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Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Bill 63 (2025), CD1, Real Property Taxation, Long-Term Rental Dedication –
COMMENT and AMENDMENT REQUESTED

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 60, which would require the director of Budget and Fiscal Services to implement and maintain an automated eligibility screening system to verify real property tax exemptions, credits and dedications.

While I agree the city should be verifying eligibility for exemptions, credits and dedications, **I absolutely oppose the inclusion of the use of automated private datasets.**

The bill gives the example of utility bills, but it leaves it open for other private information. Presumably health information could be required for the disabled veterans' exemption or bank information for the low-income tax credit.

Even the requirement to use federal and state filings is questionable and actually may not be allowed.

There are other ways for the city to do this without having government continue to worm its way into taxpayers' personal lives.

Please remove "utility bills" and "private datasets" from the bill.