



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

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL **36 (2025)**

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**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE**

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RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY.

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

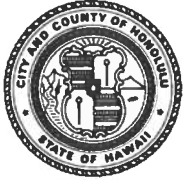
SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address economic and revenue downturns and emergency situations.

SECTION 2. Section 6-56.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 6-56.2 Purpose.**

The reserve for fiscal stability fund is designated for economic and revenue downturns and emergency situations. Fund moneys may be appropriated by ordinance only when one or more of the conditions identified in subdivisions (1), (2), or (3) are met:

- (1) *Economic triggers.*
  - (A) The unemployment rate for the City and County of Honolulu increases by more than 2 percent within three fiscal quarters; or
  - (B) The total value of net taxable real property declines by 2 percent or more from the preceding fiscal year;
- (2) *Revenue triggers.*
  - (A) City general fund and highway fund revenues decline by 2 percent or more from the preceding fiscal year;
  - (B) Transient accommodation tax revenues decline by 5 percent or more from the preceding fiscal year; or
  - (C) Nondiscretionary city expenditures increase by more than 5 percent of the preceding fiscal year's revenues; or
- (3) *Emergencies.*
  - (A) The Governor of the State of Hawaii or the President of the United States of America declares that a state of emergency exists within



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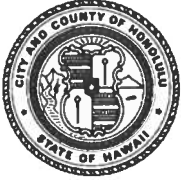
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the City and County of Honolulu as a result of a natural disaster or an occurrence, or imminent threat thereof, ~~[which]~~ that results or may likely result in substantial injury or harm to the population in the City and County of Honolulu, or substantial damage to or loss of property of residents of the City and County of Honolulu. For the purposes of this subdivision, the phrase "occurrence, or imminent threat thereof," means a pandemic or other widespread health crisis for which the Governor of the State of Hawaii has declared a state of emergency; ~~[or]~~

- (B) Unfunded mandates are enacted by the State or federal government, imposed after the enactment of the City and County of Honolulu's fiscal year budget, and require outlays before the start of the subsequent fiscal year~~[-];~~ or
- (C) The mayor or the mayor's designee provides written notice to the council and files the notice with the city clerk with the mayor's determination that there are insufficient moneys to provide services necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of city residents and that expenditures from the reserve for fiscal stability fund are necessary to provide these services. The notice must include the reasons for the mayor's determination and a designation of the amount and proposed utilization of any funds requested in the mayor's notice."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval; provided that the amendments made to Section 6-56.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), shall be repealed on January 21, 2029, and ROH Section 6-56.2 shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the effective date of this ordinance; provided further that, in the event normal operations of the City Council are suspended, the amendments made to ROH Section 6-56.2 shall continue in effect and shall be repealed



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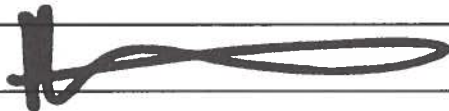
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on the date normal operations of the City Council are resumed. Any moneys appropriated under the authority granted in ROH Section 6-56.2(3)(C) must be expended by June 30, 2029.

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 31 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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:**

Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund; Fiscal Stability; Mayor; Emergency; Health, Safety, or Welfare; Crisis; City Council; Normal Operations; January 21, 2029

**Description:**

Temporarily allows the City Administration to expend moneys from the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund upon the Mayor's written notice to the Council and filing with the City Clerk of the Mayor's determination that there are insufficient moneys to provide services necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of City residents and that expenditures from the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund are necessary to provide these services.

The provision will be repealed on January 21, 2029 unless normal operations of the Council are suspended. In that event, the amendments made to ROH Section 6-56.2 will continue in effect and will be repealed on the date normal operations of the City Council are resumed. Any moneys appropriated under the authority granted in ROH Section 6-56.2(3)(C) must be expended by June 30, 2029.

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