



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
5TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to adjournment, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Chair and Presiding Officer, Tommy Waters, at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters –9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam welcomed Commissioner Kevin Morrison from the 15th District of Cook County Illinois, Chicago.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Minutes of the 3rd and 4th Sessions be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS –9.
NOES: None.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-7 – COMMITTEE REPORT 76

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANTON C. KRUCKY TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 76 and Resolution 25-7 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam expressed concern that Director Designate Krucky was not present at the Council meeting. He requested that Director Designate Krucky provide a clear plan to address the potential threat of loss of Federal funding for his department and to reassure employees about the significance of their work during the rest of the budget process.

Councilmember Weyer stated that he agreed with Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's concerns and emphasized that the Council and Administration are committed to supporting staff, the Department, and the community while preparing for potential challenges.

Committee Report 76 and Resolution 25-7 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-13 – COMMITTEE REPORT 77

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROGER W. BABCOCK, JR., P.E., PH.D., TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 77 and Resolution 25-13 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Roger Babcock, Jr., Director Designate (General comment)
2. Angela Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to Director Designate Babcock for addressing complex landfill and wastewater issues and commended him for conducting a feasibility study on integrated planning as a potential approach to managing wastewater fees. She acknowledged the Director for being willing to approach the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to demonstrate that the City is doing many things that are more impactful than secondary containment.

Committee Report 77 and Resolution 25-13 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-54 – COMMITTEE REPORT 78

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDY MA TO SERVE ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 78 and Resolution 25-54 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Sandy Ma (General comment)

Committee Report 78 and Resolution 25-54 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Chair Waters acknowledged the presence of the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Deputy Managing Director.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-57 – COMMITTEE REPORT 79

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ELIZA TALBOT MANCHESTER TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 79 and Resolution 25-57 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Eliza Talbot (General comment)
2. Kiran Polk, Kapolei Chamber of Commerce (M-177) (Support)

Committee Report 79 and Resolution 25-57 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-177 Testimony on Resolution 25-57

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-58 – COMMITTEE REPORT 80

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BOBBY-JOHN “OLU” CAMPBELL TO SERVE ON THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 80 and Resolution 25-58 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 80 and Resolution 25-58 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-10 – COMMITTEE REPORT 83

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DOMINIC H.K. MILLES TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 83 and Resolution 25-10 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Dominic H.K. Milles, Director Designate (General comment)
2. Angela Young, CARES (Support)

Committee Report 83 and Resolution 25-10 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-14 – COMMITTEE REPORT 84

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GENE C. ALBANO, P.E., TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 84 and Resolution 25-14 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Gene C. Albano, Director Designate (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Okimoto expressed her appreciation to Director Designate Albano and his team at the Department at Facility Maintenance for the work they do that directly impacts the communities not just in her district but for all the Council districts.

Committee Report 84 and Resolution 25-14 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-20 – COMMITTEE REPORT 85

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF J. ROGER MORTON TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 85 and Resolution 25-20 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. J. Roger Morton, Director Designate (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she supports Director Designate Morton to continue as the Director of Transportation Services. She commended the Director's prior experience with The Bus which has contributed to his success in leading the Department and his ability to handle the leadership role with expertise and grace. Councilmember Tupola acknowledged the staff for their professionalism and efforts to address community concerns.

Committee Report 85 and Resolution 25-20 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-55, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 96

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NANCY CASSANDRO TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 96 and Resolution 25-55, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Nancy Cassandro (General comment)

Committee Report 96 and Resolution 25-55, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

COMMITTEE REPORT 87

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 24-20.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 87 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 87 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING
BILL 21

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 21 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Bill 21 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING
BILL 22

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 22 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Tupola stated that her amendments to the Operating Budget address the needs of her communities, focusing on enhancing safety, improving public spaces and supporting dedicated City employees.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked his colleagues for their thoughtful questions during the budget process. He noted the Council's role as a co-equal branch of government where the Mayor submits a budget and the Council makes amendments based on community input. He stressed the importance of teamwork and stated that he is looking forward to a collaborative effort through the budget process.

Bill 22 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING
BILL 23

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 23 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Bill 23 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 24

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AGGREGATE OF THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF SAID CITY AND COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND SPECIFIED IN SAID ORDINANCE TO BE FINANCED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, THE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, THE SOLID WASTE IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND OR THE TAXABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 24 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Bill 24 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 25

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 25 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
2. Roy Nakamura (Oppose)

Bill 25 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

FIRST READING

BILL 26

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 26 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Bill 26 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-169 Testimony on Bill 26

FIRST READING

BILL 27

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 27 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 27 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-170 Testimony on Bill 27

FIRST READING

BILL 28

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 28 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

Bill 28 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-159 Testimony on Bill 28

FIRST READING
BILL 29

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 29 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

James Manaku, Sr. (General comment)

Bill 29 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
 TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-160 Testimony on Bill 29

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 15, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 68

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUND.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 68 be adopted and Bill 15 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she supports the Bill and noted that a key part of the Bill is the cesspool conversion. She explained that the cesspool conversion could be used as part of the integrated planning to show that the City is doing more to clean the environment and water than a secondary containment could do for the community.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that she agreed with Councilmember Tupola and noted that the Bill helps to achieve both short term and long term objectives on overall planning for direly needed services.

Committee Report 68 was adopted and Bill 15, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-42 Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency
M-176 Testimony on Bill 15

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 17, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 69

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 69 be adopted and Bill 17 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Council Chair noted that CC-44, CC-46 and CC-48, Disclosure of Interest Statements were filed with the City Clerk.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

Councilmember Kia'āina urged support for the Bill acknowledging that real property tax challenges require a multi-pronged approach. She highlighted that the Bill is an attempt to ensure a systematic approach to increase the real property tax exemption threshold by \$20,000 in 2027 to help taxpayers keep up with rising land and living costs. Councilmember Kia'āina encouraged moving the Bill forward so that it is ready at the appropriate time.

Councilmember Weyer stated his support for the Bill and noted that his preference would be to consider the Low Income Tax Credit and increase those parameters. He noted that he believes that the real property tax exemptions should be commensurate with the property values that have gone up dramatically and agreed that homeowners who are renting out their property should pay a lower rate.

In response to Councilmembers, Director Kawano stated that Department of Budget and Fiscal Services submitted testimony noting that the \$20,000 exemption increase for homeowners will reduce estimated tax revenues by approximately \$10.6 million. He shared that when the Low Income Tax Credit threshold was increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000 last year, the total amount not collected was about \$9.5 million, an increase of \$5 million. The Department is still processing applications received this year, however, he saw an interim report that indicated the amount is already approaching \$9 million.

Committee Report 69 was adopted and Bill 17, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-161 Testimony on Bill 17

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 14 – COMMITTEE REPORT 74

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FIRST SOURCE PROGRAM.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 74 be adopted and Bill 14 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 74 was adopted and Bill 14 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 18 – COMMITTEE REPORT 75

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLASTIC.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 75 be adopted and Bill 18 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Melody Young, CARES (M-162) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
3. Stan Young, Hawaii State Committee of Blind Vendors (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she is opposed to the Bill and reiterated that the Bill references petrochemical polymeric which is PET and that is recyclable. She noted that taking plastic out of the vending machines at City facilities is not as helpful or impactful as it only targets a small segment of the market. Councilmember Tupola supports changing behavior by giving out blue bins and encouraging people to recycle. She expressed concern that the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency has changed their position to support having a landfill over the aquifer. She reiterated the importance of recycling, ending landfills and not supporting a landfill over the aquifer.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam clarified that the Bill is more focused than Bill 59 (2024) specifically targeting vending machines in City facilities. He pointed out that there may be a small number of vending machines within City facilities that will be affected and noted that the Bill serves as a statement against plastic proliferation in City-operated spaces. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that he will be sending a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as Enterprise Services to get data to better understand the impact particularly on blind vendors. He reiterated that he does not believe this will create a huge impact on the larger plastic industry, however, it will make a positive statement environmentally.

Councilmember Okimoto expressed her appreciation for the discussion but stated she is concerned with putting this into Ordinance. She reiterated that people should make choices and adjust their buying habits based on their needs. Councilmember Okimoto stated that she supports continued education to address positive behavior especially the City's Opala Remix that is being promoted in schools. She noted that she will not support the Bill and is concerned that the Bill could affect local businesses, local jobs and communities in the future.

Committee Report 75 was adopted and Bill 18 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, WEYER, WATERS – 5.
NOES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.

Related communication:

M-162 Testimony on Bill 18

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 7, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 90

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FIRE CODE.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 90 be adopted and Bill 7 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Stephanie Kendrick, Hawaiian Humane Society (M-171) (Support)

Councilmember Kia'āina explained that the purpose and intent of the Bill is to align State and City fireworks laws with consistent enforcement efforts among all applicable enforcement agencies so that perpetrators do not find loopholes to avoid prosecution. She stated that the Honolulu Police Department and Prosecuting Attorney's Office acknowledged difficulty in prosecuting offenders so the Bill will ensure that the definitions of fireworks are automatically updated when the State updates their definitions.

Committee Report 90 was adopted and Bill 7, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-171 Testimony on Bill 7

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 11, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 91

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 91 be adopted and Bill 11 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'aina.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and shared that amendments to the Bill came out of the Gambling Room Task Force that has been trying to decrease if not eliminate game rooms in communities. She noted that the amendments clarify definitions, streamline permitting processes, and adds the enforcement of criminal penalties.

Committee Report 91 was adopted and Bill 11, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'AINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-163 Testimony on Bill 11

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 12, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 92

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GAMBLING.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 92 be adopted and Bill 12 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'aina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting and Honolulu Police Department for supporting the Bill. She noted that she looks forward to codifying the Bill to further the interaction between both departments and having a final reading on the Bill.

Committee Report 92 was adopted and Bill 12, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-164 Testimony on Bill 12

THIRD READING
BILL 3 – COMMITTEE REPORT 66

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 66 be adopted and Bill 3 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 66 was adopted and Bill 3 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

THIRD READING
BILL 61 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 81

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WHEELIES.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 81 be adopted and Bill 61 (2024), CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-172) (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated that in conversations with parents and officers at neighborhood security watch and patrol meetings, it was acknowledged that a lot of the e-bikes are not actually e-bikes. She noted that the intent of the Bill is to cover all of reckless driving on two wheels and urged support and passage of the Bill.

Councilmember Weyer explained that the Bill is a tool which evolved from community conversations particularly with those involved in neighborhood security watch and who are working with law enforcement. He noted that while the Bill does not solve all of the e-bike issues, it has a broad definition to allow easy enforcement and a judicial process.

Committee Report 81 was adopted and Bill 61 (2024), CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-172 Testimony on Bill 61 (2024)

THIRD READING

BILL 1, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 82

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 82 be adopted and Bill 1, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Committee Report 82 was adopted and Bill 1, CD2 passed third reading, as amended

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-53 – COMMITTEE REPORT 70

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 70 and Resolution 25-53 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Major Ryan Hironaka, Honolulu Police Department (General comment)

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Major Hironaka stated that he did not have the specific amount that had been transferred between activities for the fiscal year.

Committee Report 70 and Resolution 25-53 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-56, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 71

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP TO DISCUSS AND EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 71 and Resolution 25-56, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Committee Report 71 and Resolution 25-56, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-180 Testimony on Resolution 25-56

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-61 – COMMITTEE REPORT 72

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS OWED TO THE CITY.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 72 and Resolution 25-61 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 72 and Resolution 25-61 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-165 Testimony on Resolution 25-61

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-70 – COMMITTEE REPORT 73

RESOLUTION 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.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 73 and Resolution 25-70 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 73 and Resolution 25-70 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-73, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 97

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,376,937 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A MORTGAGE LOAN TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO KOMOHALE WEST LOCH VENTURE LP, A HAWAI'I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR A MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; DETERMINING AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 97 and Resolution 25-73, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Kathleen Orlandi, Hawkins Delafield & Wood (M-173) (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Committee Report 97 and Resolution 25-73, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-173 Testimony on Resolution 25-73

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-74, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 98

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GROUND LEASE WITH KOMOHALE WEST LOCH VENTURE LP, TO DEVELOP AN AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT AT 91-1666 RENTON ROAD, 'EWA BEACH, O'AHU, HAWAI'I 96706, TAX MAP KEY NO: (1) 9-1-122:004.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 98 and Resolution 25-74, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 98 and Resolution 25-74, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-67, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 86

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT \$4,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE FRESH WATER INITIATIVE, HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR A STAFF MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE TO ATTEND THE 2025 ANNUAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN WASHINGTON D.C., MARCH 12-14, 2025.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 86 and Resolution 25-67, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 86 and Resolution 25-67, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-49, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 88

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLINGS WITH ATTACHED GARAGES AND A CARPORT, RETAINING WALLS, AND AN INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN HE'EIA, O'AHU.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Committee Report 88 and Resolution 25-49, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

In response to Councilmember Kia'aina, Director Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Department of Planning and Permitting, stated that under Chapter 18, Revised Ordinances of Hawaii, the Director or the Department has the discretion if there are certain extenuating circumstances to extend the permit review. She noted that she will continue to work with the applicant to move the project forward.

Committee Report 88 and Resolution 25-49, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'AINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-69, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE WAIAKOA AFFORDABLE AND MARKET-RATE HOUSING PROJECT IN KAKA'AKO, O'AHU.

Councilmember Kia'aina moved that Committee Report 89 and Resolution 25-69, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'aina shared the targeted group for the project is the workforce gap group which includes local families employed as teachers, flight attendants, fire fighters, police officers, nurses and other careers earning between 120 – 140 average median income. She recognized that there is a need for this type of workforce housing and believes

that the project provides an opportunity for local families to achieve home ownership on Oahu.

Committee Report 89 and Resolution 25-69, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-178 Testimony on Resolution 25-69

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-42 – COMMITTEE REPORT 93

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE UNLAWFUL GAMBLING ROOM PREVENTION AND REPORTING PROGRAMS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 93 and Resolution 25-42 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that the Resolution takes a proactive approach to develop programs focusing on education, financial literacy, offering accessible methods for residents to report gambling activities, and empowering the public to actively participate in addressing problems in the community. She noted that the intent is to help residents create safer and strong communities using the right tools and resources.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that the Resolution along with Bills 11 and 12 are part of a broader legislative effort to combat illegal game rooms that have brought crime and other harmful activities into communities. He highlighted past efforts by the City to address this problem since 2023 with Bills 57 and 58 as well as continuing efforts by the State Legislature. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam commended the Honolulu Police Department's efforts and hoped that codifying their enforcement tools through Bill 12 would be a positive step toward addressing the problem.

Committee Report 93 and Resolution 25-42 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-166 Testimony on Resolution 25-42

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-60 – COMMITTEE REPORT 94

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT FROM THE SALVATION ARMY HAWAIIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDS VALUED AT \$1,074.30, TO THE CITY, OF LUNCH AND DINNER MEALS PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER DURING THE JANUARY 30, 2025 STORM RESPONSE.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 94 and Resolution 25-60 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 94 and Resolution 25-60 were adopted.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM – 2.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-48, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 95

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AN O'AHU TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES REGENERATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, RESPECT FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND VALUES, THE INTEGRATION OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AND FORWARD-THINKING ECONOMIC STRATEGIES.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 95 and Resolution 25-48, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia'āina stated that the call for a strategic plan is not meant to hinder ongoing efforts but to ensure a clear approach to regenerative and sustainable tourism on Oahu. She noted that Oahu contributes significantly to tourism revenue and it would benefit the City to have its own strategic plan. Councilmember Kia'āina stated that if the measure passes, she will work closely with the Office of Economic Revitalization, the Department of Enterprise Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation. She urged passage of the Resolution and thanked Committee Chair Tulba for helping to move the project forward.

Committee Report 95 and Resolution 25-48, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communication:

M-158 Testimony on Resolution 25-48

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no balance of committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-66

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 TO THE CITY FROM SCENERY PRODUCTIONS, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT PÖKA'I BAY BEACH PARK.

Resolution 25-66 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Parks (CC-64).

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-66 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-66 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communication:

M-167 Testimony on Resolution 25-66

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 25-72, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF LODGING, AIRFARE, AND PER DIEM VALUED AT AN ESTIMATED \$2,976 TO THE CITY FROM THE UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION ("EAC") FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK'S ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND THE EAC STANDARDS BOARD MEETING IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 23-25, 2025.

Resolution 25-72 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-53).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-72, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-72 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-72 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-72 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Resolution 25-72, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-77

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO THE CITY FROM SCENERY PRODUCTIONS, INC. FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF PŌKA'I BAY BEACH PARK.

Resolution 25-77 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Parks (CC-63).

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-77 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-77 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-168 Testimony on Resolution 25-77

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-83

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF UP TO \$1,700 TO THE CITY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (“GAO”) FOR TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR ONE STAFF MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR TO ATTEND THE U.S. COMPTROLLER GENERAL’S ANNUAL DOMESTIC WORKING GROUP MEETING.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-83 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-83 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tulba welcomed Joshua Koh, Digital Media Manager, to his office.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m., Councilmember Weyer moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero and there being no objections from the 9 members present, it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED:

April 16, 2025
