REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

Voting Members:
Andria Tupola, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
August 19, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks, which considered Resolution 25-185 entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES A DEDICATED POSITION TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH RELOCATION NEEDS RELATED TO CITY-FUNDED HOUSING PROJECTS,"

introduced on June 26, 2025 reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 25-185 is to urge the City Administration to create and develop a residential relocation assistance program that includes a dedicated full-time equivalent position to assist residents with relocation needs arising from City-funded housing projects, to be placed within the Department of Community Services or within a more appropriate City department as determined by the Mayor.

Kevin Auger, Director Designate of the Department of Housing and Land Management testified in support, but offered amendments.

Your Committee received no oral public testimony on the Resolution. Written testimony in support of the Resolution were received from two individuals and Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawai'i.

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Your Committee has prepared a CD1 version of the Resolution which makes the following amendments:

A. Deletes the last WHEREAS clause.

B. Amends the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause by removing the language specifying that the residential relocation program be placed within the Department of Community Services, or in the alternative, within a more appropriate City department, and instead allows the Mayor to determine the appropriate City department in which to place the residential relocation program.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-185, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 25-185, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

A Tupola

Committee Chair

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No. **25-185, CD1**

RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES A DEDICATED POSITION TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH RELOCATION NEEDS RELATED TO CITY-FUNDED HOUSING PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") finds that affordable housing and homelessness are major issues facing all levels of government in the State of Hawai'i ("State"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to address the issues of housing and homelessness, the State and the City and County of Honolulu ("City") have continued to propose measures to increase public housing units; and

WHEREAS, in situations where residents who need relocation assistance due to the development or redevelopment of an affordable housing project are not afforded such assistance, their likelihood of experiencing homelessness increases; and

WHEREAS, the City has been actively incentivizing the development of affordable housing, maximizing City financing programs, and securing partners to expand housing production; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City take preemptive steps to ensure it is prepared to help with relocation efforts for persons affected by City-funded housing projects, including persons residing on properties that thereafter become part of new developments utilizing City financial incentives; and

WHEREAS, such preparations would be reflective of the City's overall approach to providing affordable housing for residents, thereby alleviating homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by taking these proactive measures, the City will reaffirm its commitment to providing increased housing opportunities and supporting displaced residents; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that support for the relocation of residents is becoming a critical need as City-funded housing projects become more widespread; and

WHEREAS, by creating and solidifying a process for the relocation of residents, the City and its residents will be more equipped to support persons affected by future City-funded housing projects; and

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WHEREAS, the Council finds that the creation of a relocation program for residents displaced by City-funded housing projects, with a dedicated full-time equivalent position to administer the program, is necessary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to create a housing relocation assistance program, including a dedicated full-time equivalent position, to assist residents with any relocation needs arising from City-funded housing projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration place this program within an appropriate City department as determined by the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the housing relocation program should contain elements such as language accessibility support, proactive community engagement, and priority consideration for alternative housing options for applicable residents; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Community Services, and the Director of Housing and Land Management.

INTRODUCED BY:

Matt Weyer

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 26, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
City-funded Housing; Relocation Assistance; Department of Community Services ("DCS"); Department of Housing and Land Management ("DHLM")

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