RES26-110
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jun 3, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	May 31, 2026 @ 12:17 PM

Testimony:

I stand in STRONG SUPPORT for Resolution 26-110. Climate change continues to exacerbate storms and their effects. Thus, it is imperative that the city takes measures to mitigate disasters with a proactive rather than reactive approach. As a youth born and raised in Hawai'i, I fear for the future of our islands in the wake of storms that ravage communities, impact the economy, and harm native biodiversity. The fate of the environment is already being laid on the next generation, but we need support before we can shoulder such an immense responsibility. We, as youth, need the observations, learnings, and details from previous disasters to understand how we can grow.

History repeats itself. Without a clear measure or resolution to push the city to learn from their findings, understanding how to efficiently respond to natural disasters will be difficult. Thus, I urge you to please PASS Resolution 26-110.

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Testimony:

Aloha Council Members of the City and County of Honolulu,

My name is Arabella, a rising junior in high school residing in Council District 7. I am in strong support of this resolution because it ensures that we are prepared for any future disasters, and even marking a transition from prioritizing short term to long term goals. This resolution is a perfect example of gearing towards long-term priorities. If implemented, this resolution will ensure that our communities are prepared for any disasters, possibly escaping and gathering necessary supplies before it strikes. Grassroot movements, communities, and government officials will also be more directly working hand-in-hand to ensure that immediate needs are met in the wake of a disaster. These are just a few of the many benefits of learning from our recent Kona Low storms.

As a member of our youth, I urge you to support this resolution along with me. This resolution not only prepares us for future disasters, but it sets a precedent for our youth to follow suit. As we grow older, we will hopefully adopt these lessons learned and continue the great work you have started through this resolution.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Arabella Cruz

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Testimony:

Thanking various council members for their support over the years to their communities's efforts to prepare for and respond to any disasters that may strike, I support this resolution. However, I believe it's goals are already underway. How is the Council going to add to analysis already being undertaken?

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 26-110

To: Honolulu City Council
Re: Resolution 26-110 - URGING INCORPORATION OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM COMMUNITY-INITIATED DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS TO THE KONA LOW STORMS INTO FUTURE DISASTER RESPONSE PLANS
From: Domineque E.P. Bonifacio, Vice-Chair, Honolulu Youth Commission
Date: June 3, 2026
Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, Floor Leader Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Domineque Bonifacio, and I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Honolulu Youth Commission. I submit this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Resolution 26-110.

When the Kona Low storms struck Oʻahu in March and April of 2026, it was not only government agencies that stepped up. It was our neighbors, our community leaders, and young people who took action immediately and helped rescue kūpuna and vulnerable residents from floodwaters. That type of grassroots response should not be an afterthought in our disaster planning. It should be a foundation.

As a young person today, I am very aware that my generation will bear the long-term consequences of how Honolulu and Hawaiʻi prepares, or even fails to prepare, for imminent natural disasters. As the 2023 Maui wildfires, the 2024 Kauaʻi floods, and now these Kona Low storms have shown us that truly these are not isolated events. They are a pattern. An increasing pattern for that matter. And with over 100,000 households losing power and 22 homes destroyed in this most recent event alone, the stakes for young families and future residents of this island could not be higher.

The Honolulu Youth Commission recognized this urgency in Resolution 026-007, noting that public engagement in disaster preparedness builds the kind of trust and coordination that our government cannot manufacture on its own. Young people are not just the future of this community, today we are already its active members, and we deserve a seat at the table in shaping how our city responds to crises.

Resolution 26-110 takes a meaningful step by requiring that community listening sessions, grassroots organizations, and key stakeholders be formally included in post disaster review. I say this confidently, it is not a matter of, if, the so-called, “big one”, will

occur, but when. I say that we must prevent casualties in such an event and take action now, not after. This resolution is common sense governance, and it reflects the reality of how Hawai‘i has always survived hard times, by doing it together, with love and Aloha.

I respectfully urge the Council to ADOPT Resolution 26-110.
Mahalo nui for your time and consideration,
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