REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:
Val A. Okimoto, Chair; Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair;
Esther Kia'āina, Augie Tulba, Tommy Waters

Committee Meeting Held
July 22, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Bill 49 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION,"

introduced on June 27, 2025, and which passed first reading at the July 9, 2025 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to amend provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption for taxpayers who are 65 years of age or over.

Andrew T. Kawano, Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, provided comments on the resolution.

At your Committee's meeting on July 22, 2025, two individuals testified in support of the resolution, and one individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the resolution from Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i and one individual.

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Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 49 (2025) and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Nishimoto, Okimoto, Waters – 3; Aye with reservations: Tulba – 1; Noes: None; Absent: Kia'āina –1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto

Committee Chair

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