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COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CORDERO

The Kona Low season brought severe weather that impacted our recent day-to-day activities, including the rescheduling of several community events. Mark your calendars for another chance to participate in the following:

- Kalihi Ahupua'a Ride – May 30
- Salt Lake Waterway Genki Ball Toss – May 30

Additional details and updates can be found in the report below.

If you need assistance with any City-related matters, my office is always here to help. You can reach us at (808) 768-5007 or email me directly at rcordero@honolulu.gov.

You can also sign up to receive my monthly e-newsletters with the latest community events and updates at tinyurl.com/subscribe2d7.

Mahalo,
Radiant Cordero

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR SEWER BILLS? THE CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (CARES) PROGRAM CAN HELP

The Customer Assistance for Residential Environmental Services (CARES) program offers qualifying sewer customers with up to \$240 in credits on their sewer bill to help manage monthly expenses.

The program includes \$10 million in funding and may assist approximately 41,666 households. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so eligible residents are encouraged to apply early.

The Department of Environmental Services is accepting application for CARES now through October 31, 2026. Applications are available at Satellite City Halls, public libraries, the Fasi Municipal Building, and to print at honolulu.gov/env/cares. The application must be completed and include all necessary documents to determine qualifications. Applications must be submitted by mail or can be dropped off at select locations during normal business hours.

For more information, go to honolulu.gov/env/cares or call (808) 768-3330.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN

Registration for the Junior Lifeguard Program opened on May 1, offering keiki and teens an exciting opportunity to build ocean awareness, water safety skills, and confidence in Hawai'i's marine environment.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is open to keiki ages 11 to 17, providing youth an opportunity to learn directly from the professional lifeguards of the world-renowned Honolulu Ocean Safety Department. Participants learn valuable rescue skills, physical fitness, teamwork, and respect for the ocean. The Junior Lifeguard Program has long served as a positive and rewarding experience for local youth, helping develop leadership, discipline, and a strong appreciation for ocean stewardship.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged. Program sessions will be held during the summer of 2026 at select locations across O'ahu including:

- Ala Moana
- Mākaha
- 'Ewa Beach
- 'Ehukai
- Kailua
- Waimānalo
- Hau'ula

Families interested in enrolling can find program details, session dates, and registration information by visiting the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department website at honolulu.gov/hosd/junior-lifeguard.

View the full press release here: honolulu.gov/mayor/junior-lifeguard-program-sign-ups-open-may-1.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLS FOR AN AUDIT OF HONOLULU TOWING PROGRAM

The Honolulu City Council has introduced [Resolution 26-58](#), Directing the City Auditor to Conduct a Performance Audit of the Customer Services Department's Law Enforcement-Initiated Towing Program, Management and Contract Administration.

The audit will review how the Department of Customer Services manages its towing contract, including payment practices, billing disputes, and oversight of contractors. Concerns behind the resolution include delayed payments to the towing vendor, questions about certain charges, and reports of improper fees affecting motorists.

The City Auditor will have one year to complete the review and report findings to the Council. This effort comes as the Department of Customer Services' considers a new towing contract. Councilmembers emphasize the need for transparency, accountability, and public input before any changes or fee increases move forward. The audit is intended to improve oversight of towing operations and help ensure fair, consistent practices for anyone impacted by vehicle towing.

On April 29, 2026, the Committee on International & Legal Affairs reported the Resolution out for adoption.

To view the Resolution, visit hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/3661.

UPCOMING THEBUS SERVICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE MAY 31

The Department of Transportation Services has announced upcoming TheBus service changes that will take effect Sunday, May 31, 2026. Rider Alert notices will be posted online at [TheBus.org](https://www.thebus.org) and at affected bus stops. Service changes include:

- **A Line (Ahua–UH Mānoa):** Frequency will be reduced to 30 minutes between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- **U Line (Ahua–UH Mānoa via H-1 Freeway):** Eastbound trips will begin six minutes earlier to reduce transfer time from Skyline.
- **W Line (Airport–Waikīkī):** Frequency will increase to 20 minutes between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- **Route 1L (Halawa–Hawai‘i Kai Limited Stops):**
 - **Weekdays:** The 4:45 p.m. westbound trip will depart at 4:55 p.m. to evenly spread trip times.
- **Route 47 (Keone‘ae–UH West O‘ahu–‘Ewa Beach):**
 - **Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays:** The 9:10 p.m. eastbound trip will depart at 9:15 p.m. to accommodate transfers from Skyline.
 - The 10:10 p.m. eastbound trip will depart at 10:15 p.m. to accommodate transfers from Skyline.
- **Route 151 (Chinatown–Kuakini–Kauluwela):**
 - Will be re-routed to provide a connection to the Iwilei area via **Route 7 (Kalihi Valley–Kahala)**.
 - Transfer point: Bus Stop #4787 (Nimitz Highway + Kaulike Street).
 - Frequency will be reduced to 45 minutes.
 - New Bus Stop #4877 (Maunakea Street + North Hotel Street) will replace a freight loading zone and three-minute passenger loading zone on Maunakea Street fronting the Wo Fat Building.
- **Route 301 (Tripler–Kalihi Transit Center):**
 - **Weekdays between 7:20 a.m. and 3:20 p.m.:** Frequency will be reduced to 60 minutes.
 - **Weekends between 8:20 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.:** Frequency will be reduced to 60 minutes.
- **Route 306 (Kahauiki Village):** Will provide new all-day service between 5:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
 - Service frequency will be:
 - 5:00 a.m.–7:00 a.m.: Every 30 minutes
 - 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Every 60 minutes
 - 4:00 p.m.–6:15 p.m.: Every 30 minutes
 - The route will be restructured (shortened) to accommodate the all-day service while staying within budget and resource constraints.
 - New service area:
 - Dillingham Boulevard (between Mokauea Street and Middle Street)
 - Discontinued service areas:
 - Sand Island Access Road
 - Auiki Street
 - Kalihi Street
 - Nimitz Highway (between Mokauea Street and Kalihi Street)
 - Mokauea Street (between Dillingham Boulevard and North King Street)
 - North King Street
 - Houghtailing Street
 - North School Street
 - Middle Street
- **New Route 317 (Ahua–Lagoon Drive):** Adds a new bus stop #4878 (Lagoon Drive + Ualena Street - Farside)
 - New weekday-only service will provide service to the makai end of Lagoon Drive.
 - Morning and afternoon peak service will include:
 - **Morning trips:** 5:15 a.m., 6:35 a.m., and 7:13 a.m.
 - **Afternoon trips:** 3:56 p.m., 4:36 p.m., and 5:14 p.m.

Visit TheBus website at [TheBus.org](https://www.thebus.org) for more information and complete route details.

UPDATE ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

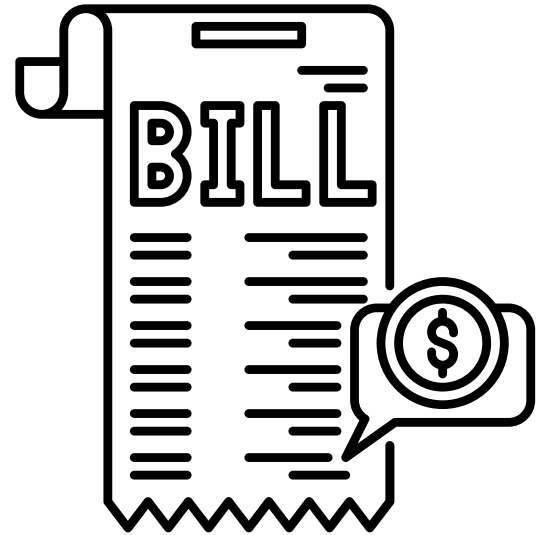
At the Special Budget Committee meeting on May 1, the City's Legislative, Operating, and Capital Improvement Project budgets were amended and advanced for passage on third reading. A total of **\$24,155,000** in proposals introduced and advocated for by Councilmember Cordero was accepted:

Operating Budget – Bill 22 (2026)

- \$500,000 for overt video monitoring at parks and Park-and-Ride facilities
- \$150,000 for a dog park at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park
- \$15,000 to acquire a drone for stream maintenance enforcement
- \$150,000 for traffic speed reduction around school zones

Capital Improvement Project – Bill 23 (2026)

- \$16,000,000 for Resilience Hubs across the island
- \$1,000,000 for a mobile crane for the Department of Facility Maintenance
- \$500,000 for bus stop improvements in Council District 7
- \$100,000 for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at the Moanalua Road and Ualo Street intersection
- \$500,000 for rock slide improvements on Ala Lani Street
- \$600,000 for erosion control along Moanalua stream
- \$500,000 for storm drainage best management practices in the Salt Lake drainage system
- \$200,000 for installation of speed tables or speed humps on Ka'amilo Street
- \$500,000 for addressing speeding on Likini Street, between Ala Lilikoi Street and Ala Aloalo Street; traffic and collision mitigation at and in the vicinity of the Salt Lake Boulevard and Kalaloa Street intersection; and traffic and collision mitigation at the intersection of Ala Lilikoi Street and Ala Ilima Street
- \$1,000,000 for resurfacing on Moanalua Road from 'Aiea Access Road to Ka'ahumanu Street
- \$50,000 for Bougainville Drive protective barriers for pedestrian safety
- \$300,000 for Makalapa Neighborhood Park improvements
- \$500,000 for park improvements at Mokauea Mini Park and lighting improvements at Kalākaua District Park tennis court
- \$500,000 for turf and electrical improvements at the Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park pavilion



Legislative Budget – Bill 28 (2026)

- \$90,000 (\$10,000 for each Council District) for the purpose of district mailers and postage

Approval of these measures is anticipated to take place at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 3. Your support to ensure these important investments move forward is encouraged and appreciated!

Written testimony will be accepted starting on Friday, May 29, via this portal: <https://hnlodoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlodoc/testimony>. For instructions on submitting testimony, please visit: www.honoluluycitycouncil.org/testimony.

WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING BEFORE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

On April 30, the Public Safety and Economy Committee received an informational briefing on Wildfire Safety and Preparedness, featuring presentations from the Honolulu Fire Department, Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO), Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Hawaiian Electric Company.

Meeting Highlights:

- The Honolulu Fire Department emphasized readiness, rapid response, and coordination.
- HWMO focused on community-based mitigation, including fuel reduction and public education.
- State Fire Marshal discussed prevention efforts and strengthening statewide coordination.
- Hawaiian Electric shared updates on vegetation management and wildfire risk reduction for electrical systems.

Key Takeaway:

Strong interagency collaboration, community preparedness, and infrastructure resilience remain critical as wildfire risks increase.

Additional Resources:

Watch the full discussion: youtube.com/watch?v=63LpFw77fP4

View meeting materials: hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/agenda/browse/699

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Moanalua Road at Ualo Street Crosswalk

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has not yet provided an update on current plans or a timeline for improving pedestrian safety at the Moanalua Road and Ualo Street crosswalk near Pearlridge Center. A follow-up request was submitted on May 13, 2026, marking the fourth request since November 26, 2025.

Councilmember Cordero met with the DTS Director and staff in February 2026, and it was reported that a new traffic signal at the intersection is in the design contract phase and is federally funded, with construction anticipated to begin around 2029. A request for proposals has been issued for temporary traffic mitigation measures, which may provide interim relief by the end of the calendar year; however, it is unclear whether the allocated \$200,000 will be sufficient.

99-230 Moanalua Road

Trenching activity fronting 99-230 Moanalua Road is permitted under Trenching Permit No. TP-2025-8080 and is regularly inspected. The permit, issued to Structural Builders Hawai'i Inc., is for the installation of a new water line and fire hydrant. No violations have been identified.

98-200 Kamehameha Highway

Concerns were raised regarding the narrow sidewalk along Kamehameha Highway between Honomanu Street (near Forty Niner Restaurant) and American Savings Bank at 98-200 Kamehameha Highway, particularly for pedestrian and wheelchair access due to fast-moving traffic. An investigation conducted by the Department of Planning and Permitting on April 13, 2026, determined that this portion of Kamehameha Highway is a state road. The matter has been referred to the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division.

CONNECTING WITH KŪPUNA ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Councilmember Cordero joined the senior clubs from Salt Lake, Ala Pu‘umalu, and ‘Aiea District Parks for a morning of fellowship and bingo on April 6. During the gathering, Councilmember Cordero shared information about vital City resources and services, and also took time to listen as kūpuna voiced their concerns and shared experiences about their neighborhoods

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY AT MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



On April 18, the Makalapa community came together in celebration of Earth Day at Makalapa Neighborhood Park. As part of the City’s Community Forestry Program, community members planted a total of nine trees, including five kukui and four milo trees, contributing to ongoing efforts to expand Honolulu’s urban tree canopy and enhance neighborhood green spaces.

The event also featured educational activities led by the Division of Urban Forestry, giving participants the opportunity to learn more about tree care, planting practices, and the importance of urban forestry. Alongside attendees, Councilmember Cordero and her team participated in a variety of activities throughout the morning, including tree planting, a park cleanup, lei making, and interactive booths hosted by community partners.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY’S HĀLAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN CLOSURE

The Board of Water Supply’s (BWS) Hālawā Xeriscape Garden (HXG), located at 99-1268 Iwaena Street, will be closed to the general public on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. The garden will be open to the public during normal hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all other Wednesdays in the month of May.

The HXG is a three-acre demonstration garden that displays a series of unthirsty, water-conserving plants in a visually attractive garden. The BWS opened the garden to the public in September 1989 as a way to educate O‘ahu residents on ways to save water outdoors in lawns, gardens, and landscaped areas.

For more information contact the BWS Communications Office at (808) 748-5041 or by email at contactus@hbws.org.

**SAVE THE DATE – HĀLAWA STATION READ ALOUD WITH COUNCILMEMBER CORDERO
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026**

Read To Me INTERNATIONAL
Sharing the love and joy of reading aloud with Hawai'i's families since 1996.

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
Ke Kanihelo o ke Kalauna o Honolulu

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

HĀLAWA STATION READ ALOUD WITH RADIANT CORDERO

FOR FAMILIES ON O'AHU

Join Read To Me International Foundation and Councilmember Radiant Cordero at the Hālawā Station for read alouds and activities. We will notify attendees about refreshments, which we are currently working on to secure.

SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
Kids can meet firefighters, take photos, and explore a real fire truck!

Saturday, May 30, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Hālawā Aloha Stadium Station
99-232 Kamehameha Highway
'Aiea, Hawai'i 96701

REGISTER HERE:

tinyurl.com/Halawa-Read-Aloud-May-2026

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

CONTACT US
(808) 674-7667
dannah@readtomeintl.org

**SAVE THE DATE – PEARLRIDGE CENTER BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026**

Blood Bank of Hawaii

PEARLRIDGE CENTER

Save Lives, Rebuild Communities

When you donate blood during the month of May, Blood Bank of Hawaii will make a financial contribution to the Hawaii Community Foundation's Stronger Hawaii Fund, which directly supports statewide disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

\$10 gift card for all donors to various Pearlridge merchants!

Pearlridge Center BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, May 30, 2026
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Uptown Mauka Center Court
(between the escalators INSIDE the mall)

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED & PRIORITIZED

WALK-INS ACCEPTED AS AVAILABLE

To schedule an appointment, call **Blood Bank of Hawaii** at **(808) 848-4770**, scan the **QR code** or visit **bhh.org**

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honolulu.gov

City Council Bills & Resolutions Search:

hnl.gov/hnldoc

Submit Testimony:

hnl.gov/hnldoc/testimony

Watch Committee Meetings:

youtube.com/@honolulu.gov

Report City-related Issues via HNL 311:

HNL311.com

Stay Updated with HNL Alerts:

hnlalert.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**05/19/26**

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee

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

05/20/26

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

05/21/26

9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee

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

05/30/26

8:00 a.m. - [Kalihi Ahupua'a Ride](#)

10:00 a.m. - [Hālawa Station Read Aloud with Councilmember Cordero](#)

(Register online at tinyurl.com/Halawa-Read-Aloud-May-2026)

10:00 a.m. - Pearlridge Center Blood Drive

1:00 p.m. - Salt Lake Waterway Genki Ball Toss

06/03/26

10:00 a.m. - Honolulu City Council at Honolulu Hale

2026 CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

To view and download the 2026 City Council Calendar, please visit honolulu.gov.