HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:09 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-199 – COMMITTEE REPORT 251

   ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DCS). Accepting a gift of certain real property and personal property, valued at $1,630,032.63, to the City from Central Pacific Bank, for use by the Department of Community Services in connection with the operation of a new government building located at 222 North School Street.

[9:11 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:11 a.m.]

Resolution 25-199 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-567 Department of Community Services

[9:12 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-193 – COMMITTEE REPORT 249

WASTEWATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS (SENIOR SERIES). Authorizing the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services to issue and sell not to exceed $230,000,000 principal amount of Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2025 and related matters.

[9:18 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:18 a.m.]

Resolution 25-193 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-543 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:19 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-198 – COMMITTEE REPORT 250

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES. Authorizing the issuance and delivery of Multifamily Housing Revenue Notes in a principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Seven Million Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($107,710,000) for the purpose of making loans to provide financing to KPLR Phase 1, LP, a Hawai'i limited partnership, for a multifamily rental housing development; determining and prescribing certain other matters relating thereto; and approving and authorizing related actions and execution and delivery of related documents and agreements.

[9:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[9:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[9:23 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:23 a.m.]

Resolution 25-198 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-566 Department of Housing and Land Management

[9:23 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-186

GRANTS IN AID FUND. Establishing City policies and priorities for the use of the Grants in Aid Fund

[9:41 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Maureen Purington, Executive Director, Help, Understanding & Group Support (M-380) (General comment)
2. Stephanie Hamano, YMCA O‘ahu (M-380) (General comment)
3. Angela Young (General comment)

[9:57 a.m.]

Action on Resolution 25-186 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-380 Testimony on Resolution 25-186

[9:58 a.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 25-203 – COMMITTEE REPORT 252

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HESD). Authorizing a transfer not to exceed $5,460,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Homeless Activities activity (current expense (“CE”) character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Emergency Medical Services activity (CE COE) for fiscal year 2026 for the extension of the contracts for Premier Medical Group and North Shore Mental Health.

[10:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:08 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:09 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:18 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[10:20 a.m.]

Resolution 25-203 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-568 Honolulu Emergency Services Department

[10:20 a.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 25-204 – COMMITTEE REPORT 253

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (CCSR). Authorizing a transfer of Climate Resiliency Fund monies for Fiscal Year 2026 not to exceed $3,150,000 to the Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality activity (current expense ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to conduct two storm water planning studies; not to exceed $1,500,000 to the Department of Design and Construction, Administration activity (CE COE) to support implementation of the Climate Change Design Guidelines; not to exceed $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; not to exceed $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; not to exceed $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; not to exceed $25,000 to the DPR, Maintenance Support Services activity (equipment COE) to pilot water refill stations at City park sites; not to exceed $1,000,000 to the Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Mobility activity (CE COE) to expand Biki options for transit commuters.

[10:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited and Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:48 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:58 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:00 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia‘āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:01 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Micah Munekata, Ulupono Initiative (M-378) (Support)
2. Angela Young (Support)
3. Eduardo Hernandez, Hawai‘i Bicycling League (M-378) (Support)

[11:07 a.m.]

Resolution 25-204 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0602/7/21/2025 2:58 PM).

AYES: KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: TULBA – 1.

[11:08 a.m.]

Resolution 25-204, CD1 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS* – 4.
NOES: TULBA – 1.

*Council Chair Waters voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

MM-115 Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency
M-378 Testimony on Resolution 25-204

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 11:09 a.m. With Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) the meeting was reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

[11:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:46 a.m.]

7. BILL 49 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 247

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Amending provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption.

[11:50 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (Support)
2. Linda Howe (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-371) (Oppose)

[11:55 a.m.]

Bill 49 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA – 1.

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-576 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-371 Testimony on Bill 49 (2025)

[11:55 a.m.]

8. BILL 50 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 248

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Amending provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption.

[11:57 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-372) (Oppose)

[12:01 p.m.]

Bill 50 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA – 1.

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-575 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-372 Testimony on Bill 50 (2025)

FOR DISCUSSION

[12:01 p.m.]

9. BILL 34 (2024)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing real property tax rates.

[12:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[12:07 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Linda Howe (Support)
2. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-381) (General comment)

Related communication:

M-381 Testimony on Bill 34 (2024)

[12:12 p.m.]

10. BILL 48 (2024), CD1

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing O‘ahu's housing crisis and high cost of rental housing and provide a mechanism to support our local residents through reducing taxation of real property used as a long-term residential rental.

[12:16 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-376) (General comment)

Related communication:

M-376 Testimony on Bill 48 (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.