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REGULAR MEETING
24TH SESSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 10:24 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmembers Cordero, Kia‘āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer, Waters – 8.

Excused: Dos Santos-Tam – 1.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Councilmember Kia‘āina acknowledged members of the Administration, Board and Commission appointees, community members, and stakeholders present in the Council Chamber.

Council Chair Waters acknowledged the presence of the family of Managing Director Designate Krishna Jayaram.

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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 Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

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

Related communication:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ORDER OF THE DAY

DEFERRED TO LATER IN THE MEETING
RESOLUTION 26-154, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 198(26)

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

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 198(26) and Resolution 26-154, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

1. Shannon Smith (General comment)

(Note: Later in the meeting, Committee Report 198(26) and Resolution 26-154, CD1 were adopted. See page 3.)

At this juncture, Council Chair Waters returned to the Approval of Minutes on Page 3 of the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following individual testified:

P.M. Azinga (General comment)

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

The Council Chair returned to the agenda order.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-154, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 198(26)

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

The following individuals testified:

2. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)
3. Calvin Hulihee (General comment)
4. Roy Nakamura (General comment)

Committee Report 198(26) and Resolution 26-154, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-340(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-154

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-155 – COMMITTEE REPORT 199(26)

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

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 199(26) and Resolution 26-155 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Shannon Alivado (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)
3. Dylan Armstrong (M-330[26]) (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola thanked the appointee for her continued public service, recognizing her dedicated service on the Police Commission and willingness to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission. She commended the appointee for her commitment to the community and continued willingness to serve.

Councilmember Kia‘āina reiterated her strong support for the appointee, highlighting her professionalism as Director of Government Relations for the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and her responsiveness to numerous Council constituent concerns and requests. She thanked the appointee for facilitating HECO’s participation in the Windward Town Hall on wildfire preparedness and described her as an exceptionally strong candidate whose experience and commitment would benefit other commissions as well.

Committee Report 199(26) and Resolution 26-155 were adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-330(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-155
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-130, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 200(26)

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

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 200(26) and Resolution 26-130, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

The following individuals testified:

1. Melanie Islam (General comment)
2. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (General comment)
3. Dylan Armstrong (M-338[26]) (Support)
4. James Malish (General comment)

Councilmember Cordero thanked the appointee for her leadership and dedication in leading the Climate Change Commission and praised the Commission as a model for effectively promoting meetings, engaging the community, and ensuring public accessibility. She highlighted the appointee's expertise in critical areas such as infrastructure, managed retreat, and green infrastructure, noting that these issues should be priorities for City departments, particularly as development continues within the primary urban center.

Committee Report 200(26) and Resolution 26-130, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-338(26)	Testimony on Resolution 26-130

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-129 – COMMITTEE REPORT 206(26)

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

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 206(26) and Resolution 26-129 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Krishna Jayaram, Managing Director Designate (General comment)
2. Mayor Rick Blangiardi (General comment)
3. Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply (D-520[26]) (Support)
4. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)
5. Dylan Armstrong (M-337[26]) (General comment)
6. Tim Garry (Support)
7. James Malish (General comment)

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for the appointee, praising his longstanding commitment to the City and his willingness to engage with the Waiʻanae community, including participating in community cleanups and attending the renaming of the Waiʻanae boxing gym. She emphasized that his legal background would be valuable in advancing policy and legal changes that benefit communities. She also noted positive changes in how Department Directors listen and respond to Council feedback during the appointee's brief time in the interim position. Councilmember Tupola commended the appointee as a thoughtful listener who acts on concerns and a valuable partner in the Administration who can work collaboratively with the Council to serve residents.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated her strong support for the appointee, praising his exceptional competency, professionalism, and educational background. She highlighted his ability to bring out the best in others and inspire those in public service and the community. Councilmember Kiaʻāina commended the appointee for treating people with respect and fairness, even amid disagreements, and for fostering a positive and collaborative environment. She concluded that these qualities make him an outstanding leader deserving of strong support.

Council Chair Waters expressed appreciation for the appointee’s intellect, commitment, and professional demeanor. He wished the appointee success in his new role and thanked the Mayor for making an excellent appointment.

Committee Report 206(26) and Resolution 26-129 were adopted.

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

Related communications:

D-520(26) Board of Water Supply
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-337(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-129

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 26-172

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NAʻALEHU ANTHONY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

The following individuals testified:

1. Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer, Board of Water Supply (D-521[26]) (Support)
2. Kimeona Kane (Support)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)

Council Chair Waters referred Resolution 26-172 to the Commiittee on Energy, Environment & Sustainability for further discussion.

Related communications:

D-521(26) Board of Water Supply
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-179

RESOLUTION APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS FOR THE HAWAIʻI FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION BARGAINING UNIT 11 INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolution 26-179 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

The following individuals testified:

1. Nola Miyasaki, Director, Department of Human Resources (General comment)
2. Michael Hadlock, Hawai‘i Fire Fighters Association (Support)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)

Resolution 26-179 was adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-339(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-179

FIRST READING
BILL 52 (2026)

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

FIRST READING
BILL 53 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS.

FIRST READING
BILL 54 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING.

Councilmember Tupola moved that the first reading items listed on the agenda pass first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

The following individuals testified on Bill 52 (2026):

1. Dason Toma, Honolulu Police Department (General comment)
2. David Erdman, Retail Merchants of Hawaii (M-324[26]) (Support)
3. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (Support)
4. James Malish (General comment)
5. Tim Garry (Support)

Council Chair Waters referenced testimony from Tim Garry and expressed concern about individuals dressed as characters approaching tourists for photographs and subsequently demanding payment, sometimes resulting in confrontations. He noted that the current $100 fine may be insufficient to deter such behavior and stated that increasing the fine would provide the Honolulu Police Department with a stronger enforcement tool and could help curb the practice.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated that, with a better understanding of Bill 52 (2026), she understood the concern and acknowledged that she would be upset if an individual dressed as a character demanded money for taking a photograph in Waikiki.

The following individuals testified on Bill 53 (2026):

1. Dason Toma, Honolulu Police Department (Support)
2. David Erdman, Retail Merchants of Hawaii (M-325[26]) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-325[26]) (Oppose)
4. Tim Garry (Support)
5. Lauren Zirbel, Hawaii Food Industry Association (M-325[26]) (Support)
6. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (General comment)

Council Chair Waters emphasized the need to address the ongoing problem of abandoned shopping carts, noting that some communities have hundreds of carts and that the proposed approach was developed after considering several possible solutions. He referred to testimony indicating that the costs associated with recovering and replacing shopping carts are ultimately passed on to consumers and encouraged Councilmembers who do not support the proposed approach to develop an alternative solution rather than simply voting against it.

Councilmember Tupola expressed reservations regarding Bill 53 (2026). She raised concerns about the provision requiring violators to forfeit shopping carts to the City, stating that she did not believe the City should take possession of forfeited shopping carts when existing laws already allow the Honolulu Police Department to address theft, sidewalk obstruction, and unauthorized use of property. She acknowledged the seriousness of the problem but expressed concern that fines or incarceration could disproportionately affect individuals experiencing homelessness and contribute to

overcrowding. While she did not support the Bill in its current form, she stated that she would vote with reservations and consider alternative solutions.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina expressed reservations regarding Bill 53 (2026), raising concerns that the proposed penalties may be overly punitive, particularly because many affected individuals are homeless or would be unable to pay the fines. She stated that businesses also have a role in addressing the problem and suggested exploring improved technology to prevent shopping carts from being removed, noting that abandoned shopping carts are a nationwide issue. She stated that she would vote with reservations and expressed concern about the Bill advancing in its current form.

Councilmember Cordero expressed similar concerns regarding Bill 53 (2026), noting that residents in her district sometimes use shopping carts from nearby shopping centers to transport groceries. She highlighted that many of these residents are seniors on fixed incomes who rely on the carts for this purpose. She recognized that the passage of the Bill could negatively affect older residents, agreed that the measure warranted further consideration, and stated that she would vote with reservations.

The following individuals testified on Bill 54 (2026):

1. Shelby Billionaire (M-331[26]) (General comment)
2. Natalie Iwasa (General comment)
3. Dalan Kam, Oʻahu Transit Riders (General comment)

Council Chair Waters explained that Bill 54 (2026) is intended to address the problem of hikers parking near trailheads in ways that obstruct residents' driveways and negatively affect surrounding communities. He stated that passage of the measure would allow communities to request that the Department of Transportation Services designate restricted parking areas by painting curbs red, while leaving implementation to the Department's discretion. He acknowledged that parking violations are also an enforcement issue but noted that police staffing shortages make it difficult for officers to regularly monitor trailheads. Council Chair Waters expressed hope that the Bill would advance to Committee, where any concerns could be further addressed.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated her support for the intent of Bill 54 (2026) and emphasized the need to ensure that residents living near affected areas are not adversely impacted by the proposed restrictions and expressed concern about balancing residents' parking needs with the intent of the measure. She supported moving the measure forward for further discussion.

Bill 52 (2026) passed first reading.

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

Bill 53 (2026) passed first reading.

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

*Councilmembers Cordero, Kiaʻāina, and Tupola voted aye with reservations.

Bill 54 (2026) passed first reading.

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

Related communications:

D-519(26)	Honolulu Police Department
D-527(26)	Honolulu Police Department
M-324(26)	Testimony on Bill 52 (2026)
M-325(26)	Testimony on Bill 53 (2026)
M-326(26)	Testimony on Bill 54 (2026)
M-331(26)	Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 68 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 192(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 192(26) be adopted and Bill 68 (2025) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

Councilmember Weyer stated that he would be voting in opposition to Bill 68 (2025), expressing concern that the proposed tax credit should have broader applicability and that the measure could require homeowners to make complicated changes to bring their properties into compliance or restructuring ownership to qualify. He reiterated his preference for expanding the low-income tax credit and basing eligibility on household income and Area Median Income, which he believed would provide a more equitable assessment of a household's financial circumstances and better target assistance to families who need it most.

Committee Report 192(26) was adopted and Bill 68 (2025) passed second reading.

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

Related communications:

D-523(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
M-327(26) Testimony on Bill 68 (2025)
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 44 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 193(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REVENUES AND FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 193(26) be adopted and Bill 44 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

In response to councilmembers, Laura Thielen, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), stated that:

- The Department's existing base funding is insufficient to maintain the City's extensive park system and aging infrastructure while also addressing recreational needs in areas experiencing population growth but lacking adequate facilities.

- The proposed funding is intended to supplement, rather than replace, existing City funding, allowing it to keep pace with necessary repairs and maintenance and develop new infrastructure to meet the changing demographic needs.

- A separate measure proposed repurposing the existing Central Oʻahu Regional Park and Waipio Soccer Peninsula special funds to support parks maintenance and recreation services and botanical gardens and urban forestry. She stated that the Central Oʻahu Regional Park and Waipio Soccer Peninsula would become accounts within the parks maintenance and recreation services special fund, with portions of Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenues allocated to the respective parks special funds.

- The Department is considering an entry fee for tourists at Hoʻomaluhia Botanical Gardens and exploring other opportunities to generate additional revenues. Director Thielen emphasized that the special funds would ensure that revenues generated from park-related fees and permits are used to support park maintenance and related purposes rather than deposited into the General Fund, providing assurance to the public that the supplemental revenues would directly benefit the parks.

- The TAT revenues currently allocated for recreation and natural resource purposes lapse to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Director Thielen noted that the annual lapse creates challenges in completing contracts before the fiscal year ends and, in some instances, has resulted in a loss of funding when contracts were not finalized on time. She stated that the proposal would deposit TAT revenues into dedicated special funds, allowing the Department to more efficiently execute contracts and continue using the funds for their intended budgeted purposes.

- The funds are being used for extensive renovations, repairs, and maintenance through existing master contracts, as well as for new amenities such as playgrounds. Director Thielen explained that the Department is working with the Purchasing Division to establish a new master contract for building interior improvements because in-house crews are unable to keep pace with the volume of work. She noted that larger regional contracts would allow the Department to complete these improvements more efficiently.

Councilmember Tupola discussed her efforts to work with Director Thielen to identify ways to generate additional revenue for the maintenance and improvement of City parks. She highlighted the challenges of maintaining park facilities with limited resources and stated that the proposed measure would provide ongoing supplemental revenue to support needs beyond existing funding levels. Councilmember Tupola also emphasized the need for continued investment in the City's botanical gardens and other recreational facilities and expressed support for funding mechanisms that would help enhance and maintain these facilities for the public.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina stated her support for the proposed funding structure, noting that the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services currently oversees the funds and expressing confidence that the Council can ensure that funding is directed to programs with the greatest need. She emphasized that the DPR should remain vigilant during upcoming budget negotiations to ensure that its underlying budget is not reduced as a result of receiving supplemental revenues. Councilmember Kiaʻāina also encouraged the Department to continue pursuing funding opportunities, including ongoing discussions regarding the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program for invasive species management, to establish a strong and sustainable funding foundation for the Department.

Councilmember Nishimoto noted his reservations for the Bill.

Council Chair Waters stated that he would vote with reservations and questioned whether the Council retains the authority to appropriate moneys from within those funds. He expressed concern that, without sufficient Council oversight, the funds could potentially be used for purposes not specifically contemplated by the Council. As an example, he questioned whether the Department of Enterprise Services could use the Honolulu Zoo Revolving Fund for expenses related to the proposed plan to bring pandas to Hawaiʻi, despite the Administration's indication that the project would be privately funded. He suggested that the issue of Council oversight of the funds could be further addressed during the Budget Committee deliberations.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina recommended that the Departments of Enterprise Services and Parks and Recreation clearly delineate projects to be funded through their respective special funds, similar to the approach used for the Climate Resiliency Fund, to ensure that Councilmembers retain oversight of how the funds are used. She noted that Director Thielen had indicated that the Department would improve the identification of specific projects in future fiscal year budgets. Councilmember Kiaʻāina also recommended that projects funded with TAT revenues be distributed among Council districts to provide greater transparency and equitable investment across the City.

Councilmember Tupola clarified that expenditures from the special funds would be identified as line items in the budget, allowing the Council to see how the funds are being used. She noted that routine improvements, such as restroom repairs, would generally be included as a line item under Maintenance Support Services rather than identified individually, unless the work was included as a Capital Improvement Program project.

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Committee Report 193(26) was adopted and Bill 44 (2026) passed second reading.

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

*Councilmember Nishimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-341(26) Testimony on Bill 44 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 45 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 194(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 194(26) be adopted and Bill 45 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Natalie Iwasa (M-321[26]) (Oppose)
2. Damien Waikoloa (M-321[26]) (Oppose)
3. Tim Garry (General comment)
4. Cody Sula, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (Support)

Councilmember Weyer stated that he would vote with reservations on Bills 45 (2026) and 46 (2026). He expressed concern about continuing to make incremental increases to the homeowner exemption without developing a broader plan and suggested that the Council consider a more comprehensive approach, potentially through the establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), to evaluate property tax relief. He noted that the previous increase to the homeowner occupant exemption was adopted in response to significant increases in property valuations and was structured to be revenue neutral. Councilmember Weyer questioned whether homeowner exemptions are the most effective mechanism for providing immediate relief and emphasized the need to better identify households most burdened by rising costs and develop a framework that more effectively targets assistance to those in need.

Councilmember Tupola stated her support for the measure and for conducting a broader review of property tax relief through a PIG. She noted that a comprehensive review of the various exemptions and relief measures would be beneficial, particularly given the passage of another exemption, and could help provide greater stability and consistency during the upcoming budget process.

Committee Report 194(26) was adopted and Bill 45 (2026) passed second reading.

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

*Councilmembers Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-321(26) Testimony on Bill 45 (2026)
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 46 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 195(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 195(26) be adopted and Bill 46 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Damien Waikoloa (M-322[26]) (Oppose)
2. Cody Sula, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (M-322[26]) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (Oppose)

In response to councilmembers, Castle Carrie, Deputy Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS), stated that:

- The Department expressed concerns about Bills 45 (2026) and 46 (2026) and the proposed additional $20,000 homeowner's exemption. The Department noted that although the estimated savings to an individual taxpayer would be approximately $70 annually, Bill 45 (2026) would result in an estimated $4.95 million reduction in real property tax revenues, while Bill 46 (2026) would result in an estimated $5.5 million reduction. The Department emphasized that the combined revenue loss

would be nearly $10 million and expressed concern about the fiscal impact, given that real property taxes are the City's largest source of revenue.

- The BFS reiterated its recommendation to establish a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to review property tax measures holistically rather than individually. The BFS stated that a comprehensive review would allow the Council to better understand their collective impact on the City's real property tax revenues.

- Collective bargaining and related salary costs increased by approximately $55 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and are projected to increase by an additional $55 million in FY 2027, for a combined increase of approximately $110 million. The BFS emphasized that changes in expenditure from one fiscal year to the next should be considered when evaluating the amount of funding that has lapsed.

- The BFS expressed support for establishing a PIG to comprehensively review proposed changes to the City's real property tax structure. The Department noted that a previous PIG provided a collaborative process for evaluating numerous proposals and assessing their potential impacts on real property tax revenues before making recommendations. Deputy Director Castle noted that approximately $8 million in tax relief was provided through the low-income tax credit program and that, when combined with the potential revenue reductions associated with Bills 45 (2026) and 46 (2026), the total impact would approach $20 million. She emphasized that real property taxes are the City's largest source of revenue and are necessary to fund ongoing core services.

Committee Report 195(26) was adopted and Bill 46 (2026) passed second reading.

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

*Councilmembers Tulba and Weyer voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-322(26) Testimony on Bill 46 (2026)
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 47 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 196(26)

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

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 196(26) be adopted and Bill 47 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individuals testified:

1. Dalan Kam, Oʻahu Transit Rider (General comment)
2. Cody Sula, Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund (M-323[26]) (Support)
3. Damien Waikoloa (M-323[26]) (Oppose)
4. Representative Darius Kila, State House of Representatives (M-323[26]) (Support)
5. Roger Morton, Director, Department of Transportation Services (D-524[26]) (Oppose)

In response to councilmembers, Roger Morton, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS), stated that:

- The Department expressed hope that the Bill would not advance but acknowledged that further discussion would likely occur at the Committee level. Director Morton stated that the Department will review the proposal to exclude commercial vehicles and recalculate the projected revenue impact. He noted that the requested financial figures could be provided for consideration during Committee deliberations.

- The possibility of introducing a needs-based program would involve broader Citywide policy considerations beyond the transportation perspective. Director Morton noted that other jurisdictions use alternative methods to generate revenue, such as an ad valorem tax based on a vehicle's market value rather than its weight, but clarified that he was not advocating for a particular approach. He acknowledged concerns about the rising cost of living in Hawaiʻi and noted that while the cost of local government is one contributing factor, it is likely not the primary factor.

- As of July 1, 2026, the DTS has a contract similar to the State Department of Transportation's contract that would allow speed humps to be installed more quickly. Director Morton stated that it is important to consider the City's overall revenue picture when evaluating reductions to vehicle-related taxes and fees. He supported the weight tax as an equitable approach, noting that heavier vehicles cause greater roadway damage and generally have greater environmental impacts.

- The Department is concerned that the $40 million reduction in revenues could have significant impact particularly given the City's ongoing obligation to pay approximately $140 to $150 million annually in debt service on outstanding bonds. He noted that these debt obligations would increasingly limit the amount of funding available for discretionary transportation needs.

- The Department acknowledged the request to provide a detailed accounting of how vehicle registration revenues are allocated and spent, noting that general descriptions of revenue collections and expenditures may be insufficient to justify the fees during future legislative discussions.

Councilmember Cordero acknowledged constituent concerns regarding motor vehicle registration costs but expressed concern about the potential loss of revenue. She suggested considering amendments that would provide greater tax relief for passenger vehicles while maintaining or increasing rates for commercial vehicles to offset some of the revenue loss. Councilmember Cordero expressed concern that reduced revenues could increase reliance on State funding for roadway needs and potentially affect the City's ability to provide local matching funds for Federal grants, including projects administered through the DTS and the Oʻahu Metropolitan Planning Organization. She stated that she would vote with reservations and supports the Bill advancing forward to Committee.

Councilmember Tulba stated that he would be voting in opposition to the Bill. While acknowledging the intent to provide financial relief to residents and improve affordability, he expressed concern about the projected $30 million annual reduction in transportation revenues. He emphasized the City's continuing need to repair roads, maintain infrastructure, and provide transportation services and stated that he could not support the Bill in its current form without an alternative source of revenue to offset the loss.

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for modifying motor vehicle registration fees, noting that Honolulu's rates are significantly higher than those of the other counties and can create financial burdens for residents. She shared that high registration costs may contribute to abandoned vehicles when owners fall behind on payments and find it more economical to scrap their cars than pay the accumulated fees. Councilmember Tupola supported a broader discussion on the issue, particularly given potentially larger reductions being considered at the State level that could have an even greater impact on City revenues. She acknowledged the need to balance providing relief to residents with protecting the City's revenue and looked forward to further discussion during Budget Committee deliberations.

Council Chair Waters referenced Councilmember Weyer's suggestion of working with the State Department of Transportation to develop a more targeted approach that would provide relief to residents with the greatest need rather than implementing an

across-the-board reduction. He expressed openness to considering amendments that would provide such targeted assistance.

Councilmember Kia‘āina expressed concerns about the measure in its current form and stated that she would vote with reservations, noting that the projected $40 million revenue loss would be significant. She reiterated her preference for a holistic review of the City’s tax and fee structure and suggested considering a more narrowly tailored approach that would provide relief to kūpuna rather than an across-the-board reduction. She noted that the Department of Customer Services may provide information regarding the potential fiscal impact of such an approach.

Committee Report 196(26) was adopted and Bill 47 (2026) passed second reading.

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

*Councilmembers Cordero and Kia‘āina voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

D-524(26) Department of Transportation Services
M-323(26) Testimony on Bill 47 (2026)
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 50 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 197(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS.

Councilmember Okimoto moved that Committee Report 197(26) be adopted and Bill 50 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Nishimoto.

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (Support)

Committee Report 197(26) was adopted and Bill 50 (2026) passed second reading.

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

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Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-332(26) Testimony on Bill 50 (2026)

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 16 (2026), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 204(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF DOGS.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 204(26) be adopted and Bill 16 (2026) pass second reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Stephanie Kendrick, Hawaiian Humane Society (M-333[26]) (Support)
2. Inga Gibson, Pono Advocacy (M-333[26]) (Support)

Councilmember Okimoto thanked all stakeholders for their collaborative efforts on the Bill. She noted that the measure has been under discussion for some time, expressed appreciation for the progress made, and urged support for its passage. Councilmember Okimoto stated that the Bill would help improve community safety, hold pet owners accountable, and enhance enforcement. She emphasized the importance of the measure in protecting residents and families.

Committee Report 204(26) was adopted and Bill 16 (2026), CD1 passed second reading, as amended.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-333(26) Testimony on Bill 16 (2026)

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PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING
BILL 48 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 205(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONDEMNATION.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 205(26) be adopted and Bill 48 (2026) pass second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 205(26) was adopted and Bill 48 (2026) passed second reading.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-342(26) Testimony on Bill 48 (2026)

THIRD READING
BILL 35 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 202(26)

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

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 202(26) be adopted and Bill 35 (2026) pass third reading. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 202(26) was adopted and Bill 35 (2026) passed third reading.

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

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Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-334(26) Testimony on Bill 35 (2026)

THIRD READING
BILL 41 (2026), CD1, FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 203(26)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

Bill 41 (2026), CD1, Proposed FD1

Councilmember Cordero moved that Committee Report 203(26) be adopted and Bill 41 (2026) pass third reading, as amended to the CD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto.

Councilmember Cordero moved that Bill 41 (2026), CD1 be amended to the posted FD1. Seconded by Councilmember Okimoto. Councilmember Cordero explained the FD1 amendment.

The following individuals testified:

1. Dalan Kam, Oʻahu Transit Riders (Support)
2. Morgan Lee (Support)

Councilmember Tupola expressed support for Bill 41 (2026) and thanked stakeholders for their leadership on the measure including community outreach and educational efforts. She emphasized the need for regulations to keep pace with rapidly evolving e-bike technology, noting that while e-bikes provide an affordable and convenient form of transportation, there have been serious accidents involving young riders. Councilmember Tupola also referenced recent Honolulu Police Department enforcement efforts in ʻEwa, Kapolei, Nānākuli, and Waiʻanae targeting illegal electric dirt bikes. She emphasized the importance of educating parents, families, and riders about applicable laws, safe riding practices, helmet use, and the capabilities of different types of electric bikes to help prevent injuries and fatalities.

Councilmember Tulba expressed support for Bill 41 (2026) and echoed concerns about the growing use of e-bikes and the need for laws to keep pace with evolving technology. He noted that e-bikes are becoming an increasingly common mode of transportation and stated that the Bill would establish clearer regulations and stronger safety

standards for e-bike operation, provide the City with better tools to address challenges associated with increased use, and improve safety for riders and the public.

Bill 41 (2026), CD1 was amended to the posted FD1.

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

Committee Report 203(26) was adopted and Bill 41 (2026), CD1, FD1 passed third reading.

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

Related communications:

M-320(26) Testimony on Bill 41 (2026)
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-158 – COMMITTEE REPORT 201(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A CITYWIDE ENERGY VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Councilmember Weyer moved that Committee Report 201(26) and Resolution 26-158 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tulba.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 201(26) and Resolution 26-158 were adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-336(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-158

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-157 – COMMITTEE REPORT 207(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES VALUED AT $7,150.00 TO THE CITY FROM THE FUZHOU MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, FOR COUNCILMEMBER ANDRIA TUPOLA TO ATTEND THE 2026 BOND WITH KULIANG FESTIVAL IN FUZHOU, FUJIAN, CHINA.

Councilmember Nishimoto moved that Committee Report 207(26) and Resolution 26-157 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 207(26) and Resolution 26-157 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-159 – COMMITTEE REPORT 210(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TO ADOPT RULES PROHIBITING THE HARVEST OF AQUATIC LIFE FROM STATE OF HAWAIʻI MARINE WATERS FOR COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM PURPOSES.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 210(26) and Resolution 26-159 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Rene Umberger, For the Fishes (M-329[26]) (Support)
   Note: Testifier also testified in support on Resolution 26-160.
2. Jai Cox (M-329[26]) (Oppose)
3. Eric Koch (M-329[26]) (Oppose)
4. Ron Tubbs (M-329[26]) (Oppose)
5. James Lovell (M-329[26]) (Oppose)
6. Mike Nakachi (M-329[26]) (Support)
7. Mahesh Cleveland, Earthjustice (M-329[26]) (Support)
8. ʻAlohi Nakachi, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (M-329[26]) (Support)
9. Inga Gibson, Pono Advocacy (M-329[26]) (Support)
10. Eric Moennich (M-329[26]) (Oppose)
    Note: Testifier also testified in opposition on Resolution 26-160.
11. Elena Bryant (M-329[26]) (Support)
12. Wayne Tanaka, Sierra Club of Hawaiʻi (M-329[26]) (Support)
13. Kimeona Kane, Chair, Waimanalo Neighborhood Board No. 32 (Support)
14. Johnny (Oppose)
    Note: Testifier also testified in opposition on Resolution 26-160.

Councilmember Tupola stated that she would vote in opposition for Resolutions 26-159 and 26-160, noting that the issues have been extensively discussed in prior State Legislative and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) proceedings. She expressed concern that the Resolutions address only a limited portion of a broader and longstanding issue and stated that the Council lacks jurisdiction over the matter. Councilmember Tupola acknowledged the intent of the Resolutions to urge action by other agencies but emphasized that the DLNR has previously conducted extensive discussions involving various perspectives and should retain responsibility for determining the appropriate path forward. She stated that the Council should defer to the DLNR on matters within its jurisdiction.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina thanked the community advocates who testified in support of Resolutions 26-159 and 26-160, which urges the State Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Hawaiʻi State Legislature, respectively, to prohibit the commercial harvest of aquatic life from State marine waters for aquarium purposes. She noted that adoption of the Resolutions would align the Honolulu City Council with Maui, Kauaʻi, and Hawaiʻi counties in supporting such a prohibition. Councilmember Kiaʻāina also encouraged continued public participation in the State process, noting an upcoming Board of Land and Natural Resources hearing on the issue. She acknowledged the support of Neighborhood Boards and community members in her district and encouraged Councilmembers to support both Resolutions.

Committee Report 210(26) and Resolution 26-159 were adopted.

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

*Councilmembers Okimoto and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-329(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-159
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-160 – COMMITTEE REPORT 211(26)

RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAIʻI STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS THE HARVEST OF AQUATIC LIFE FROM STATE OF HAWAIʻI MARINE WATERS FOR COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM PURPOSES.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 211(26) and Resolution 26-160 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individuals testified:

1. Lisa Bishop, Friends of Hanauma Bay (M-328[26]) (Support)
2. Nick Ramirez (M-328[26]) (Oppose)
3. Eric Koch (M-328[26]) (Oppose)
4. Ron Tubbs (M-328[26]) (Oppose)
5. James Lovell (M-328[26]) (Oppose)
6. Mike Nakachi (M-328[26]) (Support)
7. Mahesh Cleveland, Earthjustice (M-328[26]) (Support)
8. ʻAlohi Nakachi, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (M-328[26]) (Support)
9. Inga Gibson, Pono Advocacy (M-328[26]) (Support)
10. Elena Bryant (M-328[26]) (Support)
11. Wayne Tanaka, Sierra Club of Hawaiʻi (M-328[26]) (Support)
12. Kimeona Kane (Support)

Committee Report 211(26) and Resolution 26-160 were adopted.

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

*Councilmembers Okimoto and Tulba voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

M-328(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-160
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-165, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 212(26)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA MAJOR PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE OʻAHU SUBSEA CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT IN KAPOLEI, OʻAHU.

Councilmember Kiaʻāina moved that Committee Report 212(26) and Resolution 26-165, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Tupola.

The following individual testified:

Kimeona Kane (General comment)

Committee Report 212(26) and Resolution 26-165, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-335(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-165

At this juncture, Council Chair Waters announced that he would take up Resolutions 26-162 and 26-164 together.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-162 – COMMITTEE REPORT 213(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF $4000 TO THE CITY FROM HAWAIʻI MEDICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION TO HELP OFF-SET THE OPERATIONAL COST OF THE MAYOR'S 50TH ANNUAL CRAFT AND COUNTRY FAIR ON NOVEMBER 21, 2026, AT THE NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER EXHIBITION HALL.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-164 – COMMITTEE REPORT 215(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT $25,000 TO THE CITY FROM REAL HEAVEN, INC., TO SUPPORT PUBLIC PROGRAMS, GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS AT HOʻOMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 213(26) and Resolution 26-162 and Committee Report 215(26) and Resolution 26-164 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 213(26) and Resolution 26-162 were adopted.

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

Committee Report 215(26) and Resolution 26-164 were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

The Council Chair returned to the agenda order.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-163, CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 214(26)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF A 4.5' X 3' FRAMED GICLEE PRINT BY GARY REED, ENTITLED "KOʻOLAU SHADOWS" VALUED AT $3,000.00 TO THE CITY FROM LAURIE P. THORNLEY TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE HOʻOMALUHIA BOTANICAL GARDEN, PAUL R. WEISSICH EDUCATION CENTER.

Councilmember Tulba moved that Committee Report 214(26) and Resolution 26-163, as amended to the CD1, be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kiaʻāina.

There was no public testimony.

Committee Report 214(26) and Resolution 26-163, CD1, as amended, were adopted.

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

Related communication:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

(Note: Earlier in the meeting, Committee Report 215(26) and Resolution 26-164 were adopted. See page 30.)

BALANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

ILACR-208(26)	Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Monica Gentzler v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. 1CCV-21-0000996.
ZONCR-209(26)	Granting a 120-day extension of time for Bill 43 (2026) – To rezone land situated at Paʻalaʻa Kai, Waialua, Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi. (Applicants: Jason C. and Elisa A. Hagan) (Deadline: 9/2/2026 + 120 days)

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

There was no public testimony.

The Balance of Committee Reports was adopted.

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

Related communications:

M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission
M-343(26) Testimony on ZONCR-209(26)

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

At this juncture, Council Chair Waters announced that he would be taking the new business items together.

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-175

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF STARN O'TOOLE MARCUS & FISHER, A LAW CORPORATION AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED LAUREL J. MAU V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CASE NO.1:24-CV-00253 GPC-WRP (U.S.D.C.).

ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-176

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF THOMPSON, COE, COUSINS & IRONS, L.L.P. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT JACOB GEORGE DELAPLANE IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED LAUREL J. MAU V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CASE NO. 1:24-CV-00253 GPC-WRP (U.S.D.C.).

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ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 26-177

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT VERNON BRANCO IN THE LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED LAUREL J. MAU V. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, ET AL.; CASE NO. 1:24-CV-00253 GPC-WRP (U.S.D.C.).

Councilmember Tupola moved that Resolutions 26-175, 26-176, and 26-177 be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina.

There was no public testimony.

Resolution 26-175 was adopted.

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

Resolution 26-176 was adopted.

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

Resolution 26-177 was adopted.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA‘ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.
ABSTAIN: WATERS – 1.

Related communications:

CC-146(26) Disclosure of Interest Statement submitted by Council Chair Waters
M-331(26) Consolidated Testimony Submission

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cordero thanked her summer intern, Ellie Mizue, for her contribution during her time with the office. She shared that Ellie assisted with legislative research and preparation, community reporting for Moanalua and Salt Lake, events at Skyline rail stations, and provided timely responses to constituent concerns. She wished Ellie well as she returns to Amherst College for the upcoming school year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:07 p.m., Councilmember Tupola moved that Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilmember Kia‘āina and there being no objections from the 8 members present (Absent: Dos Santos-Tam – 1), it was so ordered by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

CHADD KADOTA
Acting City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED: