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REGULAR MEETING
20TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to adjournment, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Chair and Presiding Officer, Tommy Waters, at 10:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters – 9.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Kia'āina welcomed members of the City Administration, appointees for Boards and Commissions, community members, and stakeholders.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-61, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 92(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DARIAN CHUN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 92(26) and Resolution 26-61, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-150[26]) (Support)
2. Erwin Kawata, Deputy Manager, Board of Water Supply (Support)

Councilmember Weyer thanked the appointee for his willingness to serve and for taking the time to meet with him. He stated that he looks forward to working with the appointee.

Councilmember Kia'āina expressed her strong support for the nominee, stating he is highly qualified and would be a valuable addition to the Board of Water Supply. She encouraged gender equity when considering future appointments to the Board. She acknowledged the Administration's efforts in balancing gender equity on the Planning Commission and the Police Commission and urged continued consideration across all Boards and Commissions.

Committee Report 92(26) and Resolution 26-61, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-256(26)	Board of Water Supply
M-141(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-61
M-150(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-61, CD1

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ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-56, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 95(26)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID BRITTIN TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 95(26) and Resolution 26-56, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-151[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 95(26) and Resolution 26-56, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-151(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-56, CD1

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

COMMITTEE REPORT 76(26)

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021.

Councilmember Kia'āina moved that Committee Report 76(26) be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 76(26) was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

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PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 26-62 - COMMITTEE REPORT 83(26)

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 83(26) be adopted and Resolution 26-62 be referred to the Committee on Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-147[26]) (Oppose)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-160[26]) (Oppose)
3. Calvin Hulihee (General comment)
4. Roy Nakamura (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked Ms. Iwasa for her testimony and encouraged her to participate in the upcoming Budget committee hearing. She referenced prior budget discussion, including a proposed amendment to add staff to assist residents in understanding property tax classifications and changes, noting that many remain unaware of their status. She highlighted that the City's Real Property Tax Division offers tax remission for residents with damaged or uninhabitable homes, allowing deferral of property taxes during repairs. She emphasized the importance of community awareness and noted that upcoming community resource events will provide assistance to residents.

Council Chair Waters stated that the homeowners' exemption audits are conducted on a random basis to verify that individuals claiming the exemption reside on the island. He suggested that the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services explore alternative audit methods that ensure compliance without requiring the collection of sensitive personal information, such as Social Security numbers.

Committee Report 83(26) was adopted and Resolution 26-62 was referred to the Committee on Budget.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

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Related communications:

CC-41(26) Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Okimoto
M-147(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-62
M-160(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-62

FIRST READING

BILL 34 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 34 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-148[26]) (Support)
2. Dylan Armstrong (M-158[26]) (Support)
3. Tim Garry (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked Councilmember Kia'āina for her leadership and emphasized the urgency of updating flood hazard maps by June 10, 2026 in order to maintain eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance and other funding sources. She stated the importance of being prepared for storms and flooding and announced that a community resource fair will be held on April 25, 2026 hosted by the City's Elderly Affairs Division with State participation to assist farmers and residents in applying for FEMA and other aid.

Councilmember Kia'āina cited the recent severe typhoons in Guam and the Northern Marianas to emphasize the need for improved City and State preparedness. She raised concerns that potential Federal policy changes, including shifts toward block granting toward FEMA grants, may require increased capacity and resources at the State and local levels for emergency preparedness and recovery. She urged the Administration, during the budget process, to consider how the Department of Emergency Management can strengthen collaboration with other City agencies to improve coordinated response efforts.

In response to Councilmember Weyer, Bryan Gallagher, Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting stated that the Department will review the testimony in question and will provide a written response addressing the concerns raised.

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Bill 34 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-148(26) Testimony on Bill 34 (2026)

M-158(26) Testimony on Bill 34 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING

BILL 8 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 84(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 84(26) be adopted and Bill 8 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-149[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 84(26) was adopted and Bill 8 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-149(26) Testimony on Bill 8 (2026)

M-152(26) Testimony on Bill 8 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING

BILL 22 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 77(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING
BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

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Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 77(26) be adopted and Bill 22 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Jonathan Frye, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (M-142[26]) (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-143[26]) (Oppose)
4. Shaena Dela Cruz (Oppose)
5. Edward Fujioka (M-142[26]) (General comment)
6. Tim Garry (General comment)
7. Bryan Mick, Disability and Communication Access Board (Support)
8. Racquel Achiu (Support)

Councilmember Weyer expressed support for many aspects of the proposed budget but stated he will be voting in opposition due to concerns over the 70 percent reduction in positions at the Office of Economic Revitalization (OER). He emphasized the department's role in supporting small businesses, connecting community members to resources and assisting vulnerable communities, farmers, and residents with access to services, noting that existing gaps would be further exacerbated. He highlighted the importance of government acting as a partner with the community and organizations, especially during times of economic challenge and disaster response, and expressed hope that adjustments to the budget could be made moving forward.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam echoed concerns regarding position reductions to the OER and emphasized the need to increase staffing for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to ensure timely case processing and effective prosecution. He also called for greater transparency and accountability in the leasing of City-owned properties, referencing Bill 10 (2026), and noting that delays are resulting in significant lost revenue.

In response to councilmembers, Andy Kawano, Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) stated that:

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance will be limited in scope primarily covering Category A (debris removal) and Category B (emergency response assistance).
- For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, each department will first exhaust all available savings, including salary and overtime budgets to cover storm-related recovery costs. Once departmental funds are depleted, departments may seek approval from the Managing Director and coordinate with the Department of Emergency

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Management (DEM) to access the \$7.5 million provisional allocation for disaster response. After these resources are fully exhausted, the Administration will assess any remaining needs and report back to the Council with estimated funding requirements that may necessitate use of the Fiscal Stability Fund.

- The Administration will not propose budget amendments for future disaster preparedness and mitigation in Bill 22 (2026) due to the lack of information.
- For FY 2027, the City plans to continue coordinating with the FEMA on larger, long-term recovery projects to determine the level of public assistance available before deciding whether funding from the Fiscal Stability Fund will be necessary.
- Current cost estimates remain preliminary and are based on past projects of similar types. Director Kawano noted that some damaged facilities may be partially covered by insurance, and that FEMA will not reimburse costs already covered by insurance.
- Additional recovery funding may be pursued through alternative programs, such as grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) infrastructure damage including compromised bridges, prior to seeking FEMA assistance.
- Some recovery projects may take several years to complete and that storm-related costs are being tracked by event through established codes to ensure accurate accounting. He added that it would be premature to estimate or appropriate funding from the Fiscal Stability Fund given the evolving scope an ongoing assessment of damage.

Councilmember Tupola offered comments on her amendments to the Bill, noting that the \$2.3 million budget amendment is based on recommendations from the Police Department Staffing and Retention Task Force, emphasizing the importance of retention alongside recruitment. She addressed the proposed position reduction in the OER, clarifying that two audits recommend refocusing the OER to its core role as a strategic coordinating entity centered on economic policy and interdepartmental alignment rather than program administration. Councilmember Tupola expressed appreciation for the inclusion of improvements to the Wai'anae District Park and Kaupuni Park in her district and emphasized the importance of incorporating priorities from all districts into the budget process. She thanked her community and colleagues for their support and stated that she is in support of the Bill.

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Committee Report 77(26) was adopted and Bill 22 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 8.
NOES: WEYER – 1.

Related communications:

M-142(26) Testimony on Bill 22 (2026)
M-143(26) Testimony on Bill 22 (2026), CD1

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING **BILL 23 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 78(26)**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 78(26) be adopted and Bill 23 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shaena Dela Cruz (Oppose)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-144[26]) (Oppose)
4. Nadine (Takai) Day (M-154[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola explained the City's annual budget process, noting that if they do not advance with proposed amendments that incorporate community input, the underlying Bill would be in its original form. She stated her support for the Bill and outlined the following points:

- She proposed removing the \$30 million allocation for a new landfill in West O'ahu and advocated for the formation of a task force, to reduce reliance on landfills through reuse, reduce, and recycle.
- She acknowledged projects in her district included in the Bill and noted that a \$10 million line item for the Villages of Kapolei is provided by the State since the project is currently State-managed and is undergoing a land transfer to the City. This would allow the City to address abandoned cars and enforce parking.

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- She expressed her concern regarding the \$34 million allocation to purchase land in Hawai'i Kai owned by Kamehameha Schools which previously housed the Japan-America Institute of Management Science.
- She expressed appreciation to retaining the \$3 million allocation for a resilient shelter despite the Administration's opposition. She emphasized the importance of establishing resilience hubs in all districts and reducing reliance on community members to provide such services from their personal homes.

Councilmember Kia'āina acknowledged the importance of advancing the Bill and stated that although she previously opposed the Bill in Committee, she will be voting with reservations to allow the Bill to move forward. She noted that the Bill includes approximately \$180 million in infrastructure projects that would benefit her district. She stated her concerns that the City should not be involved in acquiring Ali'i trust lands, reiterating her longstanding commitment to preserving such lands for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. She urged the Kamehameha Schools to strengthen community engagement, communications and outreach as a major landowner in Hawai'i.

Council Chair Waters concurred that Kamehameha Schools should improve communication regarding its land use intentions, noting community concerns about the lack of clarity surrounding development plans across its land holdings. He expressed support for community groups which generally advocate limiting future development to designated areas and conveyed hope that ongoing discussions will encourage Kamehameha Schools to better engage with the community and clarify its future plans.

Committee Report 78(26) was adopted and Bill 23 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA*, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

*Councilmember Kia'āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-144(26) Testimony on Bill 23 (2026), CD1

M-154(26) Testimony on Bill 23 (2026)

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PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 24 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 79(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE 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 THE TAXABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 79(26) be adopted and Bill 24 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-159[26]) (Oppose)

Committee Report 79(26) was adopted and Bill 24 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO – 1.

Related communication:

M-159(26) Testimony on Bill 24 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 26 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 80(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 80(26) be adopted and Bill 26 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

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The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her support for the Bill and appreciation for Lori Kahikina, Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation for her leadership, noting improved organization and communication compared to prior years. She acknowledged past challenges with contract management and public frustration, but recognized progress while emphasizing the continued need for improvement and fiscal discipline, including efforts to reduce unnecessary contracts within budget limits.

Committee Report 80(26) was adopted and Bill 26 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING

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

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 81(26) be adopted and Bill 27 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-145[26]) (Oppose)

Committee Report 81(26) was adopted and Bill 27 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-145(26) Testimony on Bill 27 (2026)

M-155(26) Testimony on Bill 27 (2026)

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BILL 28 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 82(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 82(26) be adopted and Bill 28 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-153[26]) (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-146[26]) (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola spoke in support of the measure and shared that she has issued only one district mailer during her time in office due to the high mailing cost. She emphasized that frequent mailings would consume a substantial portion of the budget and are not a cost-effective use of resources. She noted that she and her colleagues prioritize free and low-cost communication methods to engage with constituents, underscoring their commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Councilmember Cordero explained that the amendment allocating \$10,000 per Council district is primarily intended to cover postage costs for constituent communications. She acknowledged concerns about the expense and noted the challenge of balancing costs with the need to effectively inform residents about community projects. She emphasized that in her urban district, timely communication is critical and that traditional methods such as e-newsletters, neighborhood boards, local TV news, and social media do not always reach all residents. She stated that direct mail remains an important tool to ensure information reaches constituents.

Committee Report 82(26) was adopted and Bill 28 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA*, TUPOLA, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

*Councilmember Tulba voted aye with reservations.

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Related communications:

M-146(26) Testimony on Bill 28 (2026), CD1
M-153(26) Testimony on Bill 28 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 21 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 93(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 93(26) be adopted and Bill 21 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam stated that he will be voting with reservations and expressed support for the Bill's original focus on greywater, which is broadly supported and noncontroversial. He raised concerns about a proposed housekeeping amendment that would align language between Interim Planned Development-Transit (IPDT) and Planned Development-Transit (PDT) permit processing, emphasizing that this represents a significant policy issue rather than a minor technical update, given that the frameworks were developed over several years with distinct planning considerations. He suggested that if both processes are to be identical, a single permitting system should be considered and highlighted the need to reevaluate these policies considering current conditions, including higher interest rates and worsening housing shortages. He stated his intent to propose an amended version of the Bill that removes Section 5 and focuses solely on the greywater provisions.

Councilmember Kia‘āina stated that she received multiple communications raising concerns following the Committee on Zoning and Planning hearing and indicated her intent to address those issues at the next Committee meeting.

Councilmembers Nishimoto, Weyer, and Okimoto stated that they will be voting with reservations.

Council Chair Waters noted that the measure was originally introduced as Resolution 25-51 and explained that the current Bill was reviewed by the Planning Commission without significant amendments before being returned to the Council. He acknowledged receiving additional concerns and stated that he will voting with reservations and emphasized the need to advance the Bill forward so it can return to Committee for further consideration.

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Councilmember Cordero emphasized the importance of thorough review and stakeholder engagement in the Planning Commission's process. She stated her concern that recommendations forwarded to the Council should reflect input from a broad range of stakeholders, including developers. The Councilmember stated the need for more comprehensive consultation prior to Council consideration.

Committee Report 93(26) was adopted and Bill 21 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM*, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO*, OKIMOTO*, TUPOLA*, WEYER*, WATERS* – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

*Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tupola, Weyer, and Council Chair Waters voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-157(26) Testimony on Bill 21 (2026)

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-36, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 85(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S THIRTY-SECOND YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS, AND HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 26-36, Proposed FD1 (OCS2026-0214/4/13/2026 3:54 PM)

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 85(26) and Resolution 26-36 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Resolution 26-36 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0214/4/13/2026 3:54 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto. Councilmember Okimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

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Councilmember Kia'āina thanked the Department of Community Services and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services for their work and stated that she looks forward to next year's budget plan. She expressed hope that future plans will continue to prioritize increasing the proportion of funding allocated to nonprofit organizations, including funding designated for public service programs.

Resolution 26-36 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0214/4/13/2026 3:54 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Resolution 26-36, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-255(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-140(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-36

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-55 – COMMITTEE REPORT 86(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 86(26) and Resolution 26-55 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola stated her support for the Resolution and noted concerns regarding significant fund transfers submitted by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) toward the end of the fiscal year. She emphasized the need for improved tracking and oversight of fund transfers, particularly for overtime and patrol operations, and

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suggested incorporating budget provisions to enhance transparency and accountability. She reaffirmed her support for HPD while underscoring the importance of consistent, trackable budgeting practices from year to year.

Committee Report 86(26) and Resolution 26-55 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.
NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-74 – COMMITTEE REPORT 87(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO A TRANSFER FOR THE PAYMENT OF HAZARD PAY.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 87(26) and Resolution 26-74 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
2. Joelle Hussey, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996 (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed her appreciation to the Administration for advancing the Resolution, noting that discussions began in 2023 and acknowledging the prolonged process in reaching agreements with unions. She stated that the City and County of Honolulu is the last county to finalize discussions with each union. She highlighted the Council's longstanding advocacy on the issue, expressed gratitude that the Resolution has been brought forward, and emphasized the importance of supporting essential City services, including public transportation, and recognizing the contributions of frontline workers.

Councilmember Weyer expressed appreciation for bus drivers, mechanics, and support teams, recognizing their frontline role during COVID-19 and recent emergency situations, including evacuation support. He thanked the leadership and conveyed optimism for the future, while also highlighting concerns about access to healthcare. He commended efforts to expand healthcare access for workers and reiterated his gratitude for their service to the community.

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Committee Report 87(26) and Resolution 26-74 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-52 – COMMITTEE REPORT 88(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN HONORING THE LEGACY OF MARY FOSTER, VALUED AT \$2,645.00, TO THE CITY FROM NTP HOLDINGS TO BE DISPLAYED AT FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 88(26) and Resolution 26-52 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 88(26) and Resolution 26-52 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: WEYER – 1.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-53 – COMMITTEE REPORT 89(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TWO HIGH-BACK TRADITIONAL BENCHES, PREPARATIONS OF THE GROUNDS AND TWO BRONZE PLAQUES WITH AN INSCRIPTION TO READ “DONATED BY THE FAMILY OF MALANA,” VALUED AT \$5,380.79 TO THE CITY FROM WILLIAM BYERLEY TO BE PLACED AT KAPIOLANI REGIONAL PARK AND LEAHI BEACH PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 89(26) and Resolution 26-53 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

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Committee Report 89(26) and Resolution 26-53 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-64 – COMMITTEE REPORT 90(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO REVIEW AND UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, THE SECURITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION FOR EVENTS HELD AT CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 90(26) and Resolution 26-64 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Tupola expressed appreciation for support of the Resolution explaining that it was introduced to encourage large private events held in City parks to provide their own security, consistent with requirements for major events like surf competitions. She noted concerns raised by police officers that patrol resources should not be diverted to manage private gatherings that become disruptive. While emphasizing the importance of encouraging families to use public parks, she underscored the need to protect these spaces and support park staff who work to maintain them.

Councilmember Okimoto stated that she will be voting with reservations.

Committee Report 90(26) and Resolution 26-64 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-138(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-64

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CANCELLED

RESOLUTION 26-65 – COMMITTEE REPORT 91(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO RESTORE THE MAUNA LAHILAHİ CULTURAL GARDEN BY ACTIVATING AND IMPLEMENTING THE MAUNA LAHILAHİ CULTURAL GARDEN MASTER PLAN.

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting, Council Chair Waters announced that Resolution 26-65 was cancelled and would not be considered.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-43, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 94(26)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SINGLE-UNIT DWELLINGS, ONE ATTACHED GARAGE, A SWIMMING POOL WITH SPA AND REFLECTION POOL, VARIOUS PAVILIONS, AND AUTOMOBILE AND BASKETBALL COURTS; AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS IN WAIALUA, O’AHU.

Councilmember Kia’āina moved that Committee Report 94(26) and Resolution 26-43, as amended to CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 94(26) and Resolution 26-43, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA’ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no balance of committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-69

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY OF LODGING, AIRFARE, AND PER DIEM VALUED AT AN ESTIMATED \$2,066 FROM THE UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION ("U.S. EAC") FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK'S ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND THE EAC STANDARDS BOARD MEETING IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM APRIL 16 TO APRIL 17, 2026.

Resolution 26-69 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-67[26]).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-69 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-69 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-156(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-69

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-77, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT \$450, TO THE CITY FROM THE FUZHOU MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT FOR MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDI'S VISIT TO FUZHOU, CHINA, FROM APRIL 23 TO APRIL 26, 2026.

Resolution 26-77 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-70[26]).

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The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 26-77, Proposed FD1 (OCS2026-0213/4/13/2026 11:15 AM)

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-77 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Resolution 26-77 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026- 0213/4/13/2026 11:15 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Tupola. Councilmember Nishimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-77 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0213/4/13/2026 11:15 AM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Resolution 26-77, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-78, FD1

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Resolution 26-78 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Budget (CC-69[26]).

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Resolution 26-78, Proposed FD1

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Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-78 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Resolution 26-78 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto. Councilmember Okimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-78 was amended to the posted FD1.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Resolution 26-78, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-79

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, MEALS, AND RELATED EXPENSES VALUED AT \$2,133.50 TO THE CITY FROM ABUNDANCE NETWORK EDUCATION FOR COUNCILMEMBER TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABUNDANCE ELECTED FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM'S IN-PERSON TRAINING IN DENVER, COLORADO.

Resolution 26-79 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-71[26]).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-79 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-79 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

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ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-81, FD1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF AIR TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING, VALUED AT \$1,850.00 TO THE CITY FROM HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL FOR A MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL'S 2ND ANNUAL STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER EXPO AND FORUM IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, FROM APRIL 16 TO APRIL 17, 2026.

Resolution 26-81 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-73[26]).

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 26-81, Proposed FD1 (OCS2026-0211/4/13/2026 10:15 AM)

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-81 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Resolution 26-81 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0211/4/13/2026 10:15 AM). Seconded by Councilmember Tupola. Councilmember Nishimoto explained the FD1 amendment.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-81 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0211/4/13/2026 10:15 AM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Council Rule 19.G relating to 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

Resolution 26-81, FD1 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

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ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 26-82

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED EXPENSES, WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$2,500, FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND (TPL) FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR TO ATTEND TPL'S NATIONAL DAY ON THE HILL FROM APRIL 13-15, 2026, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Resolution 26-82 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs (CC-72[26]).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-82 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-82 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 9.

NOES: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tupola announced that a community resource fair is scheduled for April 25, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Waianae Mall. The event will be hosted by the Division for Elderly Affairs of the City's Department of Community Services in partnership with 'Elepaio Social Services and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. She noted that the event is free and will include participation from State, City and Federal agencies to assist individuals impacted by the recent storms.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 12:46 p.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kia'āina and there being no objections from the 9 members present, it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

CHADD KADOTA
Acting City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED:
