



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Esther Kia'aina
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Tyler Dos Santos-Tam at 9:03 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) (via videoconference), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member) (via videoconference) were present at the meeting.

[9:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chambers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:06 a.m.]

1. **BILL 3 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 66**

RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES. Amending Chapter 35, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 to address certain obsolete or unnecessary provisions.

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[9:07 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:07 a.m.]

Bill 3 (2025) reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-128 Testimony on Bill 3 (2025)

[9:08 a.m.]

2. BILL 4 (2025), CD1

RELATING TO SPONSORSHIPS. Reestablishing a process to obtain sponsorships for City facilities, parks, programs, equipment, and tangible property within set guidelines and procedures for the purpose of optimizing non-property tax revenue sources.

[9:15 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Winston Welch, Executive Director, The Outdoor Circle (M-137) (General comment)

[9:18 a.m.]

Bill 4 (2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (transmitted by MM-31) and further action postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

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Related communications:

MM-31 Deputy Managing Director
M-137 Testimony on Bill 4 (2025)

[9:19 a.m.]

3. BILL 9 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 67

RELATING TO FEES AND CHARGES. Directing the Office of Council Services to prepare a consolidated table of fees and charges found in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, and to insert the table in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.

[9:21 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:21 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting and entered the meeting via videoconference.

[9:23 a.m.]

Bill 9 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0155/2/24/2025 2:03 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-129 Testimony on Bill 9 (2025)

[9:23 a.m.]

4. BILL 15 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 68

RELATING TO THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUND. Creating a fund to receive and expend moneys to support climate resiliency.

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[9:38 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:44 a.m.]

Bill 15 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0134/2/19/2025 7:44 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

[9:45 a.m.]

5. BILL 16 (2025)

RELATING TO REFUSE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. Addressing the collection of refuse and recyclable materials

[10:02 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:02 a.m.]

Action on Bill 16 (2025) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

[10:03 a.m.]

6. BILL 17 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 69

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Amending provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption.

[10:04 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

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[10:06 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:11 a.m.]

Bill 17 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0153/2/24/2025 4:12 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: NISHIMOTO – 1.

Related communications:

CC-44 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
CC-46 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
CC-48 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Council Chair Waters
D-149 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-130 Testimony on Bill 17 (2025)

FOR DISCUSSION

[10:12 a.m.]

7. BILL 60 (2024)

RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND CESSPOOLS. Amending portions of Chapter 43, Revised Ordinance of Honolulu 2021, as amended, by: (1) amending § 43-6.2 to include Accessory Dwelling Units in the “Residential” sewer service charge customer classification, (2) amending § 43-6.6 to remove all information related to nonresidential strength surcharges and replace it with information on wastewater disposal charges for waste haulers, (3) amending APPENDIX 43-A to include new sewer service charges, wastewater disposal charges, and to remove extra strength wastewater charges as well as a second customer category, (4) amending § 43-10.3 to include Accessory Dwelling Units, (5) amending § 43-10.4 to remove references to wastewater strength, and (6) amending Appendix 43-C to include new Wastewater System Facility Charges.

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[10:14 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Roger Babcock, Jr., Ph.D., P.E., Director Designate of the Department of Environmental Services to provide a brief presentation of the proposed sewer rate adjustments to the Committee on Budget. (D-154)

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[10:27 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the meeting via videoconference.

[10:33 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:34 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[10:39 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the meeting via videoconference.

[10:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the meeting and Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[10:45 a.m.]

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[10:57 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:00 a.m.]

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

[11:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:19 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Emma Yuen, National Resource Management Specialist, State Department of Land and Natural Resources (General comment)
2. Roy Abe (General comment)

Related communications:

CC-51	Councilmember Tupola
D-773 (2024)	Department of Environmental Services
D-785 (2024)	Department of Environmental Services

[11:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting and entered the meeting via videoconference.

[11:38 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

FOR ACTION

[11:38 a.m.]

8. RESOLUTON 25-53 – COMMITTEE REPORT 70

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD). Authorizing a transfer of \$4,875,000 in General Fund monies from the Administrative Services activity (salaries character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Support Services activity (current expense and equipment COE) for fiscal year 2025 to cover equipment procurements for the acquisition of police vehicles and fuel management system replacement.

[11:40 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:41 a.m.]

Resolution 25-53 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA’ĀINA – 1.

Related communication:

D-94 Honolulu Police Department

[11:42 a.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 25-70 – COMMITTEE REPORT 73

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (BFS). Accepting a gift of transportation, lodging and registration fee with an estimated value of \$2,800 to the City from the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) for one staff member from the City and County of Honolulu to attend the NASPO Exchange Conference and Training event in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 3-6, 2025.

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Councilmember Kia’āina entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:46 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:46 a.m.]

Resolution 25-70 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-135 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[11:46 a.m.]

10. RESOLUTION 25-56 – COMMITTEE REPORT 71

ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP. Establishing a Tax Increment Financing Permitted Interaction Group to discuss and explore the City's potential use of tax increment financing.

[11:49 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

James Soong (M-126) (General comment)

[11:54 a.m.]

Resolution 25-56 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0198/3/10/2025 3:04 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-150 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-126 Testimony on Resolution 25-56

[11:55 a.m.]

11. RESOLUTION 25-61 – COMMITTEE REPORT 72

WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS. Approving the write-off of the delinquent and uncollectible accounts owed to the City.

[11:56 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:56 a.m.]

Resolution 25-61 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-108 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-138 Testimony on Resolution 25-61

[11:57 a.m.]

12. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE GRANTS IN AID ADVISORY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 17-44, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee will review and evaluate the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission and make recommendations to the Council on whether the Charter provisions establishing the Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed.

[12:01 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[12:02 p.m.]

Action on the matter postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-133 Grants in Aid Advisory Commission

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.