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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Sep 9, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony: I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, OPPOSE BILL050(26) RELATING TO FUNDS. Keep the bill to its original "intent."		
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Sept. 9, 2026, 10 a.m.
Honolulu Hale

To: Honolulu City Council
Tommy Waters, Chair
Andria Tupola, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: Bill 50 (2026) — RELATING TO FUNDS

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola and other members of the Council,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [Bill 50 \(2026\)](#), which would repeal the land conservation fund and direct the city Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to transfer any monies in that fund to a similar fund.

As the measure points out, the city created this fund in 2005 to support conservation efforts. However, the city created the clean water and natural lands fund in 2007, which duplicated the efforts of the land conservation fund and has received the lion's share of conservation monies since then.

Therefore, the land conservation fund is not necessary to advance the city's environmental protection efforts and only serves to increase the paperwork burden on city staff and add complication to the city code.

Grassroot appreciates the intent of this measure and would welcome further Council actions to repeal outdated and redundant portions of the city code.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas
Director of Strategic Campaigns
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