



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 22-290

## RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO RELOCATE CITY-OWNED SURF RACKS IN WAIKĪKĪ.

WHEREAS, the Kūhiō Beach Surfboard Lockers ("Lockers") were a City and County of Honolulu ("City") recreational facility where avid surfers, particularly senior citizens and disabled surfers, could store and easily access their surfboards near the ocean for a monthly fee; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, an arsonist set fire to the Lockers, destroying 525 surfboards, five of which were rescue surfboards owned and used by the Ocean Safety Division of the Department of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the City repaired, refurbished, and reopened the Lockers with additional safety features, including a new security camera and a fire sprinkler system; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2021, a devastating second fire was intentionally set to the Lockers which destroyed 575 surfboards and caused \$100,000 in damage to the Lockers and \$250,000 in damage to proximate structures; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, tenants of the Lockers were notified that the City would be permanently removing the fire-damaged Lockers, but were provided no indication as to when the Lockers would be reopened; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2022, the City started the permanent removal of the Lockers and stated that it "will explore options about where to set up new lockers"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") adopted and passed on Third Reading Bill 15 (2022), CD2, FD1, Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, which included a Council-added appropriation of \$100,000 for expenditures to construct, in part, the "Waikiki Surf Racks"; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that surfing is an important Native Hawaiian cultural sport and should be supported in all aspects by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that the Lockers served not just as a storage facility for surfboards, but also as an invaluable de facto community meeting place for the City's surfing community, especially its long-term tenants, many of whom were kūpuna; and



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WHEREAS, the Council further finds that given the important cultural, social, and practical functions that the Lockers served, the City's surfing community deserves and requires newly reconstructed surf racks in Waikīkī located at a site that is both utilitarian and secured; and

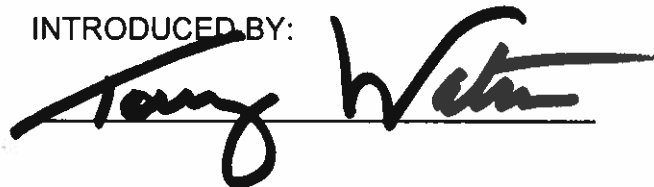
WHEREAS, the Council finally finds that as the Lockers have been destroyed by arson twice over the course of two consecutive years, the City's surfing community would be best served if the Lockers were relocated to a new location; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is encouraged to work cooperatively with community stakeholders to relocate City-owned surf racks in Waikīkī; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is further encouraged to explore whether the formation of a public-private partnership with proximate landowners or hotels would enhance the operation and maintenance of City-owned surf racks in Waikīkī; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Design and Construction, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Enterprise Services, and the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

DEC 14 2022  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 12/14/22 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND  
CULTURE AND THE ARTS (PESCA)

Title: ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO  
RELOCATE CITY-OWNED SURF RACKS IN WAIKĪKĪ.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

12/14/22	INTRO	Introduced.
01/11/23	PESCA	Reported out for adoption.
		CR-10(23)
		4 AYES: CORDERO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA
01/25/23	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

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.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK  
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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER