



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Radiant Cordero, Chair
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Esther Kia'aina
Calvin K.Y. Say
Augie Tulba

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Radiant Cordero at 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting. Council Chair Waters also attended the meeting.

[9:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:08 a.m.]

1. DISCUSSION WITH MAUI COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR SCOTT TERUYA REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION (NON-OWNER AND OWNER-OCCUPIED).

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[9:11 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Marcy Martin, Real Property Tax Administrator for the County of Maui, to provide a presentation of the County of Maui's Real Property Tax Classifications to the Committee. (M-93)

[9:14 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[9:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[9:59 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Ellen Kekipi Awa (General comment)
2. Jill Paulin (General comment)
3. Angela Young (General comment)

[10:07 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

FOR ACTION

[10:07 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 23-28 – COMMITTEE REPORT 47

GRANT OF EASEMENT TO HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. Approving a grant of easement to Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for electrical purposes serving the Honolulu Rail Transit Project on property located at 2668 Waiwai Loop, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 (TMK: (1) 1-1-016-006).

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[10:08 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Krista Lunzar, Director of Transit Property and Relocation of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, to provide a presentation of the Resolution to the Committee. (D-115)

[10:10 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:10 a.m.]

Resolution 23-28 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

[10:11 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 23-18 – COMMITTEE REPORT 43

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (OCA). Accepting a gift valued up to \$8,000 from the Association of Local Government Auditors for travel and related expenses for two City Auditor employees to serve as team leader and member on two peer review teams in April 2023.

[10:14 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ellen Kekipi Awa (General comment)

[10:16 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:16 a.m.]

Resolution 23-18 amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0152/2/24/2023 12:48 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-30	City Auditor
CC-49	City Auditor
M-98	Testimony on Resolution 23-18

[10:16 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 23-16 – COMMITTEE REPORT 42

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (CCSR). Authorizing the transfer of \$62,185 from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity (current expenses) to the Office of the Managing Director, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency activity (current expenses) for the fiscal year 2023 to provide the matching contribution required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the grant awarded to the City to update Shoreline and Special Management Area Regulations and conduct Department of Parks and Recreation Facility Hurricane Assessments.

[10:21 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ellen Kekipi Awa (Support)

[10:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[10:24 a.m.]

Resolution 23-16 amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0147/2/24/2023 11:08 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

MM-21 Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency

[10:24 a.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 23-25 – COMMITTEE REPORT 45

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DTS). Authorizing the transfer of \$126,000 from Transportation Mobility activity (current expenses) to the Transportation Mobility activity (equipment) for fiscal year 2023 to cover a shortfall in equipment for rail operations.

[10:25 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:26 a.m.]

Resolution 23-25 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

D-104 Department of Transportation Services

[10:26 a.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 23-27 – COMMITTEE REPORT 46

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (PAT). Authorizing the transfer of \$120,000 from PAT Administration activity (salaries) to PAT Administration activity (current expenses) and \$144,000 from PAT Prosecution activity (salaries) to PAT Administration activity (current expenses) for the fiscal year 2023 to fund a projected current expense shortfall in office rent.

[10:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[10:28 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:29 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:30 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

[10:34 a.m.]

Resolution 23-27 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-113 Department of the Prosecuting Attorney

[10:34 a.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 23-23 – COMMITTEE REPORT 44

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR ACTION PLAN. Approving the City and County of Honolulu's Twenty-Ninth Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grants and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program funds, and authorizing its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

[10:47 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:49 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:53 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (General comment)
2. Ellen Kekipi Awa (General comment)

[10:57 a.m.]

Resolution 23-23 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-32 Managing Director

[10:57 a.m.]

8. RESOLUTION 23-29 – COMMITTEE REPORT 48

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DCS). Authorizing the transfer of \$52,414 from the Provision of Vacant Funded Positions activity (current expenses) to Administrative Services activity (salaries) and Community Assistance activity (salaries) for fiscal year 2023 to fund an existing position and two unbudgeted contract positions.

[10:59 a.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[10:59 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:59 a.m.]

Resolution 23-29 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communication:

D-117 Department of Community Services

[11:00 a.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 23-30 – COMMITTEE REPORT 49

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION PLAN. Approving the City and County of Honolulu's HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan, and authorizing its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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[11:01 a.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:09 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (M-97) (Support)
2. Ellen Kekipi Awa (General comment)

[11:14 a.m.]

Resolution 23-30 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-118 Department of Community Services
M-97 Testimony on Resolution 23-30

[11:14 a.m.]

10. BILL 45 (2021)

RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES. Providing incentives to businesses located within certain areas to create new jobs and generate economic benefits for the City.

[11:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[11:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:37 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:46 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (Support)
2. Chris Lee (M-82) (Support)
3. Georja Skinner, State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (M-82) (Support)
4. Mericia Palma Elmore, SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local (M-82) (Support)
5. Tuia'ana Scanlan, IATSE 665 (M-82) (General comment)

[12:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[12:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[12:05 p.m.]

Action on Bill 45 (2021), CD1 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WEYER – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-82 Testimony on Bill 45 (2021)

[12:06 p.m.]

11. BILL 4 (2022), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 38

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the taxation of real property, particularly real property used as a transient accommodation.

[12:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[12:19 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Paul Nachtigall (M-81) (Support)
2. Jill Paulin, Friends of Kuilima (M-81) (Support)
3. Theresa Harden (M-81) (Support)
4. Dawn Borjesson, Friends of Kuilima (M-81) (Support)
5. Harald Von Sydow (M-81) (Support)
6. Karin Mahoney (General comment)
7. Michelle Yao (M-81) (Support)
8. Michael Brant (M-81) (Support)
9. Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-81) (General comment)

[12:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[12:46 p.m.]

Bill 4 (2022), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2023-0176/3/3/2023 12:09 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-80 Testimony on Bill 4 (2022)
M-81 Testimony on Bill 4 (2022)

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[12:46 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero announced that she would take up Items 12 and 13 together.

12. BILL 37 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 39

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the real property county tax credit.

13. BILL 38 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 40

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the real property county tax credit.

[12:50 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[12:54 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[12:53 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-94, M-95) (General comment)

[12:54 p.m.]

Bill 37 (2022) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

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[12:55 p.m.]

Bill 38 (2022) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communications:

M-94 Testimony on Bill 37 (2022)
M-95 Testimony on Bill 38 (2022)

[12:55 p.m.]

14. BILL 40 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 41

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the real property tax home exemption.

[1:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[1:07 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-88) (General comment)

[1:09 p.m.]

Bill 40 (2022) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

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Related communication:

M-88 Testimony on Bill 40 (2022)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.