HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
2:30 P.M.

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FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-232 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (CSD).** Accepting a gift to the City of travel, hotel accommodations, meals and related expenses, valued at $3,000, from Thales DIS USA, Inc., for representatives of the Department of Customer Services to attend Factory Acceptance Testing for the upgraded driver's license and State ID card production system project to be held in Austin, Texas from September 15 – 19, 2025. (Transmitted by Communication D-625)

2. **RESOLUTION 25-226 – RESCUE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR EQUINES.** Requesting the Department of Customer Services to develop and implement a program for the rescue and rehabilitation of neglected, abused, or abandoned equines.

3. **BILL 5 (2025) – RELATING TO ANIMAL RECOVERY.** Addressing farm animal control by repealing Article 4 in Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 related to Poundmasters and adding a new Article 4 to address the duties and functions of a Farm Animal Control Contractor. (Bill passed First Reading 1/29/25; PS Committee postponed action 2/13/25)

   PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 5 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0652/8/13/2025 3:38 PM) makes the following amendments:

   A. Removes SECTION 2 of the bill, as ROH Chapter 3, Article 4 ("Poundmasters"), was repealed by Ordinance 25-26, effective June 30, 2025. Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

   B. Amends renumbered SECTION 2 of the bill, which creates a new ROH article entitled "Farm Animal Control Contractor," as follows:

      1. Adds the new article to ROH Chapter 12 ("Animals and Fowls"), instead of to ROH Chapter 3 (as a replacement for the now-repealed Article 4);

      2. Throughout the new article, replaces all references to the Department of Customer Services with general references to the City;

3. In proposed ROH § 12-__.1, amends the definition of "Estray" to refer to property generally (rather than property of a private individual or of the government), and remove "hog" from list of animals contained within the definition;

4. In proposed ROH § 12-__.1, clarifies that the definition of "Farm Animal Control Contractor" is not limited to individuals, but may also include a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity;

5. Amends proposed ROH § 12-__.2(a) to state that the City may enter into a contract with one or more farm animal control contractors;

6. Clarifies in proposed ROH § 12-__.2(a) that the farm animal control contractor is responsible for the reasonable (rather than "proper") care of any estrays within their possession;

7. In proposed ROH § 12-__.3, clarifies that the farm animal control contractor shall bear all expenses for the capture, removal, safekeeping, and reasonable care of estrays;

8. Adds a new proposed ROH § 12-__.4 ("Application for impounding"), which sets out what is required before capturing and removing an estray from private property, and renumbers subsequent sections accordingly;

9. Adds a new proposed ROH § 12-__.6 ("Notice and method of humane disposal"), which outlines the notice requirement after impounding an estray, and the process required before which the farm animal control contractor may proceed to humanely dispose of the estray; and

10. Deletes the proposed section authorizing administrative rulemaking.

C. Amends renumbered SECTION 4 of the bill to list the effective date as July 1, 2026.

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

4. **OVERVIEW ON THE RULEMAKING PROCESS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

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.

TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM, Chair
Committee on Government Efficiency & Customer Services