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REGULAR MEETING
9TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 10:16 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters –9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Cordero welcomed members of the City Administration and appointees for the various Boards and Commissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Weyer moved that the Minutes of the 8th 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, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS –9.
NOES: None.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-111, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 164

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN H. KATAHIRA TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 164 and Resolution 25-111, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individuals testified:

1. John H. Katahira (General comment)
2. Lori Kahikina, P.E. (M-315) (Support)
3. Michael O’Keefe (M-315) (Support)

Chair Waters shared that he had previously worked with the nominee on a community project and the nominee successfully brought the community together to complete the project.

Committee Report 164 and Resolution 25-111, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-315 Testimony on Resolution 25-111

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-100 – COMMITTEE REPORT 198

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CUNDIFF TO SERVE ON THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 198 and Resolution 25-100 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Robert Cundiff (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young (Support)

Chair Waters thanked the nominee for his willingness to serve.

Committee Report 198 and Resolution 25-100 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-338 Testimony on Resolution 25-100

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-99 – COMMITTEE REPORT 214

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

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 214 and Resolution 25-99 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Linda Martell (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated her strong support for the nominee. She shared that many who have worked with the nominee described her as a person of integrity, wisdom and a deep commitment to public service and believed that she would be a strong and principled addition to the Ethics Commission. Councilmember Tupola urged her colleagues to confirm Linda Martell's nomination.

Chair Waters stated that he agreed with Councilmember Tupola and thanked the nominee for her willingness to serve.

Committee Report 214 and Resolution 25-99 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-103, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 225

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

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 225 and Resolution 25-103, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina urged her colleagues to support the nomination of Mr. Uno and noted that he would be an excellent member of the Building Board of Appeals.

Committee Report 225 and Resolution 25-103, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

CANCELLED
RESOLUTION 25-101 – COMMITTEE REPORT 230

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LANDON KANESHIRO TO SERVE ON THE POLICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair announced the Resolution 25-101 was cancelled and would not be considered.

FIRST READING
BILL 45

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 45 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Eduardo Hernandez, Hawai'i Bicycling League (M-322) (Support)
3. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Bill 45 passed first reading.

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

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-322 Testimony on Bill 45

FIRST READING
BILL 46

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 46 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (General comment)
2. Roy Kuroda, Honolulu Police Department (M-323) (Oppose)
3. Assistant Chief Rade Vanic, Honolulu Police Department (General comment)
4. Joseph Akana (Support)
5. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)
6. Choon James (M-323) (Support)
7. Tara Rojas (Support)
8. Donald Sakamoto (Support)

Councilmember Tulba stated that he is in support of the measure and noted that the Bill sends a strong message for more transparency and communication from the Honolulu Police Department especially when the public is affected.

Bill 46 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.

Related communication:

M-323 Testimony on Bill 46

FIRST READING
BILL 47

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AGREEMENTS.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 47 pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Bill 47 passed first reading.

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

*Councilmember Kiaʻāina voted aye with reservations.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 41 – COMMITTEE REPORT 197

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PERMIT FEES.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 197 be adopted and Bill 41 pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 197 was adopted and Bill 41 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 33, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 222

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 222 be adopted and Bill 33 pass second reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Deborah King (M-330) (Support)
2. Choon James (General comment)

Committee Report 222 was adopted and Bill 33, CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

Related communication:

M-330 Testimony on Bill 33

THIRD READING
BILL 13, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 166

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 166 be adopted and Bill 13, CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Hartley Cara Cassetta Adriana Kohana (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-324) (Oppose)
3. Choon James (M-324) (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her gratitude to the Game Room Task Force, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and Corporation Counsel for their involvement in crafting the Bill. She stated that the Bill proposes an official request form that allows property owners to seek police assistance to remove illegal and harmful activities taking place on their property. Councilmember Tupola noted that the Bill formalizes a legal process that provides the Honolulu Police Department with an additional tool to keep communities safe.

Committee Report 166 was adopted and Bill 13, CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-324 Testimony on Bill 13

THIRD READING
BILL 18 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 190

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO POUNDMASTERS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 190 be adopted and Bill 18 (2024), CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, ROAR (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she is in support of the Bill and noted that it is beyond the scope of the Humane Society to deal with livestock and the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu needed to be updated to reflect that.

Committee Report 190 was adopted and Bill 18 (2024), CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

THIRD READING
BILL 11, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 192

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 11, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0494/6/4/2025 7:58 AM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 192 be adopted and Bill 11, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 11, CD2 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0494/6/4/2025 7:58 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Deborah King (M-331) (Support)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-331) (Support)
3. Allen Cardines, Jr. (M-331) (Support)
4. Gabriel Huntington, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (Support)
5. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Bill 11, CD2 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0494/6/4/2025 7:58 AM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Councilmember Tupola expressed her gratitude to all the stakeholders, Councilmembers and testifiers for their support for the Bill. She stated that the Bill is intended to regulate electronic gaming devices by requiring permits, especially for small stores. Councilmember Tupola noted that the goal was to introduce minor penalties and avoid severe felony charges.

Committee Report 192 was adopted and Bill 11, CD2, FD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-331 Testimony on Bill 11

THIRD READING
BILL 12, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 193

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GAMBLING.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 193 be adopted and Bill 12, CD1 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-333) (Support)
2. Allen Cardines, Jr. (M-333) (Support)
3. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the Principal and students of Kalihi Uka Elementary School for their impactful testimony that highlighted the importance of the Bill.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam acknowledged that the challenge of illegal game rooms can be found across districts. He noted the long history of the three game room Bills beginning with the introduction of Bills 57 and 58 in 2023 and the formation of the Game Room Task Force. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam urged the passage of the Bill to provide enforcement agencies with the necessary tools to stop illegal activities in residential communities.

Committee Report 193 was adopted and Bill 12, CD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-333 Testimony on Bill 12

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-88, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 224

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE CENTRAL O‘AHU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AREA.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 224 and Resolution 25-88, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 224 and Resolution 25-88, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-152, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 228

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAP FOR THE CENTRAL O‘AHU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AREA.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 228 and Resolution 25-152, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 228 and Resolution 25-152, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

THIRD READING
BILL 26 – COMMITTEE REPORT 187

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 187 be adopted and Bill 26 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Mike O'Keefe, Deputy Executive Director, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (General comment)

Committee Report 187 was adopted and Bill 26 passed third reading.

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

THIRD READING
BILL 27 – COMMITTEE REPORT 188

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 188 be adopted and Bill 27 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Choon James (M-336) (General comment)

Committee Report 188 was adopted and Bill 27 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-336 Testimony on Bill 27

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
BILL 36, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 195

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 36, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0491/6/3/2025 3:47 PM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 195 be adopted and Bill 36 pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Kia‘āina suggested that the measure be deferred to the next Council agenda to provide ample time to discuss the recommendations from Corporation Counsel.

Councilmember Weyer explained why he supports a deferral. He stated that the purpose of the amendment is to add criteria for the Mayor to access the Fiscal Stability Fund.

Chair Waters explained that the intent is to allow the Mayor to access the Fund to cover any shortfall if Federal funding is denied; but his concern is that there would be no Council oversight. He stated that he would prefer to continue with discussion and vote on Bill 36 because it will affect the budget. Chair Waters indicated that if Federal funding was cut, he would be amendable to reopening the budget and have the Mayor and Departments come before the Council to explain how they plan to spend the Rainy Day Funds.

Councilmember Tupola explained that she introduced the Committee Draft to provide some type of framework to give the Council discretion and provide the public with transparency. She stated that she would agree with deferring the Bill until the Budget Bill has been finalized, however, she does not support the Bill in its original form.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted that the Bill is related to the Operating budget and the proposed Floor Drafts address how the Fiscal Stability Funds should be spent. He noted that if the Bill does not pass today and Chair‘s FD1 for the Operating budget passes, the Mayor would have a broad discretion on how the Fiscal Stability Funds are spent. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained that his FD1 for the Operating Budget proposes that in the event of a reduction or loss of Federal funds, Budget and Fiscal Services has to provide Council with quarterly reports identifying savings by Departments. He noted that whether or not Bill 36 passes, if his FD1 version of the Operating budget passes, the Administration would be required to provide reports to identify savings and transfers instead of being able to freely expend monies from the Fiscal Stability Fund.

Councilmember Cordero stated that Council needed to get clarification on the process of reopening the budget.

In response to councilmembers, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that:

- The Administration supports Bill 36 because of the uncertainty in Washington, D.C.
- Bill 36 should be deferred until after the Budget Bill.
- Reopening the budget or going through the supplemental budget process would take time and could impact how quickly the City can react to an emergency affecting public health and safety. A supplemental budget ordinance would be initiated by the Mayor.
- The Rainy Day Fund has never been used and its long-standing balance is one of the reasons for the City's AA+ bond rating, and the Administration would prefer not to expend Fiscal Stability Fund monies.
- The Budget Bill was tied to the trigger of a significant loss or reduction in Federal funding and a threat to public safety, and should include controls, notification of Councilmembers, and a mechanism to allow access to the funds without delay.

Chair Waters explained that the Charter and the Budget Bill under certain circumstances, allow the Mayor to access the Fiscal Stability Fund. He noted that the Bill proposes to change the circumstances that would allow the Mayor to access the funds but regardless if the Bill passes, the Mayor could still access the Fiscal Stability Fund. He deferred to the Council body whether to proceed with the Bill.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 36, CD1 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0491/6/3/2025 3:47 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated that she supports the Bill but would like reporting requirements for the City Administration. She requested that the handcarried FD1 be further amended and noted that she would need to obtain language from the budget proviso to make further amendment recommendations.

Councilmember Dos Santos Tam reaffirmed that passage of the Bill today would allow the Mayor to access the Fiscal Stability Fund if there are substantial Federal cuts under certain circumstances and if the Bill does not pass, the Mayor would still be allowed to access the Fiscal Stability Fund under the existing conditions of a natural disaster or some other type of existing emergency. He expressed concern that the Council is not able to reopen the

budget but must wait for the Mayor to submit a Supplemental Budget thereby giving the Mayor the ability to tap into and spend freely from the Fiscal Stability Fund. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that while he thinks it is important to allow the Mayor to access the funds knowing that there are huge Federal cuts on the horizon, he acknowleged that there needs to be some constraints.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she does not agree with no oversight. She noted that she agrees with the provisos in Bill 22 that require reporting because there cannot be an unlimited amount of spending without reporting. Councilmember Tupola stated that she will be voting no on the FD and no on the underlying Bill because the Bill needs to include what is written in the budget proviso to provide Council oversight. She noted that the Council is in agreement that constraints are needed as well as compliance with Corporation Counsel and moved to defer Bill 36, CD1 to the end of the calendar.

At this juncture, Chair Waters moved Bill 36, CD1 to the end of the calendar.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 195 failed to be adopted and Bill 36, CD1 failed to pass third reading. See page 48.)

At this juncture, with no objections from the 9 members present, Chair Waters considered Bill 40, CD2 from page 18 of the agenda.

THIRD READING
BILL 40, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 196

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

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 196 be adopted and Bill 40, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 196 was adopted and Bill 40, CD2 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: OKIMOTO – 1.

Related communications:

CC-113 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
M-337 Testimony on Bill 40

The Chair returned to the agenda order.

THIRD READING
BILL 21, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 183

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

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 21, CD1, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0480/6/2/2025 3:29 PM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 183 be adopted and Bill 21 pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Bill 21, CD1 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0480/6/2/2025 3:29 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-319) (Support)
3. Scott Power, Honolulu City Charter Commission (M-319) (General comment)
4. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)
5. Choon James (General comment)

Bill 21, CD1 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0480/6/2/2025 3:29 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 183 was adopted and Bill 21, CD1, FD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-319 Testimony on Bill 21

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 12:10 p.m., the Chair called for a recess as noted on the agenda. With 8 members present (Excused: Tulba – 1), the Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
BILL 22, CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 184

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

The following amendments were posted on the agenda:

Bill 22, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola) (OCS2025-0460/5/27/2025 4:45 PM)
Bill 22, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) (OCS2025-0462/5/28/2025 1:26 PM)
Bill 22, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Weyer) (OCS2025-0457/5/27/2025 4:30 PM)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting and not considered:

Bill 22, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0490/6/4/2025 8:22 AM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 184 be adopted and Bill 22, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Chair Waters called upon councilmembers to explain their Budget Floor Draft Summaries.

Chair Waters explained his handcarried floor draft amendment for the Executive Operating Budget for FY2026.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
2. Angela Melody Young (Support)
3. Andrew Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that:

- The Administration is opposed to setting aside $19 million from the General Funds for sewer activities. The monies are being re-purposed for an unreasonable use.
- BFS cannot and will not use provisional funds taken from Department salaries and current expenses for sewer activities and that money to support City agencies would lapse.
- Taking away approximately 33 percent of the BFS budget would mean de-prioritizing one-third of the positions which would be a step backward for the Department.
- When the City‘s bond rating goes down, debt services goes up as interest rates increase which means the City will pay more over the term of the bond and the repayment period.
- The bond covenant restricts what the Sewer Fund money can be used for. Sewer fees that generate Sewer Fund revenue should be used to pay for operating costs, pay debt service on outstanding revenue bonds, and provide cash reserves required to meet the debt service ratio. The Fund should be self-funding based on the contracts that have been signed and any changes could impact the City’s ability to borrow and potentially increase the amount owed. The bond covenant applies to bonds already issued.
- The Budget Chair’s proposal changed the ratio between the base rate and volumetric rate to 40/60 so a family that uses less water pays less. A discount or credit program for low income families is being considered, however families have to pitch in as well. There needs to be a team effort to get through the sewer fee increases to allow the City to get back on track.

- There is a provision to set aside Resiliency Fund monies and the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency is exploring rebates and other types of financial relief.
- There are other mechanisms to reduce costs for families and for households without jeopardizing the financial stability of the City.
- The City does use cash financing for Capital improvements. However, the City would not get credit for using General Fund cash to invest in sewer improvements. After reviewing the City's financial plan, rating agencies could reach the conclusion that the City does not have the capacity to increase sewer charges to cover the costs of operating the sewer facilities.
- The City would not be able to sustain using cash in order to maintain the 58 percent interest savings.
- The General Fund borrows General Obligation Bonds and the Sewer Fund borrows Revenue Bonds that are tied to the revenue generated by the Sewer Fund; therefore, the financial health of the two funds determine the City's ratings.
- The City has considered the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans. However, WIFIA or TIFIA loans carry a high interest rate and the loan cannot be refinanced.
- There is concern that the proposed Honolulu Fire Department $1.7 million budget cut could result in the closure of some fire stations to cover costs.
- There will always be vacancies and if funding is not available, departments would have to prioritize which positions to fill.

Chair Waters reminded Councilmembers that when funds are added to the budget, corresponding cuts have to be made and he made cuts from vacant positions. He stated that while it is easy to take monies from specific funds, the hard job is reviewing each department and how to re-prioritize the money.

Councilmember Cordero offered to give up monies from her district from Makalapa and Salt Lake District Parks and Neighborhood Parks, as well as monies lapsed from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

Chair Waters noted that HPD lapsed $50.5 million last year and is only able to fill 120 positions annually. He reiterated that he is proposing to re-dedicate $14.8 million out of the $50.5 million to reduce the proposed sewer fee increase faced by residents. Chair Waters asked the Councilmembers to step up and make the bold decision which has never been done before.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated that while she appreciates the robust discussion on the Bill and noted that she anticipates robust discussion as well for Bill 60, she proposed postponing discussion on Bill 22 and Bill 60 to Thursday. She noted that there are many more items on the agenda to be considered and given the potential time constraints of the day, proposed moving those discussions to Thursday.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she put forth her budget floor draft summary amendment for consideration and noted that her preference would be to continue the discussions as the public has been waiting. She noted that the two floor draft versions are different and she thinks that members should just begin debating the differences. Councilmember Tupola stated that she does not agree with cutting the revenue bonds and noted that there is a provision in Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's version that incorporates verbiage relating to the discussion on Bill 36.

In response to councilmembers, Roger Babcock, Director, Department of the Environmental Services (ENV) stated that:

- The amount of Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) funded by cash is approximately $250 million.
- Adding $15 million (6 percent) would not have a significant impact on the rates.
- Projects with deadlines cannot be modified, however, ENV could modify the amount of cash versus bonds used for CIPs.
- ENV has a long-term model for its CIP program which allows the adjustment of cash versus bond funding to moderate sewer fee increases.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Bill 22, CD2 be deferred to the end of the calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina. There being no objections, Chair Waters moved the measure to the end of the calendar.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 184 was adopted and Bill 22, CD2, FD1 passed third reading. See page 52.)

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
BILL 23, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 185

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

The following amendment were posted on the agenda:

Bill 23, CD2, Proposed FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) (OCS2025-0461/5/28/2025 1:09 PM)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting and not considered:

Bill 23, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0482/6/2/2025 3:33 PM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 185 be adopted and Bill 23, CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Chair Waters called upon Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam to explain his Budget Floor Draft Summary.

The following individuals testified:

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

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Bill 23, CD2 be amended to the posted FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (OCS2025-0461/5/28/2025 1:09 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Tupola. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained the FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) amendment.

Bill 23, CD2 was amended to the posted FD1 (Budget Floor Draft Summary) (OCS2025-0461/5/28/2025 1:09 PM).

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

Chair Waters called for a short recess at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

At this juncture with no objections from the 9 members present, Chair Waters moved the measure to the end of the calendar.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 185 was adopted and Bill 23, CD2, FD1 passed third reading. See page 51.)

Chair Waters moved to page 20 of the agenda.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-136 – COMMITTEE REPORT 199

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 199 and Resolution 25-136 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 199 and Resolution 25-136 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-137 – COMMITTEE REPORT 200

RESOLUTION APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN BARGAINING UNITS 1 AND 10 (UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, AFSCME LOCAL 464, AFL-CIO).

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 200 and Resolution 25-137 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 200 and Resolution 25-137 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-138 – COMMITTEE REPORT 201

RESOLUTION APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN BARGAINING UNITS 2, 3, 4, AND 13 (HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AFSCME LOCAL 152, AFL-CIO).

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 201 and Resolution 25-138 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 201 and Resolution 25-138 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
RESOLUTION 25-146 – COMMITTEE REPORT 202

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 202 and Resolution 25-146 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Ryan Hironaka, Honolulu Police Department (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero stated that she will be voting with reservations. She expressed concerns with the budget lapse from last year and how the funds are being managed.

Councilmember Cordero supports funding for staffing and recruitment and stressed the importance of ensuring that the funds will support beat officers.

In response to councilmembers, Major Ryan Hironaka, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) stated that:

- The amount requested was based on a projection of the estimated deficit in the fourth quarter for patrol.
- The annual amount allotted for the entire patrol activity is divided into four quarters. If the first three quarters exceed spending, funds are moved from the fourth quarter.
- There could be a potential shortfall for patrol with the proposed reduction of $8 million for Fiscal Year 2026, however, public safety will not be compromised and patrol levels will not be reduced.
- There was a $14.9 million lapse in 2024 because the funds which would have normally been moved from different activities into a recruit training pool remained in their respective activities.
- HPD will continue to use cost savings from vacant positions for overtime and move funds from salaries, other activities, and vacant positions to fund patrol.
- The funds needed for patrol and overtime should be based on needs and not constrained by a specific amount.
- The higher amount requested was based on one pay period. If HPD had an accurate projection, they would have requested a lower transfer amount.

Councilmember Tupola proposed an amendment to the Resolution to reduce the amount of funds to be transferred from $13.5 million to $8.5 million and moved to move Resolution 25-146 to the end of the calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

At this juncture, Chair Waters moved Resolution 25-146 to the end of the calendar.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 202 and Resolution 25-146, FD1 were adopted. See page 49.)

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-150 – COMMITTEE REPORT 203

RESOLUTION 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.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 203 and Resolution 25-150 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

In response to Chair Waters, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that BFS is opposed to using $11 million from the General Fund to pay for the General Obligation Bonds.

Committee Report 203 and Resolution 25-150 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-151 – COMMITTEE REPORT 204

RESOLUTION 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.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 204 and Resolution 25-151 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

In response to Councilmember Okimoto, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services stated that the Bill would not have a significant impact on the City's debt ratio.

Committee Report 204 and Resolution 25-151 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-156 – COMMITTEE REPORT 205

RESOLUTION RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISES.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 205 and Resolution 25-156 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Kawika Riley, Kupu (General comment)

Committee Report 205 and Resolution 25-156 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-328 Testimony on Resolution 25-156

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-159 – COMMITTEE REPORT 206

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 206 and Resolution 25-159 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (General comment)

Committee Report 206 and Resolution 25-159 were adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-116 – COMMITTEE REPORT 207

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF ONE (1) HI-BACK TRADITIONAL BENCH, PREPARATION OF THE GROUNDS AND A BRONZE PLAQUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ, "DONATED BY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GARY KENT ANDERSEN," VALUED AT $2,521.67, TO THE CITY FROM STEPHANIE DEEGAN TO BE PLACED AT MĀNOA VALLEY DISTRICT PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 207 and Resolution 25-116 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 207 and Resolution 25-116 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-117 – COMMITTEE REPORT 208

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF ONE (1) HI-BACK TRADITIONAL BENCH, PREPARATION OF THE GROUNDS AND A BRONZE PLAQUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ, "DONATED BY THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM 'BILLY' GILMAN," VALUED AT $2,521.67 FROM SAMANTHA MOHS TO BE PLACED AT WAIʻALAE BEACH PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 208 and Resolution 25-117 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 208 and Resolution 25-117 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-132 – COMMITTEE REPORT 209

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE PUʻULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL FIELD AT PUʻULOA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO THE PETER WOKOUN, JR., BASEBALL FIELD.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 209 and Resolution 25-132 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Councilmember Tulba expressed gratitude on behalf of the family of the late Peter Wokon, Jr. who went above and beyond to not only take care of the neighborhood park but to support the kids in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Tupola thanked Senator Kurt Fevella for testifying in Committee and expressed gratitude for the leadership of Councilmember Tulba and Senator Fevella in Ewa Beach.

Committee Report 209 and Resolution 25-132 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-335 Testimony on Resolution 25-132

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-147 – COMMITTEE REPORT 210

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF EIGHT (8) SPECTRUM DUAL XCELLERATOR PLATFORMS VALUED AT $67,224.85 TO THE CITY FROM MĀNOA AQUATICS FOR THE HARRY M. MAMIZUKA SWIMMING COMPLEX AT MĀNOA DISTRICT PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 210 and Resolution 25-147 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola thanked the Mamizuka family for their personal investments to carry on the legacy of Harry M. Mamizuka to help children stay active in aquatics and in after-school programs and the Department of Parks and Recreation for improvements for the pool.

Committee Report 210 and Resolution 25-147 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-317 Testimony on Resolution 25-147

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-148 – COMMITTEE REPORT 211

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VANDALIZED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WAHIAWĀ DISTRICT PARK VALUED AT $52,500.00 FROM INSPIRED PLAY HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 211 and Resolution 25-148 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 211 and Resolution 25-148 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-149, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 212

RESOLUTION RENAMING WAIʻANAE DISTRICT PARK TO THE SHINYEI NAKAMINE AND 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION MEMORIAL PARK, WAIʻANAE DISTRICT PARK.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-149, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 212 and Resolution 25-149 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 25-149 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)
2. Tara Rojas (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola urged support for passage of the Resolution. She noted that the renaming of the Park was a community-driven effort and is a meaningful way for the Waiʻanae community to remember and honor its heroes.

Resolution 25-149 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 212 and Resolution 25-149, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-164 – COMMITTEE REPORT 215

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT DARRYL KON IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED JOSHUA SPRIESTERSBACH V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CIVIL NO. CV21-00456 LEK-RT (USDC).

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 215 and Resolution 25-164 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 215 and Resolution 25-164 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-165 – COMMITTEE REPORT 216

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF FUKUNAGA MATAYOSHI CHING & KON-HERRERA LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED JOSHUA SPRIESTERSBACH V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CIVIL NO. CV21-00456 KJM (USDC).

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 216 and Resolution 25-165 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Weyer.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Committee Report 216 and Resolution 25-165 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-68, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 223

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING, AFTER-THE-FACT POSTING OF AN EXISTING MOBILE SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING, INSTALLATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM, AND CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER FENCING AND GATES IN PŪPŪKEA-PAUMALŪ, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 223 and Resolution 25-68, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 223 and Resolution 25-68, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-120, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 226

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING, INCLUDING A NEW ATTACHED GARAGE, FRONT GATE, AND SHADE STRUCTURE; REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY; RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING SWIMMING POOL; DECOMMISSION OF AN EXISTING SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT; AND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS IN KAILUA, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 226 and Resolution 25-120, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 226 and Resolution 25-120, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-144, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 227

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE AND SWIMMING POOL IN LĀʻIE, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 227 and Resolution 25-144, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 227 and Resolution 25-144, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-128, CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 231

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN CITY PARKS AND CITY PARK AND RIDES.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-128, CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 231 and Resolution 25-128, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Resolution 25-128, CD1 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina. Councilmember Cordero explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
2. Gina Salcedo (M-320) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola noted that without consistent law enforcement presence, many of the parks have been impacted by ongoing safety concerns including vandalism, drug use and sometimes violent crimes. She stated that with responsible use and safeguards, overt monitoring can help deter crime and support enforcement efforts to restore a sense of safety in high risk areas.

Councilmember Cordero stated that safety concerns in parks is a challenge across all districts and noted that the intent of the overt monitoring is to provide assistance when City staff and the community are not present.

Resolution 25-128, CD1 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 231 and Resolution 25-128, CD1, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-320 Testimony on Resolution 25-128

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-143 – COMMITTEE REPORT 232

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $35,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE WAIKĪKĪ TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WTMASID) FOR THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT 6, TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN WAIKĪKĪ.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 232 and Resolution 25-143 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-325) (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola stated her support for the Resolution and emphasized the importance of business investment in community safety. She noted that when businesses invest, residents are more likely to take ownership and care for their surroundings.

Committee Report 232 and Resolution 25-143 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-325 Testimony on Resolution 25-143

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-157 – COMMITTEE REPORT 233

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $1,642.99, TO THE CITY FROM THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS ASSOCIATION (IMTA) FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ATTEND THE IMTA STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT MEETING IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM JUNE 21-22, 2025.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 233 and Resolution 25-157 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 233 and Resolution 25-157 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-160, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 234

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT VACANCIES AND OFFICER RETENTION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 234 and Resolution 25-160, as amended to CD1 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated that the task force brings together stakeholders to develop a written plan that includes short-term and long-term steps to address officer retention, equipment needs and training.

Committee Report 234 and Resolution 25-160, CD1 as amended were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-329 Testimony on Resolution 25-160

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-161 – COMMITTEE REPORT 235

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF REGISTRATION FEES VALUED AT $3,000 FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VENUE MANAGERS (IAVM) REGION 7 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR A STAFF MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES (DES) TO ATTEND THE 2025 ANNUAL VENUE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 1 IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 7-12, 2025.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 235 and Resolution 25-161 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Tara Rojas (General comment)
2. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Committee Report 235 and Resolution 25-161 were adopted.

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

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI&TCR-213 Requesting consideration of Deed conveying roadway Lot 4; Deed conveying roadway Lot 5-A; Grant of Drainage Easement E; and Grant of Flowage Easements E & F for public use in ʻEwa. (ʻEwa Villages Area H, Phases I and II) (D-332)

ILACR-217 Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Marquis Johnson v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. CV22-00447 DKW-RT (USDC)

ILACR-218	Request for authorization to settle Joshua Knepper et al. v. Michael Burger et al. Civil No. CV22-00556 DKW/WRP
ILACR-219	Request for authorization to settle claim against the City and County of Honolulu by Michelle R. Koyanagi
ILACR-220	Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled *DTRIC Insurance Company, Limited v. City & County of Honolulu*, Civ. No. 1CCV-22-0001542 (JMT)
ILACR-221	Request for authorization to settle several grievances and related civil cases involving the United Public Workers Hawaii and the Department of Environmental Services, Refuse Division.

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, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-334 Testimony for ILACR-217

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-162

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE DEDICATED SOURCE OF REVENUE AND PLEDGE TO REPAY LOANS WITH INTEREST AND LOAN FEE PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF HAWAIʻI (STATE) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-162 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-162 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-163, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO (2) REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS, CHASSIS, AND MOTOR GENERATORS, VALUED AT $1,430, FROM MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY FOR REFRIGERATION OF WREATHS AND LEI FOR THE MAYOR'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC AT PŪOWAINA ON MAY 26, 2025.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 25-163, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-163 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-163 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Weyer explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-163 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Resolution 25-163, FD1 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-166

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF 2,800 CULLS VALUED AT $5,600 TO THE CITY FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-166 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-166 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-167

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $5,000 TO THE CITY FROM JENSEN N. RICHARDSON FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE SOFTBALL FIELD AT ʻĀHUIMANU COMMUNITY PARK IN KĀNEʻOHE.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-167 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-167 was adopted.

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

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-169

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A CHIEFLY SEAT (OR ATAMIRA) AND OTHER GIFTS, VALUED AT $22,010 TO THE CITY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE COOK ISLANDS FOR DISPLAY IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Resolution 25-169 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmembers Cordero and Okimoto expressed concerns that the gifts were received at Fest Pac in 2024 and it has taken almost a year to request acceptance of the gifts.

Resolution 25-169 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

The Chair returned to Bill 23, CD2, FD1 on page 22 of the agenda.

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
BILL 23, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 185

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

The following amendment was distributed at the meeting:

Bill 23, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0489/6/4/2025 2:26 PM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Bill 23, CD2 be amended to FD1 (OCS2025-0489/6/4/2025 2:26 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Tupola. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained the FD1 amendment.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam explained that the differences between the floor draft amendments is the proposal to use cash versus bonds for the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant and the amounts of money dedicated towards planning for the landfill site. He clarified that the monies in park improvements were transferred into the Operating budget and the amendments were listed in the order of the Budget Ordinance. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam noted that funding for the Koko Head Riding Stables and Koko Head District Parks were similar to what was approved in the CD2 and remained at $350,000 and $950,000 respectively.

Councilmember Kia‘āina clarified the monies in park improvements were transferred into the Operating budget because it is a very critical resource tool for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In response to Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam clarified that funding for Koko Head Stables would remain at $350,000.

The following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (General comment)

Bill 23, CD2 was amended to the FD1 (OCS2025-0489/6/4/2025 2:26 PM)

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Councilmember Tupola requested that funding for improvements for the Waianae Police Station be added to Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's proposed floor draft.

In response to Councilmembers, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that notice was received that the bid protest relating to the Waianae Police Station was lifted. He noted that he did not have a status on the procurement process when the bid protest was activated.

Haku Milles, Director, Department of Design and Construction, stated that he did not have a status on the project and recommended that the funding be added.

At this juncture, there being no objections from the 9 members present, the Chair moved Bill 23, CD2, FD1 to the end of the calendar.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 185 was adopted and Bill 23, CD2, FD1 passed third reading. See page 51.)

THIRD READING
BILL 24 – COMMITTEE REPORT 186

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 186 be adopted and Bill 24 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 186 was adopted and Bill 24 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

THIRD READING
BILL 60 (2024), CD2 – COMMITTEE REPORT 191

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

The following amendments were posted on the agenda and not considered:

Bill 60 (2024), CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0465/5/29/2025 2:33 PM)

Bill 60 (2024), CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0466/5/29/2025 3:16 PM)

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 191 be adopted and Bill 60 (2024), CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Chair Waters called upon Councilmember Tupola to explain her proposed floor draft amendment.

Chair Waters explained his proposed floor draft amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Tara Rojas (M-318) (General comment)
3. Frank Doyle (M-318) (General comment)
4. Angela Melody Young (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola stated that she is opposed to the Bill in its current form and disagrees with a 9 percent increase for three consecutive years. She noted that she would be supportive of a rate increase scheduled over five years and a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to finish the City’s integrated plan.

Councilmember Cordero stated that she had concerns about the program being fully funded by rate payers and noted that she hoped that there would be available funding to reduce the financial burden on low income residents. She acknowledged that any delay in implementing the rate increase could further increase future costs and shared that she is open to further discussions with the City Administration.

Councilmember Nishimoto noted that his constituents have expressed their disagreement with the increases that have been put forth in the current CD2 version and stated that he will be voting in opposition.

Councilmember Tulba stated that he will be voting with reservations and noted that he supports the proposed new rate structure that provides rate payers with a meaningful opportunity to save money through reduced water usage. He expressed his hope that the City can continue working with the EPA to clarify the secondary containment requirements so that the right balance can be achieved between funding vital infrastructure and minimizing unintended impacts to residents.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated that she will be voting no for the current CD2 version. She explained that it would be negligent to not support the Administration's efforts to abide by the Consent Decree. Councilmember Kiaʻāina further cautioned that any consultation with the EPA should be coordinated with the Managing Director's office.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that the CD2 version changes the split between the base and volumetric rates to 40 and 60 percent respectively, which significantly decreases the base charge in 2026 and increases it through 2031, and changes the volumetric amount starting on January 1, 2026 and then on July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2031. He noted that residents who use less than 5,500 gallons of water will see their sewer bill reduced for the next two years. Residents that use a lot of water will see rates increase on January 1, 2026. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that on average residents will see a 9 percent increase during the last four years starting in 2028.

Chair Waters called on Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam to re-state the motion. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 191 be adopted and Bill 60 (2024), CD1 pass third reading as amended to CD2. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

Committee Report 191 was adopted and Bill 60 (2024), CD2 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO*, TULBA*, WEYER – 5.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 4.

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

Related communication:

M-318 Testimony on Bill 60 (2024)

(Note: Earlier in the meeting, Bill 40, CD2 passed third reading. See page 16.)

DEFERRED TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR
RESOLUTION 25-75 – COMMITTEE REPORT 189

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.

At this juncture, Chair Waters moved Resolution 25-75 to the end of the calendar after the Budget Bills.

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 189 and Resolution 25-75 were adopted. See page 50.)

THIRD READING
BILL 31, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 194

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

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam moved that Committee Report 194 be adopted and Bill 31 pass third reading as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Committee Report 194 was adopted and Bill 31, CD1 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-321 Testimony on Bill 31

THIRD READING
BILL 38 – COMMITTEE REPORT 229

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO OCEAN SAFETY.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 229 be adopted and Bill 38 pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Committee Report 229 was adopted and Bill 38 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

The Chair returned to Bill 36, CD1 on page 14 of the agenda.

FAILED TO PASS THIRD READING/ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORT
BILL 36, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 195

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FISCAL STABILITY.

Councilmember Weyer re-stated his motion that Bill 36, CD1 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0491/6/3/2025 3:47 PM).

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Cordero noted that she wanted reports to the Council as reflected in the provisos in the budget, therefore, she will not be proposing additional amendments.

Coucilmember Tupola stated that she does not support the FD1 proposal and reiterated the need to be mindful of Council oversight. She noted that the provisos in the budget allow for that and noted she will be voting no on the Bill.

Councilmember Nishimoto stated his opposition for the Bill.

Bill 36, CD1 failed to be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0491/6/3/2025 3:47 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, WEYER – 3.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.

Chair Waters stated that the motion to amend to the handcarried FD1 has failed and the main motion on the floor is to pass Bill 36, CD1 on third reading.

Committee Report 195 failed to be adopted and Bill 36, CD1 failed to pass third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, WEYER – 3.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.

The Chair returned to Resolution 25-146 on page 21 of the agenda.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-146, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 202

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 25-146, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0496/6/4/2025 4:04 PM)

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 25-146 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0496/6/4/2025 4:04 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 25-146 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0496/6/4/2025 4:04 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 202 and Resolution 25-146, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

The Chair returned to Resolution 25-75 on page 18 of the agenda.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 25-75 – COMMITTEE REPORT 189

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 189 and Resolution 25-75 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

Committee Report 189 and Resolution 25-75 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

CC-112 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto

RECESS/RECONVENE

Chair Waters called for a recess at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Chair returned to Bill 23, CD2, FD1 on page 16 of the agenda.

THIRD READING
BILL 23, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 185

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 23, CD2, Proposed FD1 (OCS2025-0500/6/4/2025 5:36 PM)

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 23, CD2, FD1 be further amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0500/6/4/2025 5:36 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (Support)
2. Kalei Salcedo (Support)
3. Tara Rojas (General comment)
4. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)

Bill 23, CD2, FD1 was further amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0500/6/4/2025 5:36 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Committee Report 185 was adopted and Bill 23, CD2, FD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-356 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-365 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-382 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-401 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-326 Testimony on Bill 23

The Chair returned to Bill 22, CD2 on page 15 of the agenda.

THIRD READING
BILL 22, CD2, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 184

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Bill 22, CD2, FD1 (OCS2025-0488/6/4/2025 2:28 PM)

Councilmember Cordero moved that Bill 22, CD2 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0488/6/4/2025 2:28 PM) including her verbal amendments. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

Chair Waters acknowledged the late hour and thanked members for their patience, emphasizing the challenges of leadership and the importance of making responsible decisions under pressure. He recognized that good ideas often face repeated setbacks before gaining support and while what he was asking was bold and creative, his ultimate

commitment was to lower the cost of living for residents. Chair Waters stated that while he has some concerns with the proposed floor draft, he will be withdrawing his proposed floor draft and support the current proposed floor draft as amended.

Chair Waters stated that the proviso will be replaced with language from the original Bill language to allow the Mayor to access the emergency funds in the event of a natural disaster without Council approval. He further affirmed that members will be voting on the Budget Chair's CD2, as amended by Budget Chair's FD1 with verbal amendments.

In response to Councilmember Tupola, Chair Waters clarified part of the amendment replaces the proviso with language from the original Bill and members will be voting on Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's FD1 with verbal amendments.

Councilmember Cordero stated that previous floor drafts included a combination of amendments from members and the Chair coordinated through the Chair's Office after the last Budget CD2 meeting to ensure that amendments for safety initiatives for Community Policing Teams, Parks and others would be included. She thanked the Honolulu Police Department for speaking with her and apologized that such amendments were not included this year.

Bill 22, CD2 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2025-0488/6/4/2025 2:28 PM) with verbal amendments.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

Committee Report 184 and Bill 22, CD2, FD1 passed third reading.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-374	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-381	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-401	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-409	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-332	Testimony on Bill 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections from the 9 members present, at 9:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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