



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
SAFETY**

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**Voting Members:**  
Val A. Okimoto, Chair  
Augie Tulba, Vice Chair  
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Andria Tupola

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**WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD**

REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Committee on Public Safety was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 1:06 p.m. Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam (voting member), Say (non-voting member), and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting. Councilmember Tupola (voting member) was excused from the meeting.

[1:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

FOR ACTION

[1:08 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-127 – COMMITTEE REPORT 211

APPOINTMENT OF ARNOLD WONG TO THE FIRE COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Arnold Wong to serve on the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[1:11 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:12 p.m.]

Resolution 24-127 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

MM-78 Office of the Mayor  
M-288 Testimony on Resolution 24-127  
M-296 Testimony on Resolution 24-127

[1:12 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 24-161 – COMMITTEE REPORT 215

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (MED). Accepting a gift to the City valued at \$50,000 from Othram Inc. for DNA testing to identify five (5) human remains under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Medical Examiner.

[1:16 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:17 p.m.]

Resolution 24-161 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

D-437 Department of the Medical Examiner

[1:17 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 24-144 – COMMITTEE REPORT 213

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (HPD). Accepting a gift to the City valued at \$3,000 from Spike's K9 Fund for custom fitted K9 ballistic vests for use by the Honolulu Police Department's Specialized Services Division's Canine Unit.

[1:18 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[1:19 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:20 p.m.]

Resolution 24-144 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

D-357 Honolulu Police Department  
M-292 Testimony on Resolution 24-144

[1:20 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 24-146 – COMMITTEE REPORT 214

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (HPD). Accepting a gift to the City valued at \$10,000 from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., for K9 ballistic vests, K9 first-aid kits, and K9 Narcan Kits for use by the Honolulu Police Department's Specialized Services Division and Narcotic/Vice Division Canine Units.

[1:21 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[1:22 p.m.]

Resolution 24-146 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

D-362 Honolulu Police Department  
M-293 Testimony on Resolution 24-146

[1:22 p.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 24-143 – COMMITTEE REPORT 212

RELATING TO GAMBLING ROOMS. Establishing a task force on gambling rooms.

[1:25 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young (Support)

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 1:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

[1:33 p.m.]

Resolution 24-143 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0641/6/25/2024 8:28 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-286 Testimony on Resolution 24-143

[1:34 p.m.]

6. BILL 22 (2024)

RELATING TO THE FIRE CODE. Addressing fireworks use and permitting in the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:34 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Fire Chief Sheldon Kalani Hao from the Honolulu Fire Department to give a brief presentation on Bill 22 (2024). (D-509)

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[2:09 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwok, Chinatown Business and Community Association (General comment)
2. Tina Yamaki, Retail Merchants of Hawaii (M-285) (Support)
3. Tad Trout, TNT Fireworks (M-285) (Support)
4. Valerie Chang, Hawaii COPD Coalition (M-285) (Oppose)
5. Stephanie Kendrick, Hawaiian Humane Society (M-285) (Oppose)
6. Jamie Johnston (M-285) (Support)
7. Natalie Iwasa (M-285) (Support)
8. Korynn Grenert (M-285) (Support)
9. Angela Young (General comment)

[2:11 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[2:31 p.m.]

Action on Bill 22 (2024) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

D-498 Department of the Prosecuting Attorney  
D-507 Honolulu Emergency Services Department  
M-285 Testimony on Bill 22 (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.