REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

Voting Members:
Andria Tupola, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
November 18, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks, which considered Bill 66 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO EXCEPTIONAL TREES,"

transmitted by Departmental Communication 739 (2025), dated September 10, 2025, by the Department of Parks and Recreation; introduced on September 25, 2025; and which passed first reading at the October 1, 2025, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 66 (2025) is to amend Chapter 40, Article 8 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 relating to the City's Register of exceptional trees by adding six trees to the Register of Exceptional Trees and update the scientific renaming of monkeypod trees.

Kehaulani Pu'u, Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation testified in support.

Your Committee considered and approved a posted proposed CD1 version of the Bill, which makes the following amendments:

A. Amends SECTION 1 of the bill to note that the bill addresses certain provisions relating to exceptional trees for the purpose of consistency and style.

B. Adds a new SECTION 2 of the bill to correct a typographical error in ROH Section 40-8.5(c). Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.

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C. In renumbered SECTION 3 of the bill, reflects the removal of the exceptional tree from ROH Section 40-8.7(a). Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.

D. In renumbered SECTION 7 of the bill, sets forth a technical and nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of consistency and style. Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS accordingly.

E. Makes various technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 66 (2025), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee in the form attached hereto as Bill 66 (2025), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tupola

Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL **66 (2025), CD1**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO EXCEPTIONAL TREES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the register of exceptional trees, including certain relevant provisions governing exceptional trees.

SECTION 2. Section 40-8.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Procedures"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) Upon designation by the council of an exceptional tree, the city clerk shall notify the property owner or the occupant of the property, [~~of~~] or both, by certified mail that [~~such a~~] the designation has been made."

SECTION 3. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The following trees begin with the letters "a" through "b":

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Acrocarpus fraxinifolius, Pink Cedar Tree	Schofield Barracks, Ulrich Street, west of Building S2107	N/A
Adansonia digitata, Baobab Tree	Queen's Medical Center, 1301 Punchbowl Street*	2-1-035:003
	Grove of 11 trees – Ala Moana Regional Park	2-3-037:001
	Foster Botanical Garden, 180 North Vineyard Boulevard	1-7-007:002
	University of Hawaii at Manoa, adjacent to the Art Building, 2444 Dole Street	2-8-023:003

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Agathis robusta, Queensland Kauri Tree	Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, 3860 Manoa Road	2-9-055:006
Albizia guachapele, Guachapele Trees	3 trees – Wheeler Army Airfield, on the median strip of Wright Avenue between Elleman Road and Foote Avenue	N/A
Albizia niopoides	Schofield Barracks, Sargent Road, between Buildings T-695 and 699A	N/A
Albizia procera, Albizia	4 trees – Wheeler Army Airfield, Wright Avenue, two trees north of building at 147 Langley Loop, one tree north of building at 766 Santos Dumont, one tree in front of quarters at 1078 Wright Avenue	N/A
~~[Albizia saman, Monkeypod Tree~~	~~2 trees – Waimea Valley, at the Visitor Center~~	~~6-1-002:002~~
	~~420 Wyllie Street~~	~~1-8-006:007~~
	~~Central Union Church – courtyard Atherton Chapel, 1660 South Beretania Street~~	~~2-8-011:028~~
	~~Both sides of Paki Avenue from Kapahulu to Monsarrat and 4 trees at Waikiki Fire Station~~	~~3-1-043:002~~

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
~~Albizia saman, Monkeypod Tree (cont.)~~	~~2 trees – Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road~~	~~1-1-009:004~~
	~~1070 Aalapapa Drive, Lanikai~~	~~4-3-006:102~~
	~~11 trees – along Koa Kahiku Street, Windward City Shopping Center~~	~~4-5-060:061~~
	~~Wheeler Army Airfield, 258 Haley Avenue, Apartment 102~~	~~N/A~~
	~~5 trees – along perimeter of Windward City Shopping Center on Aumoku Street~~	~~4-5-060:061~~
	~~3 Trees – left and right of driveway entrance of Women's Community Corrections Center, Kailua~~	~~4-2-003:004~~
	~~16 Trees – 52 Robinson Lane~~	~~1-8-003:002; 1-8-003:003; 1-8-003:005~~
	~~"Hitachi Tree", Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819~~	~~1-1-009:004~~
	~~3 trees – Cooke Estate, 2859 Manoa Road~~	~~2-9-019:035~~
	~~2 trees – Cooke Estate, 2829 Manoa Road~~	~~2-9-019:025~~

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
~~Albizia saman, Monkeypod Tree (cont.)~~	~~Both sides of Kapiolani Boulevard from Atkinson Drive to South Street~~	~~N/A~~
	~~1932 Awapuhi Street~~	~~2-9-016:013~~
	~~189 Niuiki Circle~~	~~3-7-002:060~~]
Araucaria bidwillii, Bunya-bunya Tree	Castle Ranch, 1385 Maunawili Road	4-2-009:001
Araucaria cunninghamii, Hoop-Pine Tree	Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, 3860 Manoa Road	2-9-055:006
Araucaria heterophylla, Norfolk Island Pine Tree	Castle Ranch, 1385 Maunawili Road	4-2-009:001
Araucaria spp., Norfolk Island Pines	33 trees – Schofield Barracks, both sides of General Loop	N/A
Artocarpus altilis, Breadfruit Tree	Castle Ranch, 1385 Maunawili Road	4-2-009:001
Attalea cohune, Mexican Cohune Nut Palms	Grove of 8 palms – 3282 Paty Drive	2-9-041:068
Barringtonia asiatica, Hutu Tree	University of Hawaii at Manoa, mauka side of Bilger Hall at McCarthy Mall area	2-8-023:003
Bertholletia excelsa, Brazil Nut Tree	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Bucida buceras, Geometry Tree	Ala Moana Regional Park	2-3-037:001
	Schofield Barracks, Sargent Road, north of Building T-695	N/A
* "Champion Trees of Hawaii," in *American Forests*, May 1974.		

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SECTION 4. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The following trees begin with the letters "c" through "e":

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Calophyllum inophyllum, Kamani Trees	2 trees - Kualoa Regional Park - corner near fishpond, makai of Kamehameha Highway	4-9-004:001
	25 trees - Wheeler Army Airfield, both sides of Haley Avenue between Elleman and Chanute Roads	N/A
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
Canarium vulgare, Pili Nut Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
	Northwest corner of J.R. Judd property, Hakipuu, 49-074-C Kamehameha Highway	4-9-001:005
	Washington Place	2-1-018:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Capparis mollicella	Schofield Barracks, located on the south side of Building 2105, Ulrich Street	N/A
Cassia roxburghii, Red Cassia Tree	45-647 Anoi Road	4-5-081:015
Cassia x nealiae, 'Wilhelmina Tenney'/ Rainbow Shower Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 180 North Vineyard Boulevard	1-7-007:002
	2 trees - Kapiolani Regional Park; Kalakaua Avenue near Paki Avenue intersection	3-1-043:001
Casuarina equisetifolia, Ironwood Trees	Along Kalakaua Avenue from Kapahulu Avenue to Poni Moi Road	3-1-043:001
	Grove of double row - parallel to the Kapiolani Park Bandstand, at Monsarrat Avenue's Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot makai entrance	3-1-043:001
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
Cavanillesia plantanifolia, Quipo Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
Ceiba pentandra, Kapok Tree	Grounds of State department of agriculture, 1428 South King Street	2-4-005:018
	2 trees - Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Couroupita guianensis, Cannonball Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, next to parking lot, makai side of Sinclair Library	2-8-023:003
Cyrtostachys renda, Sealing Wax Palm	Harold L. Lyon Arboretum	2-9-055:006
Elaeodendron orientale, False Olive Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
Enterolobium cyclocarpum, Earpod Tree	~~[Board of Water Supply - Makiki Pumping Station]~~ Archie Baker Mini Park	2-5-020:001
	Waialua Library, 67-068 Kealohanui Street	6-7-016:002
	2020 Kamehameha Avenue	2-9-007:015
	23 trees - Schofield Barracks, north side of Leilehua Avenue, from Baldwin Road to Morris Road	N/A
	Schofield Barracks, Bragg Street, 100 feet from Ayres Avenue intersection	N/A
	2 trees - 2823 Oahu Avenue	2-9-014:069
Erythrina sandwicensis, Wiliwili Trees	Grove of 57 trees - Koko Crater Botanical Garden	3-9-012:001
	Grove of 18 trees - Waimea Valley	6-1-001:002

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Eucalyptus camaldulensis, River Red Gum Trees	56 trees - Schofield Barracks, south side of Kolekole Avenue, extending from Fournier Avenue to Hewitt Street	N/A
Eucalyptus deglupta, Mindanao Gum Tree	Wahiawa Botanical Garden, 1396 California Avenue*	7-4-017:001
Eucalyptus robusta, Swamp-Mahogany Trees	Schofield Barracks, row of 110 trees along Wilikina Drive in the Mendonca Park Family Housing area	N/A
	2469 East Manoa Road	2-9-011:034
* "Champion Trees of Hawaii," in *American Forests*, May 1974.		

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SECTION 5. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The following trees begin with the letter "f":

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus spp., Banyan Trees	45 trees that comprise 4 groves and 6 single trees at Ala Moana Regional Park; 1 Ficus religiosa near the McCoy Pavilion roundabout, 4 Ficus spp. within McCoy Pavilion Courtyard, and 1 large Ficus benghalensis near the Ewa lagoon	2-3-037:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus spp., Banyan Trees (cont.)	Two rows of Ficus benjamina trees along the Ewa side of the Ala Wai Canal and a single row of Ficus microcarpa trees on the Waikiki side of the Ala Wai Canal, all three rows running between Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard	N/A
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001
Ficus sp., Fig Tree	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, front lawn Diamond Head side	2-1-018:001
Ficus benghalensis, Indian Banyan Tree	Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Makai tree - in front of Honolulu Zoo entrance; corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Mauka tree - in front of Honolulu Zoo entrance; corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Kapahulu Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Directly across the street from the Zoo entrance, makai side of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Ewa side of Queen's Surf Beach Center, makai of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-030:003

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus benghalensis, Indian Banyan Tree (cont.)	Ewa side of Waikiki Aquarium, makai of Kalakaua Avenue	3-1-030:003
	Makai tree - in front of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, Diamond Head of the Waikiki Aquarium	3-1-031:003
	Mauka tree - in front of the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium, Diamond Head of the Waikiki Aquarium	3-1-031:003
	Diamond Head tree - across the street from the Donald A. Andrews Diamond Head Tennis Center, along the makai side of Paki Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Ewa tree - across the street from the Donald A. Andrews Diamond Head Tennis Center, along the makai side of Paki Avenue	3-1-043:001
	Diamond Head corner of archery range, along Poni Moi Road near entrance to La Pietra	3-1-043:007
	Makai tree - across the street from the Diamond Head side of the Honolulu Zoo, makai side of the Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot entrance	3-1-043:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus benghalensis, Indian Banyan Tree (cont.)	Mauka tree - across the street from the Diamond Head side of the Honolulu Zoo, makai side of the Tom Moffatt Waikiki Shell parking lot entrance	3-1-043:001
	Grounds of Kaiulani School, 783 North King Street	1-5-005:016
	Iolani Palace grounds	2-1-025:002
	Moana Hotel Courtyard, 2365 Kalakaua Avenue	2-6-001:012
	2 trees - beside the Judiciary Building, Aliiolani Hale, 417 South King Street	2-1-025:003
	Parking lot, Walina Street, The Food Pantry Ltd., 2370 Kuhio Avenue	2-6-021:100
	Kuhio Beach Park	2-6-001:004
	Center of International Market Place, 2330 Kalakaua Avenue	2-6-022:038
	End of Magic Island	2-3-037:025
	1212 Punahou Street	2-4-007:002
	Thomas Square, 925 South Beretania Street, 4 trees surrounding fountain	2-4-001:001
Ficus benjamina, Benjamin Fig Tree	Entry circle to left of front lawn of Roosevelt High School	2-4-032:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus drupacea, Mysore Fig Tree	Schofield Barracks, tree located on the north side of Grant Hall, intersection of Waianae and McCornack Roads	N/A
Ficus elastica, Indian Rubber Tree	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, next to Campus Way, mauka side of Sinclair Library	2-8-023:003
Ficus macrophylla, Moreton Bay Fig Tree	Schofield Barracks, tree located at the southwest corner of Building 747, Quad I	N/A
	Kailua Road [~~"Triangle Park",~~] "Triangle Park," center of Kailua	4-2-018:014
	91 Renton Road	9-1-101:074
Ficus microcarpa, Chinese Banyan Tree	239 Kulamanu Place	3-1-040:061
	3 Trees - Kailua Road [~~"Triangle Park",~~] "Triangle Park," center of Kailua	4-2-018:014
	1699 Walea Street	7-5-001:001
Ficus petiolaris, Blue Mexican Fig Tree	1941 Ualakaa Street	2-5-001:033
Ficus religiosa, Bo Tree	Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road*	1-1-009:004
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Ficus religiosa, Bo Tree (cont.)	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
* "Champion Trees of Hawaii," in *American Forests*, May 1974.		

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SECTION 6. Section 40-8.7, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Register of exceptional trees"), is amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) The following trees begin with the letter "s" through "w":

Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Samanea saman, Monkeypod Tree	2 trees - Waimea Valley, at the Visitor Center	6-1-002:002
	420 Wyllie Street	1-8-006:007
	Central Union Church - courtyard Atherton Chapel, 1660 South Beretania Street	2-8-011:028
	Both sides of Paki Avenue from Kapahulu Avenue to Monsarrat Avenue and 4 trees at Waikiki Fire Station	3-1-043:002
	2 trees - Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road	1-1-009:004
	1070 Aalapapa Drive, Lanikai	4-3-006:102
	11 trees - along Koa Kahiku Street, Windward City Shopping Center	4-5-060:061

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Samanea saman, Monkeypod Tree (cont.)	Wheeler Army Airfield, 258 Haley Avenue, Apartment 102	N/A
	5 trees - along perimeter of Windward City Shopping Center on Aumoku Street	4-5-060:061
	3 Trees - left and right of driveway entrance of Women's Community Corrections Center, Kailua	4-2-003:004
	16 Trees - 52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002; 1-8-003:003; 1-8-003:005
	"Hitachi Tree," Moanalua Gardens, 2850 Moanalua Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819	1-1-009:004
	3 trees - Cooke Estate, 2859 Manoa Road	2-9-019:035
	2 trees - Cooke Estate, 2829 Manoa Road	2-9-019:025
	Both sides of Kapiolani Boulevard from Atkinson Drive to South Street	NA
	1932 Awapuhi Street	2-9-016:013
	189 Niuiki Circle	3-7-002:060
	2 trees – 2417 Parker Place	2-9-012:028
	45-255 Kokokahi Place	4-5-031:020

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Samanea saman, Monkeypod Tree (cont.)	Kaiaka Beach Park	6-6-007:007
Schotia brachypetala, Tree Fuchsia	203 Prospect Street	2-2-003:098
Spondias mombin, Hog Plum Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue*	1-7-008:002
Sterculia apetala, Panama Trees	4 trees - Ala Moana Regional Park	2-3-037:001
	Thomas Square, 925 South Beretania Street	2-4-001:001
Sterculia foetida, Skunk Tree	University of Hawaii/Manoa Campus, Ewa-makai corner of George Hall	2-8-023:003
	Schofield Barracks, 225 General Loop	N/A
	203 Prospect Street	2-2-003:098
Swietenia macrophylla, Mahogany Trees	2 trees - Schofield Barracks, Lewis Street, immediately north of the Foote Avenue intersection	N/A
	Schofield Barracks, Glennan Avenue, between Buildings 672 and 688, Health Clinic	N/A
Swietenia mahagoni, Mahogany Trees	Along Kalakaua Avenue between Beretania Street and Ena Road	N/A
	2616 Pali Highway	1-8-008:001

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Name of Tree or Scientific Name, or both	***Description of Location (If Available)***	***TMK (If Available)***
Syzygium malaccense, Mountain Apple Tree	Castle Ranch, 1385 Maunawili Road	4-2-009:001
Tamarindus indica, Tamarind Tree	Judiciary Building, Aliiolani Hale, Ewa Courtyard, 417 South King Street	2-1-025:003
	52 Robinson Lane	1-8-003:002
	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, front lawn Ewa side	2-1-018:001
	Washington Place, 320 South Beretania Street, rear of property on Ewa side near driveway	2-1-018:001
Terminalia catappa, Tropical Almond Tree	Foster Botanical Garden, 1438 Nuuanu Avenue	1-7-008:002
Wallaceodendron celebicum, Banuyo Tree	University of Hawaii, along Campus Road near Sinclair Library, across from Gartley Hall, 2444 Dole Street	2-8-023:003
Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms	19 palms - Schofield Barracks, located on the west side of Dickman Road	N/A
	14 palms - Schofield Barracks, both sides of Glennan Street between Foote Avenue and Sargent Road	N/A
* "Champion Trees of Hawaii," in *American Forests*, May 1974.		

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SECTION 7. Section 40-8.8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Regulations"), is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) *Tree maintenance.*

(1) It is unlawful for any person, corporation, public agency, or other entity to alter the characteristic shape of any [~~"exceptional"~~] exceptional tree or remove any branch without first obtaining a permit issued by the department of parks and recreation.

(2) The department of parks and recreation shall have the necessary powers to make rules, pursuant to HRS Chapter 91, to establish the criteria, standards, and conditions under which a permit may be issued."

SECTION 8. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Reviser of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 9. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 25, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Exceptional Trees; Register; Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR")

Description:
Amends the register of exceptional trees and relevant provisions.

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