



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

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Radiant Cordero at 9:05 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Say (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[9:11 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:11 a.m.]

1. BILL 16 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 71

HART OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2024. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

[9:21 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:26 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[9:29 a.m.]

Bill 16 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0303/4/13/2023 11:57 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

CC-84 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
CC-92 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
D-114 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

[9:29 a.m.]

2. BILL 17 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 72

HART CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2024. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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[9:35 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:36 a.m.]

Bill 17 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0304/4/13/2023 12:08 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

CC-84 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
CC-94 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
D-114 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

[9:36 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 23-33 – COMMITTEE REEPORT 73

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2024. Determining the respective rates at which real property in the various general classes in the City and County of Honolulu shall be taxed per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

[9:39 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[9:42 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-135) (Oppose)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-135) (General comment)

[9:43 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

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[9:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[9:49 a.m.]

Resolution 23-33 reported out for scheduling of a public hearing and referral back to Committee thereafter.

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

Related communication:

M-135 Testimony on Resolution 23-33

[9:50 a.m.]

4. BILL 14 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 70

ONE-TIME REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT. Alleviating the tax burden on homeowners from escalating real property valuations.

[9:55 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[9:57 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:15 a.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[10:18 a.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:23 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina and Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:26 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-136) (General comment)

[10:30 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[10:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:32 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:33 a.m.]

Bill 14 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

MM-53 Office of the Mayor
M-136 Testimony on Bill 14 (2023)

[10:34 a.m.]

5. BILL 11 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 67

EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2024. Approving the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

[10:34 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[10:39 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[11:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:14 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[11:36 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[11:39 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:40 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[11:41 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[11:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:48 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[12:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[12:08 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Cordero called for a recess at 1:10 p.m. With Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Weyer (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (non-voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

[2:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

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[2:03 p.m.]

Councilmembers Tupola and Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited and Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:08 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:29 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[2:40 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[2:41 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:45 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[3:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[3:08 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[3:12 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[3:16 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited and Councilmembers Say and Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[3:22 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[3:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[4:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[4:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[4:12 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[4:16 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[4:21 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[4:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

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[5:21 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[5:28 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[5:30 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[5:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited and Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[5:34 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[5:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[5:36 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[5:40 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[5:43 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[5:44 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

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[6:01 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Racquel Achiu (M-137) (Support)
3. Joey Cadiz (General comment)

[6:12 p.m.]

Bill 11 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0301/4/13/2023 8:52 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

CC-84 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
CC-90 Councilmember Radiant Cordero
MM-53 Office of the Mayor
D-193 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-137 Testimony on Bill 11 (2023)

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Cordero called for a recess at 6:13 p.m. With Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member) and Okimoto (temporary voting member for quorum) present, the meeting was reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

[6:28 p.m.]

6. BILL 12 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 68

EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2024. Approving the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

[6:28 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

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[6:29 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[6:57 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

Council Chair Waters designated, as required by Council Rule, as temporary voting member for quorum.

[6:58 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[7:33 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Elizabeth Reilly, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui (M-138) (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Support)

[7:38 p.m.]

Bill 12 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0302/4/13/2023 11:41 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA, WEYER – 2.

Related communications:

CC-84	Councilmember Radiant Cordero
CC-91	Councilmember Radiant Cordero
MM-53	Office of the Mayor
D-193	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-138	Testimony on Bill 12 (2023)

[7:39 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[7:39 p.m.]

At this juncture, the Committee Chair took Agenda Item No. 8, Bill 10 (2023), out of order.

[7:39 p.m.]

8. BILL 10 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 66

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2024. Approving the Legislative Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

[7:40 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

[7:44 p.m.]

Bill 10 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, SAY – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA, WEYER – 2.

Related communications:

CC-84 Councilmember Radiant Cordero

M-139 Testimony on Bill 10 (2023)

[7:44 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered, exited, and entered the Council Chamber.

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

[7:44 p.m.]

7. BILL 13 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 69

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes of the City and County of Honolulu in a maximum principal amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts appropriated in the Capital Budget Ordinance of said City and County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and specified in said Ordinance to be financed from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and to be expended from the General Improvement Bond Fund, the Highway Improvement Bond Fund, Solid Waste Improvement Bond Fund, or the Housing Development Special Fund.

[7:45 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

Committee Chair Cordero appointed Council Chair Waters as temporary voting member for quorum.

[7:47 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[7:47 p.m.]

Bill 13 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, SAY, WATERS (temporary voting member) – 3.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA, TULBA, WEYER – 3.

Related communication:

MM-53 Office of the Mayor

Agenda Item No. 8, Bill 10 (2023), was taken up earlier in the meeting. (See Page 13)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.