HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 03 (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose and findings. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 35, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), to address certain obsolete or unnecessary provisions.

The City Council ("Council") finds that in August 1998, Ordinance 98-54 was enacted, which provided incentives, such as real property tax rebates and certain waivers of grading and building permit fees, for businesses that create a required number of new permanent jobs in the City and County of Honolulu ("City").

According to the City's Real Property Assessment Division, no individuals or businesses are using the real property tax incentive program set forth in ROH Chapter 35. Although Ordinance 00-53, approved on November 2, 2000, amended ROH Chapter 35 to expressly authorize the City's Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to adopt administrative rules having the force and effect of law for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the property tax rebate for businesses creating new jobs, it appears that no such administrative rules were ever adopted.

The Council further finds that the lack of interest in or use of Chapter 35 renders it obsolete and unnecessary.

SECTION 2. Chapter 35, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Incentives for Business to Create New Jobs"), is repealed.

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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval; provided that any existing real property tax rebates and permit fee waivers granted under Chapter 35, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, will continue to be valid and remain in effect until the respective expiration of the rebates or permit fee waivers.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ____.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Real Property Tax; Incentives; Permit Fees; Businesses; Rebates; Waivers; Repeal

Description:
Repeals certain outdated, obsolete, or unnecessary provisions relating to tax incentives and permit fee waivers for businesses that create new jobs.

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