

# Councilmember Matt Weyer Honolulu City Council | District 2



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# Aloha Board Members and Neighbors,

Its amazing how fast this year is going by and budget season is already upon us!

The City's fiscal year (FY) begins on July 1 and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The Charter requires that an executive budget for the City must be submitted by the Mayor and enacted by the Council on an annual basis. Key components of the City's budget are the different budget measures and the City's revenue program.

The **executive operating budget** is where the City gets its money and how it will pay for day-to-day operations. Operating expenses are paid for with cash revenues.

The **executive capital budget** identifies long-lived projects, facilities, and large equipment that the City plans to develop or purchase over the next six years. Typically, the primary CIP funding source is bond proceeds.

The **legislative budget** provides funding for legislative branch offices and typically only includes appropriations for operating expenses, which are financed with cash proceeds.

The Committee on Budget will deliberate on the budget bills in a special meeting next week Monday, April 1, 2024 at 10:00am.



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Bill 12 (24) Operating Budget



Bill 13 (24) Capital Budget



Special Budget Meeting Agenda



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#### <u>Resources</u>



Resolution #23-162



#### Resolution #23-239



#### <u>HNL Docs</u> (Council Bill Search)



**OCCSR** Internship

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

\***Resolution 23-162**, which would amend the City Charter to establish a **Climate Resiliency Fund**, passed out of Council in January and was subsequently approved by the Mayor. This would provide the City with additional flexibility to proactively address the foreseeable impacts of climate change. This fund would draw from existing property tax revenues, and *will not* require a concurrent increase in property tax rates.

\*Resolution 23-239, which I introduced, passed out of Council in February and would establish minimum qualifications for the Director of Emergency Management in the City Charter.

These proposed charter amendments will help to ensure that our City is prepared for the increasing challenges we will face with larger weather events and other natural disasters. They will be on the November ballot for consideration by the public if Mayor opts to allow them.

### **OTHER UPDATES:**

The Office of Climate Change and Sustainability is now accepting applications for the Climate Champions Internship Program. "Climate Champions" will be paired with a community based-organization to implement a project that will help them adapt to the impacts of climate change. In addition, participants will benefit from professional development workshops hosted by the City.

This program is jointly hosted by the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and six host organizations: KEY Project, Trees for Honolulu's Future, Mālama Loko Ea Foundation, MA'O Organic Farms, Mālama Learning Center, and Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization.

This part-time paid internship lasts four months, with weekly work expectations ranging from 5-20 hours per week, depending on the host site. Orientation for all Climate Champion Interns will be held in late April 2024, and the program will start in May. Participants must be 16 years or older and willing to spend time working outside at their host site. Students and kūpuna are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until each position is filled, at least until April 1, 2024. To learn more about the internships and to apply, please visit <u>climatereadyoahu.org/climate-champions</u>.

Please feel free to reach out to my office at (808) 768 - 5002 or <u>mweyer@honolulu.gov</u> if we can be of assistance.

Mahalo. Matt