



City and County of Honolulu

Presentation to the Joint Committees: Senate Ways and Means and House Finance

City Priorities

- **Modernization of City Departments**
 - Department of Planning and Permitting
 - People, Processes and Technologies (including AI Agents)
 - Customer Services Department
 - DMV
 - Satellite City Halls
 - Procurement
 - Streamline and reduce procurement timeframes

City Priorities

- **Homelessness**

- Homeless Working Group: Weekly meeting City-State and Homeless Service Providers
 - Additional funding for mental health, medical and social services/facility operations needed
 - A'ala Respite
 - HONU (two sites)
 - Leahi Hospital

- **Affordable Housing**

- Focus on deregulation (Two year Bloomberg-Harvard Fellow)
- Private Activity Bonds in collaboration with HHFDC
- Bill 7 projects (pre-construction incentives/post COO grants)
- Iwilei land acquisitions and TOD planning
- Infrastructure (reduce the burden on development)

City Priorities

- **Public Safety**

- HPD, HFD, EMS and Honolulu Department of Ocean Safety (HOSD – Chief Lager)
 - Focused on recruiting, retention and operational excellence

- **Landfill**

- Exhausted alternate site search in light of legal restrictions
- Focused on lands outside the UIC line near WGSL
- Time is of the essence

- **City Budget**

- Fiscally conservative in light of RPT projections and economic uncertainty

City Priorities

- **Skyline Rapid Transit - State/Federal/City funding**
 - 2023 - Operations from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium
 - 2024 - Amended FFGA with restoration of federal funding
 - 2025 – Operations from Aloha Stadium to Middle Street
 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam
 - Daniel K. Inouye International Airport
 - Increased ridership with intense marketing

City Bills

- **Appropriation to Department of Housing and Land Management for Property Transfers to Schools Facilities Authority \$3.5M**
 - Legislature mandated (Act 206, 2017 & Act 210, 2018) the transfer of 97 properties which sit under DOE schools – only appropriated \$100k
 - City (DDC & DHLM) estimates it will cost \$3.5m (Hiring 2 FTE, identification of assets, procurement of surveys and subdivision work, legal documentation)
 - Pilot project with Kaimuki High School
- **Appropriation to Department of Information Technology for the Upgrade of DMV Application System \$10M**
 - Hawaii is the only state in the nation to have DMV application systems maintained and operated by a county. The current system is operated on a mainframe hosted by DIT that uses code from the 1970's and lacks capacity to operate at the full strength needed for effective use
 - The County is currently in the process of trying to upgrade and improve these systems and has been engaging with a software developer who recently did a similar overhaul for Arizona at a cost of roughly \$60M, but the State of Arizona is willing to share much of the information and software with the County for free.
 - The remaining cost to work with software developers and contractors to move the Application System to a cloud based server and update the software code is estimated to be between \$10m and \$16m.

City Bills

- **Green Fee Proposal – Hiring a Consultant to do Meta-study of Ala Wai Watershed \$2.5M**
 - Consultant would integrate existing studies regarding flood risks and/or alternative reduction plans in the Ala Wai Watershed and Waikiki, and propose a range of potential risk mitigation solutions with proposed phasing by year with estimated costs and community co-development strategies
- **Other Bills**
 - City's legislative liaison working with legislators on various other bills

City/State Cross-Sector Collaboration

- **Villages of Kapolei Roads**
 - Agreement between City and HHFDC on dedication of roads (MOA being finalized)
- **HCDA remnant parcels – Kaka'ako**
 - Working with HCDA on surveys to verify parcel boundaries for eventual transfer from HCDA to City
- **Iwilei properties/Ali'i Place**
 - Continued discussions on potential land swaps