REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:
Val A. Okimoto, Chair; Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Esther Kia'āina, Augie Tulba, Tommy Waters

Committee Meeting Held
July 14, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Bill 47 (2026) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX,"

introduced on June 30, 2026, and which passed first reading at the July 8, 2026 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to address the motor vehicle weight tax by reducing certain vehicle weight tax rates, effective July 1, 2027.

At your Committee's meeting on July 14, 2026, Kimberly Hashiro, Director of Customer Services, provided comments on the bill and answered questions from the Committee.

Your Committee received written testimony in support from Grassroot Institute of Hawai'i, and in opposition from two individuals.

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Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 47 (2026), and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Waters – 6; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto

Committee Chair

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