SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE DRAFT:

RESOLUTION 26-161
REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ALL RESILIENCE HUBS CONSTRUCTED OR RETROFITTED USING THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET.

The PROPOSED CD1 makes the following amendments:

A. Deletes the first and second WHEREAS clauses.

B. Adds new first, second, and third WHEREAS clauses to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Ola: Oʻahu Resilience Strategy, prepared by the City and County of Honolulu ("City") and released in 2019, calls for the City to work with individuals, neighborhoods, and institutions to develop a network of Resilience Hubs (Action 15) to foster resilience to prepare communities for the increasing threats of hurricanes, flooding, and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the Oʻahu Community Resilience Hub Network Planning Initiative ("Planning Initiative"), released in 2023, was prepared by the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, Department of Urban and Regional Planning in collaboration with the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; the Center for Resilient Neighborhoods (CERENE); and community partners across Oʻahu; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Initiative identified five criteria to support the suitability analysis for the potential locations of community resilience hubs: community support, proximity to critical infrastructure, hazard vulnerability, transportation accessibility, and social vulnerability; and".

C. Moves the former third and fourth WHEREAS clauses to follow the new third WHEREAS clause.

D. Amends the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause by removing the phrase "consistent with preparedness standards recommended by the State of Hawaiʻi and county emergency management agencies."

E. Deletes the fourth BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause and replaces it with a new BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause requesting the City Administration to employ the criteria set forth in the Oʻahu Community Resilience Hub Network Planning Initiative suitability analysis for the identification and prioritization of new resilience hub sites.

F. Amends the fifth BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to develop a procedure for designating the entities responsible for the operation and management of each resilience hub; and".

G. Amends the sixth BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to designate a City department or agency to assume lead responsibility for developing a clear implementation strategy for the activation of resilience hubs constructed or retrofitted using the funds appropriated in Ordinance 26-13 for such purpose; and".

H. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **26-161, CD1**

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WHEREAS, the Planning Initiative identified five criteria to support the suitability analysis for the potential locations of community resilience hubs: community support, proximity to critical infrastructure, hazard vulnerability, transportation accessibility, and social vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, of the 25 hurricane refuge areas currently designated on Oʻahu, only 20 have been retrofitted to withstand Category 1 hurricane winds, leaving the island without a single publicly designated shelter confirmed to withstand a storm greater than a Category 1 storm; and

WHEREAS, emergency management officials recommend that every household maintain at least a two-week supply of food, water, medicine, first aid supplies, alternative power sources, and communications equipment in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster—a standard that many Oʻahu households and communities currently lack the resources or facilities to meet; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions, including Baltimore, Maryland; Seattle, Washington; Los Angeles, California; and Vancouver, Washington, have addressed similar vulnerabilities by establishing and planning for networks of "resilience hubs," which are defined as community-rooted facilities that are equipped with backup solar

and battery power and emergency supplies, and have the capacity to serve as staging areas for emergency personnel and supply distribution during and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City, through Ordinance 26-13, appropriated capital funding for the planning and design of resilience hubs, including $2,000,000 for the Hau‘ula resilience hub (Project Number 2021134) and $16,000,000 for a resilience hub in each City Council district in which a resilience hub is not currently planned, for a total combined appropriation of $18,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the effective use of this funding requires the City Administration to establish clear technical standards for resilience hub siting, construction, and equipping, as well as a clear, accountable structure for delegating responsibility for planning, building, and ultimately operating each resilience hub; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is requested to develop minimum standards for all resilience hubs constructed or retrofitted using funds appropriated in the fiscal year 2027 executive capital budget that will address structural resilience, emergency shelter capability, backup electrical power, potable water, emergency communications, medical support, food storage, and other essential functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing standards should address the design of facilities capable of withstanding a hurricane exceeding Category 1 on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale and the siting of resilience hubs outside of areas designated as tsunami evacuation zones, flood hazard areas, or other zones of significant disaster exposure where technically and financially feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each resilience hub should be designed to serve as both a community emergency shelter and a community supply depot, and be stocked on an ongoing basis with adequate food, water, medical supplies, communications equipment, and other emergency resources sufficient to support anticipated occupants during an extended disruption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each resilience hub should be equipped with a solar photovoltaic and battery storage microgrid system adequate to maintain critical life safety functions, emergency communications, refrigeration of medications, lighting, ventilation, charging of communication devices, and other essential operations during an extended interruption of utility service; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to employ the criteria set forth in the O‘ahu Community Resilience Hub Network Planning Initiative suitability analysis for the identification and prioritization of new resilience hub sites; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to designate a City department or agency to assume lead responsibility for developing a clear implementation strategy for the activation of resilience hubs constructed or retrofitted using the funds appropriated in Ordinance 26-13 for such purpose; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor; the Managing Director Designate; the Director of Emergency Management; and the Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency.

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Councilmembers

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Disaster Response; Disaster Preparedness; Disaster Planning; Climate Change; Resilience Hub; Executive Capital Budget and Program for Fiscal Year 2027; Department of Emergency Management ("DEM"); Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("CCSR")

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