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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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HBL strongly supports Resolution 25-221, Transfer of Funds (CCSR).

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council:

My name is Eduardo Hernandez, and I am the Advocacy Director for the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

HBL strongly supports Resolution 25-221, which authorizes a transfer of Climate Resiliency Fund monies for Fiscal Year 2026, to the Department of Transportation Services to “to encourage transit commuters who possess monthly transit passes to utilize BIKI as their ‘last-mile’ commute option.”

Transportation accounts for a significant portion of Honolulu's carbon emissions, and expanding our public bicycle sharing system directly reduces vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions while providing affordable transportation options for residents who may not have access to private vehicles. Moreover, Biki has proven to be a multimodal connector for the public since 2017. It deserves ongoing investment and subsidy just as any other element of our public transportation network.

We look forward to collaborating with DTS to hone more detailed plans and establish prioritization of needs within the bikeshare system. These priorities include: investment in the fleet, new and refreshed docking stations, and more public engagement. Together, we can respond to the greatest needs, serve users most equitably, and realize the goal for commuters to utilize Biki as their last-mile commute option.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ride aloha,

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director