



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

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,  
SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH**

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**Voting Members:**

Matt Weyer, Chair  
Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair  
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Val A. Okimoto  
Augie Tulba

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## **WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD**

REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

CITY 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 Housing, Sustainability and Health was called to order by Committee Chair Matt Weyer at 1:11 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Okimoto (voting member) and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam (voting member) was excused from the meeting.

[1:12 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola and Council Chair Waters (non-voting members) entered the Council Chamber.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

FOR ACTION

[1:13 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-194 – COMMITTEE REPORT 268

APPOINTMENT OF DR. LEANNE KEALOHA FOX TO SERVE ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Dr. Leanne Kealoaha Fox to serve on the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

[1:14 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:15 p.m.]

Resolution 24-194 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communication:

MM-129 Office of the Mayor  
M-374 Testimony on Resolution 24-194

[1:15 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 24-198 – COMMITTEE REPORT 269

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Establishing a Homeless Solutions Advisory Committee for purposes of advising the Council on ways and means of ensuring coordinated and collaborative approach to making homelessness in the City rare, brief, and non-recurring.

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[1:18 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)
2. Summer Yadao (Support)

[1:28 p.m.]

Councilmember Say (non-voting member) entered the Council Chamber.

[1:40 p.m.]

Resolution 24-198 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

M-380 Testimony on Resolution 24-198

[1:40 p.m.]

3. BILL 38 (2024), FD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 263

O'AHU WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN. Amending the O'ahu Watershed Management Plan.

[1:48 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:55 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (Support)

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[1:58 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero (non-voting member) entered the Council Chamber.

[2:00 p.m.]

Bill 38 (2024), FD1 amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0797/8/29/2024 8:13 A.M.) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

CC-202	Councilmember Weyer
CC-216	Councilmember Weyer's Proposed Amendments
D-511	Department of Planning and Permitting Draft Bill
D-606	Department of Planning and Permitting Presentation
D-610	Board of Water Supply Testimony
D-616	Department of Planning and Permitting Revised Presentation

[2:01 p.m.]

At this juncture, the Committee Chair took Agenda Item No. 5, Bill 41 (2024), out of order.

[2:01 p.m.]

5. BILL 41 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 265

PUBLIC SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS. Addressing the administration of the public spay and neuter clinic for dogs and cats.

[2:03 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Stephanie Kendrick (M-373) (Support)
2. Angela Melody Young, Rescue of Animal Rights (ROAR) (Support)

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[2:10 p.m.]

Bill 41 (2024) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

M-373 Testimony on Bill 41 (2024)

[2:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:10 p.m.]

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

[2:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[2:10 p.m.]

4. BILL 40 (2024)– COMMITTEE REPORT 264

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL SELF-CERTIFICATION. Amending Ordinance 23-29 by adding solar, energy storage, and energy efficiency projects for multi-family dwellings and commercial buildings to the list of eligible projects for professional self-certification.

[2:12 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Rocky Mould, Hawaii Solar Energy Association (M-372) (Support)
2. Sandie Wong (M-372) (Support)

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[2:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:16 p.m.]

Bill 40 (2024) reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

MM-143 Office of the Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency Testimony  
M-372 Testimony on Bill 40 (2024)

[2:16 p.m.]

6. BILL 46 (2024)

REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the taxation of vacant residential properties in the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:33 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Ellen Carson (M-368) (Support)
2. Suzanne Skjold, Aloha United Way (M-368) (Support)
3. Paula Adams (Support)
4. Kayla Ke'ehu-Alexander (Support)
5. Rocky Mould (Support)
6. Summer Yadao, Ku Pono Ka Leo O Ka 'Aina (M-368) (Support)
7. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)
8. Rebecca Soon (M-368) (Support)
9. Jodie Keaulana (General comment)
10. Kelly Lee (M-368) (Oppose)
11. Levi Brooker (M-368) (Oppose)
12. Susan Le, Hawaii Housing Affordability Coalition (M-368) (Support)

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13. Jim Tree (M-368) (General comment)
14. Stu Simmons (M-368) (Support)
15. Natalie Iwasa (M-368) (Oppose)
16. Virginia Dudden (M-368) (Oppose)
17. Ben Sadoski, Unite Here Local 5 (Support)
18. Tara Rojas (Support)
19. Racquel Achiu (General comment)

[2:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:37 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[3:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[3:20 p.m.]

Councilmember Say exited the Council Chamber.

[3:54 p.m.]

Action on Bill 46 (2024) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

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Related communications:

D-620	Department of Budget and Fiscal Testimony
MM-149	Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency Testimony
MM-151	Office of Housing Testimony
M-367	Testimony on Bill 46 (2024)
M-368	Testimony on Bill 46 (2024)

[3:54 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero and Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[3:54 p.m.]

7. BILL 47 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 266

REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing the taxation of real property.

[3:57 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[3:57 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Racquel Achiu (M-376) (Support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (M-376) (General comment)

[4:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[4:09 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.



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[4:09 p.m.]

Bill 47 (2024) amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0784/8/28/2024 2:13 P.M.) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing and be referred to the Committee on Budget pursuant to its consecutive referral.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communications:

D-618 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services Testimony  
M-376 Testimony on Bill 47 (2024)

[4:10 p.m.]

8. BILL 48 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 267

REAL PROPERTY TAXATION. Addressing Oahu's housing crisis and high cost of rental housing and providing a mechanism to support our local residents through reducing taxation of real property used as a long-term residential rental.

[4:12 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)
2. Linda Howe (M-375) (Support)
3. Natalie Iwasa (M-375) (General comment)
4. Jim Tree (General comment)

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[4:21 p.m.]

Bill 48 (2024) amended to CD1 (OCS2024-0783/8/22/2024 10:59 A.M.) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing and be referred to the Committee on Budget pursuant to its consecutive referral.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO\*, TULBA, WEYER – 4.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

\*Councilmember Okimoto voted ayes with reservation.

Related communications:

D-619 Department of Budget and Fiscal Services Testimony  
M-375 Testimony on Bill 48 (2024)

[4:22 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina and Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[4:22 p.m.]

Committee Chair designated Council Chair Water as a temporary voting member.

#### INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[4:22 p.m.]

9. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY UPDATE ON CRUDE OIL DETECTION AT SHUTTERED 'AIEA WELL.

[4:22 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Ernest Lau, Manager and Chief Engineer at Board of Water Supply to provide a brief presentation of the Crude oil detection at shuttered 'Aiea well to the Committee. (D-615)

[4:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

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[4:44 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young (CARES) (General comment)

[4:45 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[4:45 p.m.]

Committee Chair designated Council Chair Water as a temporary voting member.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.