REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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

Committee Meeting Held
September 23, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Bill 34 (2024), CD1 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION,"

which passed second reading and was the subject of a public hearing at the September 3, 2025 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to address real property tax rates by:

(1) Increasing the assessed value threshold for properties to be classified as Residential A;

(2) Amending valuation tiers for properties classified as Residential A and transient vacation; and

(3) Making the amendments applicable to tax years beginning July 1, 2027, and thereafter.

Andrew T. Kawano, Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, and Steven Takara, Real Property Assessment Administrator, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, provided comments on the bill and answered questions from the Committee.

At your Committee's meeting held on September 23, 2025, the Honolulu Board of REALTORS provided oral testimony in support, and one individual provided comments. Your Committee received written comments from the Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i.

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Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 34 (2024), CD1 and recommends that it pass third reading. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto

Committee Chair

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