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The Honorable Val A. Okimoto
Chair of the Committee on Budget
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Okimoto and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Bill 78 (2025), Relating to Parking

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports Bill 78 (2025), relating to and updating regulations and pricing for on-street and off-street parking in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (ROH), Title IV, Chapter 15 - Traffic and Vehicles. Bill 78 is needed to ensure public parking supply and enables the City's public parking resources to be more financially sustainable. Bill 78 allows for public hourly parking rates to be reduced when occupancy is low, establishes a more efficient overall operations model (meters vs. concession), and further ensures daytime parking availability near businesses.

We respectfully request consideration of four (4) amendments to the bill to further the objectives stated above, as follows:

1. In SECTION 5 of the bill, amend § 15-22.4(h) to read as follows:

"(h) The director of transportation services may establish discounted hourly on-street parking rates of no less than \$2.00 per hour for the programs authorized in § 15-23.3, subsection (a), (d), (e), or (f)."

2. In SECTION 13 of the bill, amend ROH § 15-23.3 (c) and (d) to read as follows:

"(c) The director of transportation services may establish discounted rates of no less than \$1.00 per hour for the programs authorized in subsection (a), (d), (e), or (f)."

"(d) The director of transportation services may establish an all-day early bird parking program and set the all-day fee to be charged therefor; provided that in no event shall the early bird parking program unduly limit daytime, short-term parkers nor shall such programs be implemented at any off-street municipal parking area unless carpool spaces have been designated and offered at reduced parking

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rates as required in subsection §15-23.3(c). In any facility that the director of transportation services implements all-day early bird parking, the director shall offer all-day early bird carpool parking at a reduced rate which shall be no more than 70 percent of the regular all-day early bird rate.

3. In SECTION 17 of the bill, amend ROH § 15-28.1(d) to read as follows:

"(d) The director shall charge[,] and collect annual fees for each reserved car-sharing parking stall in ~~[a city-controlled public off-street parking facility]~~ an off-street municipal parking area and for each reserved car-sharing on-street parking stall. The annual fee for a reserved car-sharing parking stall in ~~[a city-controlled public off-street parking facility]~~ an off-street municipal parking area is the shared mobility annual rental rate ~~[listed in the table in § 15-23.2A.]~~ provided for in § 15-22.4(a)(1). The annual ~~[fee]~~ fees for ~~[a]~~ a reserved car-sharing on-street parking ~~[stall is]~~ stalls are ~~[the shared mobility annual rental rate listed in the table]~~ as set forth in § 15-22.4(a)."

Please find enclosed a summary of the proposed updates to definitions and on-street and off-street metered parking regulations in the Traffic Code (ROH Title IV, Chapter 15) included in Bill 78 (2025) labeled Attachment 1 and presentation slides for the March 3, 2026, Committee meeting labeled Attachment 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony. Your consideration is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-8303.

Very truly yours,



J. Roger Morton
Director

Attachments

APPROVED:



Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
Office of the Managing Director

Administration Bill 078 (2025)

Related to Parking. Amend the Traffic Code established by Title IV, Chapter 15: Traffic and Vehicles, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) 2021, in connection with city-managed public on-street and off-street parking.

Definitions

- A single city-wide **Parking Meter Zone**, including all City-managed and owned streets and off-street municipal parking areas, allows for just one rate structure for public on-street parking, and one structure for public off-street parking. **Parking Meter** and **Parking Meter Space** definitions updated, accordingly. *ROH §15-2.16*
- **Occupancy Rate** definition added for the purpose of measuring recent (quarterly) parking demand to guide/inform adjustable on-street and off-street parking rates (see below). *ROH §15-2.16*

On-Street Metered Parking Spaces

- **Adjustable on-street parking rates** (+/- \$0.25 based on quarterly Occupancy Rates; <60%, >80%) with a **target price floor of \$4/hr.**, and a **price ceiling of \$8/hr.**, *ROH §15-22.4(d); §15-22.4(g)(1) §15-22.4(g)(2)*
- **Variable (tiered) metered parking rates** make users pay more for longer stays in high-demand periods. *ROH §15-22.4(f)(2)*
- **Secondary on-street parking rates** in low-demand periods or days of the week. *ROH §15-22.4(f)(1)*
- **Updated payment methods** including credit or debit cards, smart cards, and mobile device applications. *ROH §15-22.4(a)(1)*
- **DTS director discretion to establish hourly metered parking rate discounts** up to 50% of the minimum on-street parking rate of \$4 per hour. *ROH §15-22.4(h)*
- **Honolulu Police Department or Chief of Police designee can enforce the issuance of parking tickets** *ROH §15-22.1 (consistent with HRS 291C-111 amended by H.B. No. 2295)*
- **DTS Director can recommend fees associated with parking-related violations to the State Judiciary.** *ROH §15-22.11*

Off-Street Metered Parking Spaces/Stalls

- **Adjustable off-street parking rates** (+/- \$0.25 based on quarterly Occupancy Rates; <60%, >90%) with a **target price floor of \$2/hr.**, and a **price ceiling of \$8/hr.** *15-23.2D(b); 15-23.2D(e)(1); 15-23.2D(e)(2)*
- **All-day early bird and frequent parkers off-street parking programs** can effectively replace current ROH specified monthly facility parking rates. *ROH §15-23.3(d); §15-23.3(e)*
- **Designated parking stalls for carpools and vanpools and reduced parking rates for carpools** not more than 70% of regular rates in public off-street spaces and facilities. *ROH §15-23.1; §15-23.3(a); §15-23.3(a)*
- **Public off-street parking validation program** will allow business establishments to partner with the City. *ROH §15-23.3(f)*
- **Caps the annual rental price of car-sharing stalls at \$3,150.** *ROH §15-22.4(a)(3); §15-28.1(d)(1)*

Public Parking Update

Administration Bill 78 (2025)

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March 3, 2026

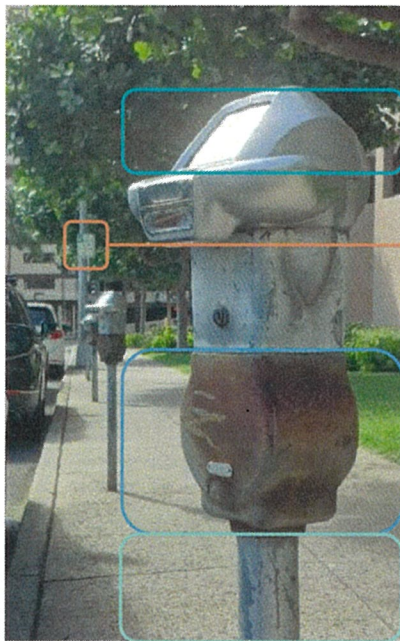


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On-Street Paid Public Parking

Parking Meters 4G Upgrade (2024)

- Up to 4,200 active single-space meters providing occupancy and revenue insights
- Pay stations pilot
- E-citations pilot



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Traffic Engineering

Honolulu Police Department

Department of Facilities Maintenance



Off-Street Paid Public Parking & Staffing

Department of Transportation Services Staffing 11 Staff

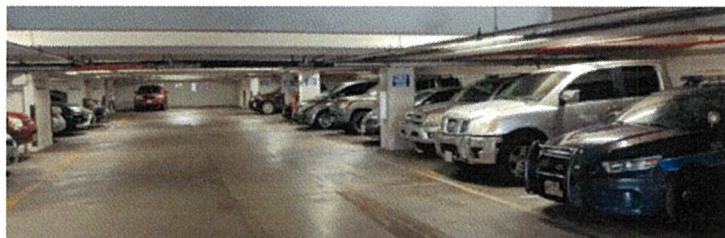
Business Development & Services Branch	5
Regional Planning Branch	3
Transportation Engineering	3

Honolulu Police Department Staffing 20 Staff

HPD Traffic Section	2
Parking Enforcement & Collections Section (PECS)	13
Mechanical	5

Department of Facilities Maintenance Staffing 33 Staff

Roadside Maintenance Section	20
Signs and Markings Section	13



*Enforced by HPD

Metered Parking*

'A'ala Park	7 stalls
Civic Center Parking Structure	74 stalls
Harbor Village Court	72 stalls
HPD Alapai Garage	10 stalls
Kailua Elderly Housing Garage	119 stalls
Kailua Municipal Lot	143 stalls
Kaimuki Municipal No. 2 Lot	110 stalls
Kuhio Kaiolu Lot	50 stalls
Palace Square/Post Office Lot	38 stalls
Salt Lake Lot	157 stalls
Total	850 stalls

Concession Paid Parking & Staffing

Concessionaires Staffing	Garages/Lots
Pro Park Inc.	6
Secure Parking Hawaii	1
ABM	1



Concession Paid Stalls*

Chinatown Gateway	275 stalls
Hale Pauahi	593 stalls
Harbor Court	458 stalls
Kaimuki Municipal No. 1 Lot	274 stalls
Kekaulike Courtyards	138 stalls
Kukui Plaza	771 stalls
Marin Tower	414 stalls
Smith Beretania	118 stalls
Total	3,041 stalls



**Includes tenants, commercial, and City employees*



O'ahu Parking Overview

O'ahu has an estimated 2.6 million public and private parking spaces, requiring an area ~21 times the area of Waikiki.



Bill 78 (2025) Goals

1. Increase paid public parking turnover/access

- Make parking more available and easier to find when you need it.
- Make streets more sustainable and safer by reducing “cruising” and congestion.

2. Re-invest funding into deferred maintenance

- Increase equity by easing the burden of non-parkers and tax payers.
- Fund deferred maintenance and facility improvements.



Progressive parking

If block/lot is too full, **increase the price**

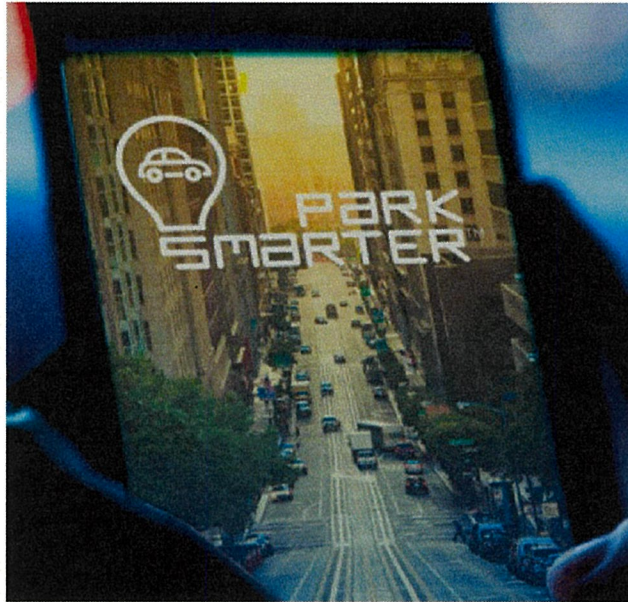
If block/lot is too empty, **lower the price**

If block/lot is just right, **keep the same price**



Modern Parking Technology

Bill 78 (2025) adds parking meter types and modern forms of electronic payment.



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



Simplified Public Parking Management

Bill 78 (2025) proposes to not use rigid and over-specific tables, and instead:

- **Simplify** the on-street and off-street parking rate structures.
- Allow **flexibility** on metering and payment methods at public garages and lots.

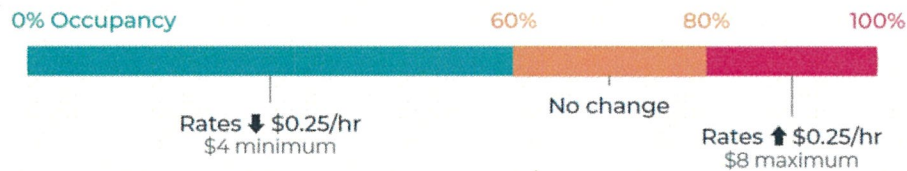
Facility	Primary Period Hours/Rates	Secondary Period Hours/Rates	Public Monthly Rate	Lost Ticket Charge	Business Validation	Shared Mobility Annual Rental Rate	Other
Alii Place (Alakea- Richards: Area 4a)	Monday—Friday 6:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. \$0.75/half- hour first 2 hours \$1.50/half-hour thereafter	Monday—Friday 5:00 p.m.— 12:00 midnight Sat., Sun., holidays 6:00 a.m.—12:00 midnight \$0.50/half-hour, maximum \$3	\$155	\$21	At primary rates, as may be adjusted.	\$3,150	Carpool parking program authorized. Early bird all- day parking authorized.



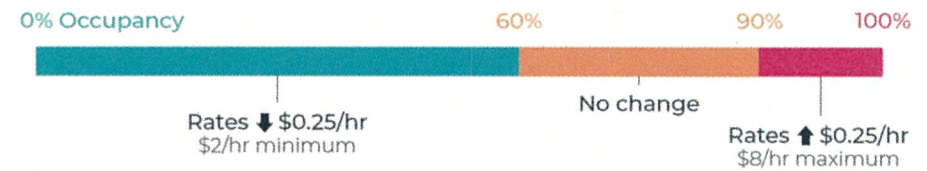
Simplified Public Rate Structure

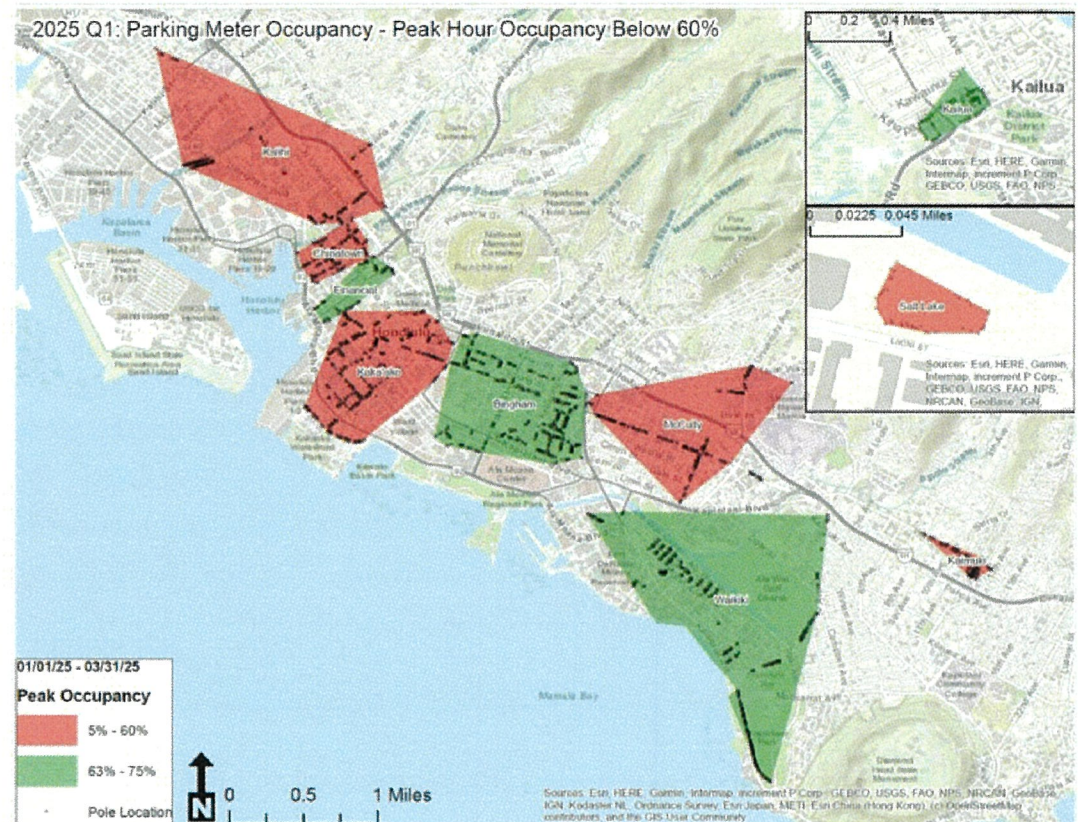
- Bill 78 (2025) would consolidate current on-street and off-street parking rates into one rate structure for each.
- The proposed rate would **only** increase or decrease by \$0.25/hr each quarter (every 3 months) from today's existing base rate, based on previous quarter occupancy.

On-Street



Off-Street





Public Parking Users Should Cover More Costs

Bill 78 (2025) would raise more revenue from public parking users to help fund public parking facility improvements.



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Summary

Bill 78 (2025) aims to:

- **Modernize and simplify the City's paid public parking rate structure.**
- **Make paid public parking more accessible and available.**
- **Start to tackle some of the significant deferred maintenance needs.**



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