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Below is my testimony for the Oct. 26 meeting. I also wish to testify orally.

Unlawful Lobbyist Gifts Bill: Support

Draft Proposed Senate Rules: Kanalua is a shibai. You either vote aye, nay, or abstain. Kanalua eventually counts as aye and should not be an option. Same goes for with reservations. It is important that legislators take a stand, not a cop out. If memory serves me right, years ago kanalua was an option at the Honolulu City Council. After a public outcry it was eliminated.

My objection extends to the provision that if a quorum required for any vote cannot be achieved due to recusals based on a conflict of interest. There is one member of the Honolulu City Council who repeatedly submits Disclosure of Interest Statements on agenda. If a member is going to be in this situation, they should not be in the legislature.

Draft Proposed House Rules: Objection extends to the provision that if a quorum required for any vote cannot be achieved to to recusals based on a conflict of interest. There is one member of the Honolulu City Council who repeatedly submits Disclosure of Interest Statements on agenda. If a member is going to be in this situation, they should not be in the legislature.

Nepotism: This is fabulous. It has been a long time coming.

Mandatory Lobbyist Training. Support.

Lobbyist Disclosure Bill: The proposed requirement that the lobbyist identify by bill number, resolution number, or other similar identifier that was commented on, supported by or opposed by the person filing the statement is a great first step. However it is common knowledge that lobbyists draft bills. This bill should be amended to include identifying bills, resolutions or administrative actions which the person or person's client drafted.

Financial Disclosures: This is excellent. Now if there were a way to have the counties follow suit.

Legislative Allowance: Support.

County Government Structure Review: Why did you omit the former Kauai County Council Member who in May 2022 was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for drug trafficking, assault of a federal law enforcement officer, witness and evidence tampering, and firearm offenses?

Funding for County Ethics: Why is there no appropriation for Honolulu County?

Draft Bill of Rights: Support.

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