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Bill 4 (2008) (Zoning) Relating to Council proposals to amend the general plan, the development plans, the zoning ordinances, and the subdivision ordinance. (Establishing reasonable deadlines for the processing of Council proposals to revise or amend the general plan, the development plans, the zoning ordinances, and the subdivision ordinance, and clarifying the responsibility of the Director of Planning and Permitting to assist the Council in adequately preparing its proposals for processing.)

I submit the following testimony in my individual capacity as a resident of Oahu.

"270 days of the adoption of the resolution initiating a council proposal to revise or amend the general plan, any development plan, or a zoning ordinance, the director shall submit a report, accompanied by the proposed ordinance or resolution to the planning commission. If the director proposes an alternative ordinance or resolution for consideration by the planning commission both versions shall be attached to the director's report in a form sufficient for introduction in the council."

While it appears **APPROPRIATE** to allow 270 days to submit a report to the Planning Commission, it also appears to be **INAPPROPRIATE** to consider a request for extension by the Director of the Planning Commission be considered denied if not acted on by the council in 60 days. The council shall not exercise such power over the calendar in an effort to ignore a request for extension by the Director of the Planning Commission without public deliberation for legitimate consideration. Council must maintain checks and balances on behalf of the people and afford a response, in writing, and/or a public deliberation addressing the request for extension by the Director of the Planning Commission.

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