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The Honorable Val Okimoto, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

Dear Chair Okimoto and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Concerns on Proposed Bill 55 (2025), CD2 – Relating to Multi-Family Rental Housing Program Fees

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS") would like to express its concerns about the proposed CD2 version of Bill 55 (2025) ("Bill 55"), which requires the Administration to deposit all fees collected under Section 6-34.8 (b) into a special account of the General Fund.

As we have stated in the past, BFS does not maintain separate or special accounts in the General Fund. Therefore, revenues designated to go to a special account of the General Fund that are not encumbered or expended before lapsing would roll over into the General Fund at the end of the year.

Accordingly, as the Department of Housing and Land Management succinctly explained in its Department Communication No. 834 (2025), we respectfully request that the fees collected under Bill 55, relating to Section 6-34.8 (b), be deposited into the General Fund, and appropriated during the annual executive budget preparation process as required by the Charter.

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If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (808) 768-3901 or by email at andy.kawano@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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