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# ALOHA MAI KĀKOU!

Mayor Blangiardi introduced his proposed Fiscal Year 2025 City Budget package on March 1, which covers the period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, including the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets, the Legislative Budget, and the HART Operating and Capital Budgets. The City's Administration and the City Council will undergo a thorough review and consideration process and work collaboratively to pass a balanced budget that supports core City services for residents and visitors of O'ahu.

During these three months, Departmental Budget Briefings and Legislative Budget Meetings will take place, allowing community members to share their mana'o and suggest alternatives to the Mayor's proposal directly to the City Council. The Legislative Branch has kuleana for allocating City funds, and Councilmembers can propose budget amendments that prioritize funding for specific district priorities and ensure high-quality services are provided to the public. I urge community partners to participate in this process by sharing their views and suggestions for budget item amendments they would like to see in the FY25 City Budget. For more information on the FY25 City Budget, including resources and important calendar dates, please visit the City Council's website at [www.honolulucitycouncil.org/budget](http://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/budget).

In other news, two teams from Kalani High School participated in the 2024 Hawai'i LifeSmart State Competition. Team Kalani 5.0 placed fourth overall in the competition, while Team Kalani 4.2 won the 2024 Hawai'i LifeSmarts State Championship and will represent Hawai'i at the 2024 National LifeSmarts Competition in San Diego, California, from April 18 to April 21. This significant achievement has brought honorable recognition to both teams from Kalani High School as well as the City and State of Hawai'i. Council District 4 wishes Team Kalani 4.2 the best of luck in the upcoming National LifeSmarts Competition, and we are confident that they will continue to make us proud.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### **BILLS:**

**BILL 5 (2024): RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL** – At the request of community members, I introduced Bill 5 (2024), which preserves the tranquility of residents and visitors on the island of O’ahu against noise disturbances by regulating loud sounds emanating from machines or devices on public property. **PASSED FIRST READING** at February full Council meeting (02/28/2024), and was **DEFERRED WITHIN THE HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE** for more input and discussion.

**BILL 6 (2024): RELATING TO PERMITS** – In response to constituent concerns, I introduce Bill 6 (2024), which improves public notification by requiring affidavits to post stop work orders and suspension or revocation of building permits for properties in the City and County of Honolulu and amending provisions related to the administration and enforcement of certain codes in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021. **PASSED FIRST READING** at February full Council meeting (02/28/2024) and was **REFERRED TO THE ZONING COMMITTEE**.

**BILL 10 (2024): RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS** – Removes the affidavit requirement of stating no outstanding fines or liens for building permit applications and requires an additional plan review fee when resubmitting applications that fail to include necessary information required for review and approval. **PASSED FIRST READING** at February full Council meeting (02/28/2024) and was **REFERRED TO THE ZONING COMMITTEE**.

**BILL 44 (2023), CD1: RELATING TO FALSE STATEMENTS** – Deters persons from making false statements to the building official. **PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING, AS AMENDED**, at February full Council meeting (02/28/2024).

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESO 24-46:** In response to constituents requesting more transparency, RESO 24-46 urges the Building Board of Appeals to improve its procedures for notifying the public of its meetings and making its orders available for public inspection. **PASSED OUT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE** (03/06/2024) for adoption at March full Council meeting (03/25/2024).

**RESO 24-50:** Initiating amendments to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, relating to the establishment of a Department of Ocean Safety. **PASSED FIRST READING** at February full Council meeting (02/28/2024) and is **UP FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING** at the rescheduled March full Council meeting (03/25/2024).

### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT FEBRUARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING (02/28/2024):**

**RESO 24-16:** Adopting Climate Ready O’ahu as a climate adaptation strategy and guiding policy document for the City and County of Honolulu.

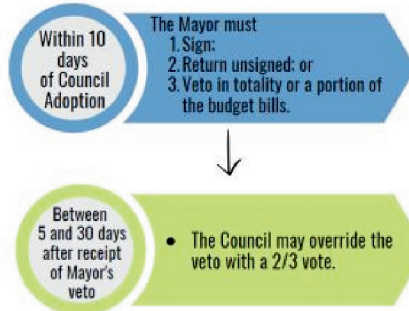
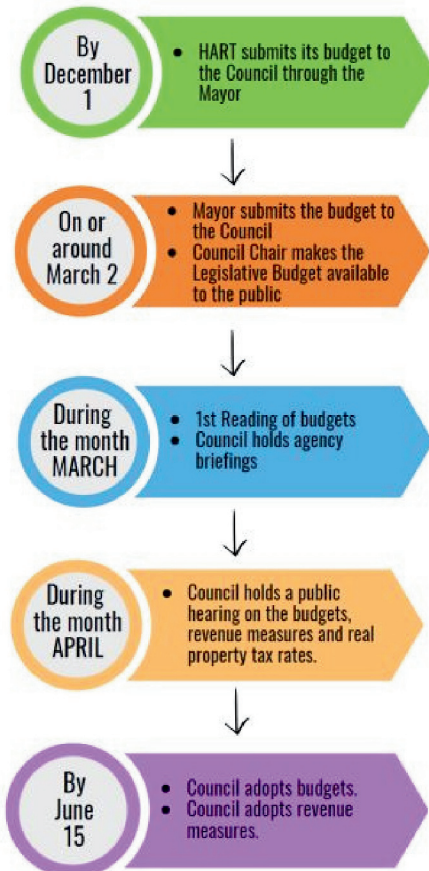
**RESO 24-44:** Accepting a gift of replacement turf valued at \$50,000 to the City from Hawai’i Kai Baseball League for the batting cage at Koko Head District Park.

**RESO 24-47:** Accepting a gift of 30 waste bins with artwork valued at \$100,000 to the City from JTB Hawai’i, Inc. through the Waikīkī Business Improvement District Association for use in various locations along Kūhiō Beach Park in Waikīkī.

**RESO 24-48:** Accepting a gift of concrete slabs valued at \$4,800.00 to the City from R.M. Towill Corporation and Royal Contracting Company, Ltd. for improvements to the Kīlauea District Park Softball Field.

# BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

## Budget Review Timeline



## FY25 Budget Meeting Dates

### March

3/11 - 3/14: Budget Briefings  
3/27: 1st Reading of Budget Bills at Council

### April

4/1: Special CD1 Budget Meeting  
4/17: 2nd Reading of Budget Bills at Council

### May

5/13: Special CD2 Budget Meeting

### June

6/5: 3rd Reading of Budget Bills at Council  
6/15: Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget

## Budget Types

### Executive Operating Budget:

Where the City gets its money and how it will pay for day-to-day operations. Operating expenses are paid for with cash revenues.

### Executive Capital Budget:

Identifies long-lived projects, facilities and large equipment that the City plans to develop or purchase over the next six years. Typically, the primary CIP funding source is bond proceeds.

### Legislative Budget:

Provides funding for legislative branch offices and typically only includes appropriations for operating expenses, which are financed with cash proceeds.

Get more information at  
[honolulu.gov/budget](https://honolulu.gov/budget)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I find out when the public meetings are scheduled to hear the budget measures?

The City's Annual Budget Process takes place from March to June. Electronic agendas are posted on the [Honolulu Record Collections page \(HNL DOCS\)](#).

Additionally, hard-copy agendas are posted for viewing at Honolulu Hale.

## How do I submit public testimony on any of the budget measures?

Citizens have multiple ways by which they may voice their opinions, as follows:

- Provide written or register to testify orally on the individual budget measures at the scheduled public meeting using the online Council Testimony Form available at <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/testimony>.

## How do I find out if a project in my neighborhood, such as a skate park, has been included in the budget?

The budget measures, specifically the CIP budget bill, will provide a list of proposed projects. If you are unable to locate a specific project in the CIP bill, you may contact your Councilmember.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES FERAL CHICKEN NUISANCES

The Department of Customer Services (CSD) handles nuisance problems caused by feral chickens in our community. To report issues on city property like parks, building areas, and other local government property, reach out to the Department of Customer Services via e-mail at [complaints@honolulu.gov](mailto:complaints@honolulu.gov), telephone at (808) 768-4381, or through the Honolulu 311 app or website: <https://honoluluhi.citysourced.com/default.aspx>.



## Feral Chickens, Roosters and Poultry FACT SHEET



- The Department of Customer Services is addressing nuisance issues created by feral chickens in our community by helping to bring new attention, needed resources and a strong policy voice to the persistent concern.
- Feral chickens create nuisances by foraging in residential areas, crowing at inconvenient hours, posing health concerns with their waste and agitating household pets. More roaming chickens mean more nuisances. O'ahu residents can help manage the nuisance by not feeding feral chickens and reducing the feral chicken population in their community.

### Who do I contact for feral chicken and poultry issues?

- The responsibility for responding to feral chickens problems varies with the location of the animals and the property ownership. Options for dealing with feral chicken and poultry nuisances are listed below by property ownership.



## O'AHU HOUSEHOLDS IN FLOOD-RISK AREAS ASKED TO TAKE SURVEY



Get more information at  
[resilientoahu.org/getfloodready](http://resilientoahu.org/getfloodready)

The Mayor's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency has sent postcards to over 25,000 households residing in high flood-risk areas, requesting them to take a 15-minute online survey. The survey aims to understand residents' awareness of flood risks and insurance, and findings will guide future outreach and education initiatives. The City has kuleana to provide accurate and reliable information to the community members on flood risks and ways to mitigate them, including flood insurance, an effective tool that can significantly aid recovery efforts. It is important to note that flood impacts have been observed beyond O'ahu's currently mapped flood hazard zones. O'ahu residents are encouraged to participate in the survey between March 11 and April 1, 2024, by visiting [www.resilientoahu.org/getfloodready](http://www.resilientoahu.org/getfloodready).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (CON'T)

## HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY

*Submitting testimony to the Council is the best way to share your mana'o and impact important decisions. All testimony is collected for use during the public hearing process. Therefore, all testimony is public information.*

### **Submit Written Testimony Online**

- 1) Visit [www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form](http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form).
- 2) Include your first and last name, phone number, and email address.
- 3) Select the appropriate meeting date and Council/Public Hearing Committee in which the measure will be heard. The meeting calendar and agendas are provided on [www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form](http://www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form).
- 4) Enter the Agenda Item. This is the measure you wish to testify on (a bill or resolution number).
- 5) Select your position on the measure: Support/Oppose/Comment.
- 6) Indicate whether you are testifying as yourself or an organization.
- 7) Type in your written testimony or attach it as a .doc or .pdf.
- 8) Review for accuracy, then submit!

### **Submit Oral Testimony Online**

*People may submit oral testimony remotely through the Zoom video conferencing platform.*

- 1) A Zoom link and meeting number will be provided on the meeting agenda and posted six days before the Council Meeting or Committee Hearing.
- 2) To register, visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting," and enter the meeting ID number. You will be taken to a form where you can complete the registration process.
- 3) You, as a registrant, will receive an email that contains links and information on joining the meeting by either phone or video conference.
- 4) Remote testimony will be taken at the start of the agenda and then closed. Each speaker is allowed to:
  - a. A three-minute presentation on Public Hearing, New Business, and Sunshine items; and
  - b. A one-minute presentation on all other items.
- 5) If you are testifying through Zoom, you are strongly encouraged to register at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.



### **BEST PRACTICES**

You must testify on behalf of yourself, or on behalf of an organization.

Speak from the heart. Share your personal reasons for why you are testifying and how the agenda item up for discussion impacts you.

Come prepared with talking points that are clear, concise and right to the point of your goal.

Time yourself presenting your oral testimony to ensure that you are speaking within the allotted time given!

### **TESTIMONY TEMPLATE**

Dear Chair \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_, and members of the committee.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live in \_\_\_\_\_, and I am testifying today in support/opposition of (agenda item).

*Clearly state your goal and the desired outcome of supporting OR opposing the measure.*

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Your Name  
Zip Code

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