

## **Proposal C-3**

### **Digest**

This proposed amendment would establish a Honolulu Zoo Fund to deposit at least one-half of one percent of estimated annual real property tax revenues into the Fund to pay for the operation, repair, maintenance, and improvement of the Honolulu Zoo. The money in the Honolulu Zoo Fund would also be used to pay for the acquisition of zoo animals, the salaries of Zoo employees, and debt service owed for capital improvements. The Honolulu Zoo Fund would be established on July 1, 2017, and be automatically repealed on July 1, 2023, if the Honolulu Zoo does not regain its accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

### **Question**

Should a Honolulu Zoo Fund be established and funded from real property taxes to pay for Honolulu Zoo expenses to assist the Honolulu Zoo in regaining its accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Present Situation**

The Honolulu Zoo lost its accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, in part, because the City does not have a consistent source of funding to pay for Honolulu Zoo expenses. Without this accreditation, the Honolulu Zoo will be unable to become a premier zoo and may be unable to replace its existing zoo animals in the future. The Honolulu Zoo is currently working to regain its accreditation but will be unable to do so without a consistent source of funding to pay for Honolulu Zoo expenses.

### **If Proposal Passes**

Beginning July 1, 2017, at least one-half of one percent of estimated annual real property tax revenues for the City and County would be deposited every year in the Honolulu Zoo Fund to pay for Honolulu Zoo expenses, provided that the Fund would be automatically repealed on July 1, 2023, if the Honolulu Zoo does not regain its accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.