SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE DRAFT:

Resolution 26-249
ACCEPTING A GIFT FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO THE CITY, VALUED AT $195,845.66, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE ELEPHANT HABITAT POOLS, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE OLD SYSTEM.

The PROPOSED CD1 makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the title of the resolution to read as follows:

"ACCEPTING A GIFT TO THE CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM AND THE REMOVAL OF THE OLD SYSTEM, VALUED AT $195,845.66 FROM THE HONOLULU ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE ELEPHANT HABITAT POOLS AT THE HONOLULU ZOO."

B. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, amends the description of the gift to clarify that the gift is for "the installation of a new water filtration system and the removal of the old system for the elephant habitat pools."

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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PROPOSED

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WHEREAS, Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, provides the City Council ("Council") with authority to accept gifts to the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City; and

WHEREAS, the policy allows for the acceptance of gifts by the affirmative action of the Council; and

WHEREAS, through a letter dated October 26, 2026 ("Departmental Communication 675 (2026)"), approved by the Managing Director, the Director of Enterprise Services has submitted a request to the Council for the acceptance of a gift to the City from The Honolulu Zoological Society, valued at $195,845.66, for the installation of a new water filtration system and the removal of the old system for the elephant habitat pools at the Honolulu Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the description and value of the gift are set forth in the Declaration of Gift attached hereto as Exhibit A; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body gratefully accepts the gift valued at $195,845.66 from The Honolulu Zoological Society that is more fully described in Departmental Communication 675 (2026), dated October 26, 2026, and the Declaration of Gift form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Enterprise Services and Ms. Mary Benson, Executive Director of The Honolulu Zoological Society, 151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96815.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 28, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Councilmembers

Exhibit A

City and County of Honolulu

DECLARATION OF GIFT

NAME OF DONOR	The Honolulu Zoological Society
DONOR'S ADDRESS	151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815
DONOR'S TELEPHONE	808.926.3191

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR TERMS OF CONVEYANCE

I own the item described below and desire to give the property to the City and County of Honolulu. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby, absolutely and without condition or reservation, give, grant, and convey the property to the City and County of Honolulu.

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	VALUE
Installation of a new water filtration system for the Elephant habitat pools, including the removal of the old system.	$195,845.66

Signature: Mary Benson	**Date:** August 3, 2026
Print Name: Mary Benson	**Title:** Executive Director

Report Title:
Gift; Department of Enterprise Services ("DES"); Honolulu Zoo; Honolulu Zoological Society; Elephant; Water Filtration System; Elephant Habitat Pools

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