RES26-158
Testimony

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

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Aug 9, 2026 @ 03:20 AM

Testimony:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONG COMMENT TO RES26-158

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A CITYWIDE ENERGY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

ABSOLUTELY NO LNG FROM JERA AND OTHERS!! LIES ABOUT COST SAVINGS, GOOD EXAMPLE SKYLINE. THAT WAS A LIE.

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Aloha Independent Living Hawaii	Support	Aug 11, 2026 @ 10:01 AM

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Testimony of Aloha Independent Living Hawaiʻi

CR-201(26) — Resolution 26-158 — Urging the City Administration to Conduct a Citywide Energy Vulnerability Assessment

Honolulu City Council — Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Position: Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and members of the Council. Aloha Independent Living Hawaiʻi, the federally designated statewide Center for Independent Living, supports Resolution 26-158 and respectfully urges its adoption. We testified in support before the Committee on Energy, Environment and Sustainability on July 14, 2026, and we reaffirm that testimony today.

Responsible stewardship of energy costs is a disability issue, because when energy budgets break, the services that break first are the ones our community cannot live without. The resolution notes that public transportation is essential for low-income residents, seniors, and persons with disabilities, and that the Department of Transportation Services does not anticipate service reductions despite a roughly $7 million fuel cost increase. We ask that the assessment test that assumption rather than assume it — evaluating the exposure of TheBus and TheHandi-Van service levels to sustained energy price increases, and identifying how ADA paratransit will be protected under the cost-efficiency strategies the assessment recommends. We also ask that departments flag facilities whose interruption would disproportionately harm residents with disabilities, including Emergency Medical Services response capacity, so the Council sees those risks alongside the dollar figures.

What gets measured gets planned for. We urge the Council to adopt Resolution 26-158. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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