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**HONOLULU CITY  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



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### CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

The City's Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) process begins this month with the receipt of the Mayor's proposed budget. From March to June, the Council will carefully deliberate on the City's proposed budget package, which includes the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets, the Legislative Budget, and the HART Operating and Capital Budgets.

During this three-month period, Councilmembers will have the opportunity to hear from the community and propose budget amendments to allocate funds that address the specific needs of their districts, ensuring quality services are provided to the public. This is a critical time for our community to get involved and voice your priorities.

To download the budget calendar, access the budget documents, or for more information on the budget process, please visit [honoluluycitycouncil.org/budgetfy26](http://honoluluycitycouncil.org/budgetfy26).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/19/25**  
10:00 a.m. - [City Council Meeting](#)
- 4/01/25**  
9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability, Economy & Health Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Parks Committee
- 4/02/25**  
9:00 a.m. - Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation Committee  
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Executive Management Committee *(as needed)*
- 4/03/25**  
9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Customer Services Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Innovation, Technology & Entertainment Committee

### RE-USE HAWAI'I NEW LOCATION AT STADIUM MARKETPLACE



District 7 welcomes Re-Use Hawai'i to its new location at Stadium Marketplace (4561 Salt Lake Boulevard, formerly Sack N Save). Re-Use Hawai'i, a non-profit, focuses on deconstruction and redistributing salvaged building materials, including doorknobs, furniture, scrap wood, and bricks, all available for reuse. Through their efforts, Re-Use Hawai'i continues to promote waste reduction and sustainability across the state, while providing valuable resources and opportunities to the community. For more information, please visit [reusehawaii.org](http://reusehawaii.org).

### HELPFUL LINKS

View Councilmember Cordero's District Page at [honoluluycitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero](http://honoluluycitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero)

Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on [youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil](https://youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil)

View Bills/Resolutions at [hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc](http://hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc)

Submit Your Testimony Online at [hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/testimony](http://hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/testimony)

## UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Replacement of Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing Signs on Ulune Street

The Department of Facility Maintenance's Division of Road Maintenance (DRM) initiated Service Request No. 62184 to replace the mid-block pedestrian crossing delineators on Ulune Street fronting 'Aiea High School and the baseball field, with completion scheduled by mid-March.

### No U-Turn Sign on Salt Lake Boulevard at Kalaloa Street

Service Request No. 62408 was issued by DRM to replace the faded No U-Turn sign on Salt Lake Boulevard at Kalaloa Street (heading towards Kamehameha Highway and the rail station). Additionally, the request to add a Yield on Green sign for left turns from Salt Lake Boulevard onto Kalaloa Street to improve safety has been referred to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for review and action.

### Moanalua Road Pavement Marking Repainting

DRM initiated Service Request No. 60312 for the repainting of faded pavement markings on Moanalua Road near Alvah Scott Elementary School. Work is scheduled for March 17-21, 2025, during the school break and weather permitting. The department is also awaiting a response from DTS regarding the need for traffic calming measures at this location.

### Speed Trailers on Ulune Street

DTS confirmed the installation of the speed trailers on Ulune Street as part of the Traffic Engineering Devices at various locations under their Phase 2 project, funded by Capital Improvement funds. DTS is currently compiling a list of locations where speed feedback signs that may need repairs, which includes the speed trailer on Ulune Street.

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## HONOLULU CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH UWAJIMA, JAPAN



*Photo Courtesy of Council Support Services, Honolulu City Council.*

Councilmember Cordero joined fellow councilmembers, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Uwajima Mayor Okahara, Council Chair Matsumoto, Consul General Kodama, and other distinguished guests at Mission Memorial to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Honolulu's sister city relationship with Uwajima, Japan.

Established in 2004, the partnership was born out of tragedy—the 2001 Ehime Maru collision off O'ahu's coast, which claimed the lives of nine people. What began as a heartfelt effort to heal and foster understanding has since blossomed into a meaningful and enduring bond between the two cities. During the ceremony, attendees reaffirmed their commitment to this special relationship and exchanged gifts in remembrance of those lost in the tragedy.

Sister city relationships, such as the one between Honolulu and Uwajima, serve as a powerful reminder of the strength of connection, empathy, and shared progress. Councilmember Cordero is excited for the future of this partnership, eager to explore new opportunities for collaboration that will ensure future generations continue to benefit from this lasting friendship.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

### **Bill 61 (2024), CD1 – Relating to Wheelies**

In order to increase safety on our roadways, this Bill would prohibit riders of electric bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles from performing “wheelies.” Co-introduced by Councilmember Cordero, the Bill was reported out for passage on third reading by the Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation Committee.

### **Bill 1 (2025), CD1 – Relating to Outdoor Dining**

This Bill codifies, in ordinance, the existing outdoor dining pilot project that is set to end in July 2025. Bill 1 was reported out for passage on third reading as amended in CD2 form by the Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation Committee.

### **Bill 7 (2025) – Relating to Fireworks**

Stricter penalties for the possession of fireworks are outlined in this Bill. Councilmember Cordero has introduced a CD1 version that increases the minimum and maximum fine thresholds to a range between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Bill 7 was reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing as amended in CD1 form by the Public Safety & Customer Services Committee.

To view all Bills and Resolutions, visit [hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl.doc](http://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl.doc). All Council meetings are recorded and can be watched at [youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil](https://youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil).

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE PROPOSED SEWER FEE INCREASES

The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) invites the public to participate in three upcoming town hall meetings to discuss proposed sewer fee increases, set to take effect on July 1, 2025. These meetings aim to inform residents about the rationale behind the fee adjustments, the extent of the increases, a proposed customer assistance program, and to provide an opportunity for questions and feedback.

At the first eight town hall meetings, residents learned about the City's wastewater program, the proposed fee increases, and participated in a Question and Answer session. ENV encourages the community to continue participating in the upcoming meetings.

### **Upcoming ENV Town Hall Schedule:**

- Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025  
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Location: George Fred Wright Wahiawa District Park

ENV is proposing to increase sewer fees annually for the next 10 years – by 9% over the first six years starting July 1, 2025, followed by smaller annual increases of 8%, 7%, 6%, and 5% over the subsequent four years. These adjustments amount to a total increase of 115% over a 10-year period and are necessary to address rising operational costs and fund critical projects within ENV's \$10.1 billion Capital Improvement Program, scheduled from 2025 to 2040.

To mitigate the impact on low-income households, ENV is launching the Customer Assistance for Residential Environmental Services (CARES) program. Eligible households earning less than 80% of the area median income (AMI) may qualify for monthly credits of \$20 to \$25 on their fixed sewer charges.

For more information on the proposed sewer fee increases, the CARES program, or to view detailed projections, please visit <https://www8.honolulu.gov/env/sewer-fee-rates/>. To view the press release, please visit <https://www8.honolulu.gov/env/city-adds-three-more-town-hall-meetings-on-proposed-sewer-fee-increases/>.