



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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**Voting Members:**

Val A. Okimoto, Chair  
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Radiant Cordero  
Esther Kia'aina  
Augie Tulba  
Tommy Waters

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## WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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The time references below indicate the point in the video recording when the stated actions began.

### CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 10:41 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[10:41 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### FOR ACTION

[10:44 a.m.]

1. BILL 22 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 120(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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[10:57 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Liza Ryan-Gill, Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights (M-165[26]) (General comment)
2. Hollie S. Rader (General comment)
3. Josh Wisch, Holomua Collaborative (M-165[26]) (General comment)
4. Sherry Menor, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii (M-165[26]) (General comment)
5. Hunter Heavilin, Hawaii Farmers Union (M-165[26]) (General comment)
6. Kiran Polk, Kapolei Chamber of Commerce (General comment)
7. Dotty Kelly-Paddock, Hui O Hauula (M-165[26]) (Support)
8. Amy Agbayani (M-165[26]) (Support)
9. Mark Anthony Clemente, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-165[26]) (Support)
10. Gregory Kim (M-165[26]) (Support)
11. Bettina Mok, The Legal Clinic (M-165[26]) (General comment)

[11:41 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[11:43 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:50 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

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[11:54 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[12:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[12:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[12:50 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 12:50 p.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'āina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

[2:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[2:55 p.m.]

Councilmembers Tulba and Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:58 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[3:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[3:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[3:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[3:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[3:22 p.m.]

Bill 22 (2026), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2026-0275/5/13/2026 12:13 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

NOES: None.

\*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

CC-85(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-87(26)	Councilmember Weyer
CC-94(26)	Councilmember Weyer
CC-97(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-99(26)	Councilmember Weyer
D-285(26)	Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-165(26)	Testimony on Bill 22 (2026)

[3:23 p.m.]

2. BILL 23 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 121(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.

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[3:23 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Matt Caires, James Campbell Company (Support)
2. Sweetie Nelson, Ko Olina Resort Operators Association, Inc. (M-166[26]) (Support)
3. Boyd Ready, Haleiwa Waialua Historical Society ((M-166[26]) (General comment)
4. Nadine Takai Day, World Aquatic Masters (M-166[26]) (Support)
5. Kevin Nakamura (M-166[26]) (Support)
6. Peter Andrew (M-166[26]) (General comment)

[3:48 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[3:50 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[3:53 p.m.]

Committee Chair Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[3:55 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited and Committee Chair Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[3:58 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[3:59 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[4:01 p.m.]

Bill 23 (2026), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2026-0276/5/13/2026 12:12 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communications:

CC-85(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
CC-98(26)	Councilmember Okimoto
M-166(26)	Testimony on Bill 23 (2026)

[4:01 p.m.]

3. BILL 26 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 123(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.

[4:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[4:02 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[4:02 p.m.]

Bill 26 (2026) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

[4:02 p.m.]

4. BILL 27 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 124(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.

[4:03 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[4:03 p.m.]

Bill 27 (2026) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

NOES: None.

[4:03 p.m.]

5. BILL 24 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 122(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.

[4:04 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[4:05 p.m.]

Bill 24 (2026) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

NOES: None.

[4:05 p.m.]

6. BILL 28 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 125(26)

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

[4:05 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[4:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[4:06 p.m.]

Bill 28 (2026), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

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

NOES: None.

[4:06 p.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 26-62 – COMMITTEE REPORT 126(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.

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[4:06 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[4:07 p.m.]

Resolution 26-62 reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

CC-41(26) Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by  
Councilmember Okimoto

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.