

# Bill 87 Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	11-05-2020
Council/PH Committee	Budget
Agenda Item	Bill 87
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
Testimony Attachment	
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Date: Thursday November 5, 2020

Re: Testimony of Bill 87

From: Barbara J. Jumentout, Individual

I am a Commissioner on the City and County Rate Commission but I am Testifying on this bill as an Individual.

Position: I am not in support of this bill 87 at this time as written.

To: Council Chair Ann Kobayashi  
 Council Co-Chair Tommy Waters  
 Council Woman Carol Tufanaga  
 Council Woman Kimberly Marston Pine  
 Council Woman Heidi Jo  
 Council Man Joey Manahan  
 Council Man Ron Meyer  
 Council Man Brandon Elephante  
 Council Man Alex Texeira

Honorable Council -

I have to submit handwritten testimony that currently opposes Bill 87 as written & submitted Today, Thursday November 5, 2020 for 1st reading under Budget.

At the last City Council meeting in October Resolution 20-220 was passed by the whole council 9 to 0 reappointing me to an additional 5 years as a Rate Commissioner expiring June 30, 2025.

I am honored to take my job as Commissioner very seriously and that includes listening to the public's testimony regarding the opinions submitted by all residents both for & against any issues heard in front of the Rate Commission.

Due to the current issue of the Pandemic Covid-19 it is most difficult to ask for a bus or handi van raise in fares currently while most of your constituents are either laid off collecting unemployment or have lost their jobs. Over the period of the past 2 1/2 years the Rate Commission has held meetings that welcomed Honolulu residents' testimonies both for and against raising the bus & handi van fares especially for ex-

terribly low income (under the poverty level & not). Most important is the fact that the whole country has been suffering loss of income & the ability to withhold additional increases at this time.

I personally have received many call from bus riders & hand van riders alike regarding this issue. I am dismayed that the Rate Commission is rushing this issue especially since raises in fares will affect the cost of riding the rail & at this time the completion of rail is not even determined.

Many of you are leaving the Council at the end of the year & I believe this issue could be deferred until 2021 when the new mayor Rick Blangiardi takes his oath of office & many of even City Council will be out of office & a new Council person will take their oath to represent their constituents in the

different districts.

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Also adding to this issue is the fact although appointed for an additional term of office that at the last Rate Commission meeting I was being sworn in for my oath of office by the City Clerk for my Term of service in Honolulu Hale before attending the Oct Rate Commission meeting in the Memorial Auditorium.

After being sworn in I went next door to attend our meeting which was still being held only to find that the Rate Commission voted on this issue

without my input & vote <sup>the</sup> meeting

<sup>I had no input</sup>  
Please defer this bill 87 at this time but if not I will be attending Budget Comm Mtgs & hopefully the public



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will be able to weigh in with  
their testimony even with Covid  
-19 in effect. Please defer to  
New Council & Mayor.

Thank you,  
Baba Jumentant

P.S. I just discovered yes-  
terday about Bills 87, 89 &  
91. I was being sworn in to  
be able to vote but Rate Comm  
did not afford me my right to  
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**BARBRA J. ARMENTROUT**  
RATE COMMISSIONER  
RATE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbra J. Armentrout".

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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 11-05-2020

Council/PH  
Committee Council

Agenda Item Bill 87

Your position on  
the matter Support

Representing Organization

Organization Statewide Independent Living Council

Written Testimony I am writing on behalf of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii (SILC) in support of the paratransit Handi-Van increase of \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) for each one way ride.

The SILC also supports that the fair increase does not begin before July 1, 2020, giving Handi-Van riders significant notice for the fair increase.

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