



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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**Voting Members:**

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

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## WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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 9:03 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member) (via videoconference) and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting. Councilmember Tulba (voting member) was excused from the meeting.

[9:05 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### FOR ACTION

[9:07 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 23-148 – COMMITTEE REPORT 199

APPOINTMENT OF GWENETTE HIGA TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW I FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS. Confirming the appointment of Gwenette Higa to the Board of Review I for real property tax appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

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[9:20 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

[9:24 a.m.]

Resolution 23-148 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, WEYER – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: SAY, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

MM-127 Office of the Mayor

[9:24 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 23-175 – COMMITTEE REPORT 202

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DCS). Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$696,991 from the Provision for Grants Partnerships and Security activity (current expenses) to the Department of Community Services, Community Based Development activity (current expenses) for the fiscal year 2024 to meet the local match grant program needs of the DCS.

[9:27 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[9:30 a.m.]

Resolution 23-175 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, WEYER – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: SAY, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

D-533 Department of Community Services

[9:30 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 23-166 – COMMITTEE REPORT 200

REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISE. Approving a one-time compromise of the real property taxes owed by Smith Beretania Bridge LP for the property located at 1170 Nuuanu Avenue for the tax year beginning July 1, 2021 in the amount due of \$18,668.20 plus applicable penalties and interest, and for the tax year beginning July 1, 2022 in the amount due of \$18,753.76 plus applicable penalties and interest, which sums represent the taxes due from the assessed value of the non-exempt commercial units.

[9:50 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[10:18 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[10:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:21 a.m.]

Resolution 23-166 amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0679/7/24/2023 10:37AM) and reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

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Related communications:

D-502 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
M-393 Testimony on Resolution 23-166

[10:21 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 23-169 – COMMITTEE REPORT 201

WASTEWATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS (SENIOR SERIES). Authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to issue and sell not to exceed \$225,000,000 principal amount of Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2023 and related matters.

[10:32 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:32 a.m.]

Resolution 23-169 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-515 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[10:32 a.m.]

5. BILL 42 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 198

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Providing property tax relief to certain homeowners.

[10:51 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[11:01 a.m.]

Bill 42 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0646/7/17/2023 3:29 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-554 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
M-400 Testimony on Bill 42 (2023)  
M-403 Testimony on Bill 42 (2023)

[11:02 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:02 a.m.]

6. BILL 39 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 196

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Establishing a real property tax exemption for certain real property located near an active landfill.

[11:17 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (M-399) (Support)
2. Clyde Hayashi, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (General comment)
3. Mel Kahele (General comment)
4. James K. Manaku Sr. (General comment)
5. Ed Werner (Support)

[11:25 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:30 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:33 a.m.]

Bill 39 (2023) amended to CD1 (OCS2023-0665/7/19/2023 2:18 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-555 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
M-399 Testimony on Bill 39 (2023)

[11:33 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:34 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:35 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Cordero called for a recess at 11:36 a.m. With Councilmembers Okimoto (non-voting member), Say (voting member), Weyer (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (non-voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

[11:37 a.m.]

7. BILL 34 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 195

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

[11:38 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina entered the meeting via videoconference and Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[11:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[11:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[11:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:51 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

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[11:53 a.m.]

Bill 34 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

\*Councilmember Kia'āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

CC-205 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by  
Councilmember Okimoto.

D-556 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

M-405 Testimony on Bill 34 (2023)

[11:54 a.m.]

8. BILL 40 (2023) – COMMITTEE REPORT 197

RELATING TO THE TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND. Establishing additional requirements for the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund.

[12:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited and Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[12:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the meeting.

[12:08 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)



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[12:10 p.m.]

Bill 40 (2023) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, SAY, WEYER – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA, TULBA – 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.