



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 22-208, FD1

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST E.M.O. TO RECOVER PUBLICLY OBJECTIONABLE LICENSE PLATES: "FCKBLM".

WHEREAS, the Department of Customer Services ("CSD") of the City and County of Honolulu ("City") is authorized to provide, upon request, special number license plates pursuant to Section 249-9.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the CSD issued license plates with the arrangement of letters "FCKBLM" to Edward M. Odquina ("E.M.O."); and

WHEREAS, the license plates are offensive, publicly objectionable, and have received local and national media attention and criticism; and

WHEREAS, the CSD recalled the publicly objectionable license plates by letter to E.M.O., dated July 6, 2021, and the Department of the Corporation Counsel ("COR") demanded return of the publicly objectionable license plates by letter to E.M.O., dated June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the publicly objectionable license plates have not been returned to the City and the filing of a lawsuit against E.M.O. may be necessary to resolve the issue of retrieving the publicly objectionable license plates; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3.2(b), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, requires that COR obtain the consent and approval of the City Council before bringing legal action against private persons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of the Corporation Counsel is authorized to initiate legal action against Edward M. Odquina to obtain a mandatory injunction or other relief to recover publicly objectionable license plates: "FCKBLM"; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel.

INTRODUCED BY:

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

August 24, 2022
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 08/24/22 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL
AFFAIRS (EMLA)

Title: AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

08/23/22	EMLA	Reported out for adoption. CR-207 7 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS 2 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI
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08/24/22	INTRO	Introduced.
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09/07/22	CCL	Amended to FD1. OCS2022-0697/8/26/2022 2:47 PM 9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS
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09/07/22	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER