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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
6TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 10:42 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina (via video conferencing), Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Waters – 7.

Excused: Tupola, Weyer – 2.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Cordero welcomed members of the City Administration and neighbors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Minutes of the 5th Session be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-11 – COMMITTEE REPORT 137

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES H. E. IRELAND, M.D., TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 137 and Resolution 25-11 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individuals testified:

1. James H. E. Ireland, Director Designate (General comment)
2. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock (Support)
3. Sonya Austin (Support)
4. Eddie Fujioka (M-214) (Oppose)
5. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Okimoto stated that she would be voting with reservations and expressed that she was concerned about persistent issues that have remained unresolved within the Department. She reiterated her support for a unified public safety model merging Emergency Services and Fire Services to reduce duplication, improve coordination and streamline operations.

Committee Report 137 and Resolution 25-11 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-214 Testimony on Resolution 25-11

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION
COMMITTEE REPORT 125

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE OʻAHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 17-44.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 125 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 125 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 25-99

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA MARTELL TO SERVE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Linda Martell (General comment)

Chair Waters referred Resolution 25-99 to the Commiittee on International & Legal Affairs for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-219 Testimony on Resolution 25-99

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 25-102

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CRYSTAL VAN BEELEN TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Crystal van Beelen (General comment)

Chair Waters referred Resolution 25-102 to the Commiittee on Public Safety & Customer Services for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 25-103

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN UNO TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

John Uno (General comment)

Chair Waters referred Resolution 25-103 to the Commiittee on Zoning for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 25-104

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEN FUKUNAGA TO SERVE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Ken Fukunaga (General comment)

Chair Waters referred Resolution 25-104 to the Commiittee on International & Legal Affairs for further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 25-75 – COMMITTEE REPORT 105

RESOLUTION 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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 105 be adopted and Resolution 25-75 be referred back to the Committee on Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-234) (Oppose)

In response to Councilmember Weyer, Andy Kawano, Director of Budget and Fiscal Services confirmed that there were no changes to the real property tax rates from last year.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-112).

Committee Report 105 was adopted and Resolution 25-75 was referred back to the Committee on Budget.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-234 Testimony on Resolution 25-75

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-24, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 126

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLINGS WITH ATTACHED GARAGES IN LĀ'IE, O'AHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 126 and Resolution 25-24, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 126 and Resolution 25-24, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-80, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 129

RESOLUTION GRANTING AN AFTER-THE-FACT SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE RETENTION OF A PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE, POOL, POOL CABANA, POND, DRIVEWAY, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN LANIKAI, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 129 and Resolution 25-80, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 129 and Resolution 25-80, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-81 – COMMITTEE REPORT 130

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE NORTH SHORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AREA.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 130 and Resolution 25-81 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 130 and Resolution 25-81 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-222 Testimony on Resolution 25-81

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-82 – COMMITTEE REPORT 131

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE KOʻOLAU POKO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AREA.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 131 and Resolution 25-82 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young (Support)

Committee Report 131 and Resolution 25-82 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-91, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 132

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RESORT MASTER PLAN AREA, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOTEL TOWER, IN WAIKĪKĪ, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 132 and Resolution 25-91, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Rick Egged, Waikiki Improvement Association (M-228) (Support)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Committee Report 132 and Resolution 25-91, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-228 Testimony for Resolution 25-91

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-92, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 133

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-RESORT PROJECT TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE MASTER PLAN AREA, AND ALLOW FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOTEL TOWER, IN WAIKĪKĪ, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 133 and Resolution 25-92, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Rick Egged, Waikiki Improvement Association (M-218) (Support)

Committee Report 133 and Resolution 25-92, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-218 Testimony on Resolution 25-92

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-93, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 134

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-61, CD1, AS AMENDED BY MINOR MODIFICATION 2024/MOD-50, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO OBTAIN A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, DETACHED GARAGE, GYM, SWIMMING POOL, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN KĀHALA, O‘AHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 134 and Resolution 25-93, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 134 and Resolution 25-93, 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 25-95, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 135

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH A DETACHED GARAGE, POOL, POOL LOUNGE, POOL CABANA, CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT WALLS, AND ROLLING GATE IN KAILUA, O‘AHU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 135 and Resolution 25-95, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 135 and Resolution 25-95, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

FIRST READING
BILL 30

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 30 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Tim Ashcraft, Hawaii Credit Union League (M-239) (Oppose)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated that she has been working on the Bill, looking at various repealed provisions for real property tax and the different effects on the number of properties as well as exemptions and tax benefits. She noted that she will be making further amendments and looks forward to having a robust discussion if the Bill is heard in Committee.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam thanked Councilmember Cordero for her approach to looking at various real property tax exemptions. He noted that this is a good opportunity to review many of the real property tax exemptions which were set years ago and may no longer be applicable in today's context.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina commended Councilmember Cordero for her work on the Bill and noted that she believes there is abuse in certain categories especially the historic preservation category. She noted that she will be looking at amendments to the Bill and looks forward to dialogue at the Budget Committee as well as hopefully a Permitted Interaction Group.

Councilmember Weyer commended Councilmember Cordero for her work on the Bill and noted his vote with reservations after reviewing the testimonies that were received.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-114).

Bill 30 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO*, TULBA*, WEYER*, WATERS – 7.
NOES: OKIMOTO – 1.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmembers Nishimoto, Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-239 Testimony on Bill 30

FIRST READING
BILL 31

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 31 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 31 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

FIRST READING
BILL 32

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 32 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Bill 32 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

FIRST READING
BILL 33

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 33 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Bill 33 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-224 Testimony on Bill 33

FIRST READING
BILL 34

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 34 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Bill 34 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-225 Testimony on Bill 34

FIRST READING
BILL 35

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LEASE AND RENTAL OF CITY REAL PROPERTY.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 35 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Eliza Talbot, Economic Revitalization Commission (M-236) (Support)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that the Bill will be instrumental in transforming the Downtown-Chinatown area and help to reduce the empty store fronts in the area.

Bill 35 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-236 Testimony on Bill 35

FIRST READING
BILL 36

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 36 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

In response to Councilmember Okimoto, Andy Kawano, Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shared that currently there is approximately $175 to $180 million in the Fiscal Stability Fund and the funds have never been used.

Councilmember Okimoto expressed concern that the Bill shifts too much discretion away from the Council's oversight and raises the important question about the balance of fiscal authority between the Council and the executive branch.

Councilmember Weyer explained that the Bill ensures that the City can respond quickly to emergency situations. He stated that the Council received a communication on the loss of Federal funding and it was important to show the community that the situation is being taken seriously. Councilmember Weyer noted that the focus should be on presenting stability and support to the community.

Bill 36 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: OKIMOTO – 1.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

FIRST READING
BILL 37

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (HALEʻIWA QUADRANGLE) FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE HALEʻIWA SPECIAL DISTRICT, HALEʻIWA, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 37 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Weyer stated he would be voting with reservations and noted that he was aware of the concerns presented by the Neighborhood Board about the particular use for the property.

Bill 37 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, WEYER*, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmembers Cordero, Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-284 North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27
M-220 Testimony on Bill 37

FIRST READING
BILL 38

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO OCEAN SAFETY.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 38 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted the Bill makes conforming changes relating to the Department of Ocean Safety.

Bill 38 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-238 Testimony on Bill 38

FIRST READING
BILL 39

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 39 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-230) (Support)

Bill 39 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-230 Testimony on Bill 39

FIRST READING
BILL 40

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FEES, CHARGES, AND FINES.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 40 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that the Bill makes amendments to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) from Chapters 1 through 13. He explained that many of the fees have not been updated since the 1960s and are no longer applicable in today's context.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-113).

Bill 40 passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 60 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 106

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND CESSPOOLS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 106 be adopted and Bill 60 (2024), pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Karl Dicks (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-232) (Oppose)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-232) (Oppose)
4. Erwin Kawata, Deputy Manager, Board of Water Supply (D-283) (General comment)
5. Donald Sakamoto (M-232) (Oppose)
6. Roger Babcock, Director, Department of Environmental Services (General comment)

Councilmember Tulba stated that he shared similar concerns with the Administration and the public regarding the bond rating and would be voting with reservations.

Councilmember Okimoto noted that she would be voting with reservations.

In response to Councilmembers, Roger Babcock, Director, Department of Environmental Services (ENV) noted:

- ENV proposed additional and new potential rate schedules for consideration and discussion at the next Budget meeting scheduled on April 29, 2025.
- ENV proposed a 10-year rate package beginning on July 1st for Fiscal Year 2026 out through 2035 with flexibility to adjust when the rate increase will start and the percentage of increases each year to meet revenue requirements that include operation and maintenance, debt service and capital funding.
- The rate increase needs to be approved for Fiscal Year 2026.
- The rate package proposes an even rate increase over the years instead of following project requirements where rate increases are inconsistent and vary annually.
- Currently, ENV has over 300 vacant positions which accounts for a large portion of the funds that lapsed from 2019 to 2024.
- Operations and maintenance costs are estimated conservatively and budgeted annually to ensure that funds remain at the end of the fiscal year. The funds remain in the Sewer Fund and is available for future use.
- Revisions were made to the rate projections and ENV's operation and maintenance program budgets were reduced by 10 percent to eliminate any potential lapse in funding for the next 10 years.
- The rate package includes a 115 percent overall increase. Rates include a base charge and a volumetric charge. Customers who use less water will see as little as a 70 percent increase while customers who use more water will see much higher increases.
- When capital project funds lapse, it means the funds were appropriated but not encumbered. The money was not able to be spent because the project did not move forward due to contract delays, protests or other reasons.

- ENV would need to check with the Bond Council and do more evaluation on the feasibility of implementing a rebate program.

Council Chair Waters stated that the CD1 amendment for the Bill lowers the fee increase from the original 10 percent to 4 percent for the next ten years. He urged the Administration and members of the Council to find existing funds to offset the high rates that will be implemented. Council Chair Waters noted that upon final passage of the Bill, the Board of Water Supply would need sufficient time to retool their billing.

Committee Report 106 was adopted and Bill 60 (2024), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA*, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmembers Okimoto and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-283 Board of Water Supply
M-232 Testimony on Bill 60 (2024)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 2, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 107

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 107 be adopted and Bill 2, pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 107 was adopted and Bill 2, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-227 Testimony on Bill 2

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 21 – COMMITTEE REPORT 99

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

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 99 be adopted and Bill 21 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

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

Committee Report 99 was adopted and Bill 21 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-241 Testimony on Bill 21

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 22, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 100

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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 100 be adopted and Bill 22, pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Karl Dicks (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-231) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
4. Angela Melody Young (Support)

Councilmember Cordero suggested that in addition to positions and line items, consideration should be given to remove funding from specific activities as amendments are proposed for different departments and agencies.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated his understanding that many Departments have been working hard to fill long-term vacant positions and explained that it is not the intent of the Budget Committee to eliminate positions that are currently filled or in the process of being filled. He noted that the CD2 will continue to look at vacancies as well as other opportunities to ensure City funds are actually being spent effectively.

Committee Report 100 was adopted and Bill 22, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-231 Testimony on Bill 22

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 23, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 101

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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 101 be adopted and Bill 23, pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Karl Dicks (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Shelby Billionaire (Support)
4. Angela Melody Young (Support)
5. Denise Antolini (M-221) (Support)

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Ted Hayden, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, stated that he will follow-up and provide a response regarding the proposed allocation of $300,000 per Council District for Parks projects.

Committee Report 101 was adopted and Bill 23, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-221 Testimony on Bill 23

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 24 – COMMITTEE REPORT 102

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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 102 be adopted and Bill 24 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Karl Dicks (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (Support)

Committee Report 102 was adopted and Bill 24 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 26 – COMMITTEE REPORT 103

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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 103 be adopted and Bill 26 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Karl Dicks (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-229) (Oppose)
3. Charmane Valerio (Oppose)
4. Donald Sakamoto (General comment)
5. Angela Melody Young (Support)

Committee Report 103 was adopted and Bill 26 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-229 Testimony on Bill 26

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 27 – COMMITTEE REPORT 104

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 Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 104 be adopted and Bill 27 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 104 was adopted and Bill 27 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 28 – COMMITTEE REPORT 114

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

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 114 be adopted and Bill 28 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

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

Committee Report 114 was adopted and Bill 28 passed second reading.

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

Related communication:

M-215 Testimony on Bill 28

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 29 – COMMITTEE REPORT 115

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 115 be adopted and Bill 29 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-216) (Support)
2. Andrew Pereira, Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) (M-216) (Support)

Committee Report 115 was adopted and Bill 29 passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO*, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

*Councilmember Nishimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-216 Testimony on Bill 29

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 13, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 136

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 136 be adopted and Bill 13, pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 136 was adopted and Bill 13, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

THIRD READING
BILL 14 – COMMITTEE REPORT 112

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

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 112 be adopted and Bill 14 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 112 was adopted and Bill 14 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-223 Testimony on Bill 14

THIRD READING
BILL 18, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 113

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLASTIC.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 113 be adopted and Bill 18, pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Deborah King (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
3. Nancie Caraway (M-217) (Support)
4. Donald Sakamoto (M-217) (Oppose)
5. Alison Kaʻōlinokaimana Yasuoka (M-217) (Support)
6. Angela Melody Young, CARES (M-217) (Support)
7. Gavan Abe, Hoʻopono Services for the Blind, State Department of Human Services (General comment)

Councilmember Tulba stated he appreciates the intent of the Bill and would be voting in opposition. He noted that he is not convinced that such efforts will result in waste reduction and improve recycling.

Councilmember Okimoto stated that she recognizes the environmental concerns motivating the Bill and expressed her opposition. She noted that implementation of the ban could inadvertently signal that Honolulu is an increasingly difficult place to do business and contribute to a growing perception of regulatory overreach that can stifle entrepreneurship and economic growth. Councilmember Okimoto suggested pursuing comprehensive strategies to reduce plastic waste by collaborating with businesses, investing in recycling infrastructure and having robust public education campaigns.

Councilmember Weyer thanked all the students from Holomua Elementary School and other schools in his District for leading the conversation with open minds and bringing forth good ideas.

Councilmember Cordero stated her support for the Bill and shared that students in her District are also very supportive of the Bill.

Committee Report 113 was adopted and Bill 18, CD1 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, WEYER, WATERS – 5.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-217 Testimony on Bill 18

THIRD READING
BILL 24 (2024), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 119

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE REVISED PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 119 and the Findings of Fact be adopted and Bill 24 (2024), CD1, pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-226) (Support)
2. Kehaulani Lum, Aliʻi Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club (M-226) (Support)
3. Alison Kaʻōlinokaimana Yasuoka (M-226) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero thanked Councilmember Kiaʻāina, the former Planning Committee Chair, for hosting Committee hearings in communities spanning five Council Districts so that informed discussions could take place as the Committee deliberated over the Primary Urban Center Development Plan. She also thanked Councilmembers for working with their communities to make meaningful amendments and the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for their hard work to produce the guiding document.

Council Chair Waters thanked DPP for all the hard work that went into producing the guiding document. He also thanked both the former and current Chairs of the Planning Committee, Councilmembers Kiaʻāina and Cordero, for listening and including amendments proposed by the community.

Committee Report 119 and the Findings of Fact were adopted and Bill 24 (2024), CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-226 Testimony on Bill 24 (2024)

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 1:28 p.m., the Chair called for a recess as noted on the agenda. With 7 members present (Excused: Kia‘āina, Tupola – 2), the Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-62, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 108

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU’S 2026 – 2030 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, INCLUDING THE THIRTY-FIRST (31ST) YEAR ACTION PLAN, FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS, AND HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-62, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 108 and Resolution 25-62 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Resolution 25-62 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-62 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Committee Report 108 and Resolution 25-62, FD1 were adopted.

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

Related communications:

D-278 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-286 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-84 – COMMITTEE REPORT 109

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 109 and Resolution 25-84 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 109 and Resolution 25-84 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-87 – COMMITTEE REPORT 110

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 110 and Resolution 25-87 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 110 and Resolution 25-87 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-90 – COMMITTEE REPORT 111

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 111 and Resolution 25-90 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 111 and Resolution 25-90 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-64 – COMMITTEE REPORT 116

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TREES, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES VALUED AT $4,471 TO THE CITY FROM THE OUTDOOR CIRCLE LANI KAILUA BRANCH FOR THE KEOLU DRIVE TREE PLANTING PROJECT.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 116 and Resolution 25-64 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 116 and Resolution 25-64 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-65 – COMMITTEE REPORT 117

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A PARAGON CERAMIC KILN VALUED AT $8,650 TO THE CITY FROM KOKO HEAD POTTERS FOR KOKO HEAD DISTRICT PARK.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 117 and Resolution 25-65 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 117 and Resolution 25-65 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-89, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 118

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A SITE MARKER VALUED AT $5,692 TO THE CITY FROM LEI PUA ʻALA QUEER HISTORIES OF HAWAIʻI FOR INSTALLATION AT QUEEN'S SURF BEACH IN WAIKĪKĪ.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 118 and Resolution 25-89, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 118 and Resolution 25-89, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

At this juncture, with no objections from the 7 members present (Excused: Kiaʻāina, Tupola – 2), Chair Waters considered Resolution 25-94 from page 32 of the agenda.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-94, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $5,000, TO THE CITY FROM THALES DIS USA, INC. FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES TO ATTEND THE DRIVER LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD DESIGN COLOR APPROVAL IN GDANSK, POLAND FROM MAY 3-10, 2025.

Resolution 25-94 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services (CC-100).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-94, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-94 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-94 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Michael Formby, Managing Director (General comment)
2. Kimberly Hashiro, Director, Department of Customer Services (General comment)

Resolution 25-94 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Resolution 25-94, FD1 was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-237 Testimony on Resolution 25-94

The Chair returned to the agenda order.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-51 – COMMITTEE REPORT 120

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 120 and Resolution 25-51 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 120 and Resolution 25-51 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-242 Testimony on Resolution 25-51

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-98, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 121

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH BANGKOK, THAILAND.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 121 and Resolution 25-98, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 121 and Resolution 25-98, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-233 Testimony on Resolution 25-98

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-106 – COMMITTEE REPORT 122

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONTRACT NO. SC-COR-2200087 FOR SERVICES OF KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING DEFENDANTS HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION, JACOB FEARS, AND CATHERINE FONTAINE IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED SCARLET HONOLULU, INC., ET AL. V. HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION, ET AL., CASE NO. CV 21-00457 KJM (USDC).

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 122 and Resolution 25-106 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 122 and Resolution 25-106 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-76, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 138

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENCY-SPECIFIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 138 and Resolution 25-76, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 138 and Resolution 25-76, CD1 as amended were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-240 Testimony on Resolution 25-76

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ILACR-123 Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Lisa Ann Daguro v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. 1CCV-20-0001475 LWC (Cir. Ct.).

ILACR-124	Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Alan B. Bryant v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., CIVIL NO. 1CCV-23-0001432 LWC (Cir. Ct.).
ZONCR-127	Granting a 90-day extension of time for Resolution 25-68 – Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling, after-the-fact posting of a second single-family dwelling, installation of an individual wastewater system, and construction of perimeter fencing and gates in Pūpūkea-Paumalū, Oʻahu. (Applicants: Donna and Jude Baker) (Deadline: 4/25/25 + 90 days)
ZONCR-128	Granting a 90-day extension of time for Resolution 25-78 – Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to allow the construction of physical improvements and the implementation of a strategic management plan at the Kaʻiwa Ridge Trail in Lanikai, Oʻahu. (Applicant: State of Hawaiʻi, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife) (Deadline: 5/3/25 + 90 days)

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Balance of Committee Reports, as listed above, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-79

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $10,375 TO THE CITY FROM THE 200 CLUB TO FUND THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S (HFD) 2025 MANAGER AND EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON.

Resolution 25-79 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services (CC-98).

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-79 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Okimoto stated for the record that she filed a Disclosure of Interest Statement with the City Clerk's Office (CC-115).

Resolution 25-79 was adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-235 Testimony on Resolution 25-79

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-85

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $10,625 TO THE CITY FROM THE 200 CLUB FOR THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HONOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERSONNEL DURING THE 2025 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.

Resolution 25-85 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services (CC-99).

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-85 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-85 was adopted.

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

(Note: Earlier in the meting, Resolution 25-94, FD1 was adopted. See page 30.)

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-97

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, MEALS AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY $5,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS FOR TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE COORDINATORS AND IT MANAGERS MEETING IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM MAY 6-8, 2025.

Resolution 25-97 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Innovation, Technology & Entertainment (CC-94).

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-97 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-97 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-112

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO ALUMINUM COATED SIGNS VALUED AT $2,453.66 TO THE CITY FROM MĀLAMA KĪPUKA HAWAIʻI FOR INSTALLATION AT CARTWRIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN MAKIKI.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-112 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-112 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-113

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-113 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-113 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-114

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $1,685 TO THE CITY FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY FOR A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL'S INAUGURAL STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER EXPO AND FORUM PROGRAM IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS FROM APRIL 17-18, 2025.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-114 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-114 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-115

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-115 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-115 was adopted.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Chair Waters wished Councilmember Cordero a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:34 p.m., Councilmember Weyer moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero and there being no objections from the 7 members present (Excused: Kiaʻāina, Tupola – 2), it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



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