



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, APRIL 4, 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 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:07 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:08 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 23-26 – COMMITTEE REPORT 81

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (OCA). Accepting a gift, valued at up to \$2,200, from the Association of Local Government Auditors to offset registration and travel expenses for one employee of the Office of the City Auditor to attend the 2023 Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland from May 5, 2023 to May 10, 2023.

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[9:10 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[9:10 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:11 a.m.]

Resolution 23-26 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

CC-42 City Auditor

[9:11 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 23-37 – COMMITTEE REPORT 83

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (OCA). Accepting a gift of registration and travel expenses, valued at up to \$2,530, from the Government Finance Officers Association for one employee to attend the Association's 2023 Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon from May 22, 2023 to May 24, 2023.

[9:12 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:13 a.m.]

Resolution 23-37 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

CC-68 City Auditor

[9:13 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 23-36 – COMMITTEE REPORT 82

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (BFS). Accepting a gift of travel and related expenses, valued at \$4,500, from the Association of Government Accountants for staff members of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to attend the AGA leadership training event in Baltimore, Maryland from April 20, 2023 through April 22, 2023.

[9:16 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:16 a.m.]

Resolution 23-36 amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0294/3/31/2023 8:40 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-183 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:16 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 23-34

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS. Providing a declaration of intent with respect to multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$105,000,000 for the purpose of making a mortgage loan to provide financing to Komohale Maunakea Venture, L.P., a Hawaii limited partnership, for a multifamily rental housing development to be known as Maunakea Tower.

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[9:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina exited the Council Chamber.

[9:20 a.m.]

Councilmembers Okimoto and Kia'aina entered the Council Chamber.

[9:22 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Craig Hirai, Executive Assistant with the Department of Planning and Permitting, to provide a brief presentation of the Maunakea Tower Apartments Project Summary to the Committee. (M-158)

[9:37 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (General comment)

[9:40 a.m.]

Action on Resolution 23-34 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

Related communications:

MM-56 Managing Director
D-141 Department of Planning and Permitting

[9:41 a.m.]

5. BILL 2 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 78

RELATING TO FEES FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES. Amending Section 10 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 relating to fees for a golf identification card.

[9:44 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:45 a.m.]

Bill 2 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0153/2/24/2023 1:33 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of public hearing.

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

Related communication:

D-61 Department of Enterprise Services

[9:45 a.m.]

6. BILL 7 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 79

RELATING TO ADMISSION FEES FOR THE HONOLULU ZOO. Amending Section 10 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 relating to resident admission fees for the Honolulu Zoo.

[9:49 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[9:51 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[9:53 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, ROAR (M-152) (Support)

[9:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited and entered the Council Chamber.

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[9:55 a.m.]

Bill 7 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0269/3/28/2023 3:13 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-125 Department of Enterprise Services
M-152 Testimony on Bill 7 (2023)

[9:56 a.m.]

7. BILL 9 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 80

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing real property tax compromises made by the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services that require City Council approval.

[10:11 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:12 a.m.]

Bill 9 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-226 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-145 Testimony on Bill 9 (2023)

[10:12 a.m.]

8. BILL 61 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 77

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the classification of properties for property taxation purposes, particularly for properties used for residential purposes.

[10:27 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:29 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:38 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:40 a.m.]

Bill 61 (2022) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

M-153 Testimony on Bill 61 (2022)

[10:40 a.m.]

9. BILL 37 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 75

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

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[10:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[10:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[11:00 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:01 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:08 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-146) (General comment)

[11:15 a.m.]

Bill 37 (2022) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0293/3/30/2023 1:24 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-146 Testimony on Bill 37 (2022)

[11:16 a.m.]

10. BILL 38 (2022)

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

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[11:18 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[11:20 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-147) (General comment)

[11:21 a.m.]

Action on Bill 38 (2022) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

Related communication:

M-147 Testimony on Bill 38 (2022)

[11:22 a.m.]

11. BILL 40 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 76

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

[11:22 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:36 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-141) (General comment)

[11:47 a.m.]

Bill 40 (2022) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0326/4/12/2023 11:18 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-141 Testimony on Bill 40 (2022)

[11:48 a.m.]

12. BILL 31 (2022) – COMMITTEE REPORT 74

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the real property tax credit for certain homeowners.

[11:50 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:50 a.m.]

Bill 31 (2022) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

M-148 Testimony on Bill 31 (2022)

[11:51 a.m.]

13. RESOLUTION 23-40 – COMMITTEE REPORT 84

ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP. Establishing a Real Property Taxation Permitted Interaction Group, composed of Councilmembers Radiant Cordero, Tommy Waters, Esther Kia’āina, and Matthew Weyer, to investigate matters relating to the City’s real property taxation.

[12:01 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[12:04 p.m.]

Resolution 23-40 amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0313/3/31/2023 4:21 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA’ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-154 Testimony on Resolution 23-40

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.