



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, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Hawai'i, pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution and Section 1-13 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, members of the public may testify in either language. For oral testimonies offered in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, additional time as may be necessary will be allowed for the testifier to provide an English translation of their testimony.

Remote Testimony

1. For direct access to submit oral testimony call: +1-253-215-8782, enter ID **85702212484** and Passcode **495132**.
2. To testify by videoconference visit the Honolulu Records Collection, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/testimony>. Videoconference access information will be provided upon registration. Testifiers are encouraged to register/submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Although remote oral testimony is being permitted, this is a regular meeting and not a remote meeting by interactive conference technology under HRS Section 92-3.7. Therefore, the meeting will continue notwithstanding loss of audiovisual communication with remote testifiers or loss of the public broadcast of the meeting.

Persons wishing to testify in-person in the Council Chamber are requested to register by 9:00 a.m. by filling out the registration form in person outside the Council Chamber. Persons who have not registered will be given an opportunity to speak following the oral testimonies of the registered speakers.

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Written testimony may be uploaded through the Honolulu Records Collection, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony>, or mailed to Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Information Section, 530 South King Street, Room 100, Honolulu, HI 96813. If submitted, written testimonies, including the testifier's address, e-mail address, and phone number, will be available to the public on the Honolulu Records Collection, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov>.

Should you have any questions, please call (808) 768-3814 or send an email to jyamane1@honolulu.gov.

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The meeting will be viewable: (1) by internet live streaming on the Honolulu City Council YouTube Channel, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://www.honolulu.citycouncil.org/meetings>; (2) by televised live broadcast on 'Ōlelo TV Channel 54; and (3) on the monitor situated outside the Council Chamber. Viewers who experience a loss of viewing signal should try switching to another viewing option.

After the meeting, the meeting will be viewable on demand on the Honolulu City Council YouTube Channel, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://www.honolulu.citycouncil.org/meetings>. Copies of older meeting videos may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at (808) 768-5822, charges may apply.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability or an interpreter for a language other than English, please call the Office of the City Clerk Information Section at (808) 768-5822 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or send an email to jyamane1@honolulu.gov as soon as possible or at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. **DISCUSSION ON THE AUDIT OF THE FIRE PLANS REVIEW REVOLVING FUND, RESOLUTION 25-4.**

Related communication:

[CC-222](#) Office of the City Auditor

FOR ACTION

2. **[RESOLUTION 25-239](#) – REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISE.** Approving a one-time compromise of the real property taxes owed by Taxpayer Eugenia Posenecker for the tax year beginning July 1, 2025, such that the sum of \$2,781.83 is credited against the original tax amount of \$4,672.85, resulting in a compromised tax liability of \$1,891.02 for the tax year 2025-2026. (Transmitted by Communication [D-637](#))
3. **[RESOLUTION 25-258](#) – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DTS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$190,687 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity (current expenses (“CE”) character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Performance & Development activity (CE COE) for the fiscal year 2026 to cover the City and County of Honolulu’s matching contribution required by the Federal Highway Administration for the project in the federal fiscal years 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. (Transmitted by Communication [D-697](#))
4. **[RESOLUTION 25-259](#) – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DTS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$160,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity (current expenses (“CE”) character of expenditure (“COE”)) to the Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Performance & Development activity (CE COE) for the Fiscal Year 2026 to cover the City and County of Honolulu’s twenty percent matching contribution required by the Federal Highway Administration for the project in the Fiscal Year 2026 O’ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Overall Work Program. (Transmitted by Communication [D-699](#))

5. **BILL 54 (2025), CD1 – 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 the Multimodal Municipal Transportation System. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 9/3/25)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 54 (2025), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Okimoto) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0703/9/8/2025 3:02 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 2, which amends ROH Section 15B-2.1, amends the bill as follows:
1. Amends subsection (b) by:
 - a. Adding a cash only 'single ride special event' fare and a 'senior citizen (Hawaii residents only)' passenger category to the fare structure table;
 - b. Adding Medicare cardholders to the list of individuals eligible for reduced fares; and
 - c. Clarifying which passengers are eligible for the reduced fare for different rides and passes.
 2. Deletes subsection (k), which removes personal care attendants from the exception to paying a fare for the city bus system and the city rail system. (As noted in D-639 (2025), this does not affect free fares for personal care attendants utilizing paratransit travel (TheHandi-Van), which is mandated by federal laws and covered under ROH § 15B-4.5(e).)
 3. Deletes proposed subsection (m), which would have allowed the Director of Transportation Services to establish a special events single ride fare for special events.
 4. Amends proposed subsection (l) to provide that the Department of Transportation Services (rather than the Director of Transportation Services) may establish a special single ride fare for transportation to and from the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.
- B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

6. **BILL 59 (2025) – RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.** Repealing the requirement that industrial users who discharge or cause to be discharged certain wastewaters into the public sewers pay a surcharge in accordance with ROH Section 43-6.6. (Bill passed first reading 9/3/25)

7. **BILL 61 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Addressing real property tax exemptions. (Bill passed first reading 9/3/25)

8. **BILL 34 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Addressing real property tax rates. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 9/3/25)

9. **BILL 62 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.** Amending the City's fees for motor vehicle registration. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 9/3/25)

Related communication:

[D-682](#) Department of Customer Services

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