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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chairperson
And Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Strong Opposition to Bill 17 relating to General Obligation Bonds, etc

Chairperson Apo and Council Members:

On behalf of Na Leo Pohai, the public policy affiliate of The Outdoor Circle, I would like to submit our testimony in strong opposition to Bill 17

If passed, Bill 17 will authorize a funding mechanism for the City to begin financing construction of the Honolulu Transit Project. While The Outdoor Circle does not oppose transit we believe the project currently planned by the City has too many environmental impacts that have not been addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We further believe that the DEIS identifies numerous impacts from the project for which the proposed mitigation is inadequate or not mentioned at all.

Ultimately we are deeply concerned that if the City provides the initial funding and the project commences, it will be allowed to continue even if the environmental impacts are never fully disclosed and if acceptable mitigation is not proposed.

We strongly urge the Council to Vote NO on Bill 17, thus denying the availability of local funding at the current time. We further ask that the Council refrain from taking any action that will allow construction on the project to begin until questions about the environmental impacts and lack of mitigation have been answered to the public's satisfaction.

Sincerely,

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