



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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Tyler Dos Santos-Tam at 9:03 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Okimoto (non-voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:03 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'aina and Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[9:05 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:05 a.m.]

At this juncture, with no objections, the Committee Chair took up Agenda Item No. 9, Resolution 25-100 out of order.

[9:05 a.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 25-100 – COMMITTEE REPORT 198

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.

[9:12 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:13 a.m.]

Resolution 25-100 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-48 Office of the Mayor

[9:13 a.m.]

At this juncture, Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam returned to Agenda Item No. 1, Bill 60 (2024), CD1.

[9:13 a.m.]

1. BILL 60 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 191

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

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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.

[9:20 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Roger Babcock, Director, Department of Environmental Services to provide a brief presentation of the proposed sewer fee increase to the Committee. (D-394)

[10:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:21 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:29 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (M-287) (General comment)
2. Frank Doyle (M-287) (General comment)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-287) (Support)
4. Robert Gould (M-287) (General comment)

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[11:11 a.m.]

Bill 60 (2024), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0459/5/28/2025 12:49 PM).

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO*, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

*Councilmembers Cordero and Nishimoto voted aye with reservations.

[11:12 a.m.]

Bill 60 (2024), CD2 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO*, WEYER – 4.
NOES: CORDERO – 1.

*Councilmember Nishimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-346 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-287 Testimony on Bill 60 (2024)

[11:13 a.m.]

2. BILL 40 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 196

RELATING TO FEES, CHARGES, AND FINES. Addressing fees, charges, and fines.

[11:14 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:14 a.m.]

Bill 40 (2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0386/5/20/2025 3:42 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

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Related communication:

CC-113 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto

[11:15 a.m.]

3. BILL 36 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 195

RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY. Addressing economic and revenue downturns and emergency situations.

[11:17 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[11:20 a.m.]

Bill 36 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0458/5/29/2025 9:33 AM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

[11:21 a.m.]

Bill 36 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO*, WEYER – 4.
NOES: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

*Councilmember Nishimoto voted aye with reservations.

[11:21 a.m.]

4. BILL 18 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 190

RELATING TO POUNDMASTERS. Removing ordinances relating to poundmasters.

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[11:22 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, ROAR (Support)

[11:22 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters and Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:24 a.m.]

Bill 18 (2024), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

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

[11:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:24 a.m.]

5. BILL 11 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 192

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES. Providing for the strict regulation of electronic amusement devices to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

[11:26 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-294) (General comment)
2. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[11:26 a.m.]

Councilmembers Cordero and Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:29 a.m.]

Bill 11(2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0234/3/25/2025 9:58 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-294 Testimony on Bill 11 (2025)

[11:30 a.m.]

6. BILL 12 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 193

RELATING TO GAMBLING. Addressing public nuisances relating to gambling activities throughout the City and County of Honolulu.

[11:30 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:32 a.m.]

Bill 12 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

[11:32 a.m.]

7. BILL 41 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 197

RELATING TO PERMIT FEES. Repealing certain outdated, obsolete, or unnecessary provisions relating to waivers of permit fees for businesses that create new jobs.

[11:33 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[11:33 a.m.]

Bill 41 (2025) 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.

[11:33 a.m.]

8. BILL 31 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 194

RELATING TO THE TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND. Addressing the Transit Construction Mitigation Fund.

[11:34 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[11:35 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[11:36 a.m.]

Bill 31 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Agenda Item No. 9 was taken up earlier in the meeting. (See Page 2)

[11:36 a.m.]

10. RESOLUTION 25-136 – COMMITTEE REPORT 199

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.

[11:39 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:39 a.m.]

Resolution 25-136 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA’ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-317 Honolulu Emergency Services Department

[11:39 a.m.]

11. RESOLUTION 25-146 – COMMITTEE REPORT 202

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.

[11:52 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[11:53 a.m.]

Resolution 25-146 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM*, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: CORDERO – 1.

*Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

D-348 Honolulu Police Department

[11:53 a.m.]

12. RESOLUTION 25-159 – COMMITTEE REPORT 206

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.

[11:55 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[11:56 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:56 a.m.]

Resolution 25-159 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

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Related communication:

D-377 Honolulu Police Department

[11:57 a.m.]

13. RESOLUTION 25-137 – COMMITTEE REPORT 200

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.

[11:58 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:58 a.m.]

Resolution 25-137 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-76 Office of the Mayor

[11:58 a.m.]

14. RESOLUTION 25-138 – COMMITTEE REPORT 201

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.

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[11:59 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:59 a.m.]

Resolution 25-138 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-78 Office of the Mayor
M-290 Testimony on Resolution 25-138

[11:59 a.m.]

15. RESOLUTION 25-150 – COMMITTEE REPORT 203

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.

[12:00 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[12:01 p.m.]

Resolution 25-150 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

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Related communication:

D-350 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[12:01 p.m.]

16. RESOLUTION 25-151 – COMMITTEE REPORT 204

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.

[12:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[12:02 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[12:02 p.m.]

Resolution 25-151 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-355 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[12:02 p.m.]

17. RESOLUTION 25-156 – COMMITTEE REPORT 205

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.

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[12:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[12:05 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Matthew Bauer, Chief Operating Officer, Kupu (General comment)
2. Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[12:06 p.m.]

Resolution 25-156 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

Related communications:

D-353	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-295	Testimony on Resolution 25-156

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.