



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

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD 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 Tyler Dos Santos-Tam at 10:02 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) (via videoconference), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Okimoto (non-voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

[10:02 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:05 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

FOR ACTION

[10:05 a.m.]

1. BILL 22 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 100

EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2026. Approving the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

[10:11 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[10:13 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-189) (General comment)

[10:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the meeting via videoconference.

[10:17 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[10:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the meeting via videoconference.

[10:22 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:58 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:01 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:08 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:09 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:13 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:28 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:29 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:30 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:36 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[12:25 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[12:37 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[1:06 p.m.]

Bill 22 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0273/4/9/2025 1:44 PM) 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.

Related communications:

CC-82	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
CC-83	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
CC-95	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
MM-33	Office of the Mayor
M-189	Testimony on Bill 22 (2025)

[1:08 p.m.]

2. BILL 23 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 101

EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2026. Approving the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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[1:14 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:28 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Denise Antolini (M-190) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

[1:32 p.m.]

Bill 23 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0274/4/9/2025 2:19 PM) 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.

Related communications:

CC-82	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
CC-83	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
CC-96	Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam
MM-33	Office of the Mayor
D-212	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-246	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-190	Testimony on Bill 23 (2025)

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam called for a recess at 1:33 p.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) (via videoconference), Kia'āina (voting member), Weyer (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (non-voting member) present, Committee Vice Chair Nishimoto reconvened the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

[2:18 p.m.]

3. BILL 26 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 103

HART OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2026. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

[2:19 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-191) (General comment)

[2:20 p.m.]

Bill 26 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

D-816(24) Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

D-41 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

M-191 Testimony on Bill 26 (2025)

[2:20 p.m.]

4. BILL 27 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 104

HART CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2026. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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[2:21 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

[2:21 p.m.]

Bill 27 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-816(24) Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
D-41 Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

[2:21 p.m.]

5. BILL 24 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 102

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. 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.

[2:21 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

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[2:23 p.m.]

Bill 24 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

MM-33 Office of the Mayor

[2:23 p.m.]

6. BILL 21 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 99

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2026. Approving the Legislative Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

[2:23 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-192) (General comment)

[2:25 p.m.]

Bill 21 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

M-192 Testimony on Bill 21 (2025)

[2:25 p.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 25-75 – COMMITTEE REPORT 105

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2026. Determining the respective rates at which real property in the various general classes in the City and County of Honolulu shall be taxed per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

[2:25 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-182) (Oppose)

[2:26 p.m.]

Resolution 25-75 reported out for scheduling of a public hearing and referral back to Committee thereafter.

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

Related communication:

M-182 Testimony on Resolution 25-75

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.