



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Val A. Okimoto, Chair

Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Esther Kia'aina

Augie Tulba

Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 9:08 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:11 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-208 – COMMITTEE REPORT 266

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.

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[9:16 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:17 a.m.]

Resolution 25-208 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-577 Honolulu Police Department

[9:18 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-217 – COMMITTEE REPORT 267

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.

[9:19 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:20 a.m.]

Resolution 25-217 reported out for adoption.

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

[9:20 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-231 – COMMITTEE REPORT 268

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.

[9:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[9:22 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Kim West (General comment)
2. Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:26 a.m.]

Resolution 25-231 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-624 Department of Transportation Services

[9:26 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-233 – COMMITTEE REPORT 269

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.

[9:28 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:28 a.m.]

Resolution 25-233 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-626 Department of Transportation Services

[9:28 a.m.]

5. BILL 41 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 262

RELATING TO PERMIT FEES. Repeals certain outdated, obsolete, or unnecessary provisions relating to waivers of permit fees for businesses that create new jobs.

[9:30 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[9:30 a.m.]

Bill 41 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0579/7/23/2025 9:46 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-416 Testimony on Bill 41 (2025)

[9:31 a.m.]

6. BILL 49 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 263

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

[9:33 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:36 a.m.]

Bill 49 (2025) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-417 Testimony on Bill 49 (2025)

[9:36 a.m.]

7. BILL 50 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 264

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

[9:38 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Donald Sakamoto (Support)
2. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[9:40 a.m.]

Bill 50 (2025) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

CC-206	Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
M-418	Testimony on Bill 50 (2025)

[9:41 a.m.]

8. BILL 34 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 260

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

[9:54 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Suzanne Young, Honolulu Board of REALTORS (M-410) (Support)
2. Donald Sakamoto (Support)
3. Angela Young (General comment)

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[10:03 a.m.]

Bill 34 (2024) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0639/8/8/2025 1:56 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

M-410 Testimony on Bill 34 (2024)

[10:04 a.m.]

9. BILL 54 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 265

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.

[10:04 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina and Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered and Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:10 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:15 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Donald Sakamoto (M-426) (Support)
2. Angela Young (General comment)

[10:32 a.m.]

Bill 54 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0640/8/12/2025 12:31 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-573	Department of Transportation Services
D-639	Department of Transportation Services
M-426	Testimony on Bill 54 (2025)

[10:33 a.m.]

10. BILL 62 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 261

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. Amending the City's fees for motor vehicle registration.

[10:33 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:34 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:45 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

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[10:47 a.m.]

Bill 62 (2024) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0589/7/16/2025 2:55 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communications:

D-638 Department of Customer Services
M-409 Testimony on Bill 62 (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.