HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY, ECONOMY & HEALTH

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025
1:00 P.M.

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Committee on Housing, Sustainability, Economy & Health Agenda
Tuesday, April 29, 2025

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FOR ACTION

1. **CC-120 (2025) – DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION.** The Committee will take action on a draft committee report making recommendations to the Council on whether the ordinance establishing the Commission on Economic Revitalization should be retained, amended, or repealed.

   Related communication:

   MM-16 Reported submitted by the Commission on Economic Revitalization pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.

2. **BILL 28 (2025) – RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.** Amending provisions related to the collection and disposal of refuse in Section 42-1.12, subsection (a) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing 4/16/25)

3. **BILL 29 (2025) – RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** Amending provisions related to affordable housing in Section 8-10.33, subsection (a) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing 4/16/25)

   PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 29 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0341/4/22/2025 4:06 PM) makes the following amendments:

   A. In SECTION 2 of the bill, allows any exemptions granted pursuant to ROH Section 8-10.33 prior to the effective date of this ordinance to be extended by five years (from 10 years to 15 years).

   B. In SECTION 4 of the bill, clarifies that:

      1. The amendments made in SECTION 2 of the bill do not affect the repeal date of Ordinance 18-1; and

      2. Exemptions granted pursuant to ROH Section 8-10.33 prior to its repeal will remain in effect throughout the regulated period.

   C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

4. **BILL 31 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO PRE-CONSTRUCTION FINANCING FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.** Addressing affordable rental housing in the City and County of Honolulu by amending Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 to establish pre-construction subsidies. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 7/10/24)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 31 (2024), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0329/4/21/2025 3:14 PM) makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 2 of the bill:

1. Makes the use of the term "owner" consistent throughout the bill.

2. Adds the developer as being eligible to apply for the pre-construction subsidy program, and makes conforming amendments throughout the bill showing that the owner and developer have the same responsibilities and liabilities.

3. In ROH Section 32-5.2(b)(2), removes the provision providing that in any given fiscal year, no more than 50 percent of the moneys appropriated for post-construction grants and pre-construction subsidies may be used for pre-construction subsidies and corrects the reference for post-construction grants to Article 4 (instead of Article 5).

4. In ROH Section 32-5.2(c)(1), clarifies that a recipient of a pre-construction subsidy for an affordable rental housing project is not eligible to also receive a post-construction grant pursuant to Article 4 for the same project.

5. In ROH Section 32-5.2(c)(2), amends the pre-construction subsidy amount to be $50,000 per unit, regardless of the unit size.

6. In ROH Section 32-5.2(c)(4)(A), requires a current title report for the property to be included in the pre-construction subsidy application.

7. In ROH Section 32-5.2(c)(6), adds the developer as a party to the execution of the written pre-construction subsidy agreement.

8. Removes the language in ROH Section 32-5.2(c)(8), which required the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to pay the pre-construction subsidy by a certain deadline, and replaces it with language requiring all pre-construction subsidy awards to be subject to a pre-construction escrow agreement that contains, among other items, a provision for periodic disbursement of the subsidy pro rata in proportion to the percentage of the construction completed to the date of the disbursement.

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Committee may consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

MATT WEYER, Chair
Committee on Housing, Sustainability, Economy & Health