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, NOVEMBER 18, 2025
9:00 A.M.

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As both English and Hawaiian are official languages of the State of Hawaiʻi, pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawaiʻi State Constitution and Section 1-13 of the Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes, members of the public may testify in either language. For oral testimonies offered in ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi, additional time as may be necessary will be allowed for the testifier to provide an English translation of their testimony.

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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.

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Committee on Budget Agenda
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-283 – APPOINTMENT OF JODY LIBED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW I.** Confirming the appointment of Jody Libed to serve on the Board of Review I for real property tax appeal of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. (Transmitted by Communication MM-147; public hearing held 11/5/25)

2. **RESOLUTION 25-297 – REAPPOINTMENT OF EDMUND K.B. HYUN TO SERVE ON THE LIQUOR COMMISSION.** Confirming the reappointment of Edmund K.B. Hyun to serve on the Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2030. (Transmitted by Communication MM-163; public hearing held 11/5/25)

   Related communication:

   MM-128(24) Office of the Mayor

3. **RESOLUTION 25-302 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (BFS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed $150,000 in General Fund monies from the Treasury activity (current expense ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Budgetary Administration activity (CE COE) for fiscal year 2026 to procure a contract for the development and implementation of an automated system to produce the annual Executive Program and Budget book. (Transmitted by Communication D-792)

4. **BILL 55 (2025) – RELATING TO MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM FEES**. Establishing fees for the City and County of Honolulu's Multi-Family Rental Housing Program. (Transmitted by Communication D-588; Bill passed first reading 8/6/25)

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 55 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Okimoto) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0833/10/20/2025 3:37 PM) makes the following amendments:

A. Amends SECTION 1 of the bill to add findings and background information on the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program, rules, and fees.

B. Amends SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:

1. Removes the proposed language for ROH Chapter 6, Article 35, regarding the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program definitions, fees, and effective date.

2. Inserts and amends ROH § 6-34.1 as follows:

a. Amends the definition of "Director" to mean the Director of Housing and Land Management instead of the Director of Community Services;

b. Adds a new definition of "Multi-Family Rental Housing Program" to mean the multi-family rental housing program authorized under HRS Chapter 201H and established by the City pursuant to ROH § 6-34.6; and

c. Adds a new definition of "Regulatory Period" to mean the term of the regulatory agreement as defined in the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program Rules.

C. Adds a new SECTION 3 amending ROH § 6-34.6 to refer to the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program (rather than the Rental Housing Loan Program).

D. Adds a new SECTION 4 amending ROH § 6-34.7 to:

1. Refer to the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program (rather than the Rental Housing Loan Program); and

2. Clarify that the Director is not the Director of Community Services, but the Director of Housing and Land Management (see Amendment B.2.a).

E. Adds a new SECTION 5 adding a new ROH § 6-34.8 that:

1. Establishes new fees for the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program; and

2. Directs such fees to be deposited into the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account within the Housing Development Special Fund.

F. Adds a new SECTION 6 amending ROH § 6-46.1 to create a "Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account" within the Housing Development Special Fund.

G. Adds a new SECTION 7 amending ROH § 6-46.3 as follows:

1. Excludes the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account from being expended pursuant to ROH § 6-46.3(c); and

2. Adds a new subsection (g) specifying that fees collected from the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program must be deposited into the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account within the Housing Development Special Fund, and that moneys within the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account must be expended solely to operate the Multi-Family Rental Housing Program.

Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

H. Amends renumbered SECTION 9 to provide that the ordinance takes effect retroactive to February 4, 2022.

I. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communication:

D-706 Department of Housing and Land Management, submitting proposed amendments to Bill 55 (2025).

5. **BILL 63 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.** Addressing the dedication of certain property for affordable long-term residential rental use. (Bill passed first reading 10/1/25; Committee postponed action on 10/14/25)

CD1 to BILL 63 (2025) (Approved by the Committee at its October 14, 2025 meeting) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0828/10/13/2025 9:28 AM) makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 2 of the bill, amends ROH § 8-7.6(a), relating to definitions, to:

1. Amend the definition of "Affordable" to read as follows:

"The long-term residential rental is rented at no more than the maximum monthly rental rate based on the number of bedrooms, for a household with an annual income that does not exceed 100 percent of the area median income based on HUD annual income limits for the Honolulu metropolitan statistical area as adjusted for household size, as calculated by the responsible city agency for the corresponding tax year based on the applicable annual household income limits; provided that if the long-term residential rental includes more than four bedrooms, the maximum monthly rental rate will be calculated using the same methodology."

2. Add a definition of "HUD" to mean the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3. Delete the definition of "Immediate Family Member."

4. Add a definition of "Violation of the Dedication" to mean any failure by the owner to observe the restrictions imposed on the dedicated property under ROH § 8-7.6 for 45 consecutive days or more during any tax year within the applicable dedication period, or cancellation of the dedication due to the sale or transfer of the dedicated property during the dedication period.

B. In SECTION 2 of the bill, deletes ROH § 8-7.6(b)(1), which required that dedicated property be purchased by the owner for less than the Residential A classification threshold.

C. In SECTION 2 of the bill, amends ROH § 8-7.6(f), relating to the dedication of property, to provide that the dedication automatically renews after the five-year dedication period expires, subject to cancellation by the owner, which must be in writing and submitted to the director by September 1 of the fifth year of the applicable dedication period.

D. In SECTION 2 of the bill, amends ROH § 8-7.6(h), relating to violation and penalties, to:

1. Provide that violation of the dedication will result in the cancellation of dedication retroactive to the tax year preceding the tax year in which the violation of the dedication occurred (instead of retroactive to the date of the initial dedication);

2. Move the definition of "failure to observe the restrictions on the use" to subsection (a), and replace the defined term with "violation of the dedication"; and

3. Retain as new subdivision (3) the provision regarding the City's ability to pursue any other remedy provided by law to enforce the restrictions on real property under ROH § 8-7.6.

E. In SECTION 2 of the bill, replaces proposed ROH § 8-7.6(j), which provided that, in the event of the death of an owner and the transfer of the property to an immediate family member, the dedication could continue upon petitioning the director, and required the original owner to remain responsible for the rollback taxes and penalties following the property transfer, with new provisions that:

1. Require the owner to provide written notification of the sale or transfer of the dedicated property to the director and all potential successors-in-interest, and specify certain information that must be disclosed in the notification; and

2. Provide that upon the sale or transfer of the dedicated property, the new owner will be subject to rollback taxes and penalties; provided that the new owner has the option to avoid the rollback taxes and penalties by filing, within 30 days after the transfer of title, a new petition to dedicate the property as an affordable long-term residential rental, and the petition is approved by the director.

F. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

6. **BILL 64 (2025) – 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. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 11/5/25)

7. **BILL 65 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO BUDGET EXECUTION.** Amending provisions related to budget execution. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 11/5/25)

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