



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
Radiant Cordero
Esther Kia'aina
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 10:06 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) were present at the meeting.

[10:07 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[10:09 a.m.]

1. BILL 22 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 77(26)

EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2027. Approving the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

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[10:09 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:47 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:52 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:53 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[10:58 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[11:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[11:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:41 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered and Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:52 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:55 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:59 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[12:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[12:28 p.m.]

Bill 22 (2026) amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0189/4/7/2026 4:12 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-56(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-61(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
MM-22(26)	Office of the Mayor
MM-32(26)	Managing Director
MM-35(26)	Managing Director
M-126(26)	Testimony on Bill 22 (2026)

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 12:29 p.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

[1:23 p.m.]

2. BILL 23 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 78(26)

EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2027. Approving the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

[1:23 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:30 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:47 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[2:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina and Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[2:14 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina and Council Chair Waters entered and Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[2:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

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[2:24 p.m.]

Bill 23 (2026) amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0190/4/7/2026 3:44 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communications:

CC-56(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-62(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
MM-22(26)	Office of the Mayor
MM-32(26)	Managing Director
MM-35(26)	Managing Director
M-124(26)	Testimony on Bill 23 (2026)

[2:27 p.m.]

3. BILL 26 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 80(26)

HART OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2027. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

[2:28 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:28 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:28 p.m.]

Bill 26 (2026) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

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Related communication:

D-842(25) Honolulu Authority of Rapid Transportation

[2:29 p.m.]

4. BILL 27 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 81(26)

HART CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY 2027. Approving the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation Capital Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

[2:29 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:29 p.m.]

Bill 27 (2026) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 5.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communication:

D-842(25) Honolulu Authority of Rapid Transportation

[2:30 p.m.]

5. BILL 24 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 79(26)

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes of the City and County of Honolulu in a maximum principal amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts appropriated in the Capital Budget Ordinance of said City and County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and specified in said Ordinance to be financed from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and to be expended from the General Improvement Bond Fund, the Highway Improvement Bond Fund, Solid Waste Improvement Bond Fund, the Housing Development Special Fund, or Taxable General Improvement Bond Fund.

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[2:30 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:30 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:31 p.m.]

Bill 24 (2026) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'AINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-22(26) Office of the Mayor

[2:32 p.m.]

6. BILL 28 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 82(26)

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2027. Approving the Legislative Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

[2:32 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

Bill 28 (2026) amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0191/4/2/2026 10:55 AM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'AINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.

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Related communications:

CC-56(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-63(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
M-127(26)	Testimony on Bill 28 (2026)

[2:34 p.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 26-62 – COMMITTEE REPORT 83(26)

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2027. Determining the respective rates at which real property in the various general classes in the City and County of Honolulu shall be taxed per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

[2:42 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:42 p.m.]

Resolution 26-62 reported out for scheduling of a public hearing and referral back to Committee thereafter.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA*, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Kia'āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

CC-41(26)	Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
MM-35(26)	Managing Director

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.