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 Resolution 25-204 entitled:

"RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 115 (2025), dated July 15, 2025, from the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and introduced on July 16, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is to authorize a transfer of $6,985,000 in Climate Resiliency Fund monies, Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities activity (current expense ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the following activities and characters of expenditure: $3,150,000 to the Department of Facility Maintenance ("DFM"), Storm Water Quality activity (CE COE) to conduct two storm water planning studies; $1,500,000 to the Department of Design and Construction ("DDC"), Administration activity (CE COE) to support implementation of the Climate Change Design Guidelines; $500,000 to the Department of the Managing Director ("MDO"), Office of Economic Revitalization activity (CE COE) to support implementation of the Global Mayors Challenge; $750,000 to the MDO, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency activity (CE COE) to develop energy audits for City-owned housing projects and implement the Climate Champions Program; $60,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), Recreation Services activity (CE COE) to develop climate change-related programming for the 2026 Summer Fun Program; exceed $25,000 to the DPR, Maintenance Support Services activity (equipment ("E") COE) to pilot water refill stations at City park sites; and $1,000,000 to the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS"), Transportation Mobility activity (CE COE) to expand Biki options for transit commuters.

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Benjamin Sullivan, Executive Director and Chief Resilience Officer, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("OCCSR"), DFM Director and Chief Engineer Gene Albano, and DFM Program Administrator, Storm Water Quality Division, Randall Wakumoto provided comments on the resolution and answered questions from the Committee.

At your Committee's meeting on July 22, 2025, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Bicycling League, and one individual testified in support of the resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the resolution from Trees for Honolulu's Future and one individual.

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed hand carried CD1 version of the resolution (OCS2025-0602/7/21/2015 2:58 PM), which makes the following amendments:

A. Clarifies that the cumulative transfer of $6,985,000 in Climate Resiliency Fund monies to the various departments and agencies will be from the Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities activity (CE COE).

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, amends the justification for the transfer of funds to the DFM to state that the transfer is "required to conduct a storm water planning study" (rather than "two storm water planning studies") and amends the proposed transfer amount to an amount not to exceed $2,400,000 (from $3,150,000).

C. Adds a new fifth WHEREAS clause to provide that a transfer not to exceed $750,000 to the DFM, Storm Water Quality activity, is required to remove mangroves from the City-managed portions of Ka'elepulu Stream.

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D. In the now tenth WHEREAS clause, corrects the department name to "Office of the Managing Director" (from "Department of the Managing Director").

E. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-204, as amended herein (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Waters - 4; Noes: Tulba – 1.), and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 25-204, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, – 3; Aye with reservations: Waters – 1; Noes: Tulba – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto
Committee Chair

At the 9/3/25 Council meeting, the Resolution was further amended and was subsequently adopted as Resolution 25-204, CD1, FD1.

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RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 2-17.2(c)(1), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), requires that the City Council ("Council") approve by resolution any transfer of funds between activities whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to an activity totals in excess of $100,000 or 10 percent of the amount appropriated for that activity in the executive operating budget ordinance, as it may be amended, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 2-17.2(c)(2) requires that the Council approve by resolution any transfer of funds between characters of expenditure within the same activity whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to a character of expenditure exceeds the lesser of: (a) $100,000; or (b) the greater of: (i) 10 percent of the appropriation for either the originating or receiving character of expenditure; or (ii) $10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("OCCSR") has requested the cumulative transfer of $6,985,000 in Climate Resiliency Fund monies from the Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities activity (Current Expenses ["CE"] character of expenditure) for the Fiscal Year 2026 to various activities within several different departments to implement climate-related projects that promote community resilience, environmental planning, green infrastructure, and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $2,400,000 to the Department of Facility Maintenance ("DFM"), Storm Water Quality activity, is required to conduct a storm water planning study; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $750,000 to the DFM, Storm Water Quality activity, is required to remove mangroves from the City-managed portions of Ka'elepulu Stream; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $1,500,000 to the Department of Design and Construction ("DDC"), Administration activity, is required to support implementation of the Climate Change Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $1,000,000 to the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS"), Transportation Mobility activity, is required to expand Biki options for transit commuters; and

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WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $60,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), Recreation Services activity, is required to develop climate change-related programming for the 2026 Summer Fun Program; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $25,000 to the DPR, Maintenance Support Services activity, is required to pilot water refill stations at City park sites; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $500,000 to the Office of the Managing Director ("MDO"), Office of Economic Revitalization activity, is required to support implementation of the Global Mayors Challenge; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed $750,000 to the MDO, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency activity, is required to develop energy audits for City-owned housing projects and implement the Climate Champions Program; and

WHEREAS, these transfers are necessary to enhance the resiliency of the City to climate change impacts and finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational efforts related to experienced and anticipated effects of climate change; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that $6,985,000 in Climate Resiliency Fund ("CR") monies be transferred between the following activities and characters of expenditure:

From	To	Amount	Fund
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DFM – Storm Water Quality (CE)	$2,400,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DFM – Storm Water Quality (CE)	$750,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DDC – Administration (CE)	$1,500,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DTS – Transportation Mobility (CE)	$1,000,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DPR – Recreation Services (CE)	$60,000	CR

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From	To	Amount	Fund
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	DPR – Maintenance Support Services (Equipment)	$25,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	MDO – Office of Economic Revitalization (CE)	$500,000	CR
Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities (CE)	MDO – Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CE)	$750,000	CR

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

July 16, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Transfer of Funds; Provision for Climate Resiliency Activities; Climate Resiliency Fund ("CR"); Department of Facility Maintenance ("DFM"); Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); Department of Transportation Services ("DTS"); Department of Design and Construction ("DDC"); Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("OCCSR"); Office of Economic Revitalization ("OER")

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