



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

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:07 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 26-87 – COMMITTEE REPORT 101(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DES). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$222,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Energy Costs activity (Current expenses ("CE") character of expenditure (COE)) to the Department of Enterprise Services ("DES"), Auditoriums and Golf Courses activities (CE COE) for Fiscal Year 2026, required to cover the Department's fuel and electricity shortages.

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[9:09 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:16 a.m.]

Resolution 26-87 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0237/4/24/2026 3:02 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-266(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:17 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-84 – COMMITTEE REPORT 98(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DDC). Authorizing a transfer not to exceed \$35,000 in Highway Fund monies within the Department of Design and Construction ("DCC"), Project and Construction Management activity from the Salaries ("S") character of expenditure ("COE") to the Equipment ("E") COE for Fiscal Year 2026 to meet the budget shortfall for two (2) vehicle acquisitions in the Civil Division.

[9:18 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:18 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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[9:19 a.m.]

Resolution 26-84 reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA – 1.

Related communication:

D-263(26) Department of Design and Construction

[9:19 a.m.]

3. BILL 8 (2026)

RELATING TO FUNDS. Amending Chapter 6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, establishing the Fire Plans Review Revolving Fund to receive and expend monies to support fire prevention activities.

[9:19 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:23 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[9:29 a.m.]

Action on Bill 8 (2026) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-164(26) Testimony on Bill 8 (2026)

[9:29 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-83 – COMMITTEE REPORT 97(26)

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR THE HAWAI'I FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BARGAINING UNIT 11. Approving the collective bargaining cost items for the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association Bargaining Unit 11 included and excluded managerial employees of the City and County of Honolulu.

[9:30 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:32 a.m.]

Resolution 26-83 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0236/4/24/2026 3:52 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-48(26) Office of the Mayor

[9:33 a.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 26-85 – COMMITTEE REPORT 99(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HFD). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed a total of \$3,419,093 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Salary Adjustments and Accrued Vacation Pay activity (Current Expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the various executive agencies activities (S COE) for Fiscal Year 2026 to fund the Honolulu Fire Department's ("HFD") Bargaining Unit 11 arbitration award increases.

[9:34 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[9:35 a.m.]

Resolution 26-85 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-264(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:35 a.m.]

6. BILL 20 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 96(26)

RELATING TO ROUNDING OF CASH PAYMENTS. Amending Section 2-4.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, to require the rounding of cash transactions for City taxes, fees, and charges to the nearest 5 cents.

[9:35 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:47 a.m.]

Bill 20 (2026) 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 communication:

D-99(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[9:48 a.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 26-86 – COMMITTEE REPORT 100(26)

REAL PROPERTY TAX COMPROMISE. Approving a one-time compromise of the real property taxes, accrued penalties, and interest owed by 630 Cooke Street Partnership, LP, for the tax year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the affordable rental housing portion of Nohona Hale, such that the total taxes, interest, and penalties owing in the amount of \$324,079.74, are compromised to the amount of \$6,579.22 that is fully allocated to the commercial portion of Nohona Hale.

[9:48 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:05 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:09 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:12 a.m.]

Resolution 26-86 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-265(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[10:12 a.m.]

8. RESOLUTION 26-88 – COMMITTEE REPORT 102(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DEM). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$150,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Salary Adjustments and Accrued Vacation Pay activity (Current Expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the Department of Emergency Management ("DEM"), Emergency Management Coordination activity (Salaries ("S") COE) for the Fiscal Year 2026, required to support personnel costs associated with DEM's ongoing disaster response and recovery operations.

[10:12 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:15 a.m.]

Resolution 26-88 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-273(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[10:16 a.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 26-94 – COMMITTEE REPORT 104(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (HESD). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$1,200,000 in General Fund monies from the Provision for Salary Adjustments and Accrued Vacation Pay activity (Current Expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE") to the Department of Emergency Services ("HESD"), Emergency Medical Services activity (salaries ("S") COE) for Fiscal Year 2026 to cover the projected shortfall caused by unbudgeted incentive pay per the Alternate Work Schedule agreement, as well as overtime overages caused by emergencies such as the Kona Low Storms.

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[10:17 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:19 a.m.]

Resolution 26-94 amended to a CD1 (OCS2026-0249/4/24/2026 12:44 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-279(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[10:20 a.m.]

10. RESOLUTION 26-93 – COMMITTEE REPORT 103(26)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS (DPR). Authorizing a transfer of funds not to exceed \$1,300,000 in General Fund monies from the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), Recreation Services activity (Current Expenses ("CE") character of expenditure ("COE")) to the DPR, Grounds Maintenance activity (CE COE) for Fiscal Year 2026, required to meet a budget shortfall in water costs.

[10:21 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:23 a.m.]

Resolution 26-93 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0250/4/27/2026 7:45 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

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Related communication:

D-278(26) Department of Parks and Recreation

[10:23 a.m.]

11. CC-90(26) – COMMITTEE REPORT 105(26)

DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE SALARY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee will take action on a draft committee report making recommendations to the Council on whether the Charter provision(s) establishing the Salary Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed.

[10:24 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Jason Liang (Oppose)

[10:29 a.m.]

Committee Report 105(26) reported out for scheduling of a public hearing and adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-12(26) Salary Commission
M-168(26) Testimony on Council Communication 90 (2026)

[10:29 a.m.]

12. CC-91(26) – COMMITTEE REPORT 106(26)

DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 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 take action on a draft committee report making recommendations to the Council on whether the ordinance(s) establishing the Real Property Tax Boards of Review should be retained, amended, or repealed.

[10:30 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:40 a.m.]

Committee Report 106(26) reported out for scheduling of a public hearing and adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS – 6.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.