

RES26-143

Testimony

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*INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY (ITT)

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

Meeting Date: Jun 24, 2026 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 10

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Sophia Congdon	Email: scongdon@apishawaii.org	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 18, 2026 @ 10:20 AM
Testimony: luca can be a little quirky sometimes but he does have the best interest for people at heart, he is passionate and driven about this and would make an excellent addition. i did debate and was a classmate and friend for several years now and i can tell you that he is alert, and going to do whatever is best for the community. VOTE FOR LUCA		
Name: Eduardo Hernandez	Email: eduardo@hbl.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Hawai'i Bicycling League	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 18, 2026 @ 10:41 AM
Name: Michael Motoki	Email: mike.motoki@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 18, 2026 @ 10:59 AM
Testimony: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, I am writing in strong support of Resolution 26-143, appointing Luca Cuniberti to the City and County of Honolulu Rate Commission for the term ending June 30, 2031. Working with Luca in grassroots advocacy to improve Honolulu's transit system, I have witnessed his deep commitment to the daily rider. He possesses a comprehensive understanding of how fare policies directly impact working families in Honolulu, and how strategic rate structures can be leveraged to incentivize ridership especially for keiki and other disadvantaged groups. Luca brings both analytical aptitude and a genuine passion for public transportation to the table. He understands that a successful transit system must be both fiscally responsible and fundamentally accessible to the people who rely on it most. His perspective will be a huge asset to the Rate Commission and the City. I strongly urge the Council to adopt Resolution 26-143 and confirm his appointment. Sincerely,		

Michael Motoki		
Name: Elle Grant	Email: ellegrant10@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 18, 2026 @ 11:10 AM
Testimony: I am writing to express my strong support for Luca Cuniberti's appointment to the Rate Commission. I have known Luca Cuniberti since our 8th grade year at a small private school on the North Shore of Oahu, and throughout that time, he has consistently proven himself to be an exceptionally driven, articulate, and community minded young man. In the three years we shared a history teacher, our classes regularly held Socratic seminars. Luca never failed to impress both his peers and educators with his deep knowledge, brilliant vocabulary, and ability to speak insightfully on complex topics. He is genuinely motivated to learn, listen to diverse perspectives, and conduct extensive research on issues impacting our community. Luca's dedication to public transit is next level. I vividly remember his excitement when he joined the Hawai'i Youth Transportation Council (HYTC). He poured incredible energy and attention into that role while simultaneously maintaining an excellent academic record—a testament to his work ethic and time-management skills. His technical knowledge of our transit system is astonishing; he knows the nuances of bus routes, vehicle types, and transit logistics that far exceed the awareness of an average rider. Luca is already actively working toward his dreams and dedicating himself to improving our island's infrastructure. He is deeply deserving of this nomination, and I am confident that his passion, research-driven mindset, and unmatched knowledge of Honolulu's transportation landscape make him exactly who they need on the Rate Commission.		
Name: Kathleen Pahinui	Email: kpahinui@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 19, 2026 @ 07:37 PM
Testimony: Aloha Committee Chair Cordero and Committee Members - I support the appointment of Luca Cuniberti to serve on the rate commission. Luca is a smart, passionate young man with a strong interest in transportation issues. He served on the Mayor's Youth Commission and transportation was one of the areas he was interested in and talked about. We need to support our young and upcoming leaders and this appointment will go far in this goal.		

Please support this resolution and his appointment.

Mahalo,

Kathleen M. Pahinui

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 20, 2026 @ 10:03 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Committee,

I am writing in strong support of appointing Luca Cuniberti to the Honolulu Rate Commission. He is a tireless advocate for better transit on Oahu and he has developed a comprehensive understanding of how transit impacts daily commuters. As I've gotten to know him better through our shared goal of promoting transit, I've gotten to see firsthand Luca's enthusiasm towards public transit and how much he's motivated to see things move in the right direction. I strongly urge this committee to adopt Reso 26-143 and appoint Luca Cuniberti to the Honolulu Rate Commission.

Mahalo for your time

Name:

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Representing:

Self

Position:

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Submitted:

Jun 20, 2026 @ 01:41 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I strongly support Resolution 26-143 appointing Luca Cuniberti to the Rate Commission.

As a transportation equity advocate, I believe Luca brings essential perspective. His work on the Hawaii Youth Transportation Council, established through the Navahine v. HDOT climate settlement, demonstrates deep understanding of how fare policy impacts working families and climate goals.

Luca's firsthand experience as a transit rider, combined with his technical knowledge of route planning and fare structures, equips him to evaluate rate proposals through the lens of those who depend on affordable service. His

relationships with HDOT, neighborhood transportation committees, and advocacy organizations position him to advance fare policies that balance fiscal responsibility with transportation justice.

I urge the Council to confirm his appointment.

Name: Jared Tuschiyama-Sando	Email: Jaredtsuchiyama@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 21, 2026 @ 01:48 PM

Testimony:

Hello council members,

Luca Cuniberti has been a great voice to have on the Hawaii Youth Transportation Council. I can also appreciate having someone from the north shore outside of town and the suburbs to have a voice on the council as we look into congestion mitigation measures such as the shuttle bus for the north shore. He will be an excellent addition to the rate commission and I support his appointment.

Thank-you.

Name: Samantha Lara	Email: slara@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 22, 2026 @ 09:14 AM

Testimony:

I write in support of the appointment of Luca Cuniberti to the Honolulu Rate Commission. Luca's dedication to a fair, efficient, and accessible transit system would be well placed on such a commission. I commute via bike and bus and would appreciate Luca's passion and demeanor represented on the commission. I look forward to seeing Luca continue to be among those at the center of change and progress for our transportation network here on Oahu.

Name: Malia Boksanski	Email: malia@hiappleseed.org	Zip: 96789
Representing: Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 22, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

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Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology
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Hawai'i Bicycling League Strongly Supports Resolution 26-143
Nomination of Luca Cuniberti to serve as a member of the Honolulu Rate Commission

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez and I am the Advocacy Director for the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, roll, and use public transit.

HBL supports Luca Cuniberti's nomination to serve as a member of the Honolulu Rate Commission. We first came to know Luca through his work as a member of the inaugural Hawai'i Youth Transportation Council established in 2024, as part of the state's historic constitutional climate settlement case Navahine v. HDOT. This advisory council began meeting in January 2025 and is demonstrating that including young people in transportation planning is vital for our transportation networks to adapt for the needs of the future.

Luca has lived on the North shore of O'ahu his entire life. He brings a firsthand knowledge of the unique traffic, transit, and environment of this part of the island, to inform a statewide perspective to achieve more sustainable and connected transportation networks, including reduced emission bus rapid transit vehicles, bikeshare, and multi-use paths. Luca is committed to inspiring his peers to use public transit and to be an advocate for creating more options for affordable transportation. He regularly attends Neighborhood Board meetings including as part of both the North Shore and Ko'olaupoko transportation committees and being part of the North Shore Transportation Alternatives Board. He is thoughtful, inquiring, and collaborative and is a role model not only for peers, but for transportation stakeholders across the board.

Luca will bring a fresh perspective to the Honolulu Rate Commission, offering a youthful voice that is often missing from public policy discussions. He would benefit the Commission by representing the young people of Hawai'i and the challenges they face in using public transit.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your support of Luca Cuniberti's nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League



HAWAI'I APPLESEED
CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

**Testimony for Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Support for Resolution 143 (26)
Honolulu City Council
Wednesday, June 24rd at 9:00AM**

Aloha Chair Cordero and Vice Chair Okimoto,

Mahalo for the opportunity to express **SUPPORT** for Resolution 143 (26), which would appoint Luca Cuniberti to the Honolulu Rate Commission.

The Rate Commission plays a critical role in shaping transit access for O'ahu residents. The decisions made about fares directly impact whether working families, seniors, students, and low-income community members can reliably access jobs, healthcare, and education. It is essential that this body include voices who understand these stakes deeply.

Hawai'i Appleseed has had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Cuniberti through his roles as council member and Chair of the Policy and Legislation Committee on the Hawai'i Youth Transportation Council, as well as his founding role in establishing the O'ahu Transit Riders Union. Across all of these efforts, Mr. Cuniberti has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to transit equity and an impressive depth of knowledge on transit policy. He is not a passive participant — he actively engages, leads, and works to advance equitable transit solutions for all O'ahu residents.

What makes Mr. Cuniberti's appointment especially meaningful is the perspective he brings as a young person. Youth voices are too often absent from the tables where transit decisions are made, yet young people are among the riders most dependent on public transit. His presence on the Rate Commission would help ensure that fare decisions reflect the real needs of the next generation of O'ahu commuters.

Hawai'i Appleseed strongly urges the Committee to support this appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.