SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FLOOR DRAFT:

Bill 35 (2020)
RELATING TO FUNDS.

The PROPOSED FD1 makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 2, specifies that the phrase "occurrence, or imminent threat thereof," means a pandemic or other widespread health crisis for which the Governor of the State of Hawaii has declared a state of emergency.

B. Adds a new SECTION 3 (and renumbers the subsequent sections) to amend ROH Sec. 6-56.4 as follows:
   1. Adds an additional requirement mandating that the monies may only be expended if the governor’s declaration or proclamation of emergency waives the provisions of HRS Sec. 46-45 for any reason; and
   2. Adds new language to require that within 30 days of the expenditure of any monies made pursuant to this subsection, the director of budget and fiscal service shall provide a report to the council detailing the expenditures.
   3. Adds a new subsection (c) to establish that no monies from the reserve for fiscal stability fund may be expended for any costs relating to the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the provisions pertaining to the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund.

SECTION 2. Section 6-56.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6-56.2 Purpose.

The reserve for fiscal stability fund is designated for economic and revenue downturns and emergency situations, and fund monies may be appropriated by ordinance only when one or more of the conditions identified in subdivisions (1), (2), or (3) are met:

(1) Economic Triggers:

(A) The unemployment rate for the City and County of Honolulu increases by more than two percent within three fiscal quarters; or

(B) Total value of net taxable real property declines by two percent or more from the preceding fiscal year.

(2) Revenue Triggers:

(A) General City general fund and highway fund revenues decline by two percent or more from the preceding fiscal year; or

(B) Transient accommodation tax revenues decline by five percent or more from the preceding fiscal year; or

(C) Nondiscretionary city expenditures increase by more than five percent of the preceding fiscal year's revenues.
(3) Emergencies:

(A) The Governor of the State of Hawaii or the President of the United States of America declares that a state of emergency exists within the City and County of Honolulu as a result of a natural disaster or an occurrence, or imminent threat thereof, which results or may likely result in substantial injury or harm to the population in the City and County of Honolulu, or substantial damage to or loss of property of residents of the City and County of Honolulu. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase "occurrence, or imminent threat thereof," means a pandemic or other widespread health crisis for which the Governor of the State of Hawaii has declared a state of emergency; or

(B) Unfunded mandates are enacted by the state or federal government, imposed after the enactment of the City and County of Honolulu's fiscal year budget, and require outlays prior to the start of the subsequent fiscal year."

SECTION 3. Section 6-56.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6-56.4 Expenditures.

(a) All expenditures from the reserve for fiscal stability fund shall be solely to address the conditions set forth in Section 6-56.2.

(b) Notwithstanding the approval requirement in Section 6-56.2, in the event monies need to be expended pursuant to an emergency as described in Section 6-56.2(3)(A), and if the Governor's declaration or proclamation of emergency waives the provisions of HRS Sec. 46-45 for any reason, such monies are deemed appropriated and may be expended without council approval. Within 30 days of the expenditure of any monies made pursuant to this subsection, the director of budget and fiscal service shall provide a report to the council detailing the expenditure.

(c) No monies from the reserve for fiscal stability fund may be expended for any costs relating to the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project."

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be deleted is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the bracketed and stricken material, or the underscoring.
SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:
March 5, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of ______________, 20____.

KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu