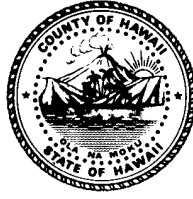


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COUNTY COUNCIL

*County of Hawai'i
Hawai'i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720*

48th Session

Hawai'i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai'i

September 2, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Hawai'i County Council will be conducting this meeting via interactive conference technology (ICT) pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes §92-3.5. Council Members will be participating via ICT at the:

- **Kona Council Chambers, West Hawai'i Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway, Building A**
- Members of the public may also attend from this location.

Public attendance via Courtesy Site is available at the following locations:

- **Ocean View Community Association, 92-8924 Leilani Circle;**
- **Pāhoa Council Office, 15-2879 Pāhoa Village Road; and**
- **Waimea Council Office, Parker Square, 65-1279 Kawaihae Road, Suite 109.**

If a Courtesy Site is unavailable and/or participation is disrupted, the scheduled meeting will continue.

Oral Public Testimony via Zoom: To provide oral testimony via Zoom, email councilremotetestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov or call (808) 961-8255 to complete the registration process and obtain meeting login information. Please contact our office to register by 12:00 noon, **Tuesday, September 1, 2026.**

Submitting Written Testimony: To ensure timely delivery to Council Members prior to the meeting, written testimony must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**, by: (1) email to counciltestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov; (2) facsimile to (808) 961-8912; or (3) mail to the County Clerk's Office in Hilo at 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720. All written testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be made part of the permanent record. Please submit separate testimony for each item.

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INVOCATION Rimban Kazunori Takahashi of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, CERTIFICATES OF MERIT, AND EXPRESSIONS OF
CONDOLENCE**

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Pursuant to HRS §92-3, oral testimony may be provided entirely at the beginning of the meeting, or immediately preceding the agenda item being opened for deliberation by the Council.

(NOTE: COUNCIL MAY TAKE A LUNCH BREAK CLOSE TO THE NOON HOUR)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 23, 2025
May 21, 2026
June 3, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS

Comm. 1001: NOMINATION OF JAYLYN BRENDLEN TO THE PUNA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE
From Mayor C. Kimo Alameda, dated July 28, 2026, requesting the Council's
review and confirmation.

Waived:	GOEAC (Comm. 1001.1)
Requires Council	
Confirmation by:	September 10, 2026 (Section 13-4(k), Hawai'i County Charter)

Comm. 1002: NOMINATION OF GARY ROSENBERG TO THE PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE
From Mayor C. Kimo Alameda, dated July 28, 2026, requesting the Council's review and confirmation.

Waived: GOEAC (Comm. 1002.1)
Requires Council
Confirmation by: September 10, 2026 (Section 13-4(k),
Hawai'i County Charter)

Comm. 1032: NOMINATION OF GRACE REINHARD TO THE TAX BOARD OF REVIEW
From Mayor C. Kimo Alameda, dated July 31, 2026, requesting the Council's review and confirmation.

Waived: GOEAC (Comm. 1032.1)
Requires Council
Confirmation by: September 13, 2026 (Section 13-4(k),
Hawai'i County Charter)

ORDER OF RESOLUTIONS

Res. 609-26: AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF LATER FISCAL YEARS FOR THE FUNDING OF COST ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAWAI'I GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BARGAINING UNIT 15, FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2029
The estimated costs over the four years of the new contract resulting from lump-sum payments, across-the-board increases, and step movements would be \$1,819,315.

Reference: Comm. 971
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-162

Res. 610-26: **AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF LATER FISCAL YEARS TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH MRI SOFTWARE LLC FOR PHA PRO SOFTWARE AND RELATED SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a five-year agreement with an approximate annual cost of \$55,593 for the first year and increasing thereafter to provide software licensing and other related services to be used by the department to meet program requirements and efficiently document communications with applicants, participants, and vendors.

Reference: Comm. 972
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-163

Res. 611-26: **AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE HAWAI'I POLICE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING PROJECT**

Allows for the receipt of \$129,033 in federally-derived funds to be used to conduct Verbal Judo de-escalation training for law enforcement.

Reference: Comm. 973
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-164
Companion: Bill 177

Res. 612-26: **AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM LATER FISCAL YEARS TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES AND LEGAL PRINT RESOURCES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a five-year agreement with an approximate monthly cost of \$13,522.08 until December 31, 2026, and then \$14,245 per month until the end of year one, with an increase of seven percent per year thereafter for proprietary software and other services.

Reference: Comm. 975
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-165

Res. 614-26: AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, TO RECEIVE A GRANT TO PURCHASE TWO HANDHELD MASS SPECTROMETERS FOR THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT

The handheld mass spectrometers will be used to identify low concentrations or trace amounts of illicit substances, specifically fentanyl, for law enforcement purposes.

Reference: Comm. 980
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada (B/R)
Approve: GOEAC-151

Res. 615-26: AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROSECUTION PROJECT

Funds will be used to partially fund one deputy prosecuting attorney position focused on misdemeanor domestic violence and protective order crimes in which the victim is an adult woman.

Reference: Comm. 981
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada (B/R)
Approve: GOEAC-152

Res. 616-26: AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY DISTRIBUTION BOXES

The distribution boxes will be installed at the Hilo County Building and the West Hawai'i Civic Center in Kona and maintained by the Mayor's Office.

Reference: Comm. 982
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada (B/R)
Approve: GOEAC-153

Res. 617-26: APPROVES THE NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Requests the Council's approval of the following slates of officers: NACo – KipuKai Kualī'i, Kaua'i County and Tommy Waters, City and County of Honolulu; and WIR – Shane Sinenci, Maui County and Arryl Kaneshiro, Kaua'i County.

Reference: Comm. 983
Intr. by: Council Member Kimball
Approve: GOEAC-154

Res. 627-26: AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR FOUR ATTENDEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FORUM 2026
Allows for the receipt of \$20,192 in federally-derived funds to cover travel stipends for two staff members from the Planning Department and two Cultural Resource Commissioners.

Reference: Comm. 994
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-166
Companion: Bill 180

Res. 633-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO D-FIN FOUNDATION FOR ITS KONA CAT COMMONS SANCTUARY PROJECT
Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 6); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Agriculture Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1007
Intr. by: Council Member Galimba

Res. 634-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO OCEAN VIEW SKATEPARK ASSOCIATION FOR ITS SKATE SNAX PROGRAM
Transfers \$4,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 6); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1008
Intr. by: Council Member Galimba

Res. 635-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO KU'IKAHU MEDIATION CENTER INC. FOR ITS BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING
Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 2); and credits to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1009
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada

Res. 636-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE FRIENDS OF FIRST RESPONDERS FOR ITS 2026 ROBUST CONFERENCE
Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 2); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1010
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada

Res. 637-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER FOR ITS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
Transfers \$3,576 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 2); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1011
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada

Res. 638-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO KALAMAPI'I PLAY SCHOOL FOR ENHANCING CAMPUS GREEN SPACE
Transfers \$4,750 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 2); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1012
Intr. by: Council Member Kagiwada

Res. 639-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO ITS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM – PUZZLIN' AT THE PALACE EVENT
Transfers \$1,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 5); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1013
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder

Res. 640-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THE 12TH ANNUAL HAWAI'I ISLAND ALL NATIONS POWWOW
Transfers \$3,800 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 5); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1014
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder

Res. 641-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE KELI'IPIO-KUAMO'O FOUNDATION, INC., FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO A KĪPAEPAE CEREMONY HONORING THE PRESERVATION OF HONOLULU LANDING
Transfers \$1,250 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 5); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1015
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder

Res. 642-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO HĀMĀKUA HEALTH CENTER, INC., FOR THE 2026 PA'AUILO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
CENTER, INC., FOR THE 2026 PA'AUILO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Transfers \$2,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 1); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1016
Intr. by: Council Member Kimball

Res. 643-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE SHAC FOUNDATION FOR THE 'ULU HO'OLAULE'A 2026

Transfers \$6,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 7); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Agriculture Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1017
Intr. by: Council Member Villegas

Res. 644-26: AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF LATER FISCAL YEARS TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A MULTIFUNCTION COPY MACHINE TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND RESILIENCE

Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a five-year lease agreement with an estimated monthly cost of \$229.

Reference: Comm. 1018
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Waived: FC

Res. 647-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE PALACE THEATER FOR ITS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FALL MUSICAL

Transfers \$3,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 1); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Big Island Film Office account.

Reference: Comm. 1027
Intr. by: Council Member Kimball

Res. 648-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THE 12TH ANNUAL HAWAI'I ISLAND ALL NATIONS POWWOW
Transfers \$900 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 3); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1028
Intr. by: Council Member Onishi

Res. 649-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE D-FIN FOUNDATION FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THE KONA CAT COMMONS SANCTUARY PROJECT
Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 3); and credits to the Animal Control and Protection Agency, Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1029
Intr. by: Council Member Onishi

Res. 650-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE LIONS CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC., FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THE 40TH ANNUAL KŪPUNA HULA FESTIVAL
Transfers \$10,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 8); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1026
Intr. by: Council Member Inaba

Res. 652-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE LIONS CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC., TO ASSIST WITH EXPENSES FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL KŪPUNA HULA FESTIVAL

Transfers \$2,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 9); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1033
Intr. by: Council Member Hustace

Res. 653-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE LIONS CLUB OF KONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC., TO ASSIST WITH EXPENSES FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL HAWAI'I KŪPUNA HULA FESTIVAL

Transfers \$5,400 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 7); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1035
Intr. by: Council Member Villegas

Res. 654-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO PATH – PEOPLE FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION HAWAI'I FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE RACKS AT KAILUA PARK AND KAILUA VILLAGE

Transfers \$5,200 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 7); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1036
Intr. by: Council Member Villegas

Res. 655-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO FRIENDS OF FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICER WELLNESS RESOURCE BOOKS

Transfers \$2,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 9); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1037
Intr. by: Council Member Hustace

Res. 656-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO FRIENDS OF FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THE 2026 ROBUST CONFERENCE

Transfers \$2,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 9); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1038
Intr. by: Council Member Hustace

Res. 657-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE WEST HAWAI'I VETERANS CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION ASSOCIATION TO ASSIST WITH EXPENSES FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

Transfers \$10,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 9); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1039
Intr. by: Council Member Hustace

Res. 659-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO MALAMA O PUNA FOR THE BLACK SANDS BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN'S KEIKI RESILIENCE PROJECT

Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 4); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Agriculture Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1042
Intr. by: Council Member Kierkiewicz

Res. 660-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL HAWAI'I ISLAND ALL NATIONS POWWOW

Transfers \$1,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 4); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1043
Intr. by: Council Member Kierkiewicz

Res. 661-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE BIG ISLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2026 BARRIO FIESTA

Transfers \$1,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 4); and credits to the Department of Liquor Control, Public Programs account.

Reference: Comm. 1044
Intr. by: Council Member Kierkiewicz

Res. 662-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE AKAKA FOUNDATION FOR TROPICAL FORESTS FOR THE HAWAI'I ISLAND SEED BANK OUTREACH PROGRAM

Transfers \$5,500 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 8); and credits to the Department of Research and Development, Agriculture Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1045
Intr. by: Council Member Inaba

Res. 663-26: TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATES AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT AND CREDITS SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO HĀMĀKUA HEALTH CENTER, INC., FOR THE HONOKA'A RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Transfers \$5,000 from the Clerk-Council Services – Contingency Relief account (Council District 1); and credits to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administration Other Current Expenses account.

Reference: Comm. 1046
Intr. by: Council Member Kimball

Res. 667-26: AUTHORIZES THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS OF LATER FISCAL YEARS TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TWO MULTIFUNCTION COPY MACHINES TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a five-year lease agreement with an approximate monthly cost of \$240, to be used by the department's Automotive Division in Hilo.

Reference: Comm. 1055
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Waived: FC

BILLS FOR ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

- Bill 169:
(Draft 2)
- AMENDS CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 42, OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION
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- Requires that all qualifying lands ranked with a score of 70 percent or higher be included on the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resource Preservation Commission's (PONC) recommendation list to the mayor; requires the finance director to make reasonable efforts to acquire authorized properties within five years; requires the finance director and the PONC commission to reassess any such properties not acquired within five years.
- Reference: Comm. 939.4
Intr. by: Council Members Hustace and Galimba
Approve: GOEAC-155
- Comm. 939.6: ; and
From Council Member James E. Hustace and Council Member Michelle M. Galimba, dated August 13, 2026, transmitting proposed amendments to Bill 169, Draft 2.
- Bill 173:
(Draft 2)
- AMENDS CHAPTER 19 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BED AND BREAKFAST HOME CLASSIFICATION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES
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- Establishes a new "bed and breakfast home" property tax class for any property that is a vacation rental and the owner's principal residence; establishes a temporary tax amnesty period for properties that have existing vacation rentals in violation of the restrictions of the homeowner class to either cease the rental activity or to properly register the rental activity without being penalized.
- Reference: Comm. 960.3
Intr. by: Council Member Kimball
Negative: FC-167 (Due to a vote of 4-ayes, 4-noes, 1-absent)
- Comm. 960.5: ; and
From Council Member Heather L. Kimball, dated August 19, 2026, transmitting information regarding Bill 173, Draft 2.
- Comm. 960.6: ; and
From Council Member Heather L. Kimball, dated August 20, 2026, transmitting proposed amendments to Bill 173, Draft 2.

Bill 176:
(Draft 2) AMENDS CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 1, OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO THE GENERAL PLAN
Establishes amendment procedures for the General Plan, including a comprehensive review every ten years and interim amendments; describes powers and duties of the planning director and planning commissions.

Reference: Comm. 968.6
Intr. by: Council Members Inaba and Kierkiewicz
Approve: PCPLUED-14

Bill 177: AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 26-44, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
Appropriates revenues in the Federal Grants – Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant account (\$129,033) and appropriates the same to the Byrne State Crisis Intervention De-escalation Training Program account. Funds will be used to conduct Verbal Judo de-escalation training for law enforcement.

Reference: Comm. 973
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-168
Companion: Res. 611-26

Bill 178: AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 26-44, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
Appropriates revenues in the Federal Grants – Justice Assistance Grant-Special Response Team Capability Enhancement Grant account (\$20,797) and appropriates the same to the Justice Assistance Grant-Special Response Team Capability Enhancement account.

Reference: Comm. 974
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-169

Bill 179: AMENDS CHAPTER 2, OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Describes the responsibilities of the Department of Research and Development; establishes a grant program to support community-based economic development.

Reference: Comm. 984
Intr. by: Council Members Kierkiewicz and Inaba
Approve: GOEAC-156

Bill 180: AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 26-44, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
Appropriates revenues in the Federal Grants – Certified Local Government account (\$20,192) and appropriates the same to the Certified Local Government Program account. Funds will be used to cover travel stipends for two staff members from the Planning Department and two Cultural Resource Commissioners.

Reference: Comm. 994
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
Approve: FC-170
Companion: Res. 627-26

ORDER OF THE DAY (SECOND OR FINAL READING)

Bill 172: AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 26-44, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
Appropriates revenues in the State Motor Vehicle Weight Tax account (\$6,282.72) and appropriates the same to the Vehicle Registration Other Current Expenses account. Funds will be used for expenses associated with programming and updating the County's motor vehicle registration system.

Reference: Comm. 959
Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
First Reading: August 5, 2026

Bill 174: AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 26-44, THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
 Appropriates revenues in the State Grants – Kona Low Small Business Recovery Grant account (\$500,000) and appropriates the same to the Kona Low Small Business Recovery Grant Program account. Funds will be used to support one-time relief to eligible Hawai'i Island small businesses that sustained material and economic or physical damage from the Kona Low Storm.

Reference: Comm. 961
 Intr. by: Council Member Kāneali'i-Kleinfelder (B/R)
 First Reading: August 5, 2026

Bill 175:
 (Draft 2) AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 25-50, AS AMENDED, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (2016 EDITION, AS AMENDED), RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS
 Changes certain responsibilities for proposed vacation rental laws under Ordinance No. 25-50 from the finance director to the planning director; exempts prospective vacation rentals that have submitted a valid use permit or special permit application from Ordinance No. 25-50; and requires any funds collected under Ordinance No. 25-50 to be deposited into the short-term vacation rental enforcement fund.

Reference: Comm. 964.2
 Intr. by: Council Member Kimball
 First Reading: August 5, 2026

REFERRALS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Comm. 1006: PALAGA POP VS. COUNTY OF HAWAI'I; CIVIL NO. 3CCV-25-0000249
 From Deputy Corporation Counsel Sherilyn K. Tavares dated July 28, 2026, requesting an attorney-client confidential discussion to consult with the Council regarding the above-entitled matter filed by Glenn T. Honda, George C. Alejandro, and James M. Monma, Esquires, on behalf of their client Palaga Pop.

Comm. 1034: SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I'S ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY LUM FAMILY ENTERPRISES, LLC, AND LUM FAMILY ENTERPRISES, LLC'S, INVERSE CONDEMNATION CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
 From Deputy Corporation Counsel Sinclair Salas-Ferguson dated August 10, 2026, requesting an attorney-client confidential discussion to consult with the Council regarding the above-entitled matter, including settlement discussion.

The Council anticipates convening an executive meeting regarding the above matters, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), for the purpose of consulting with Council's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. A 2/3 vote pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 92-4, and Rule Nos. 2 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the County Council is necessary to hold an executive meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Including but not limited to reconsideration of vetoed items, if any, or reconsideration of actions on agenda items.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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