

Sample Testimony
From: An individual
To: A Legislative Body
Regarding: A Proposed Change in Legislation

To: Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair

From: [NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[PHONE/EMAIL]

City Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.
City Council Chamber, Honolulu Hale

RE: Council Bill 52 CD1 (2017) Minimum Real Property Tax

I am writing in opposition to CB52 CD1 (2017) Related to the Minimum Real Property Tax. The bill proposes to change the property tax exemption provided to historic residential properties by raising the annual minimum property tax for historic residences dedicated to preservation to \$1000 per year. The minimum property tax for other exemption categories would remain at the current level of \$300 annually. If CB 52 CD 1 is approved, only historic residential properties and credit unions would be subject to the higher annual minimum tax rate; the other more than 20 categories of exemptions that qualify under their programs would pay the lower rate.

[ABOUT HISTORIC HOME]

[WHY LOWER PROPERTY TAX HELPS PRESERVE HISTORIC HOME]

[WHY INCREASING PROPERTY TAX WOULD AFFECT PRESERVATION]

Therefore, I urge City Council to oppose CB 52 CD1 and leave the minimum property tax for historic homes unchanged. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
[SIGNATURE]