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May 13, 2026

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Suite 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Bill 23 (2026), CD2
Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year 2027

The Administration respectfully requests amendments to Bill 23 (2026), CD2 to include funding under the Department of Environmental Services ("ENV") for the O'ahu Sanitary Landfill project and the Waimānalo Gulch Landfill – Expansion project to meet applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill ("WGSL"), the City and County of Honolulu's existing landfill, is projected to exhaust physical capacity by 2031 with expansion of the landfill. More importantly, pursuant to a Decision and Order issued by the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission on November 1, 2019, WGSL is precluded from accepting any form of waste as of March 2, 2028. Based on the preceding requirements, ENV has determined that a new landfill is needed to dispose of solid waste for which there is no other feasible recycling or disposal alternative.

Landfill capacity is essential to dispose of waste in order to protect public health and safety, including unanticipated inclement weather events such as the recent Kona Low storms which resulted in an estimated 5,816 tons of additional waste.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (808) 768-3901 or by email at andy.kawano@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Kawano
Director

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Val Okimoto, Budget Chair

APPROVED:

Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
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EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 23 (2026), CD2

FUNCTION	Sanitation
PROGRAM	Waste Collection and Disposal
DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Services
PROJECT NUMBER:	2010046
PROJECT TITLE:	Oahu Sanitary Landfill

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DATE: 5/13/2026
COUNCILMEMBER:
STAFF & PHONE EXT:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMENDMENT (Use if adding new language): Use Ramseyer formatting to show description amendments
Acquire land, plan, and design landfill improvements, provided that no funds shall be used to acquire land, plan, and design a landfill facility or landfill improvements above a significant aquifer.

EXISTING PROJECT AMOUNT				AMENDMENT				PROPOSED NEW TOTAL			
AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE
	L	$ -		$ 30,000,000.00	L	$ 30,002,000.00	WB	$ 30,000,000.00	L	$ 30,002,000.00	WB
	P			$ 1,000.00	P			$ 1,000.00	P		
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EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 23 (2026), CD2

FUNCTION	Sanitation
PROGRAM	Waste Collection and Disposal
DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Services
PROJECT NUMBER:	2017046
PROJECT TITLE:	Waimanalo Gulch Landfill - Expansion

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DATE: 5/13/2026
COUNCILMEMBER:
STAFF & PHONE EXT:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMENDMENT (Use if adding new language): Use Ramseyer formatting to show description amendments
Plan and design landfill expansion.

EXISTING PROJECT AMOUNT				AMENDMENT				PROPOSED NEW TOTAL			
AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE
	L	$ -			L	$ 1,500,000.00	WB		L	$ 1,500,000.00	WB
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	D			$ 750,000.00	D			$ 750,000.00	D		
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	R				R				R		
	X				X				X		
	A				A				A		
$0.00		$0.00		$ 1,500,000.00		$1,500,000.00		$1,500,000.00		$1,500,000.00	