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**COUNCIL TO VOTE ON LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE
LOADING ZONE PARKING IN WAIKĪKĪ**

The Honolulu City Council will decide on Bill 38, which establishes a supplemental permit to allow parking in loading zones located within the boundary of a Transportation Management Special Improvement District, such as Waikīkī, and sets new permit fees for island-wide loading zones.

Bill 38 goes before the full Council for its Third Reading this Wednesday, September 4, and the Council meeting begins at 10 a.m.

This measure also authorizes rule-making that includes the adoption of rules capping the number of supplemental permits issued and other provisions relating to loading zones within specific Transportation Management Special Improvement Districts.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, who chairs the Council Transportation Committee, introduced this bill, by request, to improve the process of loading zone management throughout Waikīkī. The City Department of Transportation Services, the nonprofit Waikīkī Transportation Management Association, and tour bus/trolley operators strongly support this legislation.

“This legislation focuses on implementing loading zone management and maximizing the utility and public benefit of these areas,” said Councilmember Elefante. “Thousands of vehicles enter Waikīkī daily, and our residents and visitors deserve transportation, loading and parking efficiency.”

If passed, Bill 38 will also increase the current cost of the annual loading zone permit and decal from \$25 to \$70. The permit fee has not increased since its inception in 1979. Drivers wanting to park in the loading zones in the Waikīkī Special Transportation Management District will also have to pay for a new, supplemental \$130 permit and decal.

The Department of Customer Services will issue the permits and collect the fees. The supplemental permit funds will go directly into the bus transportation fund to help defray the cost of managing and enforcing how drivers use loading zones and bus stops in Waikīkī.

Bill 38 passed Second Reading and public hearing on August 7, 2019. All legislation is subject to change pending the final vote.

For more information on this bill or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: <http://www.honoluluycitycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

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