



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025
9:00 A.M.

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Committee on Budget Agenda
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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FOR ACTION

1. **BILL 60 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND CESSPOOLS.** Amending portions of Chapter 43, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), by: (1) amending ROH Section 43-6.2 to include Accessory Dwelling Units in the "Residential" sewer service charge customer classification; (2) amending ROH Section 43-6.6 to remove all provisions related to nonresidential strength surcharges and replace it with provisions on wastewater disposal charges for waste haulers; (3) amending Appendix 43-A to include new sewer service charges and wastewater disposal charges, and to remove extra strength wastewater charges as well as a second customer category; (4) amending ROH Section 43-10.3 to include Accessory Dwelling Units; (5) amending ROH Section 43-10.4 to remove references to wastewater strength; and (6) amending Appendix 43-C to include new Wastewater System Facility Charges. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 4/16/25)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 60 (2024), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0436/5/21/2025 3:43 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 5 of the bill, which amends ROH APPENDIX 43-A ("SEWER SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULES"):
 - (1) Amends the tables for Residential Sewer Service Charges, Nonresidential Sewer Service Charges, and Wastewater Disposal Charges to specify the amounts for these charges beginning January 1, 2026 and for fiscal years 2027 through 2035.
 - (2) Adds new language at the end of the tables:
 - (a) To provide that, for fiscal year 2036 and every fiscal year thereafter, each of the sewer service charges in the appendix will increase by three percent annually, effective July 1 of each fiscal year; and
 - (b) To establish a customer assistance program within the Department of Environmental Services to provide relief to certain households paying residential sewer charges.
- B. In SECTION 6 of the bill, separates accessory dwelling units ("ADUs") into its own category.

- C. In SECTION 8 of the bill, which amends ROH APPENDIX 43-C ("WASTEWATER SYSTEM FACILITY CHARGES"):
 - (1) Amends the tables for Residential Wastewater System Facility Charges, Low-income Housing Wastewater System Facility Charges, and Nonresidential Wastewater System Facility Charges for Domestic Strength Wastewater to specify the amounts for these charges beginning January 1, 2026 and for fiscal years 2027 through 2031; and
 - (2) Adds new language at the end of the tables to provide that for fiscal year 2032 and every fiscal year thereafter, each of the charges in the appendix will increase by three percent annually, effective July 1 of each fiscal year.
- D. Adds a new SECTION 9 of the bill to repeal SECTIONS 99 through 102 of Ordinance 25-2. Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.
- E. In renumbered SECTION 11 of the bill, changes the effective date to October 1, 2025; provided that SECTION 9 takes effect upon approval.
- F. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive changes.

[PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 60 \(2024\), CD1](#) (Submitted by Council Chair Waters)
– The CD2 (OCS2025-0427/5/21/2025 2:54 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 5 of the bill, which amends ROH APPENDIX 43-A ("SEWER SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULES"), amends the tables for Residential Sewer Service Charges and Nonresidential Sewer Service Charges to specify the amounts for these charges beginning January 1, 2026 and for subsequent fiscal years.
- B. Adds a new SECTION 9 of the bill to repeal SECTIONS 99 through 102 of Ordinance 25-2. Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.
- C. In renumbered SECTION 11 of the bill, changes the effective date to January 1, 2026; provided that SECTION 9 takes effect upon approval.
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive changes.

Related communication:

D-346 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, submitting additional information on Bill 60 (2024), CD1.

2. **BILL 40 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO FEES, CHARGES, AND FINES.**
Addressing fees, charges, and fines. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 5/14/25)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 40 (2025), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0386/5/20/2025 3:42 PM) makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 4 of the bill:

1. Amends the proposed fee to obtain a medical examiner's report or autopsy report from \$50 to \$75. This applies to requestors who are seeking reports from cases created prior to January 1, 1998 (designated next-of-kin and certain specified agencies are not charged for the first copy of the report requested).
2. Adds "redaction" as one of the services covered by the searches of real property tax records fee and amended ROH § 6-11.1(m) to read, "Searches, typing, and redaction of real property tax records" to distinguish between the various services offered.

B. In SECTION 5 of the bill, amends the entirety of ROH Chapter 6, Article 20 (instead of only ROH § 6-20.2) as follows:

1. Throughout the article, amends all references to the "highway beautification, and disposal of abandoned vehicles revolving fund" to the "highway beautification, abandoned vehicle, and tourism-related traffic congestion revolving fund" in order to conform with language in HRS § 286-51.

2. Amends ROH § 6-20.2 as follows:
 - a. Specifies that the fee will be \$10 for all motor vehicles (instead of \$1 for U-drive motor vehicles and \$10 for motor vehicles other than U-drive motor vehicles). This conforms to the fee permitted under HRS § 286-51.
 - b. Adds "Activities to mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion" to the list of purposes for which fund moneys may be expended.
- C. Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2026 for SECTIONS 8 and 9 of the bill, which relate to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and an effective date of January 1, 2026 for the remainder of the bill (instead of an effective date of January 1, 2026 for the entire bill).
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communication:

[CC-113](#) Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto.

3. [**BILL 36 \(2025\)**](#) – **RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY**. Addressing economic and revenue downturns and emergency situations. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 5/14/25)

[PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 36 \(2025\)](#) (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0421/5/20/2025 4:12 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 4 of the bill, amends the repeal date of the amendments made to ROH § 6-56.2 from January 21, 2029 to January 1, 2029.
 - B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
4. [**BILL 18 \(2024\), CD1**](#) – **RELATING TO POUNDMASTERS**. Removing ordinances relating to poundmasters. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 5/14/25)

5. **BILL 11 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.**
Providing for the strict regulation of electronic amusement devices to protect public health, safety, and welfare. (Consecutive referral: PS, BUD; Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 3/19/25)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 11 (2025), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola)
– The CD2 (OCS2025-0234/3/25/2025 9:58 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the findings portion of SECTION 1 of the bill to distinguish between lawful video amusement devices and unlawful gambling video amusement devices.
- B. Amends SECTION 2 of the bill by amending the proposed ROH Section 34-___.1 as follows:
 - 1. Clarifies the definition of "Available to the Public."
 - 2. Adds "Police Chief" as an alternate term for "Chief of Police" as both terms are used throughout the bill.
 - 3. Removes the defined term "Law Enforcement Officer."
- C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communication:

CR-91 Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services, recommending that Bill 11 (2025), CD1 be referred to and accepted by the Committee on Budget for further consideration pursuant to its consecutive referral.

6. [**BILL 12 \(2025\), CD1**](#) – **RELATING TO GAMBLING.** Addressing public nuisances relating to gambling activities throughout the City and County of Honolulu. (Consecutive referral: PS, BUD; Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 3/19/25)

Related communication:

[**CR-92**](#) Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services, recommending that Bill 12 (2025), CD1 be referred to and accepted by the Committee on Budget for further consideration pursuant to its consecutive referral.

7. [**BILL 41 \(2025\)**](#) – **RELATING TO PERMIT FEES.** Repealing certain outdated, obsolete, or unnecessary provisions relating to waivers of permit fees for businesses that create new jobs. (Bill passed first reading 5/14/25)
8. [**BILL 31 \(2025\), CD1**](#) – **RELATING TO THE TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND.** Addressing the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 5/14/25)
9. [**RESOLUTION 25-100**](#) – **APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CUNDIFF TO SERVE ON THE LIQUOR COMMISSION.** Confirming the appointment of Robert Cundiff to serve on the Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. (Transmitted by Communication [**MM-48**](#); public hearing held 5/14/25)
10. [**RESOLUTION 25-136**](#) – **TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HESD).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$37,452.32 from the Honolulu Emergency Services Department (“HESD”), Administration activity (current expenses character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the HESD, Health Services Branch activity (current expenses COE) for the fiscal year 2025 to cover the first year of development and implementation of a new electronic medical records system. (Transmitted by Communication [**D-317**](#))

11. **RESOLUTION 25-146 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD).** Authorizing a transfer of \$13,500,000 in General Fund monies from the Special Field Operations, Support Services, and Administrative Services activities (salaries character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Patrol activity (salaries COE) for Fiscal Year 2025 to cover salary shortages. (Transmitted by Communication [D-348](#))

12. **RESOLUTION 25-159 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD).** Authorizing a transfer of \$22,000 in General Fund monies from the Honolulu Police Department (“HPD”), Special Field Operations activity (current expense character of expenditure (“COE”)) to HPD Special Field Operations activity (equipment COE) for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase night vision scopes for the Specialized Services Division’s Special Weapons and Tactics Team that will increase the safety and security of the City and County of Honolulu. (Transmitted by Communication [D-377](#))

13. **RESOLUTION 25-137 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR BARGAINING UNITS 1 AND 10 (UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS).** Approving the cost items for the Bargaining Units 1 and 10 Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Employer and the United Public Workers, for the period from July 1, 2025, to and including June 30, 2029, for included employees in Bargaining Units 1 and 10 of the City and County of Honolulu. (Transmitted by Communication [MM-76](#))

14. **RESOLUTION 25-138 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR BARGAINING UNITS 2, 3, 4, AND 13 (HAWAI’I GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION).** Approving the cost items for the Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4, and 13 Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Employer and the Hawai’i Government Employees Association, for the period from July 1, 2025, to and including June 30, 2029, for included employees in Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4, and 13 of the City and County of Honolulu. (Transmitted by Communication [MM-78](#))

15. **RESOLUTION 25-150 – GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.** Authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to issue and sell in one or more series not to exceed \$11,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City and County of Honolulu for financing the amount appropriated in Ordinance No. 25-__ (also referred to, upon its approval, as Bill 23 (2025), and as may be further amended) of the City and County of Honolulu for the purpose of financing capital costs of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. (Transmitted by Communication [D-350](#))

16. **RESOLUTION 25-151 – GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.** Authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to issue and sell in one or more series not to exceed \$725,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City and County of Honolulu for financing the amounts appropriated in certain Capital Budget Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu specified in such Capital Budget Ordinances. (Transmitted by Communication [D-355](#))

17. **RESOLUTION 25-156 – REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISES.** Approving a one-time compromise of \$95,684.48 in outstanding penalties and interest owed by Kupu for the tax years beginning July 1, 2017, through August 31, 2025. (Transmitted by Communication [D-353](#))

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.

TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM, Chair
Committee on Budget