From March to June, the Council carefully deliberates the City's proposed budget package, which includes the Executive Operating and Capital Budgets, the Legislative Budget, and the HART Operating and Capital Budgets.

This **three-month process** is an opportunity for the public to suggest alternatives to the Mayor's proposals by voicing their opinions directly to Councilmembers.

Budget Types

Executive Operating Budget:

Where the City gets its money and how it will pay for day-to-day operations. Operating expenses are paid for with cash revenues.

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.

Legislative Budget:

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



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The City's Annual Budget Process



Budget Review Timeline

By December 1

 HART submits its budget to the Council through the Mayor



March 2

- Mayor submits the budget to the Council
- Council Chair makes the Legislative Budget available to the public



During the month MARCH

- 1st Reading of budgets
- Council holds agency briefings



During the month APRIL Council holds a public hearing on the budgets, revenue measures and real property tax rates.



By June 15

- Council adopts budgets.
- Council adopts revenue measures.

Within 10 days of Council Adoption

- The Mayor must
 - 1. Sign;
 - 2. Return unsigned; or
 - 3. Veto in totality or a portion of the budget bills.



Between 5 and 30 days after receipt of Mayor's veto

• The Council may override the veto with a 2/3 vote.

FY25 Budget Meeting Dates

March

3/11 - 3/14: Budget Briefings 3/27: 1st Reading of Budget Bills at Council

April

4/1: Special CD1 Budget Meeting 4/17: 2nd Reading of Budget Bills at Council

May

5/13: Special CD2 Budget Meeting

June

6/5: 3rd Reading of Budget Bills at Council

6/15: Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get a copy of the budget measures?

All budget measures are available electronically through the Honolulu Record Collections page (HNL DOCS) at: hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc.

Can I submit testimony?

You can submit written testimony or register to testify live on the individual budget measures.

How do I find out if a project in my neighborhood, such as a skate park, has been included in the budget?

The budget measures, specifically the CIP budget bill, will provide a list of proposed projects. If you are unable to locate a specific project in the CIP bill, you may contact your Councilmember.

Read more on the City's Budget Process at:

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