HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
9:00 A.M.

Remote and in-person oral testimony will be permitted on all items on the agenda when each agenda item is taken up. Each speaker may not have anyone else read their statement and is limited to a one-minute presentation.

As both English and Hawaiian are official languages of the State of Hawaiʻi, pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawaiʻi State Constitution and Section 1-13 of the Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes, members of the public may testify in either language. For oral testimonies offered in ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi, additional time as may be necessary will be allowed for the testifier to provide an English translation of their testimony.

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FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-208 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HPD).** Authorizing a transfer of up to $400,000 in General Fund monies from the Patrol activity (current expense character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Patrol activity (equipment COE) for fiscal year 2026 to enable the Honolulu Police Department to purchase essential equipment for use by Community Policing Teams. (Transmitted by Communication D-577)

2. **RESOLUTION 25-217 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (OCA).** Accepting a gift of up to $4,500 to the City from the Association of Local Government Auditors for travel and related expenses for one staff member from the Office of the City Auditor to travel to Seattle, Washington from October 5 through October 10, 2025 to conduct a peer review.

3. **RESOLUTION 25-231 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DTS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed $50,000 in Highway Fund monies within the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") Transportation Technology activity (current expenses character of expenditure ("COE")) to DTS Transportation Technology activity (equipment COE) for Fiscal Year 2026 to cover receivables created in fiscal years 2016 through 2022 where no Capital Improvement Program grant funds actually existed. (Transmitted by Communication D-624).

4. **RESOLUTION 25-233 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DTS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed $42,630.94 in Highway Fund monies from the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") Transportation Performance & Development activity (current expenses character of expenditure ("COE")) to the DTS Transportation Performance & Development activity (equipment COE) for fiscal year 2026 to furnish and deliver a passenger vehicle. (Transmitted by Communication D-626).

5. **BILL 41 (2025) – RELATING TO PERMIT FEES.** Repeals certain outdated, obsolete, or unnecessary provisions relating to waivers of permit fees for businesses that create new jobs. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 6/4/25; Bill recommitted back to Committee on 7/9/25)

   PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 41 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0579/7/23/2025 9:46 AM) makes the following amendments:

   A. Amends SECTION 3 of the bill by correcting a discrepancy in the grading permit fee schedule to accurately reflect such fees charged by the Department of Planning and Permitting.

   B. Adds a new SECTION 4 of the bill, which makes a conforming amendment to ROH § 32-1.6(a). Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

   C. Amends renumbered SECTION 6 of the bill to include Ordinance 25-25 among those listed that set forth repeal dates relating to the provisions of ROH § 18-6.5 in SECTION 2 of the bill.

   D. Makes various technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

6. **BILL 49 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Amending provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 8/6/25)

7. **BILL 50 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Amending provisions relating to the real property tax home exemption. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 8/6/25)

   Related communication:

   CC-206 Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto.

8. **BILL 34 (2024) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Addressing real property tax rates. (Bill passed first reading 6/5/24)

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 34 (2024) (Submitted by Councilmember Kia'āina) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0639/8/8/2025 1:56 PM) makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 3 of the bill, amends ROH Section 8-11.1(1) to modify the transient vacation tax rate tiers as follows:

(1) Transient vacation Tier 1 tax rate: applied to the net taxable value of the property up to [~~$800,000; and~~] $900,000;

(2) Transient vacation Tier 2 tax rate: applied to the net taxable value of the property in excess of [~~$800,000.~~] $900,000 and up to $2,000,000; and

(3) Transient vacation Tier 3 tax rate: applied to the net taxable value of the property in excess of $2,000,000.

B. In SECTION 3 of the bill, deletes proposed new ROH Section 8-11.1(j) establishing valuation tiers for properties classified as bed and breakfast homes.

C. Amends SECTION 5 of the bill to provide that the ordinance applies to the tax years beginning July 1, 2027, and thereafter, instead of July 1, 2025, and thereafter.

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive mendments.

9. **BILL 54 (2025) – RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.** Updating and amending certain sections of Chapter 15B, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as they pertain to the fare structure for Oahu's Multimodal Municipal Transportation System. (Transmitted by Communication D-573; Bill passed first reading 8/6/25)

   PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 54 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Okimoto) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0640/8/12/2025 12:31 PM) makes the following amendments:

   A. Consolidates SECTIONS 2 through 5 of the original bill (which amend various portions of ROH § 15B-2.1) into a single SECTION 2, which sets out ROH § 15B-2.1 ("Fare structure") in its entirety to conform with conventional drafting standards. Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

   B. In renumbered SECTION 4 of the bill, sets out the entirety of subsection (b) of ROH § 15B-4.5 ("Fare") to conform with conventional drafting standards.

   C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments

10. **BILL 62 (2024) – RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.** Amending the City's fees for motor vehicle registration. (Bill passed first reading 12/11/24)

    PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 62 (2024) (Submitted by Councilmember Tupola) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0589/7/16/2025 2:55 PM) makes the following amendments:

    A. Clarifies that only veterans 65 years of age or older who were not dishonorably discharged receive the exemption from payment of the annual motor vehicle registration.

    B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Committee may consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

VAL A. OKIMOTO, Chair
Committee on Budget