HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD 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 9:01 a.m. Councilmembers Tulba (voting member) and Tupola (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[9:04 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam (voting member) entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:04 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-248 – COMMITTEE REPORT 331

OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN WEST O'AHU. Authorizing the use of overt video monitoring in the City and County of Honolulu in West O'ahu.

[9:06 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:07 a.m.]

Resolution 24-248 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

(Note: Later in the meeting, the Committee Chair reconsidered the recommendation to the Resolution at 9:49 a.m. See Page 4)

[9:07 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 24-275 – COMMITTEE REPORT 333

ADDRESSING CRIMINAL STREET GANGS. Urging the Hawai‘i State Legislature to adopt legislation that would address criminal street gangs.

[9:08 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

[9:12 a.m.]

Resolution 24-275 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-522 Testimony on Resolution 24-275

[9:12 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 24-276 – COMMITTEE REPORT 334

EDWARD MEMORIAL BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. Authorizing the Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department to apply for and to enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, for funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2024 local solicitation.

[9:15 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:16 a.m.]

Resolution 24-276 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-784 Honolulu Police Department

[9:16 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 24-272 – COMMITTEE REPORT 332

TASK FORCE ON INTEGRATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM INTO THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT. Requesting the City Administration to establish a task force to explore the integration of the Emergency Medical Services Program into the Honolulu Fire Department.

[9:20 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Aaron Lechanko, Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (M-523) (Support)
2. Edward Fujioka (M-523) (Support)
3. Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

[9:41 a.m.]

Resolution 24-272 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-523 Testimony on Resolution 24-272

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

[9:49 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola moved to reconsider action on Resolution 24-248. Seconded by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam.

[9:49 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 24-248 – COMMITTEE REPORT 331

OVERT VIDEO MONITORING IN WEST O‘AHU. Authorizing the use of overt video monitoring in the City and County of Honolulu in West O‘ahu.

[9:49 a.m.]

The Committee Chair recommended that Resolution 24-248 be amended to the hand-carried CD1 (OCS2024-1002/11/18/2024 9:29 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-521 Testimony on Resolution 24-248

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

[9:50 a.m.]

5. BILL 55 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 330

RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 STATE FIRE CODE. Adopting the 2021 State Fire Code as adopted by the State of Hawai‘i on January 20, 2023, subject to certain amendments that shall apply to the City.

[10:01 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

[10:03 a.m.]

Bill 55 (2024), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2024-0994/11/13/2024 12:53 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 4.
NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.