



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 Kia'aina
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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 10:02 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[10:03 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[10:05 a.m.]

1. BILL 1 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 45(26)

RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER (MED). Amending Chapter 6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, establishing fees and charges for the performance of services by the MED that it is not otherwise required by law to perform, that are reasonably related to the cost of the service being provided, and that are not among the fees that the MED is currently authorized to charge.

[10:06 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:06 a.m.]

Bill 1 (2026), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

D-4(26) Department of the Medical Examiner

[10:06 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-34 – COMMITTEE REPORT 46(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DCS). Authorizing a total transfer not to exceed \$3,193,954 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Homeless Activities activity (current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")), consisting of \$1,932,795 to the Community Based Development activity (salary COE); \$480,759 to the Community Based Development activity (CE COE); and \$780,400 to the Community Based Development activity (equipment COE) to cover salary expenses, current expenses, and equipment required to fund the

expansion of the Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons ("HONU") program.

[10:23 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:24 a.m.]

Resolution 26-34 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-76(26) Department of Community Services

[10:24 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-36

THIRTY-SECOND YEAR ACTION PLAN. Approving the City and County of Honolulu's Thirty-Second Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grants, and Housing Trust Fund programs and authorizing its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

[10:36 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:38 a.m.]

Action on Resolution 26-36 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

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Related communications:

D-82(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-83(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-36

[10:38 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-37 – COMMITTEE REPORT 47(26)

WRITE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS. Approving the write-off of the delinquent and uncollectible accounts owed to the City.

[10:49 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:02 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:04 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:05 a.m.]

Resolution 26-37 reported out for adoption.

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

*Council Chair Waters voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-83(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-78(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-37

[11:05 a.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 26-46 – COMMITTEE REPORT 48(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DPR). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$540,000 in Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Fund monies from the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") Recreation Services activity (salaries character of expenditure ("COE")) to DPR Recreation Services activity (current expenses COE) for Fiscal Year 2026 to meet budget shortfalls for Security Guard services.

[11:10 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:11 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:11 a.m.]

Resolution 26-46 reported out for adoption.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communications:

D-108(26)	Department of Parks and Recreation
M-88(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-46

[11:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:12 a.m.]

6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE SALARY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee will review and evaluate the Salary Commission ("Commission") and make recommendations to the Council on whether the Charter provision(s) establishing the Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed.

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[11:13 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:13 a.m.]

Action on the matter postponed to the next Committee on Budget meeting on March 31, 2026.

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

Related communication:

CC-12(26) Salary Commission

[11:13 a.m.]

7. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX BOARDS OF REVIEW I, II, AND III PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee will review and evaluate the Real Property Tax Boards of Review and make recommendations to the Council on whether the ordinance(s) establishing the boards should be retained, amended, or repealed.

[11:17 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[11:17 a.m.]

Action on the matter postponed to the next Committee on Budget meeting on March 31, 2026.

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

Related communication:

D-69(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

FOR DISCUSSION

[11:18 a.m.]

8. BILL 78 (2025)

RELATING TO PARKING. Amending the City's traffic code established by Chapter 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, by establishing a citywide Parking Meter Zone for on-street and off-street parking, authorizing variable parking meter rates and operation hours for all zones, establishing criteria for periodically adjusting parking meter rates and operation hours, repealing facility-specific regulations, and authorizing reduced parking rate programs.

[11:22 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:25 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[11:37 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Jolie Tokusato, Unit Here Local 5 (General comment)
2. Micah Munetaka, Ulupono Initiative (M-81[26]) (Support)

Related communications:

MM-24(26)	Climate Change Commission
D-841(25)	Department of Transportation Services
D-131(26)	Department of Transportation Services
M-81(26)	Testimony on Bill 78 (2025)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.