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SUBJECT: Requested Resolution Regarding Transfers of Funds (Departmental Communication 7 (26))

Dear Director Kawano:

Your letter of January 5, Departmental Communication 7 (2026), requests that the City Council consider the approval of a transfer of $15,193,210 from the Provision for Salary Adjustments and Accrued Vacation Pay account to the Mayor's Office (MAY), Department of Customer Services (CSD), Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS), Department of Information Technology (DIT), Honolulu Police Department (HPD), and Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

According to your letter, these thirteen transfers are being requested to "meet the increased costs of authorized pay increase and accrued vacations payments in Fiscal Year 2026."

As you are aware, the Council has expressed concern about the number of transfer of funds requests received by the Council each year and has passed legislation to require additional reporting on transfers. Due to the increasing interest in transfers by the Council and to facilitate the Council's ongoing dialogue regarding transfers, I am requesting that BFS provide additional details regarding these requested in advance of the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The additional details regarding each of the requested transfers should include:

- specific need and use of the transferred funds;
- an explanation for why the need and amounts of these funds was not specifically identified and included in the various departmental budgets for FY 2026;
- given the relatively small amount of some of these requests, (for example $1,560 for DIT), explain why some of these smaller transfers could not be fulfilled from within each department's FY 2026 budget

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Duncan Osorio, at 808-768-5095.

Sincerely,

Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer, Honolulu City Council

cc: Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Managing Director Mike Formby

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