REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

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

Committee Meeting Held
September 25, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 25-267 entitled:

"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TWO MONETARY GIFTS FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,000 TO THE CITY FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF THE BASE FOR THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS SIGN AND REPAIR OF THE HIPPO FILTRATION SYSTEM,"

transmitted by Communication D-703, from the Department of Enterprise Services, dated September 15, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is to accept a gift from The Honolulu Zoological Society for the monetary donation of $9,000 to replace and repair the cracked concrete base and install a new rock work base for the Education Programs sign by Gate 3 at the Honolulu Zoo, and to repair the Hippo filtration system.

Dita Holifield, Director of Enterprise Services, spoke in support of the measure and expressed appreciation for the gift.

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Your Committee considered and approved a CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. In the title, corrects the word SYTEM TO SYSTEM.

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, identifies the letter dated September 15, 2025 as Departmental Communication 703 (2025).

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, provides as follows:

> The council, on behalf of the city, may accept gifts or donations of money, securities or other personal property or of real estate or any interest in real estate.

To implement this Charter provision, the Council adopted Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, which establishes guidelines for the solicitation and receipt of gifts on behalf of the City.

Your Committee finds that the acceptance of this gift conforms with the applicable provisions of Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, and that this gift will benefit the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

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Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-267, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 25-267, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 335

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **25-267, CD1**

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING TWO MONETARY GIFTS FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,000 TO THE CITY FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF THE BASE OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS SIGN AND THE REPAIR OF THE HIPPO FILTRATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, provides the City Council ("Council") with authority to accept gifts to the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City; and

WHEREAS, the policy allows for the acceptance of gifts by the affirmative action of the Council; and

WHEREAS, through a letter dated September 15, 2025 (Departmental Communication 703 (2025)), approved by the Managing Director, the Director of Enterprise Services has submitted a request to the Council for the acceptance of two monetary gifts totaling $9,000 to the City from The Honolulu Zoological Society, which includes:

1) a gift valued at $4,500 to replace and repair the cracked concrete base and install a new rock work base for the Education Programs sign by Gate 3 at the Honolulu Zoo, and

2) a gift valued at $4,500 to repair the hippo filtration system, an animal welfare concern; and

WHEREAS, the description and value of the gifts are set forth in the Declaration of Gift forms attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body gratefully accepts the monetary gifts totaling $9,000 from The Honolulu Zoological Society that are more fully described in the above-mentioned letter and the Declaration of Gift forms attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein; and

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **25-267, CD1**

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Enterprise Services; and Ms. Mary Benson, Executive Director, The Honolulu Zoological Society, 151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 17, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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Exhibit A

City and County of Honolulu

DECLARATION OF GIFT	
NAME OF DONOR	The Honolulu Zoological Society
DONOR'S ADDRESS	151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815
DONOR'S TELEPHONE	808.926.3191

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR TERMS OF CONVEYANCE

I own the item described below and desire to give the property to the City and County of Honolulu. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby, absolutely and without condition or reservation, give, grant, and convey the property to the City and County of Honolulu.

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	VALUE
Replace and repair the cracked concrete and install a new rock work base for the Education Programs sign by Gate 3 at the Honolulu Zoo.	$4500.00

Signature: Mary Benson	**Date:** September 12, 2025
Print Name: Mary Benson	**Title:** Executive Director

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DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	VALUE
Repairs to the Hippo filtration system, which is an animal welfare concern. Services performed by Alaka'i Mechanical.	$4500.00

Signature: Mary Benson	**Date:** September 12, 2025
Print Name: Mary Benson	**Title:** Executive Director

Report Title:
Gift, Department of Enterprise Services ("DES"); Honolulu Zoo; Honolulu Zoological Society; Hippo; Sign

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