids are one of the highest in the entire nation. Improving access to safe swimming facilities can help reduce these preventable tragedies by giving more children the opportunity to learn how to swim correctly and respond safely in the water.

I'm doing my part to help save lives by taking lifeguard training at the YMCA this summer and participating in the Junior Lifeguard Ocean Safety training by the city and county.

Investing in VMAC renovations shows that the city is willing to invest in its young people. It shows a commitment to our safety, our growth, and our future by providing a safe place to learn swimming, build water safety skills, and develop confidence in the water. A renovated pool is not just an upgrade to a facility, it is an investment in preventing drowning, protecting lives, and supporting the next generation of the community.

Thank you for supporting funding to update the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.

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| Donald Sakamoto | cylonone@aol.com | 96744 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | I wish to comment | Jun 2, 2026 @ 02:28 PM |

Testimony:

Oral testimony via video conference only.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Rene Iwamura | reneiwamura@gmail.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 03:48 PM |

Testimony:

I, Rene Iwamura, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kelli Ann Isobe | cyakels@aol.com | 96825 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 03:49 PM |

Testimony:

I, Kelli Ann Isobe, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26). My cousin, K. Mark Takai was a passionate & dedicated public servant. This Aquatic Center in honor of him should receive the funding to help restore & repair what's needed.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Hueifen Sanders | hls96816@gmail.com | 96816 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 03:51 PM |

Testimony:

I, Hueifen Sanders, support funding for VMAC in Bill 23(26).

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Mitchell Nakagawa | mitchellnakagawa@gmail.com | 96701 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 03:53 PM |

Testimony:

Growing up, swimming was a huge part of my life. The swim team became my second home, and the experiences I had there helped shape who I am today. I learned how to work hard, compete, overcome challenges, and build friendships

that lasted well beyond my time in the pool.

Now, as a parent, I get to share those same experiences with my nine-year-old daughter. Watching her grow through swimming has reminded me how important programs like these are for our kids and our community.

VMAC is more than just a swimming pool. It's a place where young people learn valuable life lessons, build confidence, stay active, and form lasting friendships. I hope you will support this bill and the funding for VMAC so that future generations can have the same opportunities.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Nadine Day | nadine.day.usms@gmail.com | 61858 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:06 PM |

Testimony:

My name is Nadine (Takai) Day, formerly Nadine Takai, sister of the late Congressman K. Mark Takai. I currently serve as Chairperson of World Aquatics Masters and am a dedicated advocate for Aquatics for All.

Swimming saves lives. Supporting this measure is not simply an investment in infrastructure—it is a commitment to public safety and the well-being of our community. As shared in the previous council meeting, Hawaii's ranking as second in the nation for childhood drownings is totally unacceptable. We must take meaningful action to change this.

I want to go on record that I made a mistake I said if a parent doesn't know how to swim the likelihood of their child will not know how to swim is approx 60%, USA Swimming cites 79%.

I also did more research about this and found that it is approx 70%

Peer-reviewed research demonstrates that parental swimming ability is a significant predictor of whether a child learns to swim.

In addition, a landmark case-control study found that formal swimming lessons reduce the risk of drowning by approximately 88% among young children, underscoring the life-saving importance of access to aquatic education

Therefore SWIMMING saves lives.....

A critical component of this project fixing the bulkhead. This feature is essential to the functionality of VMAC, transforming the pool into a truly multi-functional, multi-purpose facility. With a bulkhead, the pool can accommodate multiple user groups simultaneously, greatly expanding access and community use.

This improvement will:

Increase opportunities for youth development and multigenerational programming

Expand access for community organizations

AMA studies that support aquatic exericise reduces anxiety and depression-mental health, and combats obesity

This is an opportunity to invest in safety, health, community engagement, and economic growth—all through one project.

I respectfully and strongly encourage you to vote in favor of this measure and help move it forward.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our community.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kevin Nakamura | kevinnak@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:08 PM |

Testimony:

As the parent of a competitive swimmer, I have seen firsthand how important the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center is to our athletes, families, and broader community. VMAC has hosted countless practices, meets, milestones, and memories, but years of deferred maintenance are catching up with this vital public facility.

This $1 million investment is an important first step. It will help address immediate needs, but just as importantly, it can serve as a catalyst for larger improvements that unlock VMAC's full potential. With the right upgrades, VMAC can support higher-level competition, create new opportunities for local swimmers, attract visiting athletes and families, benefit nearby businesses, and help establish Hawai'i as a premier destination for aquatic sports.

VMAC is more than a pool. It is a community asset with the potential to open doors for our youth, advance water safety, enhance the health of our population, and put Hawai'i on the world stage. I respectfully urge the Council to support this funding as part of Bill 23(26). Mahalo!

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| Hanna Nakamura | yemimihp@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:08 PM |

Testimony:

I, Hanna Nakamura, support funding for the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center (VMAC) in Bill 23(26).

VMAC has been a part of my family's life for many years. My son joined his first swim club there at six years old and is now 15. For nearly a decade, he has competed at VMAC regularly, and I have officiated swim meets there for more than seven years. Through those experiences, I have seen firsthand the important role this facility plays in the lives of athletes, families, coaches, officials, and visitors from across Hawai'i.

Every week, VMAC serves a diverse range of users, including competitive swimmers, water polo athletes, divers, fitness swimmers, and water safety programs. It is one of the few facilities in Hawai'i capable of supporting such a wide variety of aquatic activities and accommodating athletes of all ages and skill levels.

Unfortunately, years of wear and aging infrastructure have left the facility in need of significant reinvestment. While the proposed funding will not address every need, it is an important step toward preserving and improving a facility that serves thousands of residents each year.

The most urgent priority is the replacement of the aging bulkhead, which has exceeded its serviceable lifespan. This critical piece of equipment is necessary for hosting swim meets and other aquatic competitions. The requested funding reflects not only the cost of the bulkhead itself, but also the significant expenses associated with shipping, crane services, and specialized installation required in Hawai'i. Without this investment, VMAC's ability to continue hosting competitions and serving the broader aquatic community may be at risk.

Funding this project is an investment in youth development, water safety, healthy lifestyles, and community recreation. It will help ensure that future generations of Hawai'i residents have access to a safe and functional aquatic facility that supports both competitive and recreational programs.

I respectfully ask for your support of this funding request in Bill 23(26).

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Jung Ja Won | jinawonhm@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:16 PM |

Testimony:
I support VMAC funding in Bill 23(26). My grandson is a competitive swimmer who spends all of his time at the pool. It's a magnificent facility, and very well kept, but it's in desperate need of some TLC!

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Hee Moon Park | radtamc@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:18 PM |

Testimony:
I strongly support VMAC funding in Bill 23(26).

This pool has served our community for decades, and deserves our support! Thank you, councilmembers, for approving this bill!

| Name: | Email: | Zip: |
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| Kourosh Vakhshouri | vkourosh@gmail.com | 96789 |
| Representing: | Position: | Submitted: |
| Self | Support | Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:52 PM |

Testimony:
I support VMAC funding in Bill 23(26)! My nephew competes at VMAC. I know how important the facility is to athletes of all

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| ages. | | |
| Name:<br>Kristin Nakamura | Email:<br>kn.zhongya@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96789 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>Jun 2, 2026 @ 04:56 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I support VMAC funding in Bill 23(26). This facility has opened so many doors for our keiki. It’s time we give it the attention it deserves! | | |
| Name:<br>Johnnie-Mae Perry | Email:<br>waianaenb569@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96792 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>Jun 2, 2026 @ 10:34 PM |
| Testimony:<br>I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, SUPPORT PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 1<br>BILL023(26) RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027. | | |
| Name:<br>Kacey Jo | Email:<br>kaceymjo@gmail.com | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>VMAC Renewal Foundation | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>Jun 3, 2026 @ 05:58 AM |
| Name:<br>Darius Kila | Email:<br>repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov | Zip:<br>96813 |
| Representing:<br>Self | Position:<br>Support | Submitted:<br>Jun 3, 2026 @ 08:41 AM |

## Testimony in support of Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park – K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center

Aloha Chair and Members,

My name is Kacey Jo, and I am an 8th grader at Punahou. I am currently a swimmer at school and the swimming club who has spent many hours training and participating in swim meets at VMAC.

Through swimming, I have learned to be resilient, disciplined, and how to push through challenges. From waking up early for practice, to staying focused during challenging swim sets, and competing under pressure; swimming has taught me that through endurance and perseverance, success can be achieved. .Swimming has laid a solid foundation for me into who I am and will be, not only as a swimmer but as a person.

I believe that this swimming pool has offered those opportunities that I have experienced to other students, families, and community members of all ages. It is a special place that brings people together through training for swimming and water polo, learning water safety, seniors staying active through aerobics, and kids discovering confidence in the water for the first time. While VMAC is the well-loved place by community, the condition of the facility is showing its age and makes it challenging for the community to fully benefit from it.

The equipment, including but not limited to bulkheads, starter blocks, and scoreboard is in need of repair or replacement. The spectator seating is limited, and it would be beneficial to offer more seating in a safer setting to welcome people and host other swim meets. Our community loves this pool and people who utilize the facility such as swimmers, water polo players, kids, aerobics participants, and so many others deserve a safe, wellmaintained, inspiring place to gather.

Through the VMAC Renewal Foundation, I would like to give it back to the community in helping to create a space where community members feel supported, inspired and empowered to reach new heights. We are working to raise awareness and funding to improve the facility so that our community can continue enjoying what this well-loved place can offer.

This pool is very special to me. I have lots of memorable moments with coaches and my friends. It helped me grow as a person, connect with others, and continue to learn how small actions can lead to meaningful change. With your support, I strongly believe that it can continue to provide similar opportunities and experiences that have been provided to me to others.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding the renovation of VMAC, a special and well-loved community facility. Thank you for taking the time to consider the budget for this renovation project.

Sincerely,

Kacey Jo

**Testimony in Support of Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park – K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center**

Aloha Chair and Members,

My name is Kisan, and I am the parent of a young swimmer who has spent countless hours training and competing at the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park – K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center (VMAC). As a parent, I have watched my daughter grow not only as an athlete, but as a person, because of the opportunities this facility has provided.

Through swimming, she has learned resilience, discipline, and how to push through challenges—whether it's waking up before sunrise for practice, staying focused during difficult sets, or competing under pressure. These lessons have shaped her character and confidence, and VMAC has been a central part of that journey.

What I have seen in my own child, I have also seen reflected in so many others who use this pool. VMAC is a true community hub. It brings together swimmers, water polo players, keiki learning water safety, seniors staying active through aerobics, and families who rely on this space for health, connection, and growth. It is a place where people of all ages and backgrounds come together, and it has long been a source of pride for our community.

However, the facility is showing its age. Essential equipment—such as bulkheads, starter blocks, and the scoreboard—needs repair or replacement. Spectator seating is limited and outdated, making it difficult to safely and comfortably host meets and community events. The community's love for this pool is strong, but the condition of the facility limits its ability to fully serve the people who depend on it.

This pool holds countless memories for my daughter—moments with coaches, teammates, and friends that have shaped who she is becoming. As a parent, I want other children and families to have those same opportunities in a facility that reflects the value it brings to our community.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding the renovation of VMAC, a well-loved and essential community resource. Thank you for your time and for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

Kisan

## Testimony in support of Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park – K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center

Aloha Chair and Members,

My name is Kai Jo, and I am a 5th grader who swims for my school and a local swim club. I spend a lot of time practicing and competing at the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park – K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center (VMAC). It is one of the places where I have learned the most and grown as a swimmer.

Swimming has taught me  a lot of things like how to work hard, stay focused, and not give up when things get difficult, making  it a crucial part of my life .  VMAC  has a deep place in my heart because is where I learned these lessons. It is also where I made friends, got to know my coaches, and built confidence in myself.

VMAC is important to many people, not just swimmers. I see kids learning how to swim, water polo teams practicing, and seniors doing water aerobics. It is a place where our whole community comes together.

But the pool is getting old. Some equipment, like the bulkheads, starting blocks, and scoreboard, needs to be fixed or replaced. The seating for families is also small and uncomfortable, which makes it hard for people to watch meets. Even though everyone loves this pool, it needs improvements so it can continue to serve the community safely.

I hope future kids can have the same good experiences I have had at VMAC. I respectfully ask for your support in funding the renovation of this special community pool.

Thank you for your time.

Kai Jo

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BYU HAWAII

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY–HAWAII

Operations Vice President

## Wailele Stream Support

### City Council Testimony:

BYU–Hawaii fully supports the Wailele Stream project and encourages the Legislative and Executive branches of the City to fund the Wailele Stream Flood Control as part of BILL023(26) to continue this project forward. We are grateful for the past funding from the City & County of Honolulu to assist in studies of this vexing problem, and for the continued support over the past 30 years.

These recent Kona Low and the resulting 500-year flooding events have once again shown the urgent need for flood mitigation in our community. Along with hundreds of residents, BYU–Hawaii suffered $1.4 million in property damage from the flood, which doesn't count the priceless personal belongings many of our students and employees lost. It's a similar story stretching back to 2021, 2018, 2011, 2008, and years and years before. While every person and organization in the community has gone to great lengths to mitigate flood risk for themselves and others, it has been clear for decades that improving the Wailele stream structure and outflow to the ocean are the most impactful efforts that can be made. Flooding from this drainage and its undersized culvert is a primary, recurring issue that cannot be solved without city, county, state, and federal government support.

The university has been an active participant in the Wailele stream project since its inception, working with the Army Corps of Engineers, city, county, state, and federal agencies, as well as Hawaii Reserves and the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Laie is famous for its Hukilau Beach, where the community and tourists worked together, pulling nets during fundraising luaus to help the community grow. In that same spirit of pulling together, we add our voice to thousands in our community: we urge the City to provide the funding for the needed study, we urge the Army Corps of Engineers to continue the process, and we urge federal, state, local, and private entities to work together to solve this issue.



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Hawaii Reserves, Inc.
A Land Management Company

June 2, 2026

***Via http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.html***

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Honolulu City Council

**Re: Testimony in Support - Bill 23 (2026), CD2**
**Wailele Stream Flood Control Study**
**Hearing: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

Honorable Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

On behalf of Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI), thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 23 (2026), CD2, which includes funding for a new, updated Wailele Stream Flood Control Study.

The Wailele Stream continues to be the cause of major flooding in Laie. Insufficient channel capacity and severely inadequate outfall capacity at the highway cause overtopping and back up to flow through and flood BYU Hawaii, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the residential community. For decades, HRI has been working closely with the City and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corp) to help facilitate a solution to flooding caused by the Wailele Stream. Recently updated Corp studies determined that the Wailele flood control project no longer qualifies under the Continuing Authorities Program because it will exceed the program's federal spending limit.

This new Wailele Study is required to determine feasibility under the Corp's General Investigation Program, which does not have a federal spending limit. The General Investigation Program is the only potentially viable option to solve flooding caused by Wailele Stream, and as we have with past studies, HRI will continue to fund one-half of the City's portion of the new Wailele Study.

For this reason, I urge you to please pass Bill 23, CD2 and thereby enable the Corp, the City and our community to find a solution to what has become, sadly, recurring anguish and heartache for all of us.

Sincerely,

R. Eric Beaver
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June 3, 2026

Meeting: June 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting
Regular Meeting, City Council Chamber
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

RE: Testimony in Support of Bill 23(2026) CD2, RELATING TO EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and esteemed members of the Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on Bill 23(2026) CD1 pertaining to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

I am in strong support of this Bill regarding the Executive Capital Budget for the City Council. It is important to keep the City Council and Agencies funded to ensure continuity of services to the public. It is noted that the allocation to the Solid Waste Special Fund is to support the Solid Waste Improvement Bond Fund for the H-Power Plant, and not the expansion of the landfill by eminent domain or other meas. I support the proposed budget that does not expand the landfill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (808) 586-9480 or by email at repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Very truly yours,

Darius K. Kila
Representative, House District 44
Māʻili, Lualualei, Nānākuli, Honokai Hale,
Ko ʻOlina

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