

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Kaua'i County Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Room 201, and Meeting Room 106, Historic County Building, Lihue, on the following:

Bill No. 2993

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF KAUAI  
A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. B-2025-905, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND (*General Liability and Auto Claims, and Health Fund Contribution – \$1,445,000.00*)

This Bill proposes to provide funding for general liability and automobile claims resolved by the Office of the County Attorney and to provide additional funding for the Health Fund Contribution accounts of the Office of the County Attorney and the Planning Department.

Bill No. 2994

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR BARGAINING UNIT 11 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2025 AND JUNE 30, 2029

This Bill proposes to approve the cost items in the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association (HFFA) Bargaining Unit 11 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, based on an arbitrated award and in accordance with the procedures contained in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 89-11 and Kaua'i County Charter Section 19.13B.

Bill No. 2995

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX (*Long-Term Affordable Rental Requirements*)

This Bill proposes to amend Section 5A-11A.1, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, to add qualifying requirements of a property to be classified as a Long-Term Affordable Rental. The Bill clarifies: "A qualifying tenant shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside at the dwelling subject to the written lease agreement as his or her primary residence." The Bill also adds language about evidence and actions to be considered by the Director of Finance, and states: "If, during the course of any tax year, the Long-Term Affordable Rental classification is revoked, the tax classification shall be reclassified and reassessed, taxes for those years shall be recalculated, and the cap reset, at the same time the Long-Term Affordable Rental classification is disallowed."

Bill No. 2996

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 1, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RELATED FEES

This Bill proposes to establish the fees related to road test applications in the County’s Division of Motor Vehicles and to provide the narrow circumstances under which such fees may be refundable to the applicant.

Any person may testify at the public hearing, and at any Council and Committee Meeting (at which time any Bill may be amended). Meeting notices and full-text Bills are available at least six (6) days in advance at the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division and kauai.gov/Government/Council/Webcast-Meetings. Written testimony may be submitted via counciltestimony@kauai.gov, mail, or fax. For further information, please call (808) 241-4188.

CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I hereby certify that the Kaua’i County Council passed on first reading and ordered to print Bill No. 2993, Bill No. 2994, Bill No. 2995, and Bill No. 2996 during the April 22, 2026 Council Meeting, by the following vote:

AYES:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
NOES:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Lihu’e, Hawai’i  
April 22, 2026

/s/ Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa  
County Clerk, County of Kaua’i

NOTE: IF YOU NEED AN AUXILIARY AID/SERVICE, OTHER ACCOMMODATION DUE TO A DISABILITY, OR AN INTERPRETER FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, COUNCIL SERVICES DIVISION AT (808) 241-4188 OR COKCOUNCIL@KAUAI.GOV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REQUESTS MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WILL ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO FULFILL YOUR REQUEST.

UPON REQUEST, THIS NOTICE IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMATS SUCH AS LARGE PRINT, BRAILLE, OR ELECTRONIC COPY.

(One publication – The Garden Island – April 30, 2026)

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. B-2025-905, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAI'I, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY REVISING THE AMOUNTS ESTIMATED IN THE GENERAL FUND**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Sections 19.07B and 19.10A of the Charter of the County of Kaua'i, as amended, Ordinance No. B-2025-905, as amended, relating to the Operating Budget of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, be hereby amended as follows:

A. The sum of \$1,445,000 by revising the amounts estimated in the General Fund:

Equity / Fund Balance – Unassigned [\$1,445,000]

B. Be and is hereby appropriated for the following purpose:

Finance Administration / Claims and Judgements – General Liability	\$1,210,000
Finance Administration / Claims and Judgements – Auto	\$85,000
County Attorney / Employee Benefits – Health Fund Contribution	\$70,000
Planning / Employee Benefits – Health Fund Contribution	\$80,000

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Introduced by:



ARRYL KANESHIRO  
(By Request)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**April 22, 2026**


Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I hereby certify that heretofore attached is a true and correct copy of Bill No. 2993, which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i at its meeting held on April 22, 2026, by the following vote:

FOR PASSAGE:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST PASSAGE:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Lihu'e, Hawai'i  
April 22, 2026



Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa  
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT FOR BARGAINING UNIT 11  
BETWEEN JULY 1, 2025 AND JUNE 30, 2029**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Sec. 19.13.B of the Charter of the County of Kaua'i, as amended ("Charter") provides that any contract or lease requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of more than one fiscal year shall be approved by ordinance.

As such, the following cost items for Bargaining Unit ("BU") 11 under Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS") §89-6 are hereby approved for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029:

BU-11:

A. Effective July 1, 2025, salary increase shall be as follows:

- 3.00% across the board (ATB) increase.

B. Effective July 1, 2026, salary increase shall be as follows:

- 3.00% across the board (ATB) increase.

C. Effective July 1, 2027, salary increase shall be as follows:

- 2.50% across the board (ATB) increase.

D. Effective July 1, 2028, salary increase shall be as follows:

- 2.50% across the board (ATB) increase.

Wage costs include fringe benefit costs representing expenses which automatically increase when base salaries increase (e.g. premium pay, overtime, Medicare, unemployment compensation and leave benefits). The subsequent years' cost includes the roll over from the previous year (Exhibit A).

SECTION 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any persons or circumstance are held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect when the Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, the Maui County Council, the Honolulu City Council, the Hawai'i County Council, and the Kaua'i County Council have pursuant to HRS §89-10(b), appropriated moneys for cost items for Bargaining Unit 11 for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

Introduced by:



ARRYL KANESHIRO  
(By Request)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**April 22, 2026**

Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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**County of Kauai**  
**Bargaining Unit 11**  
**Contract Period: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029**

<b>BU-11-INCLUDED</b>				
<b>FY</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
	\$ 646,196			
		\$ 1,339,873		
			\$ 1,915,253	
				\$ 2,525,052
<b>TOTAL INCLUDED</b>				\$ 6,426,374

<b>BU-11-EXCLUDED</b>				
<b>FY</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
	\$ 28,793			
		\$ 59,702		
			\$ 85,340	
				\$ 112,512
<b>TOTAL EXCLUDED</b>				\$ 286,347

<b>YEARLY TOTAL</b>	\$ 674,989	\$ 1,399,575	\$ 2,000,593	\$ 2,637,564
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<b>TOTAL COST</b>				\$ 6,712,721
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I hereby certify that heretofore attached is a true and correct copy of Bill No. 2994, which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i at its meeting held on April 22, 2026, by the following vote:

FOR PASSAGE:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL - 7,
AGAINST PASSAGE:	None	TOTAL - 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Lihu'e, Hawai'i  
April 22, 2026



Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa  
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A,  
KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED,  
RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I, STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The Purpose of this Ordinance is to add qualifying requirements of a property to be classified as a Long-Term Affordable Rental.

SECTION 2. Chapter 5A, Section 5A-11A.1, Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, Beneficial Tax Rate for Property Used for Long-Term Affordable Rental and Residential Leases of State-Owned Property, is hereby amended as follows:

“(a) Definitions. As used in this Section:

“Dwelling” means a building or portion thereof designed or used exclusively for residential occupancy and having all necessary facilities for permanent residency such as living, sleeping, cooking, eating, and sanitation.

“Long-term affordable rental” means a dwelling subject to a written lease agreement signed by a qualifying tenant and the owner or the owner’s duly assigned representative with a term of one (1) year or more and at a monthly rent not to exceed the maximum housing cost based on the long-term affordable rental limit for the year in which the owner files his or her application. A qualifying tenant shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall reside at the dwelling subject to the written lease agreement as his or her primary residence.

“Long-term affordable rental limit” means the midpoint of the maximum rental limits for each unit type using between eighty percent (80%) and one hundred percent (100%) of the Kaua'i median household income as defined by the Kaua'i County Housing Agency Rental Housing Guidelines.

“Residential leases of state-owned property” means leases or revocable permits issued by the State of Hawai'i for a residential dwelling occupied as a principal home.

(b) Any owner of real property that is rented or leased as a long-term affordable rental shall receive the Long-Term Affordable Rental tax rate as provided in Section 5A-6.4; provided that all dwellings on the property are long-term affordable rentals or residential leases of state-owned property.

(c) Any owner of real property that is rented or leased as a long-term affordable rental of which their tenant is operating a day care center as a licensed day care provider shall be an allowed activity under this Section and shall receive the Long-Term Affordable Rental tax rate as provided in Section 5A-6.4, provided that the day care center is operated out of the long-term affordable rental dwelling. A day care center operating out of a separate dwelling on the property that is not a long-term affordable rental shall not qualify for the Long-Term Affordable Rental tax rate.

(d) The owner may apply for the beneficial tax rate on a single year or multi-year basis. An owner with a multi-year written lease agreement may apply to receive the beneficial tax rate for each year that the lease agreement is in effect up to a maximum of three (3) years, provided that as applicable to long-term affordable rentals, rent in each year of the lease does not exceed the long term affordable rental limits at the time of application. At the expiration of the multi-year beneficial tax period, the owner may file a new application to receive the beneficial tax rate as long as when applying to a long-term affordable rental property, it adheres to the long term affordable rental requirements at the time of the new application.

(e) The owner shall file his or her application annually in a form prescribed by the Director of Finance by September 30 prior to the tax year beginning July 1 for the beneficial tax rate. The owner shall notify the Director of Finance within thirty (30) calendar days if the property is no longer being rented or leased as a long-term affordable rental or as residential leases of state-owned property due to the sale of the property or conversion to another use. If there is a change in the use as a long-term affordable rental, the beneficial tax rate shall be automatically revoked and all differences in the amount of taxes that should be due for the tax year without the beneficial tax rate shall become due and payable. If the Director is of the view that, for any year the beneficial tax rate should not be allowed, in whole or in part, the Director may, for up to three (3) tax years (current plus two (2) prior), revoke the beneficial tax rate, in whole or in part, and reset the assessment cap, and may add to the assessment list the amount of value involved, in the manner provided by Section 5A-3.4 for the assessment of omitted property.

(f) If the Director obtains documents, photos, reports, or other credible information indicating that a tenant does not occupy the residence as their primary residence or that a tenant resides in a separate residence, this evidence shall serve as prima facia proof that the tenant does not occupy the residence as their primary residence. The Director shall provide written notice to the owner that the property does not qualify for the Long-Term Affordable Rental classification.

(g) If, during the course of any tax year, the Long-Term Affordable Rental classification is revoked, the tax classification shall be reclassified and reassessed, taxes for those years shall be recalculated, and the cap reset, at the same time the Long-Term Affordable Rental classification is disallowed.

[(f)] (h) The Director may adopt rules and prescribe forms.”

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New Ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this Ordinance for inclusion in the Kaua‘i County Code 1987, as amended, the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring shall not be included.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Introduced by: /s/ ARRYL KANESHIRO  
(By Request)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**April 22, 2026**

Lihu‘e, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i

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CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL - 0.

Lihu'e, Hawai'i  
April 22, 2026



Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa  
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 1, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RELATED FEES**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, STATE OF HAWAII:

**SECTION 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the fees related to road test applications in the County's Division of Motor Vehicles and to provide the narrow circumstances under which such fees may be refundable to the applicant.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 17, Article 1 (Fees), Kauai County Code 1987, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 17-1.1.Fees.**

(a) The following fees are established for issuance and renewal of motor vehicle operator licenses and permits:

- (1) Instruction permits: ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (2) Issuance and renewal of operator's license which shall expire on the eighth (8th) birthday of the licensee following the date of issuance of the license in accordance with HRS 286-106: forty dollars (\$40.00).
- (3) Issuance and renewal of operator's license which shall expire on the fourth (4th) birthday of the licensee following the date of issuance of the license in accordance with HRS 286-106: twenty dollars (\$20.00).
- (4) Issuance and renewal of operator's license which shall expire on the second (2nd) birthday of the licensee following the date of issuance of the license in accordance with HRS 286-106: ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (5) Issuance and renewal of operator's license valid for one (1) year shall expire on the first (1st) birthday of the licensee following the date of issuance of the license: five dollars (\$5.00).
- (6) Duplicate license and duplicate instruction permit: ten dollars (\$10.00).

(7) Reinstatement fee for suspended license: sixty dollars (\$60.00).

(8) Clearance or verification letters: ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) [A fee of six dollars (\$6.00) is established for the examination of drivers applying for an operator's license. This fee is not chargeable if the applicant presents evidence of having paid to Kaua'i County the instruction permit fee. In addition, the following fees are established for drivers applying for each step of upgrade in an operator's license:] The following fees are established for each road test given to applicants:

(1) [The following fees are established for each road test given to applicants:] Except for circumstances outlined in Section 1.3 of this Chapter, a non-refundable Booking Fee for category type one, two, or three: ten dollars (\$10.00).

[(A) For category type one, two, or three: ten dollars (\$10.00).]

[(B) For category type four: fifty dollars (\$50.00).]

(2) A non-refundable Booking Fee for category type four and CDL (A, B, and C) charged to applicants at the time of booking a road test appointment and applied as a credit towards the applicant's total test fee when the road test appointment occurs: fifty dollars (\$50.00).

[(2)](3) There shall be established a test fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each written or oral exam taken by applicants, including for electronically administered written or oral exams.

### **Sec. 17-1.2. Collection of Fees.**

All fees collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the County of Kaua'i."

SECTION 3. Chapter 17, Article 1 (Fees), Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, is hereby amended by establishing a new Section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

#### **"Sec. 17-1.3. Refund Policy.**

(a) The Booking Fee will be refunded to the applicant if the applicant cancels the road test appointment more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled appointment.

(b) The Booking Fee will not be refunded if the applicant cancels the road test appointment less than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled road test appointment or fails to appear for a scheduled road test appointment.

(c) The Booking Fee will not be refunded unless the scheduled road test appointment is canceled by the County."

SECTION 4. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 5. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed. New Ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this Ordinance for inclusion in the Kaua'i County Code 1987, as amended, the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring need not be included.

SECTION 6. The Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

Introduced by:



ARRYL KANESHIRO  
(By Request)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**April 22, 2026**

Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawaii

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CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

I hereby certify that heretofore attached is a true and correct copy of Bill No. 2996, which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i at its meeting held on April 22, 2026, by the following vote:

FOR PASSAGE:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, Holland, Kaneshiro, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST PASSAGE:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Lihu'e, Hawai'i  
April 22, 2026



Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa  
County Clerk, County of Kaua'i