

# Bill 19 Testimony

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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Bill 19  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Members of the Honolulu City Council:

I wish to support an amendment to Bill 19 which would add \$600,000 to the budget bill for the second phase of the Ala Wai Flood Mitigation PIG's contract with the consultant Oceanit (object code 3006).

Written Testimony Oceanit has been open to working with members of the community to come up with an alternative to the Army Corps plan. I believe that Oceanit's alternative, microtunnels, is more likely to receive public support than the current Army Corps plan of concrete walls and earthen dams.

As a Manoa resident, I know that we need some sort of construction project to help us prepare in advance for a 100 year flood event. We need to explore Oceanit's alternative.

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**Honolulu City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

**Bill 19  
Relating to the Legislative Budget for FY 2020-2021  
Amendment Request**

Aloha City Council Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Kobayashi and City Council Members:

This testimony is to respectfully request funding in the FY 2020-2021 Legislative Budget for the Ala Wai Flood Mitigation Project Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Consultant Contract and Other Professional Services (object code 3006) in the amount of \$600,000 for the continued professional engineering consulting services of the City Council's well-chosen consultant, Oceanit. Notably, Oceanit's code of integrity is "innovation through engineering and scientific excellence."

Oceanit is respected by the larger community for their responsive and objective professional approach toward properly analyzing the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Ala Wai Flood Mitigation Project that has been beset by challenges and controversy. As a result, we have recently observed a more responsive direction from USACE toward community concerns and considerations. We hope this will continue with Oceanit as the City Council PIG consultant engaged for the purposes of ensuring an objective and informed outcome for the Ala Wai Flood Mitigation project with the best possible protective results for the several directly-affected Honolulu communities.

A major integral part of the Ala Wai Flood Mitigation Project is the Ala Wai flood plain that is within the Diamond Head Special District and zoned P-2 Preservation. In historic times this area was an agricultural district, supported by the streams flowing from the slopes of the Koolaus through the Ala Wai flood plain to the ocean. Today this flood plain is a popular golf course that also lends support to accommodating flood conditions from the higher contours of the district. Because this flood plain is so vital to the community as well as present and future environmental conditions related to the increasing impacts of climate change, the objective analysis and engineering contributed by Oceanit is equally vital to the outcome of the flood mitigation project.

Constructive community comment and considerations are also vital to this process. We have initially represented our community at Oceanit and PIG meetings, and most recently the USACE was invited to present a benchmark update at the March 12, 2020, Diamond Head/ Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board meeting. According to the USACE, within approximately 90 days the USACE will be determining "technically feasible flood mitigation options to reduce flood risk" for their supplemental NEPA document.

Therefore time is of the essence, and the Honolulu City Council is urged to ensure the necessary funding for the professional engineering and scientific services of Oceanit and their FY 2020-2021 contract, to continue their critical objectives sought by the City Council in the greater public interest.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michelle S. Matson  
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Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board

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

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Council/PH Committee Budget  
Agenda Item Bills 19, 20 and 21  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Chair Anderson and members of the Council,

Mahalo for the holding the discussion on budget impacts, experienced and projected.

Written Testimony I hope that this discussion will lead the council to conclude that Bills 19, 20 and 21 cannot pass second reading until adjustments are made to the budgets based on the latest projections and the public has an opportunity to review and comment on the latest versions.

Thank you.

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