

ITEM 6 & 7  
BILLS 42 (16) & 71 (15)

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Aloha Council Members,

This email is in regard to the Jan 10, 2017 council meeting, where Bill 71 and Bill 42 are listed as action items on the agenda.

I am the President of the Lani-Kailua Branch of the Outdoor Circle. As you may know, for the past 100 years, our organization has been involved in planting and preserving hundreds of thousands of trees in our urban tree-scapes across the State.

The wording in Bill 71 and Bill 42 Section 10-1.4 (b) appears to be setting a dangerous precedent in allowing private individuals to petition for and actually remove trees on public streets.

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Aside from the potential damage to our urban tree canopy if this is allowed, are issues related to actual administrative oversight, including arborist consultation, specifics as to who would be authorized to actually remove a tree, public input as to whether said removal was in the public interest, and the addressing of liability involved in such action.

We strongly suggest deferring action on these bills until further wording can be added to address these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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