HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 50 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose and findings. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend provisions related to the Land Conservation Fund.

The City Council ("Council") finds that the City and County of Honolulu ("City") has a long history of prioritizing the conservation of land for the purposes of preserving and protecting the natural resources of O'ahu. In pursuit of such conservation efforts, the City enacted Ordinance 05-003 and established the Land Conservation Fund in 2005. The purpose of the Land Conservation Fund was to enable the City to act quickly when purchasing private lands or interests therein and to allow the City to leverage private and governmental funding for such land acquisitions by having matching funds available.

However, two years later, the Council passed Ordinance 07-18 establishing the Clean Water and Natural Lands ("CWNL") Fund, the purpose of which is to address both land conservation efforts and the prioritization of clean water. Specifically, the CWNL Fund was created to "provide for the purchase of or to otherwise acquire real estate or any interest therein for land conservation in the [C]ity for the following purposes:

(1) Protection of watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply;

(2) Preservation of forests, beaches, coastal areas, and agricultural lands;

(3) Public outdoor recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains;

(4) Preservation of historic or culturally important land areas and sites;

(5) Protection of significant habitats or ecosystems, including buffer zones;

(6) Conservation of land to reduce erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff; and

(7) Acquisition of public access to public land and open space."

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The Council further finds that since the enactment of Ordinance 07-18, the Land Conservation Fund has been underutilized in favor of the CWNL Fund, which allows for a broader use of funds in pursuit of the preservation of O'ahu's natural resources.

SECTION 2. Chapter 6, Article 59, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Land Conservation Fund"), is repealed.

SECTION 3. Upon the abolition of the Land Conservation Fund, the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services shall transfer any remaining moneys to another appropriate fund.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2028; provided that:

1. All ordinances, and any portions of ordinances, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency; and

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2. All resolutions, and any portions of resolutions, previously enacted or adopted by the Council that are in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

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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:
Land Conservation Fund; Chapter 6, Article 59, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021; Repeal; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS")

Description:
Repeals Chapter 6, Article 59, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Land Conservation Fund"). Takes effect on July 1, 2028, and provides that all ordinances and resolutions, or portions thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with this bill are also repealed.

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