REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Committee Meeting Held
November 19, 2024

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety, which considered Resolution 24-248 entitled:

"RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN WEST O'AHU,"

introduced on October 3, 2024, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 24-248 is to authorize the use of overt video monitoring in the City and County of Honolulu in West O'ahu.

Acting Captain Marino Carreira of the Honolulu Police Department provided comments on the Resolution, and answered questions from the Committee.

Your Committee received written testimony in support from one individual.

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed hand-carried CD1 version of the Resolution which makes the following amendments:

A. Deletes the seventh WHEREAS clause, which provided an outdated description of the Honolulu Police Department's Wai'anae Substation.

B. Amends the BE IT RESOLVED and first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses by replacing the references to "Mā'ili Beach Park" with "Westside City Parks."

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C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Public Safety is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 24-248, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 24-248, CD1. (Ayes: Dos Santos-Tam, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 4; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto

Committee Chair

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No. **24-248, CD1**

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN WEST O'AHU.

WHEREAS, Section 2-32.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), defines "overt [video] monitoring" as monitoring of which a reasonable person would be aware; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 2-32.1 defines "legitimate law enforce objective" as "[t]he detection, investigation, prevention, or deterrence of crime, protection of a person or property from harm, or the apprehension and prosecution of a suspected criminal or traffic violator"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 2-32.1 defines "legitimate public purpose" as the detection, investigation, prevention, or deterrence of violations of federal, State of Hawai'i, or City and County of Honolulu ("City") regulatory requirements, the evaluation of City programs and operations, the training of City personnel, the investigation of claims involving the City, and other activities supporting public functions; and

WHERAS, ROH Section 2-32.3(a)(6) provides for the use of overt video monitoring of public activity by the City from fixed locations for purposes as designated by the City Council via resolution, following the holding of a public hearing at which members of the public may express their views on the proposed monitoring and the proposed general areas where the monitoring will take place; and

WHEREAS, several tragic and violent events have occurred recently in West O'ahu, causing fear among residents and visitors in the area; and

WHEREAS, the violent events included an attempted murder during the early morning hours of September 6, 2024, at the north end of Mā'ili Beach Park, one of the most beautiful beaches on O'ahu and a popular scenic point; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") is currently dealing with a staffing shortage that impacts the department's ability to have ongoing physical presence of officers at crime "hot spots" to deter crime; and

WHEREAS, the City has a significant interest in deterring crime and providing a safe environment for City residents, visitors, and employees; and

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WHEREAS, the HPD and other City departments are currently utilizing video surveillance cameras and installing additional video surveillance cameras at various locations within the City, including but not limited to Waikīkī, downtown Honolulu, and East O'ahu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby authorizes the Honolulu Police Department and its designees to use overt video monitoring in West O'ahu at Westside City Parks and the Honolulu Police Department Wai'anae Substation in order to achieve the legitimate public purposes and legitimate law enforcement objectives as defined in Section 2-32.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), including the detection and deterrence of criminal activity and ensuring the safety and security of the general public and its property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honolulu Police Department shall submit a report to the Council pursuant to ROH Section 2-32.3(b)(8) for the time period during which overt video monitoring is occurring at Westside City Parks and the Honolulu Police Department Wai'anae Substation, describing the condition of the video monitoring equipment and reporting the latest available statistical data as to criminal activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution will take effect upon the adoption of this resolution and compliance with the notice requirements provided in ROH Sections 2-32.3(b)(5) and 2-32.3(b)(6) and will remain in effect until January 1, 2030, or three years after the Honolulu Police Department or its designees begin overt video monitoring, whichever comes first; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chief of Police, the Legislative Liaison Office of the Honolulu Police Department, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Director of Information Technology.

INTRODUCED BY:

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 3, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Overt Video Monitoring; Honolulu Police Department ("HPD"); HPD Wai'anae Substation; HPD Waianae Substation; West O'ahu; West Oahu; Westside City Parks; Criminal Activity; Crime Prevention; Crime Deterrence

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