



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, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR DISCUSSION

[9:07 a.m.]

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

[9:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[9:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

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[9:25 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[9:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[9:29 a.m.]

There following individuals testified:

1. Arnold Wong (M-495) (General comment)
2. Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

Related communications:

CC-222	Office of the City Auditor
M-495	Testimony on Discussion on the Audit of the Fire Plans Review Revolving Fund, Resolution 25-4

FOR ACTION

[9:44 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-239 – COMMITTEE REPORT 306

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.

[9:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[9:55 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina and Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[9:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[9:57 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:57 a.m.]

Resolution 25-239 reported out for adoption.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communication:

D-637 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:58 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-258 – COMMITTEE REPORT 307

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.

[9:58 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[10:01 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered and exited the Council Chamber.

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[10:05 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Donald Sakamoto (Support)
2. Gregory Misakian (General comment)

[10:08 a.m.]

Resolution 25-258 reported out for adoption.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communications:

D-697 Department of Transportation Services
D-723 Department of Transportation Services

[10:08 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-259 – COMMITTEE REPORT 308

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.

[10:09 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia’āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:10 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Donald Sakamoto (Support)
2. Gregory Misakian (General comment)

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[10:15 a.m.]

Resolution 25-259 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communications:

D-699 Department of Transportation Services
D-724 Department of Transportation Services

[10:16 a.m.]

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.

[10:31 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Bryan Mick, Disability and Communication Access Board (M-482) (Oppose)
2. Donald Sakamoto (M-482) (Support)
3. Gregory Misakian (General comment)
4. Ben Sadoski, Unite Here Local 5 (General comment)

[10:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[10:46 a.m.]

Bill 54 (2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0779/9/24/2025 11:45 AM) and further action postponed to a date and time determined by the Committee Chair.

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

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Related communication:

M-482 Testimony on Bill 54 (2025)

[10:47 a.m.]

6. BILL 59 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 304

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.

[10:48 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:50 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:57 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Gregory Misakian (General comment)

[10:59 a.m.]

Bill 59 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

[10:59 a.m.]

7. BILL 61 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 305

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

[11:03 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[11:05 a.m.]

Bill 61 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

D-726 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[11:05 a.m.]

8. BILL 34 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 302

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

[11:12 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Myoung Oh, Honolulu Board of REALTORS (Support)
2. Linda Howe (M-484) (General comment)

[11:21 a.m.]

Bill 34 (2024), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-484 Testimony on Bill 34 (2024)

[11:22 a.m.]

9. BILL 62 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 303

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

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[11:22 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:25 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Gregory Misakian (General comment)

[11:27 a.m.]

Bill 62 (2024), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0778/9/24/2025 1:13 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communications:

D-682 Department of Customer Services
D-727 Department of Customer Services
M-479 Testimony on Bill 62 (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.