



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, JANUARY 13, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Remote and in-person oral testimony will be permitted on all items on the agenda when each agenda item is taken up. Each speaker may not have anyone else read their statement and is limited to a one-minute presentation.

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

Remote Testimony

1. For direct access to submit oral testimony call: +1-253-215-8782, enter ID **83810276065** and Passcode **934741**.
2. To testify by videoconference visit the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony>. Videoconference access information will be provided upon registration. Testifiers are encouraged to register/submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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.

Persons wishing to testify in the Council Chamber are requested to register by 9:00 a.m. by filling out the registration form in person. Persons who have not registered will be given an opportunity to speak following the oral testimonies of the registered speakers.

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If you need auxiliary aid/service or other accomodation due to a disability or an interpreter for a language other than English, please call the Office of the City Clerk Information Section at (808) 768-5822, Monday through Friday, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding State holidays, or send an email to kiana.pascual@honolulu.gov as soon as possible or at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-327 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DEM).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$321,684 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Federally Funded Program Contingencies activity (current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Department of Emergency Management ("DEM") Emergency Management Coordination activity (salary COE) to provide DEM with the resources required to fill and sustain Planner positions, ensuring that DEM can effectively manage and implement federally supported programs. (Transmitted by Communication [D-840\[25\]](#))
2. **RESOLUTION 25-331 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (BFS).** Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$34,400,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Hazard Pay activity (current expenses character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Provision for Hazard Pay activity (salaries COE) for the fiscal year 2026 in order to record salaries in the Provision for Hazard Pay activity. (Transmitted by Communication [D-865\[25\]](#))
3. **RESOLUTION 26-5 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS (BFS).** Authorizing a transfer (totaling \$15,193,210) not to exceed \$15,143,120 in General Fund monies, \$12,750 in Liquor Fund monies, \$35,780 in Transportation Fund monies, and \$1,560 in Solid Waste Special Fund monies from the Provision for Salary Adjustments and Accrued Vacation Pay activity (current expenses character of expenditure ("COE")) to the activities of the executive agencies (salaries COE) to fund authorized pay increases and accrued vacation payouts. (Transmitted by Communication [D-7\[26\]](#))

Related communication:

[CC-1\(26\)](#)

Council Chair Waters, requesting information relating to Communication D-7(26).

4. **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. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 9/3/25; Committee amended to CD2 and postponed 9/23/25)

[CD2 TO BILL 54 \(2025\)](#), [CD1](#) (Approved by the Committee at its September 23, 2025 meeting) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0779/9/24/2025 11:45 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 2, which amends ROH Section 15B-2.1, amends the bill as follows:
 - 1. Amends subsection (b) by:
 - a. Adding a 'senior citizen (Hawaii residents only)' passenger category to the fare structure table;
 - b. Adding Medicare cardholders to the list of individuals eligible for reduced fares; and
 - c. Clarifying which passengers are eligible for the reduced fare for different rides and passes.
 - 2. Deletes subsection (k), which removes personal care attendants from the exception to paying a fare for the city bus system and the city rail system. (As noted in D-639 (2025), this does not affect free fares for personal care attendants utilizing paratransit travel (TheHandi-Van), which is mandated by federal laws and covered under ROH § 15B-4.5(e).) Re-letters subsequent subsections.
 - 3. Amends now proposed subsection (l) (formerly subsection (n) in the CD1) to provide that the Department of Transportation Services (rather than the Director of Transportation Services) may establish a special single ride fare for transportation to and from the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.
 - 4. Amends proposed subsection (m), to provide that the Department of Transportation Services (rather than the Director of Transportation Services) may establish a special events single ride fare for certain special events. Clarifies that the special events single ride fare will be cash only and will be sold at \$6.25 for all passenger categories under subsection (b).
- B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 54 (2025), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Okimoto) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0954/12/16/2025 3:02 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 2 of the bill, which amends ROH § 15B-2.1:
 - 1. Amends subsection (b) by:
 - a. Adding Medicare cardholders to the list of individuals eligible for reduced fares; and
 - b. Lowering the reduced fare for certain ride types and adding language to clarify that the reduced fare is available to senior citizens, persons with a disability, paratransit eligibility ID holders, Medicare cardholders, and individuals with extremely low incomes; provided that the discounted fare for the monthly pass and annual pass is limited to persons eligible for a reduced fare who are also residents of Hawaii.
 - 2. Amends proposed new subsection (m), to provide that the Department of Transportation Services (rather than the Director of Transportation Services) may establish a special event single ride fare for certain special events. Clarifies that the special event single ride fare will be sold at \$6.25 for all passenger categories under subsection (b). Makes conforming amendments to the definition of "Single Ride Fare Special Event" (now "Special Event Single Ride Fare") in subsection (a).
 - 3. Amends proposed new subsection (n), to provide that the Department of Transportation Services (rather than the Director of Transportation Services) may establish a special single ride fare for transportation to and from the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.
 - B. In SECTION 6 of the bill, amends the effective date from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026.
 - C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
5. **BILL 55 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM FEES.** Establishing fees for the City and County of Honolulu's Multi-Family Rental Housing Program. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 12/3/25)

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 55 (2025), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Okimoto) – The CD2 (OCS2025-0941/12/15/2025 9:32 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 4 of the bill, amends references to "HRS Chapter 356D" to "HRS Chapter 201H."
- B. In SECTION 5 of the bill, provides that fees collected must be deposited into a special account in the General Fund (rather than deposited into the proposed new Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account of the Housing Development Special Fund).
- C. Deletes SECTION 6 and SECTION 7 of the bill, which would have established the proposed new Multi-Family Rental Housing Program account in the Housing Development Special Fund and established other related provisions.

Renumbers subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
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- 6. **BILL 63 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.**
Addressing the dedication of certain property for affordable long-term residential rental use. (Bill passed second reading and public hearing held 12/3/25)
 - 7. **BILL 76 (2025) – RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY.**
Enhancing governmental transparency in the City and County of Honolulu. (Bill passed first reading 12/3/25)
 - 8. **BILL 77 (2025) – RELATING TO BUDGET EXECUTION.** Amending provisions related to budget execution. (Bill passed first reading 12/3/25)

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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 City's and the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

VAL A. OKIMOTO, Chair
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