# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

**Voting Members:**
Andria Tupola, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
June 23, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks which considered Bill 33 (2026) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS,"

introduced on March 17, 2026, and which passed first reading at the March 25, 2026, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 33 (2026) is to amend provisions in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 related to City and County of Honolulu funds by establishing a Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services ("PMRS") Revolving Fund and a Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund; specifying the percentage distribution of Transient Accommodations Tax revenues for each fund; specifying that fees collected for attendant/custodian services at recreational facilities and camping permits must be deposited into the PMRS Revolving Fund rather than into the General Fund; and repealing the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund after moneys in those funds are transferred to the PMRS Revolving Fund.

Laura Thielen, Director of Parks and Recreation, testified in support of the CD1 proposed by Councilmember Tupola.



ADOPTED ON JUL 8 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 171(26)

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed posted CD1 version of the Bill, which makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 2 of the bill:

1. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.2 to remove the maintenance of programs and to specify that improving programmatic opportunities across the City is a purpose of the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund (rather than improving the equitable distribution of programmatic opportunities across the City).

2. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.3 as follows:

   a. Removes the subsection (a) designation and deletes proposed subsections (b) through (d).

   b. In list item (3), specifies no fees, revenues, or receipts collected or received by the Department of Enterprise Services will be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund unless otherwise designated by law or memorandum of agreement.

c. In list item (4), specifies any portion of the Transient Accommodations Tax revenues allocated to support the restoration, operations, and maintenance of parks and beaches or that are otherwise earmarked or dedicated for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of parks and beaches under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation must be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund; removes the requirement that these TAT revenues supplement vs. supplant funds regularly appropriated (as it is duplicative of existing language in ROH Section 8-1.1(3)); and removes the requirement that 80 percent of the TAT revenues collected pursuant to ROH Section 8A-1.1(3) must be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund.

d. In list item (6), specifies that federal grants will be deposited in the Federal Grants Fund and State grants will be deposited into the Special Projects Fund.

3. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.4(a) to specify that Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund moneys may only be expended for programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

4. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.4(b) to specify expenditures made pursuant to ROH Section 6-__.4(a) must be used for the maintenance and programs of City parks and recreation services.

B. In SECTION 3 of the bill:

1. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.2 to specify that improving programmatic opportunities across the City as a purpose of the Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund (rather than improving the equitable distribution of programmatic opportunities across the City).

2. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.3 as follows:

   a. Removes the subsection (a) designation and deletes proposed subsections (b) through (d).

   b. Removes references to parks and beaches.

   c. In list item (4), specifies <u>any portion</u> of the Transient Accommodations Tax ("TAT") revenues allocated to support the restoration, operations, and maintenance of gardens and park and street trees must be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund; removes the requirement that these TAT revenues supplement vs. supplant funds regularly appropriated (as it is duplicative of existing language in ROH Section 8-1.1(3)); and removes the requirement that 20 percent of the TAT revenues collected pursuant to ROH Section 8A-1.1(3) must be deposited into the Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund.

   d. In list item (6), specifies that federal grants will be deposited in the Federal Grants Fund and State grants will be deposited into the Special Projects Fund.

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3. Amends proposed ROH Section 6-__.4(a) to specify that Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund moneys may only be expended for programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

4. Adds a new proposed ROH Section 6-__.4(d) to specify expenditures made pursuant to ROH Section 6-__.4(a) must be used for the maintenance and programs of the Division of Urban Forestry, as well as garden facilities and programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

C. In SECTION 10 of the bill, amends the general effective date of the bill to July 1, 2027, from July 1, 2026.

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 33 (2026), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred to, and accepted by, the Committee on Budget for further consideration pursuant to its consecutive referral in the form attached hereto as Bill 33 (2026), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

A. Tupola

Committee Chair

**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**
***Ke Kanihela o ke Kalana o Honolulu***
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 171(26)

# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

*KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU*

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL **33 (2026), CD1**

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend provisions related to City and County of Honolulu funds.

SECTION 2. Chapter 6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Funds, Fees, and Loan Programs"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE __: PARKS MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION SERVICES REVOLVING FUND**

**§ 6-__.1 Creation.**

There is created and established a special fund to be known as the "parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund."

**§ 6-__.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund is to enable certain revenues and proceeds to be used to supplement the operations of the department of parks and recreation, including but not limited to: supporting the development and implementation of an asset management approach to maintaining park improvements, facilities, programs, and green spaces; improving the equitable distribution of recreational improvements; improving programmatic opportunities across the city; and addressing emerging needs based upon changes in climate and demographic factors.

**§ 6-__.3 Deposits.**

All proceeds collected by the department of parks and recreation relating to the use of lands dedicated for park use or for park maintenance and recreation services that involve any park user, permit, parking, or entry fees; any lease or concession agreements; the sale of any article purchased from the department of parks and recreation to benefit departmental programs relating to park maintenance and recreation services; any gifts or contributions; and any portion of the transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to support the restoration, operations, and maintenance of parks and beaches or that are otherwise earmarked or dedicated for the

restoration, operation, or maintenance of parks and beaches under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, must be deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund, including but not limited to:

(1) Program fees;

(2) Entrance fees, permit fees, facility rental fees, user fees, and miscellaneous revenues generated from the operations of parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation;

(3) Any leases, concessions, or parking fees relating to the use of lands under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation; provided that no fees, revenues, or receipts collected or received by the department of enterprise services will be deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund, unless otherwise designated by law or memorandum of agreement between the department of parks and recreation and the department of enterprise services;

(4) Any portion of revenues collected from the transient accommodations tax pursuant to § 8A-1.1(3) to mitigate the impacts of visitors on public facilities and natural resources, including the restoration, operations, and maintenance of beaches and parks that are dedicated to parks maintenance and recreation services;

(5) Gifts, contributions, or sponsorships directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that the gifts, contributions, or sponsorships are specifically dedicated for deposit into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund;

(6) Contributions or other relevant funding directed to the department of parks and recreation; provided that any private grants are specifically dedicated for deposit into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund; provided further, that federal grants will be deposited into the federal grants fund and State grants will be deposited into the special projects fund;

(7) All proceeds generated from or dedicated to the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park, plus any interest earned on deposits thereof;

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BILL **33 (2026), CD1**

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SECTION 10. This ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2027; provided that SECTIONS 4 and 5 take effect only upon the transfer of any and all moneys remaining in the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund to the special fund established in SECTION 2 of this ordinance as provided therein.

INTRODUCED BY:

Andria Tupola

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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March 17, 2026 _____

Honolulu, Hawai'i Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

**Report Title:**
Funds; Fees; Parks; Botanical Gardens; Revenues; Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); Department of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS"); Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park; Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park ("CORP"); Transient Accommodations Tax ("TAT"); Report

**Description:**
Establishes a special fund to be called the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund for the deposit of all revenues and proceeds generated by the DPR relating to the use of lands dedicated for park use or for park maintenance and recreation services, or otherwise earmarked for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of beaches and parks under the jurisdiction of the DPR, to be expended for DPR operations, parks maintenance and recreational facilities, and programs under the jurisdiction of the DPR. Establishes a special fund to be called the Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund for the deposit of all revenues and proceeds relating to the use of lands dedicated for botanical gardens, community gardens, and urban forestry programs and operations generated by the DPR, or otherwise earmarked for the restoration, operation, or maintenance of gardens and park and street trees under the jurisdiction of the DPR, to be expended for the operations of the DPR's Division of Urban Forestry and for garden facilities and programs under the jurisdiction of the DPR. Specifies that any TAT revenues allocated to the DPR must be deposited into the appropriate revolving fund. Specifies that fees collected for attendant/custodian services at recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the DPR and camping permits must be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund rather than the general fund. Repeals the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Fund and the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park Fund after moneys from the funds are transferred to the new Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund. Adds reporting requirement. Takes effect on July 1, 2027.

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