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**TO:** CHAIR GLENN WAKAI, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
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VICE CHAIR BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
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**FROM:** COUNCILMEMBER CALVIN SAY  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT V

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 875**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am a current member of the Honolulu City Council representing District 5 and serving as the Chair of the Zoning Committee. I stand in support of Senate Bill 875, which aims to authorize the State and the County in which the affected real property is situated to place a lien on the property for unpaid civil fines resulting from a violation of a land use law in connection with the property. It also authorizes the State and applicable County to sell the property after all notices, orders, and appeal proceedings, if any, are exhausted and use those revenues to pay unpaid civil fines related to that property.

Within the district I represent, we have multiple properties with Notices of Violations and/or Notices of Orders which have resulted in substantial fines to the property owners. These properties have brought health and safety hazards to the neighboring residents and community, however the accruing fines have not been a strong enough incentive to move the property owners to corrective action.

Our City Corporation Counsel is currently able to initiate a Judicial Foreclosure process, which has been successful in similar instances, however this is a long process that takes valuable resources away from other pressing legal matters. It also leaves the community with detrimental public nuisances such as fires, trash, and vermin. SB 875 would allow the City to keep our neighborhoods safe by stopping illegal activities, health hazards, and other public nuisances on properties in a more efficient and expeditious manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 875. Thank you for your time and consideration