**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE DRAFT:**

**BILL 33 (2026)**
**RELATING TO FUNDS.**

**The PROPOSED CD1** makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the effective date of the bill to July 1, 2027, from July 1, 2026.

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

*KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU*

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL **33 (2026), CD1**
PROPOSED

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend provisions related to City and County of Honolulu funds.

SECTION 2. Chapter 6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Funds, Fees, and Loan Programs"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"**ARTICLE __: PARKS MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION SERVICES REVOLVING FUND**

**§ 6-__.1 Creation.**

There is created and established a special fund to be known as the "parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund."

**§ 6-__.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund is to enable certain revenues and proceeds to be used to supplement the operations of the department of parks and recreation, including but not limited to: supporting the development and implementation of an asset management approach to maintaining park improvements, facilities, programs, and green spaces; improving the equitable distribution of recreational improvements and programmatic opportunities across the city; and addressing emerging needs based upon changes in climate and demographic factors.

**§ 6-__.3 Deposits.**

(a) All proceeds collected by the department of parks and recreation relating to the use of lands dedicated for park use or for park maintenance and recreation services that involve any park user, permit, parking or entry fees; any lease or concession agreements; the sale of any article purchased from the department of parks and recreation to benefit departmental programs relating to park maintenance and recreation services; any gifts or contributions; and transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to support the restoration, operations, and maintenance of parks and beaches or that are otherwise earmarked or

dedicated for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of parks and beaches under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, must be deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund, including but not limited to:

(1) Program fees;

(2) Entrance fees, permit fees, facility rental fees, user fees, and miscellaneous revenues generated from the operations of parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation;

(3) Any leases, concessions, or parking fees relating to the use of lands under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation;

(4) Revenues collected from the transient accommodations tax pursuant to § 8A-1.1(3) to mitigate the impacts of visitors on public facilities and natural resources, including the restoration, operations, and maintenance of beaches and parks; provided that the revenues supplement, and do not supplant, any funds appropriated from the transient accommodations tax to mitigate the impacts of visitors; provided further that 80 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to § 8A-1.1(3) are deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund;

(5) Gifts, contributions, or sponsorships directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that the gifts, contributions, or sponsorships are specifically dedicated for deposit into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund;

(6) Federal or State grants, contributions, or other relevant funding directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that the grants are specifically dedicated for deposit into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund;

(7) All proceeds generated from or dedicated to the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof;

(8) All proceeds generated from or dedicated to the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof;

(9) All proceeds generated from or dedicated for the purposes of park maintenance and recreation services, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof; and

(10) Any interest earned on moneys deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "mitigate the impacts of visitors" refers to the use of fees, charges, or revenues collected from visitors to offset costs and expenses that were incurred due to visitor activity, for maintenance, preventative maintenance, asset management, and minor capital improvements to park and garden facilities, grounds, and trees.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "minor capital improvement" includes any physical enhancement, construction, replacement, or upgrade to real property or infrastructure under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation that improves the safety, integrity, usability, efficiency, or value of an asset but is not a large-scale, multi-phase capital development or major structural transformation.

(d) For the purposes of this section, revenues that "supplement, and do not supplant" are revenues that are used to enhance, expand, or add to existing programs, services, or improvements provided by the department of parks and recreation and that are not used to replace or offset funding that would be regularly appropriated through the city's annual executive budget ordinances.

**§ 6-__.4 Expenditures.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund moneys, as appropriated, may only be expended for the operations of the department of parks and recreation and parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, including but not limited to:

(1) Maintenance, repair, replacement, restoration, renovation, improvement, construction, additions, and extensions of parks and park facilities, infrastructure, and other improvements, including landscaping and active and passive recreational areas;

(2) Operational costs for city parks programs, including but not limited to supplies, equipment, transportation, public outreach, and planning expenses;

(3) Planning and development of park events;

(4) Professional services and contract services supporting the operations or long-range planning for the department of parks and recreation; and

(5) Administrative costs of the department of parks and recreation.

(b) Expenditures from the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund, as appropriated, must be used for the maintenance of city parks and recreation services as authorized in subsection (a).

**§ 6-__.5 Administration.**

The director of budget and fiscal services shall administer the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund in accordance with prescribed laws and procedures applicable to expenditures of city funds.

**§ 6-__.6 Report.**

The department of parks and recreation shall submit an annual report to the council by September 30 detailing all revenues generated by or received from the operations of the department of parks and recreation and expenditures made from the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund during the prior fiscal year. The report must specify the amount of revenues carried over from the prior fiscal year and how the revenues were expended."

SECTION 3. Chapter 6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Funds, Fees, and Loan Programs"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE __: BOTANICAL GARDENS AND URBAN FORESTRY REVOLVING FUND**

**§ 6-__.1 Creation.**

There is created and established a special fund to be known as the "botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund."

**§ 6-__.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund is to enable certain revenues and proceeds to be used to supplement the operations of the department of parks and recreation, including but not limited to: supporting the development and implementation of an asset management approach to maintaining garden improvements, facilities, programs, plant collections, and green spaces; improving the equitable distribution of recreational improvements and programmatic opportunities across the city; and addressing emerging needs based upon changes in climate and demographic factors.

**§ 6-__.3 Deposits.**

(a) All proceeds collected by the department of parks and recreation relating to the use of lands dedicated for botanical gardens, community gardens, and urban forestry programs and operations that involve any park user, permit, parking or entry fees; any lease or concession agreements; the sale of any article purchased from the department of parks and recreation to benefit departmental programs relating to botanical gardens, community gardens, and urban forestry; any gifts or contributions; and transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to support the restoration, operations, and maintenance of parks, gardens, beaches, and street trees or that are otherwise earmarked or dedicated for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of parks, gardens, beaches, and street trees under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, must be deposited into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund, including but not limited to:

(1) Program fees;

(2) Entrance fees, permit fees, facility rental fees, user fees, and miscellaneous revenues generated from the operations of gardens and urban forestry programs under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation;

(3) Any leases, concessions, or parking fees relating to the use of lands under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation;

(4) Revenues collected from the transient accommodations tax pursuant to § 8A-1.1(3) to mitigate the impacts of visitors on public facilities and natural resources, including the restoration, operations, and maintenance of parks, beaches, gardens, and street trees; provided that the revenues

supplement, and do not supplant, any funds appropriated from the transient accommodations tax to mitigate the impacts of visitors; provided further that 20 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to § 8A-1.1(3) are deposited into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund;

(5) Gifts, contributions, or sponsorships directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that the gifts, contributions, or sponsorships are specifically dedicated for deposit into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund;

(6) Federal or State grants, contributions, or other relevant funding directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that the grants are specifically dedicated for deposit into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund;

(7) All proceeds generated from or dedicated to the city's botanical gardens under Chapter 9, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof;

(8) All proceeds generated from or dedicated to horticultural services provided under the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof; and

(9) Any interest earned on moneys deposited into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "mitigate the impacts of visitors" refers to the use of fees, charges, or revenues collected from visitors to offset costs and expenses that were incurred due to visitor activity, for maintenance, preventative maintenance, asset management, and minor capital improvements to park and garden facilities, grounds, and trees.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "minor capital improvement" includes any physical enhancement, construction, replacement, or upgrade to real property or infrastructure under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation that improves the safety, integrity, usability, efficiency, or value of an asset but is not a large-scale, multi-phase capital development or major structural transformation.

(d) For the purposes of this section, revenues that "supplement, and do not supplant" are revenues that are used to enhance, expand, or add to existing programs, services, or improvements provided by the department of parks and

recreation and that are not used to replace or offset funding that would be regularly appropriated through the city's annual executive budget ordinances.

**§ 6-__.4 Expenditures.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund moneys, as appropriated, may only be expended for the operations of the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry and garden facilities under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, including but not limited to:

(1) Maintenance, repair, replacement, restoration, renovation, improvement, construction, additions, and extensions of garden facilities, infrastructure, and other improvements, including landscaping and active and passive recreational areas;

(2) Operational costs for city garden and urban forestry programs, including but not limited to supplies, equipment, transportation, public outreach, and planning expenses;

(3) Maintaining and enhancing tree canopies, addressing and mitigating impacts of invasive species and climate change, and preserving and enhancing the botanical garden collection;

(4) Planning and development of garden and urban forestry events;

(5) Professional services and contract services supporting the operations or long-range planning for the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry; and

(6) Administrative costs of the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry.

(b) All moneys on credit to the Honolulu botanical gardens must be expended, as appropriated, for the botanical gardens.

(c) All moneys on credit to the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry must be expended, as appropriated, by the department of parks and recreation's division of urban forestry to provide horticultural services.

**§ 6-__.5 Administration.**

The director of budget and fiscal services shall administer the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund in accordance with prescribed laws and procedures applicable to expenditures of city funds.

**§ 6-__.6 Report.**

The department of parks and recreation shall submit an annual report to the council by September 30 detailing all revenues generated by or received from the operations of the department of parks and recreation and expenditures made from the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund during the prior fiscal year. The report must specify the amount of revenues carried over from the prior fiscal year and how the revenues were expended."

SECTION 4. Chapter 6, Article 28, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("The Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund"), is repealed.

SECTION 5. Chapter 6, Article 31, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("The Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund"), is repealed.

SECTION 6. Section 10-2.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended by Ordinance 25-37, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 10-2.4 Fees for attendant/custodian services.**

Organizations using city recreational facilities outside of the facility's posted operational hours shall pay attendant/custodian service fees to the city of $25 per hour for a custodian or an attendant. For the purposes of this section, "posted operational hours" means the hours a recreational facility is open for use by the public as [~~posted~~] displayed on a sign or other notice conspicuously posted at the facility or on a city website. Fees collected pursuant to this section [~~will~~] must be deposited into [~~a special fund, established by the mayor and approved by the council, or into a special account of the general fund for the use of the department of parks and recreation for expenses relating to park services.~~] the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund. [~~No fees will be collected unless a special account or special fund is established.~~]"

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SECTION 7. Section 10-2.10, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, as amended by Ordinance 25-37, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 10-2.10 Fees for camping.**

The following fees will be assessed for the use of campsites:

(1) $10 per day for campsites holding up to 10 people;

(2) $75 per day for campsites holding up to 60 people;

(3) $125 per day for campsites holding up to 100 people;

(4) $187.50 per day for campsites holding up to 150 people; and

(5) $312.50 per day for campsites holding up to 250 people.

Proceeds from the fees assessed under this section [~~will~~] must be deposited in the [~~camping revenue account in the general fund~~] parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund and [~~will~~] must be used to improve and maintain city campsites.

An additional fee of $5 per permit issued will be assessed to pay for the administrative costs associated with the issuance of the permit. The moneys from this fee [~~will~~] must be deposited in the [~~general fund.~~] parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund. A permit [~~will be~~] is valid for one or more consecutive days."

SECTION 8. Upon repeal of the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park fund, all moneys remaining in these funds must be transferred to the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund.

SECTION 9. In SECTIONS 6 and 7 of this ordinance, material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken, and new material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring. The Revisor of Ordinances shall, pursuant to the Revisor's authority under SECTION 2 of Ordinance 23-7, update the Reporting Requirements Table to include the reporting requirements enacted by SECTIONS 2 and 3 of this ordinance.

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SECTION 10. This ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2027; provided that SECTIONS 4 and 5 take effect only upon the transfer of any and all moneys remaining in the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund to the special fund established in SECTION 2 of this ordinance as provided therein.

INTRODUCED BY:

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 17, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

**Report Title:**
Funds; Fees; Parks; Botanical Gardens; Revenues; Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); Department of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS"); Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park; Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park; Transient Accommodations Tax ("TAT"); Report

**Description:**
Establishes a special fund to be called the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund for the deposit of all revenues and proceeds generated by the DPR relating to the use of lands dedicated for park use or for park maintenance and recreation services, or otherwise earmarked for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of beaches and parks under the jurisdiction of the DPR, to be expended for DPR operations and parks maintenance and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the DPR. Establishes a special fund to be called the Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund for the deposit of all revenues and proceeds relating to the use of lands dedicated for botanical gardens, community gardens, and urban forestry programs and operations generated by the DPR, or otherwise earmarked for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of parks, beaches, gardens, and street trees under the jurisdiction of the DPR, to be expended for the operations of the DPR's Division of Urban Forestry and for garden facilities under the jurisdiction of the DPR. Specifies the percentage distribution of TAT revenues for each fund. Specifies that fees collected for attendant/custodian services at recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the DPR and camping permits must be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund rather than the general fund. Repeals the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund after moneys from the funds are transferred to the new Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund. Adds reporting requirement. Takes effect on July 1, 2027.

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