COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

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

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD 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 2:33 p.m. Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam (voting member), Kia'āina (voting member), and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[2:35 p.m.]

1. STUDENTS FROM HOLOMUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THEIR RESEARCH ON OCEAN ACIDIFICATION.

[2:35 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon the students from Holomua Elementary School to provide a brief presentation of their Research on Ocean Acidification. (M-544)

[2:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:50 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)
2. Ari Patz (General comment)

At this juncture, the Committee Chair took Agenda Item No. 3, Bill 59 (2024), out of order.

FOR ACTION

[2:53 p.m.]

3. BILL 59 (2024) – COMMITTEE REPORT 349

RELATING TO PLASTIC. Addressing certain single-use plastic containers.

[2:57 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Gavan Abe, (State of Hawai‘i, Department of Human Services (M-526) (General comment)
2. David Thorp, American Beverage Association (M-526) (General comment)
3. Arleen Velasco, Surfrider Foundation of Oahu (Support)
4. Ari Patz, Sustainable Island Products (General comment)
5. Donald Sakamoto (M-526) (General comment)
6. Mike Foley (M-526) (General comment)
7. Angela Melody young, CARES (General comment)

[3:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Say entered the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Bill 59 (2024) amended to a CD1 (OCS2024-1027/11/22/2024 2:43 PM).

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Bill 59 (2024), CD1 reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO*, WEYER – 3.
NOES: KIAʻĀINA, TULBA – 2.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-526 Testimony on Bill 59 (2024)

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

[3:20 p.m.]

2. BILL 51 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 348

ADAPTIVE REUSE. Amending the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu to safely and sustainably increase the supply of housing by allowing for the adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings.

[3:29 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Bryan Mick, Disability and Communication Access Board (M-531) (General comment)
2. Malia Hill, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (M-531) (Support)
3. Evan Oue, NAIOP Hawaii (M-531) (Support)

[3:39 p.m.]

Bill 51 (2024), CD1 amended to CD2 (OCS2024-1017/11/19/2024 12:43 PM) and reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-531 Testimony on Bill 51 (2024)

Agenda Item No. 3, Bill 59 (2024), was taken up earlier in the meeting. (See page 2)

[3:40 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 24-261 – COMMITTEE REPORT 350

APPOINTMENT OF KEHAULANI PUʻU TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. Relating to the appointment of Kehaulani Puʻu to serve on the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

[3:43 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[3:44 p.m.]

Resolution 24-261 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-187 Office of the Mayor
D-796 Board of Water Supply

[3:45 p.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 24-274 – COMMITTEE REPORT 351

TAKING ACTION ON THE HOUSING CRISIS AND HOMELESSNESS PRIOR TO THE 2028 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES. Urging the Governor and City Administration to take action on the housing crisis and homelessness prior to the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

[3:49 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[4:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[4:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[4:04 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[4:05 p.m.]

Resolution 24-274 reported out for adoption.

AYES: DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-538 Testimony on Resolution 24-274

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

6. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S HOUSING PLAN

This item was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.