



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

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
SAFETY & CUSTOMER
SERVICES**

Voting Members:

Val A. Okimoto, Chair
Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto
Augie Tulba
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 1:04 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member) and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:07 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-40 – COMMITTEE REPORT 59

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (HPD). Accepting a gift of \$14,000 to the City from The Deputies to be used for the Honolulu Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Program.

[1:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

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[1:08 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:10 p.m.]

Resolution 25-40 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-38 Honolulu Police Department

[1:10 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-28 – COMMITTEE REPORT 57

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (HFD). Accepting a gift of \$8,000 to the City from The Deputies to be used to fund the Honolulu Fire Department's Scholarship Program.

[1:11 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[1:11 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:11 p.m.]

Resolution 25-28 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-13 Honolulu Fire Department

[1:12 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-47 – COMMITTEE REPORT 60

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (HFD). Accepting a gift of \$16,400 to the City from the Honolulu Firefighters Foundation to be used to fund various Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) events, such as Fire Fighter Recruit class graduations, HFD Family Day, etc.

[1:14 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:14 p.m.]

Resolution 25-47 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-89 Honolulu Fire Department

[1:14 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-30 – COMMITTEE REPORT 58

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. Urging the Honolulu Police Department and the Hawai'i State Department of Education to enter into an agreement to assign school resource officers to public high schools, including the West O'ahu campuses of Campbell, Kapolei, Nānākuli, and Wai'anae High Schools.

[1:16 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Angela Young, CARES (M-66) (Support)
2. Paul Aio, Nānākuli- Mā'ili Neighborhood Board No. 36 (D-105) (Support)
3. Christina Everett, Project Nehemiah Hawaii (M-66) (Support)

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[1:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:30 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:31 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered and Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[1:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:33 p.m.]

Councilmembers Nishimoto and Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[1:39 p.m.]

Resolution 25-30 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-105 Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board # 36 and Paul Aio
M-66 Testimony on Resolution 25-30

[1:40 p.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 25-17 – COMMITTEE REPORT 56

NOMINATION OF MASAHIKO KOBAYASHI, M.D., PH.D., AS THE MEDICAL EXAMINER. Confirming the nomination of Masahiko Kobayashi, M.D., Ph.D., to serve as the Medical Examiner of the City and County of Honolulu.

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[1:43 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[1:47 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:49 p.m.]

Councilmembers Cordero and Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:50 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:51 p.m.]

Resolution 25-17 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

[1:51 p.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 25-9 – COMMITTEE REPORT 55

NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY M. HASHIRO AS DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES. Confirming the nomination of Kimberly M. Hashiro to serve as the Director of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:15 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[2:16 p.m.]

Resolution 25-9 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0111/2/4/2025 9:46 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

[2:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:17 p.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 25-11

NOMINATION OF JAMES H. E. IRELAND, M.D., AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. Confirming the nomination of James H. E. Ireland, M.D., to serve as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:23 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Laurie Grace (M-81) (Oppose)
2. Jonathan Lee (M-81) (Oppose)
3. Eddie Fujioka (M-81) (Oppose)
4. Christopher Sloman (M-81) (General comment)
5. Tim Garry (General comment)

[2:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[2:25 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[2:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:33 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:38 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:42 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:50 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:51 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:52 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

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[2:53 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:56 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[3:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Action on Resolution 25-11 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

M-81 Testimony on Resolution 25-11

[3:18 p.m.]

At this juncture, Committee Chair Okimoto announced that due to the time constraints of this Committee, the Chair is postponing Bills 5 (2025), 7 (2025), and 8 (2025) on the Agenda to a date and time to be determined by the Chair.

8. BILL 5 (2025)

RELATING TO ANIMAL RECOVERY. Addressing farm animal control by repealing the current Article 4 (“Poundmasters”) in Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 and adding a new Article 4 (“Farm Animal Control Contractor”).

9. BILL 8 (2025)

RELATING TO ANIMAL NUISANCES. Amending and modifying provisions in Chapter 12, Article 2 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 relating to animal nuisances.

Related communication:

M-84 Testimony on Bill 8 (2025)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

10. BILL 7 (2025)

RELATING TO THE FIRE CODE. Addressing fireworks use and violations in the City and County of Honolulu by amending Section 20-6.9 (b) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (“Penalty”).

Related communications:

D-127 Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
M-67 Testimony on Bill 7 (2025)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.