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May 29, 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

Attached are the departmental comments on the proposed floor draft (FD) 1 amendments to Bill 23 (2026), CD2.

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

Attachment

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DFM/DDC	CD	GENERAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC FACILITIES - ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS	WATERS	1994015	Pearl City Corporation Yard Renovations	Design and construct sustainable and resilient corporation yard improvements.	Add funds for construction.	**2,700,000**				$900,000				**$900,000**	DFM/DDC: Concur with amendment.
DFM/DDC	CD	PUBLIC SAFETY - FLOOD CONTROL	WATERS	2000101	Flood Control Improvements at Various Locations	~~[Design.]~~ Plan, design, construct, and inspect sustainable and resilient flood control improvements.	Text change and additional funding.	**10,000,000**		1,000,000	5,000,000	2,820,000				**8,820,000**	DFM/DDC: Concur with amendment.
DFM/DDC	CD	PUBLIC SAFETY - FLOOD CONTROL	NISHIMOTO WATERS	NEW	Manoa Stream Watershed Risk Reduction and Debris Management	Plan, design, construct, and provide related equipment to develop a comprehensive watershed debris management and flood risk reduction strategy for Manoa stream.	Add project and funding.			1,000	1,397,000	1,000	1,000			**1,400,000**	DFM/DDC: The administration manages its CIP budget based on need, available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources. A debris management study is required, followed by a planning and design of mitigation improvements in the watershed to reduce risks of flooding including but not limited to underground tunnels and reforestation options. BFS: Debris management is an operating cost.
DFM/DDC	CD	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND ROADWAYS	NISHIMOTO WATERS	NEW	~~[Manoa Sidewalk Improvements]~~	~~[Plan, design, construct, and inspect sidewalks in Manoa, including but not limited to the installation of sidewalks along Lowrey Ave.]~~	Delete project and funding.			(1,000)	(498,000)	(4,500,000)	(1,000)			**(5,000,000)**	DFM/DDC: Concur with amendment.
DFM/DDC	CD	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND ROADWAYS -STORM DRAINAGE	TUPOLA WATERS	NEW	Drainage Improvements at Kulaaupuni St.	Plan, design, construct, and inspect drainage improvements on Kulaaupuni St. in Waianae, including drain manholes, box culverts, and drain extensions.	Add project and funding.	**2,000,000**		150,000	250,000	1,500,000	100,000			**2,000,000**	DFM/DDC: The administration manages its CIP budget based on need, available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources.
DFM/DDC	CD	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND ROADWAYS -STORM DRAINAGE	TUPOLA WATERS	NEW	~~[Storm Drainage Improvements at Makau St.]~~	~~[Plan, design, construct, inspect, and provide equipment for drainage improvements on Makau St. in Waianae, including drain manholes, box culverts, and drain extensions.]~~	Delete project and funding.			(350,000)	(2,440,000)	(2,000,000)	(360,000)	(1,000)		**(5,151,000)**	DFM/DDC: Concur with amendment.
DFM/DDC	MED	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS STREET LIGHTING	WATERS	2007043	Street Light Meter Cabinets, Transformers, and Street Lighting Improvements	Design and construct street light meter cabinet, transformer, and street lighting improvements~~[.]~~, including the installation of LED downlights in the Chinatown area.	Add text and funding.	**235,000**				100,000				**100,000**	DFM/DDC: The administration manages its CIP budget based on need, available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources.
DCS	CBDD	HUMAN SERVICES	WATERS	2017002	Community Revitalization Initiative	~~[Plan]~~ Acquire land, plan, design, construct, and inspect sustainable and resilient improvements for workforce/affordable housing and other related community facilities such as Pauahi Hale.	Add text and funding.	**1,983,009**	$750,000	$20,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000			**$800,000**	DCS: The administration manages its CIP budget based on need, available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources.
DCS	CBDD	HUMAN SERVICES	TUPOLA WATERS	NEW	Stabilization Housing Project In Waianae	Acquire land, plan, design, construct, and inspect for a stabilization housing project in Waianae.	Add project and funding.	**7,000,000**	$3,500,000	$125,000	$125,000	$3,125,000	$125,000			**$7,000,000**	DCS: The administration manages its CIP budget based on need, available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources.

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DHLM		HUMAN SERVICES	DOS SANTOS-TAM	NEW	Pearlridge Housing	Plan and design for a mixed-income, mixed-use project on the Pearlridge (Kalauao) rail station site.	Add project and funding.	**1,000,000**		$500,000	$500,000					**$1,000,000**	DHLM:The Department of Housing and Land Management respectfully declines the proposed $1,000,000 of funding for planning and design at the Pearlridge (Kalauao) rail station site. The site is currently under active federal procurement by the Department of Transportation Services for the Pearlridge mobility hub, which has completed NEPA environmental review, secured federal funding approvals, and is proceeding toward imminent construction procurement. Introducing an independent planning process on this parcel through a separate department at this stage creates a documented record that federal oversight agencies will scrutinize, risks reopening any federal environmental clearance that took years to obtain and could jeopardize the potential delivery of federal funds. The cost of reopening the federal environmental process, and jeopardizing the potential delivery of federal funds, would cost far more than the value of this appropriation. DHLM shares the Council's commitment to housing development at this site. However, funding a parallel planning process before the hub is built does not accelerate housing; it creates a competing site vision during an active federal procurement and may put the existing project at risk.
DPR/DDC	FD	CULTURE - RECREATION - SPECIAL RECREATION FACILITIES	WATERS	2014076	Blaisdell Center Redevelopment	Design and construct sustainable and resilient facility improvements such as arena roof reconstruction[,] and the installation of a basketball court.	Add text only.									**$0**	DES/DDC: The administration manages its CIP budget based on available funding and departmental staff resources to complete the project. Additional projects will be reviewed based on available staff resources.
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		SECTION 10.															

Amend SECTION 10(b) to read as follows:

BFS: Accept amendment.

"(b) *Limited purpose monies.* The City may receive monies [~~whose use~~] for a use that is specified or otherwise limited by the monies' source from: (1) any governmental or quasi-governmental agency; (2) any private source including monetary gifts [~~whose use~~] for a use that is specified by the donor; or (3) any combination thereof. When such monies are received, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall maintain special funds or accounts showing the monies so received and specifying the purposes for which they have been received and held.

Limited purpose monies shall include funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, even if such monies are deemed multi-purpose federal monies.

All such monies specified in Sections 2 through 8 of this ordinance are appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth, and all expenditures shall be made as provided by law. All other such monies not specified in Sections 2 through 8 of this ordinance [and] that are monies as described in the preceding [~~paragraph~~] 2 paragraphs are appropriated and may be expended by the City agencies included in this ordinance if the monies are approved as provided in subsection (d). Should revenues from this ordinance or from elsewhere exceed the amounts specified, the excess is hereby appropriated and may be expended in accordance with the provisions of the monies' source and of this section; provided that: (1) the scope of the funded project shall not be increased unless approved in accordance with subsection (d); (2) the excess monies are reported to the Council; and (3) when the funded project is financed by both City and non-City funds and the revenues from a non-City fund source exceed the amount approved in this ordinance, the City fund appropriation shall be decreased by the amount of the excess revenues unless such decrease would jeopardize the receipt of the increased amount from the non-City fund source or the award of the contract.

The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall report to the Council no later than 30 days after June 30 detailing, for the capital budget fiscal year just ended, the amount of any excess monies received, and the function, program, and project to which the monies have been allotted for expenditure."

Amend SECTION 10(c) to read as follows:

BFS: Accept amendment.

(c) *Monetary gifts for unspecified purposes.* The City may receive monetary gifts [~~whose use~~] for a use that is not specified or otherwise limited by the donor. All such monies are appropriated and may be expended by the City agencies included in this ordinance if the monies are approved in accordance with the gift approval requirement as provided in subsection (d).

Amend SECTION 10(d) to read as follows:

BFS: Accept amendment.

"(d) Expenditure of all monies received pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), including appropriations or grants by the federal or State government to the City and private grant agreements, shall be deemed approved, and the designated City official shall be deemed authorized to receive and expend the funds provided pursuant to the agreement, 15 days after notice of receipt of such monies is filed with the City Clerk and distributed to all members of the Council, unless a Councilmember files a written objection with the City Clerk prior to the 15th day. Such monies that have been objected to shall be subject to Council approval by way of a formal resolution. Any such limited purpose monies[,] that were previously approved or deemed approved, pursuant to Section 10(d) in the previous Executive Capital Budget ordinance, and receipt and expenditure of which were authorized, in a prior fiscal year, but that were not received until the fiscal year covered by this ordinance, shall be appropriated and may be expended in accordance with subsection (b) without further approval by the Council; provided that [~~it is recommended that~~] all members of the Council are notified of each expenditure when it is made. Intergovernmental and private grant agreements must comply with ROH Chapter 1, Article 8, and may be executed by the director of the department incurring the obligation. Gifts shall be approved by the Council in accordance with Charter § 13-113 and Council Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, or successor Council policy. The Council reserves the right to require any monies to be approved by an appropriate budget ordinance."

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							Amend SECTION 10(e) to read as follows: "(e) *Multi-purpose federal monies.* Multi-purpose federal monies are monies from the United States of America, which are allocated by formula entitlements and may be expended for multiple purposes. Such monies include Community Development Block Grant monies, HOME Investment Partnerships Program monies, and monies received via similar federal and state assistance programs, which Congress or the Legislature may enact from time to time. No expenditure of such monies shall be made unless the Council has authorized such expenditure by the enactment of or an amendment to a budget ordinance appropriating such monies in accordance with applicable Charter provisions, ordinances, and other legal requirements. If such monies are received prior to an enactment of or amendment to a budget ordinance, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall maintain such monies in special accounts showing the monies so received and specifying the purposes for which they have been received and temporarily held. The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall submit to the Council a bill for an ordinance appropriating such monies [~~as soon as possible~~] within 3 days following the receipt of such monies."										BFS: Accept amendment.
							Amend SECTION 10(g) to read as follows: "(g) For the purposes of this subsection, "City funds" excludes pension or retirement funds, funds under the control of any independent board or commission, funds set aside for the redemption of bonds or the payment of interest thereon, park dedication funds, or private trust funds. In the event there are monies in any City fund that, in the judgment of the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, are in excess of the amounts necessary for the immediate requirements of the respective funds, and where, in the judgment of the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services, such action will not impede the necessary or desirable financial operations of the City, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services may make temporary transfers of loans to the Sewer Revenue Bond Improvement Fund, General Improvement Bond Fund, the Highway Improvement Bond Fund, and the Solid Waste Improvement Bond Fund up to the total amount of the appropriations authorized herein that are specified to be financed from the sale of general obligation bonds, notes, or revenue bonds and to be expended from such funds; provided that monies transferred or loaned shall be used only for appropriations herein that are specified to be financed from the sale of general obligation bonds, notes, or revenue bonds and to be expended from the Sewer Revenue Bond Improvement Fund, General Improvement Bond Fund, the Highway Improvement Bond Fund, and the Solid Waste Improvement Bond Fund. In all other cases the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services may, with the consent of the Council by resolution adopted on one reading and without publication, make temporary transfers or loans therefrom without interest to other funds of the City. Within [~~14~~] 7 days of the transfer or loan, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall report to the Council on: (1) the amount of transfer or loan required; (2) the reason or justification for the transfer or loan; (3) the total amount outstanding and unreimbursed in temporary transfers and loans for the fiscal year after making the subject transfer or loan; and (4) the anticipated date of reimbursement or repayment. The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall notify the Council of the reimbursement or repayment of the temporary transfer or loan as soon as such reimbursement or repayment is made. Such notification shall identify the source of funding of the reimbursement or repayment of the temporary transfer or loan. All transfers or loans under this section shall be reimbursed or repaid no later than 12 months from the date on which the transfer or loans was made, unless a later date is approved by the Council by resolution adopted on one reading without publication. Interest may be charged if the monies originate from enterprise funds."										BFS: Respecfully requset deferral of amendment.
							SECTION 13. Amend SECTION 13 to read as follows: "SECTION 13. Monies may be transferred to or from any project in the following programs to or from any project within the same function if the transfer is necessary to construct improvements to address unanticipated conditions that may affect the public's health and safety, or to meet federal or state requirements. The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall report to the Council no later than [~~30 days after June 30 detailing, for the fiscal year just ended, all monies that were transferred pursuant to this section.~~] 5 days after the transfer is made with a detailed statement, including the transfer amount; where monies were transferred from, including the project title; and the public health and safety emergency, or federal or state requirements justifying the transfer. **Function** — **Program** Public Safety — Flood Control Sanitation — Improvement District-Sewers Sanitation — Sewer Collection and Disposal"										BFS: Respectfully request deferral of amendment.
							SECTION 15. Delete SECTION 15. ["~~SECTION 15. The Pauahi Project Expenditures, HI R-15 Fund ("Pauahi Fund") is abolished on June 30, 2028. Upon the abolition of the Pauahi Fund, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall transfer any remaining monies to the General Fund.~~ ~~Upon the abolition of the Pauahi Fund, Ordinance 04-20 is repealed in its entirety. All ordinances, and any portions of ordinances, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. All resolutions, and any portions of resolutions, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this section are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.~~ ~~Not later than July 31, 2028, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall provide a written report to the Council on the abolition of the Pauahi Fund, including the amount transferred to the General Fund.~~"]										BFS: Accept amendment.
							SECTION 16. Delete SECTION 16. ["~~SECTION 16. The Land Conservation Fund is abolished upon the expenditure of all amounts appropriated from the fund under Section 7 of this ordinance. Upon the abolition of the Land Conservation Fund, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall transfer any remaining monies to another appropriate fund. Upon the abolition of the Land Conservation Fund, Ordinance 05-003 is repealed in its entirety. All ordinances, and any portions of ordinances, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. All resolutions, and any portions of resolutions, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this section are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.~~"]										BFS: Accept amendment.