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'āina
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 9:10 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:12 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-284 – COMMITTEE REPORT 341

   COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR BARGAINING UNIT 12 (STATE OF HAWAI'I ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS). Approving the cost items effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029, for the Bargaining Unit 12 included, excluded, and excluded managerial employees of the City and County of Honolulu.

[9:18 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[9:18 a.m.]

Resolution 25-284 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-149 Office of the Mayor

[9:18 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-285 – COMMITTEE REPORT 342

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DCS). Authorizing a transfer not to exceed $696,940.00 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity (current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) of which $33,526.00 to the Department of Community Services ("DCS"), Community Based Development activity (salaries COE) and $663,414.00 to the DCS, Community Based Development activity (CE COE) to meet the local match grant program needs of the DCS.

[9:23 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:24 a.m.]

Resolution 25-285 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-759 Department of Community Services

[9:24 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-287 – COMMITTEE REPORT 343

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DPR). Authorizing a transfer of $1,000,000 in General Fund monies from the Grounds Maintenance Services activity (current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Maintenance Support Services ("MSS") activity (CE COE) for Fiscal Year 2026 that is required to meet budget shortfalls for MSS to maintain and repair projects at various parks and locations.

[9:29 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:29 a.m.]

Resolution 25-287 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0822/10/9/2025 2:08 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-762 Department of Parks and Recreation

[9:29 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-262 – COMMITTEE REPORT 340

FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO. Repealing the policy on the farebox recovery ratio for the City bus system.

[9:32 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Donald Sakamoto (Support)

[9:33 a.m.]

Resolution 25-262 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-535 Testimony on Resolution 25-262

[9:33 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.

[10:02 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Bryan Mick, Disability and Communication Access Board (Oppose)
2. Donald Sakamoto (M-531) (Oppose)
3. KC Connors (Oppose)

[10:22 a.m.]

Action on Bill 54 (2025), CD1 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-775 Department of Transportation Services
M-531 Testimony on Bill 54 (2025)

[10:23 a.m.]

6. BILL 59 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 336

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.

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:25 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:25 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:25 a.m.]

Bill 59 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0821/10/13/2025 10:59 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

[10:26 a.m.]

7. BILL 61 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 337

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

[10:30 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Ryan Tam, Hawaiʻi Community Development Authority (Support)

[10:32 a.m.]

Bill 61 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0826/10/10/2025 9:21 AM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-533 Testimony on Bill 61 (2025)

[10:32 a.m.]

8. BILL 63 (2025)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the dedication of certain property for affordable long-term residential rental use.

[10:38 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:40 a.m.]

Bill 63 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0828/10/13/2025 9:28 AM) and further action postponed to a date and time determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-772 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-537 Testimony on Bill 63 (2025)

[10:41 a.m.]

9. BILL 64 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 338

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS. Requiring the Mayor to submit a report on appropriations at the same time budget documents are submitted pursuant to Charter § 9-102.1.

[10:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[10:57 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:59 a.m.]

Bill 64 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

D-774 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[10:59 a.m.]

10. BILL 65 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 339

RELATING TO BUDGET EXECUTION. Amending provisions related to budget execution.

[11:01 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:03 a.m.]

Bill 65 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0835/10/20/2025 9:38 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

D-773 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.