BILL068(25)
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 327

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Meeting Date: Aug 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 2

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 7, 2026 @ 08:21 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

This ordinance represents a critical correction to a flaw in our County Tax Credit that has been unfairly penalizing vulnerable homeowners. The current system, which counts the income of a non-titleholder spouse when calculating eligibility, creates a perverse situation where a property owner can be disqualified from receiving essential tax relief based on their marital status or tax filing arrangement, rather than their actual ability to afford their property.

Bill 68 fixes this by anchoring eligibility to property ownership itself, ensuring that the tax credit serves its fundamental purpose: to help low-income homeowners remain in their homes. This is particularly crucial for our kupuna and others on fixed incomes who may own their homes but are inadvertently pushed out of eligibility due to a spouse's modest income. Housing stability is the bedrock of strong, resilient communities, and this bill directly supports that goal.

While the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services has raised administrative concerns, these are operational challenges that can be managed. They do not outweigh the significant equity benefit of preventing displacement. We should not maintain an unjust system simply because it is more convenient to administer.

This bill makes a deliberate and necessary choice: it prioritizes keeping people in their homes. I respectfully urge you to vote in support of Bill 68.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Aug 8, 2026 @ 02:20 AM

Testimony:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, OPPOSE AND STAND ON D-0487(26) testimony on BILL068(25)
RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

FIX THE HISTORICAL PROPERTY TAX FIRST, city loss of real property of $57,000, owner paid $300!

Why are you going after the kupuna? Someday you will be one.		
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