

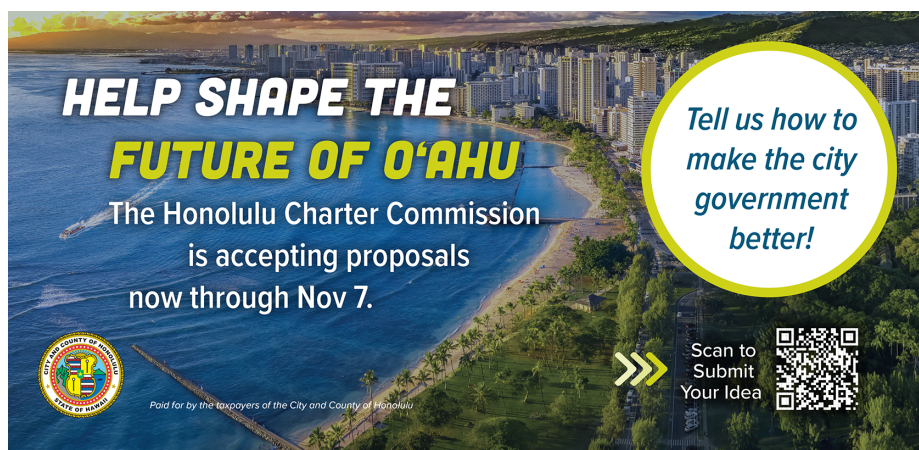
Councilmember
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**HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION IS NOW
ACCEPTING PROPOSALS UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2025**



The Charter Commission is a 13-member body appointed by the Mayor and City Council every 10 years. The Commission is tasked with identifying outdated language, inefficiencies, and opportunities to improve how the City and County of Honolulu serves its residents.

Any changes the Commission recommends will appear as questions on the November 2026 ballot, where voters will have the final say.

From now until November 7, 2025, the Charter Commission is accepting and reviewing proposals. Proposals can include ideas to improve how the City serves its residents, make government more transparent, efficient, or accountable, strengthen ethics, climate action, public participation, or equity, and clarify the roles or responsibilities of the Charter.

For more information on how to submit a proposal, or to view submitted proposals, please visit honolulucitycouncil.org/charter-commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/23/25

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee

1:00 p.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee

9/24/25

9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee

1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee

2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee

9/25/25

9:00 a.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee

11:00 a.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Service Committee

1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee

6:30 p.m. - 'Aiea & Pearl City Town Hall at Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

10/1/25

10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting at Kapolei Hale



HELPFUL LINKS

View Councilmember Cordero's District Page at honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero

Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil

View Bills/Resolutions at hnlldoc.hawaii.gov/hnlldoc

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnlldoc.hawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Hālawa District Park Sink Faucet Repairs

A concern was raised regarding the sink faucet in the men's restroom on the second floor, adjacent to the judo room at Hālawa District Park, which required replacement due to a broken handle. The issue was promptly investigated by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Maintenance Supervisor, Section 3, West Honolulu District. Maintenance staff successfully replaced both sink faucets on July 30, 2025, and the fixtures are now fully operational.

Hālawa District Park Water Fountain

DPR investigated a follow-up concern about only warm water coming out of water fountain on August 26, 2025, and put in a work order for the repair of the compressor. DPR is looking into whether replacing just the compressor or upgrading the entire water fountain is most beneficial.

Pamaho Place Traffic Enforcement

From August 7 to 9, 2025, between 9 and 11 a.m., the Honolulu Police Department's District 3 ('Aiea/Pearl City/Waipahu) officers conducted checks at Pamaho Place for any traffic violations. Three parking citations were issued. When not responding to 911 calls or other official duties, officers will continue to monitor the location and take appropriate action on any observed violations.

Ulune Street Speeding and Road Diet Project

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) investigated speeding along Ulune Street in the vicinity of Hālawa Heights Road. DTS conducted a review of the area's traffic-collision history and found a trend of crashes involving property damage mainly with parked cars. As such, DTS has programmed funding for its Traffic Engineering Devices at Various Locations Phase 5 project to implement a road diet along Ulune Street between Kahuapa'ani Street and Ali'ipoe Drive. The lane reduction should help to encourage speed compliance through this section of Ulune Street and provide additional guidance for motorists traversing through this area. In addition, the road diet will provide a refuge area for pedestrians to cross the roadway one direction at a time. DTS is currently in the design phase of this project.

Traffic-Calming Investigation on 'Ilie'e Street

DTS' speed survey found that the majority of motorists on 'Ilie'e Street are traveling near the posted 25 mph speed limit. In addition, a review of the area's traffic-collision history found no trends related to speeding within the past three years. As such, DTS does not recommend installation of traffic-calming measures, such as speed humps, along 'Ilie'e Street at this time. Moreover, DTS' site inspection found that the existing speed limit signs are appropriately posted and in good condition.

Traffic-Calming Investigation on Ka'amilo Street

DTS conducted a study regarding speeding concerns on Ka'amilo Street between Ulune and Kulawai Streets. DTS' study found that speeding was occurring on this portion of Ka'amilo Street, and will thus issue a work order (Paint & Signs Work Order [PSWO] 34495) to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to install shoulder/parking lanes on both sides of Ka'amilo Street from Ulune to Kulawai Streets in order to narrow the travel lanes from 20 feet to 10 feet in each direction. Street parking will be retained while the narrowing effect should help to encourage speed compliance along the roadway. For status updates on PSWO 34495, please contact DFM directly at (808) 768-3621 or (808) 768-3622.

Signage on Ka'amilo Street

DTS investigated a report that a "No Parking" sign was missing fronting 99-771 Ka'amilo Street, and its site inspection confirmed that a parking restriction was never established along the Ka'amilo Street frontage.

Signage on Ka'amilo Street and 'Ilie'e Street

Under the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Section 15-18.4, U-Turns are prohibited in a business district and along roadways with three or more lanes, or any intersection controlled by traffic signals, except where permitted by signs and markings, which is not the case on Ka'amilo Street near 'Ilie'e Street. In addition, DTS' review of the area's traffic-collision history found no trends related to this request within the past three years. As such, DTS will not be posting "No U-Turn" signs in the area.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IS HIRING!

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is actively seeking qualified candidates to fill the following year-round positions:

- Attendant Service – Opens/closes facilities, supports recreation programs and events (\$17.76/hr)
- Recreation Aide – Instructs or assists with recreation classes (\$17.76/hr)
- Swim Aide – Ages 16+ with a lifeguard certification (\$19.23/hr)
- Rifle Range Attendant – Monitors and supports operations at the rifle range (\$19.23/hr)

If you're interested in working in the District 2 area, covering Makiki through 'Aiea, or interested in applying for any of the jobs listed above, please contact DPR by phone at (808) 768-9292 or email dprwestdistrict@honolulu.gov. The office monitors inquiries daily and welcomes all applicants.

THEBUS ROUTE MODIFICATIONS FROM 'AIEA TO KAHAIKI COMMUNITY MEETINGS



Mahalo to everyone who attended the recent TheBus Route Update Meetings, and a special mahalo to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) staff for presenting and answering community questions. For those who were unable to attend, the most recent presentation is available at tinyurl.com/THEBUSD7. Community input is still being accepted by DTS via email at thebusstop@honolulu.gov.

The service adjustments will take effect on October 16 to align with the opening of Skyline Segment 2. Detailed schedules are forthcoming and will be shared once posted on the honolulu.gov/dts.

PALI MOMI MEDICAL CENTER TOUR



Councilmember Cordero visited Pali Momi Medical Center to meet its leadership team and tour the campus. The visit was inspiring, showcasing the high level of planning and dedication involved in providing top-quality care for the local community. Pali Momi has been a proud part of the neighborhood for 36 years.

During the visit, Councilmember Cordero toured the Cancer Center, Women's Center, Emergency Department, and other vital facilities supporting residents' health. This was an important opportunity to foster a relationship with Pali Momi's administration and explore potential partnerships to support their essential work, especially as the surrounding community continues to grow.

NĀULU APARTMENTS TOUR



Councilmember Cordero attended the Grand Opening for Nāulu Apartments. The Nāulu Apartments are a 25-story high-rise offering 302 affordable rental homes located across from Pearl Harbor. This project was developed by Pacific Development Group and shaped by the collaborative effort between the project team and partners working hand in hand with the City's Hālawā Area Transit-Oriented Development Plan.

TAIWAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS DELEGATION



The Taiwan Youth Ambassadors Delegation, a group of 40 students aged 18–35 traveling across the Pacific to build friendships and share aloha through culture and conversation, visited Honolulu Hale on August 21, 2025. They performed a special act emphasizing community and connection. The visit was organized with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the delegation shared their energy, talent, and aloha with the City Council and community.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS

The City's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services wishes to remind eligible O'ahu homeowners of the upcoming September 30, 2025, deadline to apply for the City's real property tax credit. The eligibility requirements for the real property tax credit are listed below. If you are a homeowner who is currently receiving this credit, you must apply every year to continue receiving it. If you qualify, the tax credit will be the difference between the 2025 property tax less 3 percent of your total gross income from 2024. The credit would be applied against your 2026 property tax.

The Eligibility Requirements are as follows:

- Homeowners applying for this credit must have a home exemption for both the 2025 and 2026 tax years;
- None of the titleholders of the property can own other property anywhere;
- The combined gross income of all titleholders of the property cannot exceed \$80,000.

Tax Credit Applications are available at:

- All Satellite City Halls, Hawai'i State Public Library System, Treasury Division office, and Real Property Assessment Division.
- Online at tinyurl.com/2026-2027-Tax-Credit-App.
- Applicants who filed last year were mailed their applications.

For more information or assistance, contact the Tax Relief Office at (808) 768-3205 or via e-mail at bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov. View the full press release here: honolulu.gov/mayor/city-reminds-eligible-homeowners-of-upcoming-application-deadline-for-real-property-tax-credit.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill 34 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Bill 34 aims to make Honolulu's property tax system fairer by updating tax tiers so that high-value properties and investment-oriented uses contribute a larger share, while keeping taxes reasonable for typical homeowners. This Bill creates three progressive tiers for both Residential A and Transient Vacation Unit properties:

Residential A:

- Tier 1: Up to \$1.3 million (previously \$1 million)
- Tier 2: \$1.3 million–\$3.5 million (previously above \$1 million)
- Tier 3: Above \$3.5 million (new tier)

Transient Vacation Units:

- Tier 1: Up to \$900,000 (previously \$800,000)
- Tier 2: \$900,000–\$2 million (new tier)
- Tier 3: Above \$2 million (new tier)

These changes introduce a more equitable, progressive approach to property taxation. Bill 34 passed second reading as amended at the Council Meeting on September 3 and was referred to the Budget Committee for further discussion.

BILL 49 (2025) – RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXATION

This Bill proposes raising the homeowner's exemption for residents aged 65 and older—from \$160,000 to \$180,000 of assessed property value. If adopted, this increase would take effect beginning with the tax year starting July 1, 2027. This means qualifying kūpuna would pay property taxes on a smaller portion of their home's value, offering much-needed relief amid rising living costs. Bill 49 also includes a clarification that married couples who jointly own their home may still claim the full exemption if at least one spouse is 65 or older. This Bill passed Third Reading at the Council Meeting on September 3.

BILL 50 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Bill 50 seeks to raise the standard exemption for all homeowners occupying their primary residence—from \$120,000 to \$140,000 of assessed property value. Like Bill 49, this change would apply to tax years beginning July 1, 2027. Both measures aim to support Honolulu's residents by reducing their tax burden and helping them remain in their homes longer as housing costs continue to climb. This Bill passed Third Reading at the Council Meeting on September 3.

BILL 52 (2025) – RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF STREAMS AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, Bill 52 addresses long-standing enforcement gaps related to the maintenance of privately owned ponds and lakes that flow into the ocean. By updating the definition of "stream" to include these water bodies, the bill ensures that both city-owned and privately owned waterways are responsibly cared for. Currently, lakes and ponds draining to the ocean fall outside City oversight, despite their impact on downstream water quality and community safety. The amendments empower DFM to inspect, notify property owners, and take necessary actions to properly maintain these water bodies. This strengthens protections for our natural resources and environment by reducing pollution, while also keeping communities safe from flooding and unsanitary conditions. This Bill passed Second Reading at the Council Meeting on September 3 and was referred to the Infrastructure, Transportation, and Technology Committee for further discussion.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)**BILL 54 (2025), CD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Bill 54 proposes updates to transit fares, including an increase in single cash fares from \$3.00 to \$3.25, monthly passes from \$80 to \$90, and annual passes from \$880 to \$990. A cash fare surcharge is intended to encourage the use of HOLO cards. Reduced and youth fares will also rise, while HOLO card day passes and two-hour passes will remain unchanged. The last fare adjustments took effect in July 2022.

Proposed Changes:

- Adult Single Fare (Cash): Increase from \$3.00 to \$3.25
- Youth Single Fare (Cash): Increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75
- Reduced Single Fare (Low-Income, Senior, Disability): Increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50
- HOLO Card Monthly Pass: Increase from \$80 to \$90
- HOLO Card Annual Pass: Increase from \$880 to \$990
- Youth Monthly Pass: Increase from \$40 to \$45
- Youth Annual Pass: Increase from \$440 to \$495
- 7-Day HOLO Pass: Increase from \$35 to \$40
- TheHandi-Van Fare: Increase from \$2.25 to \$2.50

This Bill passed second reading as amended at the Council Meeting on September 3 and was referred to the Budget Committee for further discussion.

BILL 62 (2024), CD1 – RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

The Honolulu City Council has advanced legislation to adjust motor vehicle registration fees. Bill 62 proposes a new exemption that allows veterans aged 65 and older, who were not dishonorably discharged, to pay a reduced annual registration fee of \$20, and aims to provide financial relief to senior veterans in recognition of their service. This Bill passed second reading as amended at the Council Meeting on September 3 and was referred to the Budget Committee for further discussion.

RESOLUTION 25-109, CD1 – REQUESTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CITY'S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRISIS OUTREACH RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CORE) AND THE HONOLULU EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Established in 2021, the CORE Program provides non-police, health-centered responses to individuals experiencing homelessness or behavioral health crises. The audit will evaluate the program's effectiveness, resource management, staffing, and alignment with public health and safety goals, reflecting the City's commitment to transparency and improving crisis response services. This Resolution as amended was adopted at the Council Meeting on September 3.

RESOLUTION 25-222, CD1 – URGING THE HONOLULU POLICE COMMISSION TO IMPROVE THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Resolution 25-222 urges implementation of a transparent, comprehensive vetting process that incorporates input from rank-and-file police officers and civilian employees of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). The goal is a fair, transparent process that includes input from HPD officers and staff.

Key steps include: collecting references from colleagues and supervisors; conducting thorough background checks; reviewing candidates' past work; and using recommendations from the Police Department Staffing and Retention Task Force.

The Honolulu City Council hopes these steps will ensure strong, accountable leadership for HPD. This Resolution as amended was adopted at the Council Meeting on September 3.

SAVE THE DATE: 'AIEA & PEARL CITY TOWN HALL

The next community meeting will be the 'Aiea & Pearl City Town Hall on Thursday, September 25, at Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria. The focus of the meeting is protecting our kūpuna from targeted scams.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

'AIEA & PEARL CITY TOWN HALL



Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria
98-940 Moanalua Road, Aiea, HI 96701



Thursday, September 25, 2025
6:30PM - 8:00PM

SPECIAL GUEST

Cherise Richards
U.S Secret Service
Honolulu Field Office



Join us to:

- Learn about senior scams targeting kupuna
- Get tips on prevention and protection
- Ask questions and share your concerns
- Connect with local officials and resources

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Senator
Henry J.C. Aquino



Senator
Brandon J.C. Elefante



Senator
Glenn Wakai



Representative
Cory M. Chun



Representative
Sam Satoru Kong



Representative
Garner M. Shimizu



Representative
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WHERE TO GET HELP:

If you are scammed:

1. Call your Local Police Department: 911.
2. Call the Department of the Attorney General, Tax and Charities Division (808)586-1454.
3. Call the Federal Bureau of Investigation (808)566-4300
4. Report the scams to [FTC.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
(<https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>).