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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
23RD SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to adjournment, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Chair and Presiding Officer, Tommy Waters, at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tupola, Weyer, Waters – 8.

Excused: Tulba – 1.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Kia'āina introduced members of the City Administration, Board and Commission appointees, and stakeholders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Session Minutes as posted on the agenda be approved, subject to corrections by Councilmembers within 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

ORDER OF THE DAY

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-129

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KRISHNA F. JAYARAM TO SERVE AS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Krishna F. Jayaram, Managing Director Designate (General comment)
2. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Chinatown Business & Community Association (M-271[26]) (Support)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
4. Calvin Hulihee (General comment)
5. Roy Nakamura (General comment)
6. Dylan Armstrong (M-271[26]) (Support)
7. Tim Garry (General comment)
8. Racquel Achiu (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-129 to the Committee on International & Legal Affairs for further discussion.

Related communications:

M-271(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-129
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-130

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MELANIE ISLAM TO SERVE ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Melanie Islam (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
3. Dylan Armstrong (M-286[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-130 to the Committee on Energy, Environment & Sustainability for further discussion.

Related communications:

M-286(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-130
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-154

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANNON SMITH TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW I FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-154 to the Committee on Budget for further discussion.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-155

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANNON ALIVADO TO SERVE ON THE GRANTS IN AID ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shannon Alivado (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
3. Dylan Armstrong (M-287[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Kia‘āina acknowledged her longstanding professional acquaintance with the appointee dating back to their time in Washington, D.C. She highlighted the appointee’s background as a farmer in Waimānalo and noted that the appointee and her family actively participate in local farmers markets and have firsthand knowledge of community needs. She expressed support for the appointee's nomination and looked forward to further discussion in committee.

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-155 to the Committee on Budget for further discussion.

Related communications:

M-287(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-155
M-289(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-143, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 176(26)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LUCA CUNIBERTI TO SERVE ON THE RATE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 176(26) and Resolution 26-143, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Luca Cuniberti (General comment)
2. Malia Boksanski, Hawai‘i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice (M-273[26]) (Support)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
4. Eduardo Hernandez, Hawai‘i Bicycling League (M-273[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the appointee for appearing before the Council and acknowledged his enthusiasm, leadership, and commitment to public service. She expressed concern that the appointee’s plan to attend college on the East Coast could affect his ability to fully participate on the Commission and encouraged him to focus on the college experience. She wished the appointee continued success in future endeavors and stated that she would be voting against the nomination.

Councilmember Cordero expressed support for the appointee citing his involvement in transportation initiatives and community advocacy. She stated that his experience promoting equitable transportation and active mobility would bring valuable youth perspective to the Rate Commission and help represent transit riders. She encouraged the appointee to remain mindful of the Commission's time commitments while pursuing his education and to communicate with the Council if he is unable to fulfill those responsibilities. She commended the appointee for his advocacy, thoughtful engagement, and commitment to serving the community.

Councilmember Weyer stated his support for the appointee's nomination and thanked him for his willingness to serve on the Commission. He commended the appointee’s knowledge of transportation policy, commitment to improving transportation systems, and collaborative approach to working with stakeholders. He stated that the appointee’s expertise, continued engagement with the transportation community, and youth perspective would be valuable assets to the Rate Commission.

Council Chair Waters commended the appointee's passion and knowledge of transportation. While acknowledging concerns raised regarding the appointee’s attendance at college, he expressed confidence that it would not prevent the appointee from serving effectively on the Rate Commission and wished him continued success.

Committee Report 176(26) and Resolution 26-143, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: TUPOLA – 1.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-273(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-143
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 42 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (KAHUKU QUADRANGLE) FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED IN THE KOʻOLAU LOA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA, LĀʻIE, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 42 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Oppose)

Bill 42 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 43 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE LAND SITUATED AT PAʻALAʻA KAI, WAIALUA, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 43 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Racquel Achiu (Support)

Bill 43 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 44 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REVENUES AND FUNDS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 44 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

Councilmember Kiaʻāina responded to testimony in opposition to the measure clarifying that it does not create new funding but reallocates existing Transient Accommodations Tax revenues among established revolving funds for Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services, Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry, and the Honolulu Zoo. She stated that the Bill would strengthen oversight and promote more strategic use of the funds to address visitor impacts on public facilities and natural resources and looked forward to further discussion during the committee hearing.

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for Bill 44 (2026) and Bill 49 (2026). She noted that both Bills reallocate existing Transient Accommodations Tax revenues rather than create new funding, emphasizing the importance of directing those funds toward the maintenance and restoration of parks, recreational facilities, and botanical gardens to address visitor impacts on public spaces. She stated that the measures would help

preserve community gathering places and looked forward to further discussion during committee.

Bill 44 (2026) passed first reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 45 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 45 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)
3. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-293[26]) (Support)
4. Dylan Armstrong (Oppose)

Council Chair Waters stated that the introduction of Bills 45 (2026) and 46 (2026) were intended to provide property tax relief to Honolulu residents. He explained that the Bills would increase the homeowner and kūpuna homeowner exemptions, reducing the taxable value of owner-occupied homes in response to rising property values.

Bill 45 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-293(26) Testimony on Bill 45 (2026)

FIRST READING
BILL 46 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 46 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-294[26]) (Support)
3. Natalia Iwasa (General comment)

Bill 46 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-294(26) Testimony on Bill 46 (2026)

FIRST READING
BILL 47 (2026)

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

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 47 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-272[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters stated that the measure would reduce annual vehicle registration fees by 20 percent to provide financial relief to residents. He noted that he looked forward to a further discussion in the Budget Committee.

Bill 47 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-272(26) Testimony on Bill 47 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 48 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONDEMNATION.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 48 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Bill 48 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-276(26) Testimony on Bill 48 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 49 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REVENUES AND FUNDS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 49 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Bill 49 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-285(26) Testimony on Bill 49 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

FIRST READING
BILL 50 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 50 (2026) pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-295[26]) (Support)
3. Dylan Armstrong (M-295[26]) (General comment)
4. Natalie Iwasa (Support)

Bill 50 (2026) passed first reading

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-295(26) Testimony on Bill 50 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 29 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 162(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 162(26) be adopted and Bill 29 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Racquel Achiu (General comment)

Committee Report 162(26) was adopted and Bill 29 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 40 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 163(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 163(26) be adopted and Bill 40 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-274[26]) (General comment)

Committee Report 163(26) was adopted and Bill 40 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-274(26) Testimony on Bill 40 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 18 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 167(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 167(26) be adopted and Bill 18 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Leelynn Brady, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (Support)
3. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-278[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Kia‘āina acknowledged the efforts made in the Bill to consolidate the various proposals related to Bill 7 (2019); however, she expressed concern that the current version would expand beyond the original intent of Bill 7 (2019) by allowing larger-scale developments, stating that such projects would be more appropriately reviewed through the standard land use process. Councilmember Tupola stated that sustainability plans should be exempt from the Bill's provisions and expressed appreciation for the collaborative work on the measure. She stated that she would be voting against the measure in its current form.

Councilmember Tupola thanked the public, stakeholders and Councilmembers for their continued testimony and input on Bill 18 (2026). She stated that the measure is intended to strengthen the City’s affordable housing program while balancing housing production with neighborhood compatibility, noting that affordable housing production remains well below the community's needs. She highlighted that the Bill incorporates ideas from related housing proposals and reported ongoing collaboration with developers, the Department of Planning and Permitting, and other stakeholders to refine the measure. Councilmember Tupola expressed her commitment to conduct additional community outreach before the Bill returns to committee and reiterated her goal to increasing affordable housing while preserving neighborhood character.

Committee Report 167(26) was adopted and Bill 18 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES:	CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 6.
NOES:	KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO – 2.
ABSENT:	TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

CC-22(26)	Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Tupola
CC-29(26)	Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Councilmember Tulba
M-278(26)	Testimony on Bill 18 (2026)
M-289(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 30 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 168(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 168(26) be adopted and Bill 30 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola introduced the measure as part of a broader parks package developed in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation to support the activation of underutilized parks through farmers markets and other community uses. She stated that allowing farmers markets in parks would help address issues such as vandalism and illegal camping by creating vibrant community gathering spaces while promoting local agriculture and food security. She thanked the Department, community members, and local farmers for their collaboration and support.

Committee Report 168(26) was adopted and Bill 30 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: NISHIMOTO, TULBA – 2.

Related communications:

M-282(26) Testimony on Bill 30 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 31 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 169(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CULTURAL SITES IN PUBLIC PARKS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 169(26) be adopted and Bill 31 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola explained that the measure would strengthen protections for the historic and culturally significant heiau located within the City park at Pōkaʻī Bay. She stated that the Bill was introduced in response to continued vandalism at the site despite prior efforts to recognize its historical significance and acknowledged the longstanding dedication of community caretakers and cultural practitioners who have worked to preserve and protect the heiau. She thanked everyone for their support for the measure.

Committee Report 169(26) was adopted and Bill 31 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: NISHIMOTO, TULBA – 2.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-290(26) Testimony on Bill 31 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 32 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 170(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 170(26) be adopted and Bill 32 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 170(26) was adopted and Bill 32 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, TULBA – 2.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-291(26) Testimony on Bill 32 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 33 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 171(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 171(26) be adopted and Bill 33 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

Councilmember Tupola clarified that Bills 32 (2026) and 33 (2026) do not create new funds but would allow certain fees to be deposited into an existing parks maintenance fund. She explained that the measures were developed in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation to address recurring maintenance challenges, including delays caused by annual contracting and funding lapses. She stated that the Bills would improve long-term contract management, reduce funding lapses, and provide more consistent funding for park maintenance and related services, including routine grass cutting and other park upkeep.

Committee Report 171(26) was adopted and Bill 33 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-292(26) Testimony on Bill 33 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 35 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 142(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MALLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 142(26) be adopted and Bill 35 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (M-279[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 142(26) was adopted and Bill 35 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA, WEYER – 2.

Related communications:

M-279(26) Testimony on Bill 35 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 41 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 175(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 175(26) be adopted and Bill 41 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Dylan Armstrong (M-280[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 175(26) was adopted and Bill 41 (2026) passed second reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-280(26) Testimony on Bill 41 (2026)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

THIRD READING
BILL 20 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 161(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 161(26) be adopted and Bill 20 (2025) pass third reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Suzanne Young, Honolulu Board of Realtor (M-275[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Cordero expressed her support for the measure and stated that it would expand down payment assistance opportunities for middle-income residents who face barriers to homeownership. She noted that the Bill builds upon existing affordable housing programs and was developed in collaboration with the Department of Community Services and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services. She stated that implementation details would continue to be refined before the measure takes effect and expressed appreciation for the Council's commitment to expanding homeownership opportunities.

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for the measure stating that it is intended to expand homeownership opportunities by providing down payment assistance to middle-income families who are not served by existing programs. She explained that the

Bill would establish a revolving loan fund as a pilot program through 2032 to address a gap in current housing assistance. She stated that the program would complement existing affordable housing programs which primarily serve lower-income households and help more local families achieve homeownership. Councilmember Tupola acknowledged implementation and funding concerns raised by City departments noting that the fund would require separate legislation. She emphasized that the pilot program would allow the Council to evaluate the program's effectiveness before considering any long-term expansion.

Committee Report 161(26) was adopted and Bill 20 (2025), CD1 passed third reading, as amended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-275(26) Testimony on Bill 20 (2025)
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-145 – COMMITTEE REPORT 164(26)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO ISSUE AND SELL IN ONE OR MORE SERIES NOT TO EXCEED $205,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR FINANCING THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN CERTAIN CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU SPECIFIED IN SUCH CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCES.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 164(26) and Resolution 26-145 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 164(26) and Resolution 26-145 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-146 – COMMITTEE REPORT 165(26)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES TO ISSUE AND SELL IN ONE OR MORE SERIES NOT TO EXCEED $11,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR FINANCING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 26-13 (ALSO REFERRED TO, UPON ITS APPROVAL, AS BILL 23 (2026), CD2, FD1, AND AS MAY BE FURTHER AMENDED) OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CAPITAL COSTS OF THE HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 165(26) and Resolution 26-146 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 165(26) and Resolution 26-146 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-147, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 166(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, MEALS, AND REGISTRATION FEES, VALUED AT $5,600, TO THE CITY FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS ("NASPO") FOR TWO STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE CITY TO ATTEND THE NASPO REACH CONFERENCE AND TRAINING EVENT IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 166(26) and Resolution 26-147, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 166(26) and Resolution 26-147, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-65, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 91(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO UPDATE AND IMPLEMENT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE PRESERVATION PLAN AND OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR THE MAUNA LAHILAHI CULTURAL GARDEN, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE GOAL OF RESTORING THE AREA.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda and not considered:

Resolution 26-65, Proposed FD1 (OCS2026-0423/6/30/2026 12:39 PM)

The following amendment was handcarried to the meeting:

Resolution 26-65, Proposed FD1 (OCS2026-0434/7/7/2026 2:00 PM)

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 91(26) and Resolution 26-65 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-65 be amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0434/7/7/2026 2:00 PM). Seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Councilmember Tupola explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Tupola thanked Deputy Director Kehau Puʻu of the Department of Parks and Recreation and expressed her support for the Resolution. She stated that it would advance longstanding plans to preserve and develop the site consistent with prior environmental, archaeological, and cultural planning documents. She acknowledged the longstanding stewardship of community volunteers and cultural practitioners and expressed her appreciation to City staff, members of the Housing, Homelessness & Park Committee, and the community for their collaboration in advancing the measure.

Resolution 26-65 was amended to the handcarried FD1 (OCS2026-0434/7/7/2026 2:00 PM).

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Council Rule 19.G relating to the 48-hour notice was waived.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Committee Report 91(26) and Resolution 26-65, FD1 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-284(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-65
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-139 – COMMITTEE REPORT 172(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $5,000 TO THE CITY FROM THE FRIENDS OF HAWAIʻI CHARITIES FOR THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF KAHALA COMMUNITY PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 172(26) and Resolution 26-139 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 172(26) and Resolution 26-139 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-141 – COMMITTEE REPORT 173(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000, TO THE CITY, FROM WELLCARE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE 55TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' VALENTINES DANCE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2026, AT THE NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER EXHIBITION HALL.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 173(26) and Resolution 26-141 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 173(26) and Resolution 26-141 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-148 – COMMITTEE REPORT 174(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $6,750.67 TO THE CITY FROM SHINNYO-EN HAWAIʻI FOR THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF ALA MOANA REGIONAL PARK.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Committee Report 174(26) and Resolution 26-148 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 174(26) and Resolution 26-148 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-149 – COMMITTEE REPORT 177(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT OF PERPETUAL SUBSURFACE EASEMENTS TO HAWAIKI SUBMARINE CABLE USA LLC WITHIN PORTIONS OF THE KAHE POINT BEACH PARK, ʻEWA, HAWAIʻI, TAX MAP KEY NO. (1) 9-2-049:001.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 177(26) and Resolution 26-149 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 177(26) and Resolution 26-149 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-133, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 179(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, LODGING, AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $4,060.98, TO THE CITY FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND ("TPL") FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR TO ATTEND TPL'S NATIONAL DAY ON THE HILL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM APRIL 13 TO APRIL 15, 2026.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 179(26) and Resolution 26-133, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 179(26) and Resolution 26-133, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-152 – COMMITTEE REPORT 180(26)

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF KALAMA & FARM LLP A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT ARTHUR J. LOGAN IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED AMMON FEPULEAI, ET AL. V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CIVIL NO. 1CCV-25-0000879 (CIRCUIT COURT).

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 180(26) and Resolution 26-152 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 180(26) and Resolution 26-152 were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-153 – COMMITTEE REPORT 181(26)

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION IN POST-SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED SCARLET HONOLULU, INC., ET AL. V. HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION, ET AL., CASE NO. CV 21-00457 KJM (USDC).

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 181(26) and Resolution 26-153 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 181(26) and Resolution 26-153 were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-156 – COMMITTEE REPORT 182(26)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SHAY TAL AND MIRIAM J.H.S. TAL TO STOP ADVERTISEMENTS OF THEIR UNPERMITTED BED AND BREAKFAST HOME OR TRANSIENT VACATION UNIT.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 182(26) and Resolution 26-156 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)

Committee Report 182(26) and Resolution 26-156 were adopted.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, TULBA – 2.

Related communication:

M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-134, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 188(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL LANDS FUNDS TO ACQUIRE A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER TWELVE PARCELS OF LAND KNOWN AS KE KĪPUKA O KALAEUILA, TAX MAP KEYS: (1) 5-6-003:011, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 026, 030, 031, 046, AND 049 IN KAHUKU, OʻAHU, HAWAIʻI.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 188(26) and Resolution 26-134, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Adam Borello, North Shore Community Land Trust (M-283[26]) (Support)
3. N. Kawelakai Farrant (M-283[26]) (Support)
4. Reyna Ramolete Hayashi, Trust for Public Land (M-283[26]) (General comment)
5. Racquel Achiu (Support)
6. Lori Walker, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (Support)

Councilmember Kiaʻāina expressed appreciation to the Trust for Public Land, the North Shore Community Land Trust, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission, Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund staff, and community members for their efforts to advance the acquisition. She highlighted the property's environmental, cultural, and agricultural significance, noting that it includes one of Oʻahu's last intact coastal dune ecosystems, contains important cultural and historical resources, and remains vulnerable to private development. She urged adoption of the Resolution to protect the property for future generations.

Councilmember Weyer echoed Councilmember Kia‘āina’s remarks and expressed appreciation to the North Shore Community Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and community members whose collaborative efforts helped advance the measure. He stated his support for preserving the property and looked forward to continued discussions as the effort moves forward and urged adoption of the Resolution.

Committee Report 188(26) and Resolution 26-134, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

M-283(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-134
M-289(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-140, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 189(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $659.60, TO THE CITY FROM THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THREE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING FOCUS GROUP IN HILO, HAWAI‘I, JUNE 10, 2026.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 189(26) and Resolution 26-140, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 189(26) and Resolution 26-140, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-151, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 190(26)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL LANDS FUNDS TO ACQUIRE A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER ONE PARCEL OF LAND, TAX MAP KEY: (1) 3-6-023: 006 (CPRs 0001-0008) SITUATED IN WAILUPE, O‘AHU, HAWAI‘I.

Councilmember Kia‘āina moved that Committee Report 190(26) and Resolution 26-151, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Support)
2. Jennifer Latham (M-277[26]) (Support)
3. Wayne Tanaka, Sierra Club of Hawai‘i (M-277[26]) (Support)
4. M. Healani Sonoda-pale, Pu‘uhonua o Wailupe (M-277[26]) (Support)
5. Elaine Chan (M-277[26]) (Support)
6. Katelynn Mika (M-277[26]) (Support)
7. Alfred Medeiros, Pu‘uhonua o Wailupe (Support)
8. Malia Marquez (M-277[26]) (General comment)
9. Lori Walker, Office of Hawaiian Affair (Support)

Councilmember Kia‘āina expressed appreciation to stakeholders, collaborative partners, and community members for their efforts in advancing the acquisition. She acknowledged the community’s longstanding stewardship of the property and expressed confidence that its care would continue for future generations. She also expressed hope that the acquisition would encourage similar voluntary conservation partnerships with private landowners and serve as a model for future preservation efforts throughout O‘ahu, including the protection of cultural resources and advancement of eligible conservation projects.

Councilmember Tupola expressed appreciation to the community and cultural practitioners for their longstanding stewardship and dedication to protecting culturally significant lands. She emphasized the importance of preserving these spaces to honor Native Hawaiian history, culture, and ancestral connections, stating that such efforts would benefit future generations. She thanked all stakeholders for their continued commitment and support.

Council Chair Waters expressed appreciation to community members, the landowner, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, the Department of Land Management, and all others involved for their longstanding efforts to advance the acquisition. He encouraged continued collaboration to complete the

acquisition, expressed support for future land preservation opportunities, and commended the collective efforts to protect Oʻahu's natural and cultural resources.

Committee Report 190(26) and Resolution 26-151, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

D-462(26)	Kuliʻouʻou /Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2
D-465(26)	Board of Water Supply
M-277(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-151
M-289(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-142 – COMMITTEE REPORT 191(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT 3,700 CULLS VALUED AT $3,700.00 TO THE CITY FROM ASAGI HATCHERY, INC. FOR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 191(26) and Resolution 26-142 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 191(26) and Resolution 26-142 were adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITTCR-178(26)	Consideration of grant of sewer easement 11522 for public use in ʻEwa. (Villages of Kapolei – Sewer System) (D-383[26])
ILACR-183(26)	Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled John M. Asing v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000071.
ILACR-184(26)	Request for authorization to settle Sheri Taflinger v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001151 (Circuit Court).
ILACR-185(26)	Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Ann Gima v. City and County of Honolulu; Civil No. 1CC-18-1-001745 KTM (Circuit Court).
ILACR-186(26)	Request for authorization to settle Ijeva Bambridge v. City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawaiʻi; Civil No. 1DRC-25-0005437 (District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaiʻi).

Councilmember Tupola moved that the Balance of Committee Reports, as listed above, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

AYES:	CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-132

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TUITION, TRAVEL, AND RELATED EXPENSES, VALUED AT $3,000, TO THE CITY FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS (AAMVA) FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES TO ATTEND THE 2026 AAMVA REGION 4 CONFERENCE FROM JULY 21 - JULY 23, 2026, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

Resolution 26-132 was waived to the Council floor by the Chair of the Committee on Government Efficiency & Customer Services (CC-128[26]).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-132 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-132 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

APPROVAL
COMMUNICATION D-445(26)

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING, REQUESTING A 120-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME ON BILL 38 (2026), RELATING TO THE TOD SPECIAL DISTRICT.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Communication D-445(26) be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Communication D-445(26) was approved.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

APPROVAL
COMMUNICATION D-446(26)

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING, REQUESTING A 120-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME ON BILL 39 (2026), RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LAND SITUATED AT KAPOLEI AND HONOULIULI AT ʻEWA.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Communication D-446(26) be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

There was no public testimony.

Communication D-446(26) was approved.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WEYER, WATERS – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

ENTER INTO THE COUNCIL JOURNAL
MAYOR'S MESSAGE 85 (2026)

June 23, 2026 – From Mayor Rick Blangiardi, returning vetoed certain portions of Bill 22 (2026), CD2, FD1, relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

The Council Chair entered Mayor's Message 85 (2026) into the Council's Journal.

The following individuals testified:

1. Sherry Menor, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii (M-281[26]) (General comment)
2. Josh Wish, Holomua Collaborative (Support)
3. Ted Kefalas, Grassroots Institute of Hawaii (Support)
4. Angela Young, CARES (Support)

5. Chu Lan Shubert Kwock, Chinatown Business Community Association (General comment)
6. Racquel Achiu (General comment)
7. Don Shaw (General comment)

Related communication:

M-281(26) Testimony on MM-85(26)

RECESS/RECONVENE

At 12:59 p.m., the Council Chair called for a short recess. With 6 members present (Absent: Dos Santos-Tam, Tulba, Weyer – 3), the Council Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

FINAL READING
BILL 22 (2026), CD2, FD1 (ORDINANCE 26-18)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Bill 22 (2026), CD2, FD1, pass final reading, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding on all lined items as indicated in the Ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Chinatown Business & Community Association (M-288[26]) (Oppose)
2. Don Shaw (M-288[26]) (Oppose)
3. Joshua Wisch, Holomua Collaborative (M-288[26]) (General comment)
4. Krishna Jayaram, Managing Director Designate (General comment)
5. Amy Asselbaye, Executive Director, Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) (General comment)
6. Racquel Achiu (General comment)
7. Shelby Billionaire (M-289[26]) (Oppose)
8. Karl Dicks (General comment)
9. Angela Young, CARES (General comment)

Councilmember Weyer expressed concern about the impact of the proposed changes on City employees and the vulnerable communities they serve, emphasizing the importance of supporting frontline staff who provide essential public services. He

acknowledged the audit findings and the need to strengthen oversight and improve processes; however, he cautioned against reducing services because of perceived shortcomings in the Administration. Councilmember Weyer welcomed the Administration's willingness to collaborate with the Office of Economic Revitalization (OER) to refine the office's strategic plan and emphasized the OER's role in supporting small businesses, farmers, immigrants, and local economic opportunities. He thanked the staff of the OER for their dedication and encouraged them to remain hopeful and committed to serving the community.

Councilmember Tupola acknowledged the OER's accomplishments and expressed continued support for its mission of advancing economic development. She stated that her concerns centered on the need for stronger administrative leadership, strategic planning, and greater collaboration with the Council to maximize the OER's impact and the effective use of public funds. She noted that the audit findings and subsequent reports identified opportunities to strengthen the OER's direction and accountability, emphasizing the need for a clearer vision to expand services and increase benefits for businesses and the community. She expressed her appreciation to the OER staff and their continued dedication to serving the public.

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam expressed concern that eliminating the OER would reduce support for underserved communities, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and disaster recovery efforts. He emphasized that the Council has a responsibility to provide a clear vision for economic development and stated that, if the OER's structure were to change, its essential services should be preserved through another mechanism. He urged the Council to take a more proactive role in shaping economic development policy and stated that he would be voting against overriding the Mayor's veto.

Councilmember Nishimoto stated that the issue centered on the separation of powers between the Council and the Administration rather than the OER. He stated that the Mayor's veto exceeded the executive's authority by restoring funding and positions that had been removed by the Council, emphasizing that the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to reduce or strike appropriations, but not to add them. He maintained that appropriations are solely the Council's responsibility and stated that preserving the Council's budgetary authority was essential to maintaining the balance of powers. He stated that he would be supporting the override of the Mayor's veto.

Council Chair Waters stated that the budget decisions were made through a deliberate and transparent legislative process and emphasized the importance of preserving the Council's authority over appropriations. He expressed the view that the Mayor's line-item veto authority is limited to reducing appropriations and should not be used to restore funding previously removed by the Council. He concluded that overriding the Mayor's veto was necessary to preserve the balance of powers between the legislative

and executive branches and stated that he would be supporting the override of the Mayor's veto.

Councilmember Kia‘āina acknowledged the OER’s accomplishments and expressed continued support for its mission while stating that the current circumstances were regrettable. She noted her longstanding support for the OER through legislative initiatives and funding to strengthen agriculture, expand federal grant capacity, advance long-term tourism and economic planning, and promote the equitable distribution of pandemic relief funds. She emphasized the need for stronger long-term economic development strategic planning, administrative leadership, and greater coordination of economic recovery efforts with the Department of Emergency Management. She stated that the audit findings and concerns raised by the Council highlighted opportunities to strengthen the OER’s direction and effectiveness and expressed hope that a constructive path forward could be developed following the vote. She stated that she would be supporting to override the Mayor’s veto.

Councilmember Okimoto concurred on the importance of maintaining the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches. She acknowledged the efforts of the OER; however, she noted that the office had deviated from its original purpose as a temporary COVID-19 economic recovery office and had not fulfilled several Charter-mandated responsibilities. She cited the recent audit which reported that the OER failed to meet five of its eight Charter objectives and had not produced the required long-term strategic plan despite increased staffing. She emphasized that the Council's action would restructure, rather than eliminate the OER by retaining key positions and allowing time to develop a post-COVID strategic plan and refocusing the OER on its core functions. She explained that the Council has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure accountability, transparency, and the responsible use of public funds and stated that she would be supporting to override the Mayor's veto.

Bill 22 (2026), CD2, FD1, passed final reading, the Mayor‘s veto to the contrary notwithstanding on all lined items as indicated in the Ordinance.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WEYER – 2.
ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

D-453(26)	Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34
M-288(26)	Testimony on Bill 22 (2026)
M-289(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:20 p.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina and there being no objections from the 6 members present (Absent: Dos Santos-Tam, Tulba, Weyer – 3), it was so ordered by the Council Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 12, 2026