

RES26-189
Testimony

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Support: 3

Oppose: 1

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Sep 2, 2026 @ 09:46 PM
Testimony: I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY OPPOSE RES26-189 URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT SUSTAINABLE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR PRACTICES THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF RECYCLED ASH AND ENHANCED METAL RECOVERY. The strong possibility of releasing unknown toxic content into the environment WITHOUT REGULAR TESTING! Dept. of Health, EPA, etc. 2 years testing BEFORE using the product in the community/environment.		
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Self	Support	Sep 8, 2026 @ 09:18 PM
Testimony: Aloha e Council members, I am Kalena Cooke Shea, Assistant Secretary of the Honolulu Youth Commission (HYC), and a Junior at 'Iolani and today I would like to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of Resolution 26-189. This resolution comes from HYC Resolution 26-009, which I introduced at our May meeting with former Vice Chair Domineque Bonifacio, to encourage sustainable practices throughout our city. By using ash from H-Power or the landfill, we are able to reduce the amount of ash in our landfill, helping tackle the ongoing issue of our landfill. We wrote our resolution in an effort to aid future generations and our newest drivers around the island by providing safe and sustainable roads for our future generations. Thank you again for your support, and a special thanks to Council Member Tulba for introducing this resolution on behalf of Domineque Bonifacio and me. I strongly urge you to support this resolution.		
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Testimony:

Aloha e Councilmembers,

My name is Tanya Paia, and I am the current Vice Chair of the Honolulu Youth Commission. I am in strong support of RES26-189 because it encourages the City to take a more sustainable approach to managing our waste and maintaining our roads. As youth, we will be the ones living with the long-term impacts of the decisions being made today. Finding ways to reuse materials, reduce waste, and rely less on imported resources is an important step toward protecting our 'āina and creating a more sustainable future for Honolulu. I believe this resolution provides a practical opportunity to improve our infrastructure while also keeping the needs of future generations in mind.

I strongly urge you to support this resolution as a step toward reducing waste and protecting our 'āina for future generations. Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and members of this council,

My name is Domineque Bonifacio, former Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Honolulu Youth Commission (HYC), and I am here today once again in Strong SUPPORT of Resolution 26-189.

This resolution grew out of HYC Resolution 26-009 which was written and co-authored with fellow Commissioner Kalena Cooke Shea after more than a year of research, meetings with directors, and learning how H-POWER ash could be reused. The EES Committee has already recognized the value of this work by advancing it, and I'm here to ask the full Council to keep this momentum going.

Our landfill crisis isn't going away anytime soon. This resolution won't solve it overnight, but it's a real, actionable step. By turning ash we're already producing into material for our roads and infrastructure, instead of letting it take up landfill space we don't have to spare. That space could be used for other waste while we work towards longer term solutions.

Young people of O'ahu today are inheriting this problem. Passing this can give us one less burden to hand off to the next generation.

With that said, I once again, stand in Strong SUPPORT of Resolution 26-189.
Mahalo nui loa for all of the work you do and this opportunity to testify.

Domineque E.P. Bonifacio

Former Honolulu Youth Commissioner & Vice Chair

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