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 Kiaʻāina
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 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 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kiaʻāina (voting member), and Nishimoto (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:10 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-327 – COMMITTEE REPORT 6(26)

   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.

[9:12 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:12 a.m.]

Resolution 25-327 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO – 3.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA, WATERS – 2.

Related communication:

D-840(25) Department of Emergency Management

[9:12 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-331 – COMMITTEE REPORT 7(26)

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.

[9:13 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[9:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[9:20 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Donald Sakamoto (General comment)

[9:22 a.m.]

Resolution 25-331 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

D-865(25) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:22 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-5 – COMMITTEE REPORT 8(26)

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.

[9:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[9:33 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:33 a.m.]

Resolution 26-5 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0013/1/9/2026 2:24 PM) and reported out for adoption.

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

Related communications:

CC-1(26) Council Chair Waters
D-7(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
D-19(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:34 a.m.]

4. BILL 54 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 1(26)

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.

[9:39 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Donald Sakamoto (M-6[26]) (General comment)
2. Samantha Lara (M-6[26]) (Oppose)
3. Joli Tokusato, Local 5 (General comment)
4. Jarrik Oliva, Local 5 (Oppose)
5. Angela Young, CARES (M-6[26]) (Support)

[9:55 a.m.]

Bill 54 (2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2025-0954/12/16/2025 3:02 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-6(26) Testimony on Bill 54 (2025)

[9:55 a.m.]

5. BILL 55 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 2(26)

RELATING TO MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM FEES. Establishing fees for the City and County of Honolulu's Multi-Family Rental Housing Program.

[9:59 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:00 a.m.]

Bill 55 (2025), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2026-0023/1/16/2026 12:40 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-23(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-12(26) Testimony on Bill 55 (2025)

[10:00 a.m.]

6. BILL 63 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 3(26)

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

[10:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:09 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:11 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Suzanne Young, Honolulu Board of REALTORS (M-4[26]) (Support)
2. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[10:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[10:24 a.m.]

Bill 63 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-4(26) Testimony on Bill 63 (2025)

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:25 a.m.]

7. BILL 76 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 4(26)

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY. Enhancing governmental transparency in the City and County of Honolulu.

[10:29 a.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:42 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Joli Tokusato, Local 5 (Support)
2. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[10:46 a.m.]

Bill 76 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-18(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-5(26) Testimony on Bill 76 (2025)

[10:46 a.m.]

8. BILL 77 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 5(26)

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

[11:06 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

[11:09 a.m.]

Bill 77 (2025) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA‘ĀINA*, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Kia‘āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-20(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-9(26) Testimony on Bill 77 (2025)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.