



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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**Voting Members:**  
Radiant Cordero, Chair  
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair  
Esther Kia'āina  
Calvin K.Y. Say  
Augie Tulba

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## WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 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 1:03 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member) and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### FOR ACTION

[1:06 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-257 – COMMITTEE REPORT 360

REAPPOINTMENT OF REX AKUTAGAWA TO THE RATE COMMISSION.  
Confirming the reappointment of Rex Akutagawa to serve on the Rate Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

[1:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

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[1:08 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters and Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[1:10 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:11 p.m.]

Resolution 24-257 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

M-546 Testimony on Resolution 24-257

[1:11 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 24-254 – COMMITTEE REPORT 359

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD). Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$118,000 in General Fund monies from the Patrol activity (current expenses character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Patrol activity (equipment COE) to cover equipment procurements for Fiscal Year 2025 to support Community Policing Team projects.

[1:12 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[1:17 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[1:18 p.m.]

Resolution 24-254 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-726 Honolulu Police Department

[1:18 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 24-18 – COMMITTEE REPORT 357

ENVIRONMENTAL TEST WELL MONITORING AND A SUBSURFACE ELECTRICAL LINE. Approving the new five year Non-Exclusive License Agreement with the United States of America, Department of the Navy, for continued use of land, at no cost, within portions of Kuahelani Neighborhood Park, identified as TMK: 9-4-005:046 and Anania Drive, Mililani, Hawai'i, for environmental test well monitoring and a subsurface electrical line.

[1:21 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:23 p.m.]

Resolution 24-18 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-1067/12/5/2024 8:44 AM) and reported out for adoption.

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

Related communications:

D-791 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
M-547 Testimony on Resolution 24-18

[1:23 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 24-192 – COMMITTEE REPORT 358

COMMUNICATION SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH STC TWO, LLC. Approving a communication site lease agreement with STC Two, LLC for its existing telecommunication facility within the Lā'ie Corporation Yard, located at 56-020 Kamehameha Highway, Lā'ie, Hawai'i, 96762, identified as Tax Map Key Number 5-6-006:001.

[1:26 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:28 p.m.]

Resolution 24-192 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0737/8/1/2024 2:26 PM) and reported out for adoption.

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

Related communications:

D-553 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services  
M-528 Testimony on Resolution 24-192

[1:28 p.m.]

5. BILL 54 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 356

TAXABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND. Creating a fund to receive and expend monies from proceeds of the sale of taxable general obligation bonds of the City and County issued to pay all or part of those appropriations for improvements made in the Capital Budget Ordinance of the City and County and specified therein to be expended from the Taxable General Improvement Bond Fund.

[1:30 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[1:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[1:36 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:37 p.m.]

Bill 54 (2024) 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:

MM-204 Office of Housing  
D-644 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[1:37 p.m.]

6. BILL 46 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 355

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the taxation of vacant residential properties in the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:07 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Rick Phillips (M-524) (Support)
2. Levi Brooker (M-524) (Support)
3. Edward Humphries (M-524) (General comment)
4. Stu Simmons (M-524) (General comment)
5. Ronda Ching Day (M-524) (Oppose)
6. Robert Gould (M-524) (Oppose)
7. Jim Tree (M-524) (General comment)
8. Donna Kohls (M-524) (General comment)
9. Ray Kamikawa (M-524) (Support)

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10. Mary Anne Bruno (Oppose)
11. Suzanne Young, Honolulu Board of Realtors (M-524) (General comment)
12. Albany Coate (M-524) (General comment)
13. Piper Neri (M-524) (General comment)
14. Madelyn Mckeague, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (M-524) (General comment)
15. Natalie Arbois (M-524) (Support)
16. Greilynn Bergonio (M-524) (Support)
17. Joslyn Aykroid (M-524) (General comment)
18. Robert Perkinson (M-524) (Support)
19. Maile Skinner (M-524) (General comment)
20. Josh Stanbro (M-524) (General comment)
21. Jon Tavares (M-524) (Support)
22. Evan Oue, NAIOP Hawaii (M-524) (Oppose)
23. Elvia Alvarado (M-524) (General comment)
24. William Roehl (M-524) (Oppose)
25. Susan Le, Hawaii Appleseed (M-524) (Support)
26. Jaden Vargas (Support)
27. Hannah Sambrano (Support)
28. Rebecca Soon (Support)
29. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
30. Mahealani Ioanis (M-524) (Support)
31. Leonard Bruce (General comment)

[2:19 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[2:26 p.m.]

Councilmembers Weyer entered Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:28 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:33 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

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[2:36 p.m.]

Committee Chair Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[3:12 p.m.]

Bill 46 (2024), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2024-1033/11/27/2024 4:21 PM).

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

[3:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[3:22 p.m.]

Bill 46 (2024), CD2 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, SAY\*, WEYER – 3.  
NOES: KIA'ĀINA, TULBA – 2.

\*Councilmember Say voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

MM-203 Office of Housing  
M-524 Testimony on Bill 46 (2024)

7. BILL 47 (2024), CD1

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the taxation of real property.

This item was cancelled.

8. BILL 48 (2024), CD1

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing O‘ahu's housing crisis and high cost of rental housing and providing a mechanism to support our local residents through reducing taxation of real property used as a long-term residential rental.

This item was cancelled.

[3:23 p.m.]

9. BILL 59 (2023), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 354

RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR FILM STUDIO FACILITIES. Providing incentives for eligible film studio facilities.

[3:23 p.m.]

Councilmembers Kia‘āina and Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[3:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[3:28 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina entered the Council Chamber.

[3:30 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Marc Porterfield (M-540) (Support)
2. Mark Anthony Clemente, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-540) (Support)
3. Chris Lee (M-540) (General comment)
4. Melvin Mar (Support)
5. Ricardo Galindez, Island Film Group (M-540) (General comment)
6. Georja Skinner, DBEDT State of Hawaii Creative Industries (M-540) (Support)
7. Mericia Palma Elmore, SAG-AFTRA Hawai‘i Local (M-540) (Support)
8. Irish Barber IATSE Local 665 (M-540) (General comment)



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9. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)
10. Henry Ian Cusick, SAG-AFTRA (Support)
11. loane Goodhue (Support)

[3:33 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[3:36 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[3:47 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:51 p.m.]

Bill 59 (2023), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2024-1034/12/2/2024 10:23 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communications:

MM-208 Honolulu Film Office  
M-540 Testimony on Bill 59 (2023)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.