

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Voting Members:

Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair; Matt Weyer, Vice Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Esther Kia'āina,
Val Okimoto, Augie Tulba, Andria Tupola, Tommy Waters

Committee Meeting Held
March 5, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on International & Legal Affairs, to which was referred the review and evaluation of the Youth Commission pursuant to Ordinance 24-20 (codified as ROH Chapter 3, Article 15), reports as follows:

The purpose of the review and evaluation is to determine whether the Charter provision(s) establishing the commission should be retained, amended, or repealed. Charter Section 13-103.2 implements Ordinance 24-20, which mandates the periodic review and evaluation of certain City boards and commissions as provided by ordinance.

The Youth Commission was established by Charter Section 6-108 and has the following powers, duties, and functions:

- Advise the Council and Mayor on the effects of policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs and budgets concerning the children and youth of the city;
- Express the policy priorities of the children and youth of the city.
- Respond to requests for comment and recommendation on matters referred to the commission by the Council, the Mayor, and any officers, agencies including semi-autonomous agencies, and executive and legislative branch advisory committees of the City.

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The Commission consists of 15 members, each of whom is between the ages of 14 to 24 years at the time of appointment for staggered terms of two years.

By Mayor's Message 15, dated January 31, 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a report on its accomplishments and activities, as required by Ordinance 24-20 (ROH Section 3-15.4).

A representative of the Managing Director's Office was present at the March 5, 2025 Committee on International & Legal Affairs meeting to answer questions from the Committee.

Your Committee, after due consideration, makes the following findings:

The purpose of the review and evaluation is to determine whether the ordinance establishing the Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed. Section 13-103.2, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), mandates the periodic review and evaluation of certain City boards and commissions as provided by ordinance.

The Youth Commission was formed pursuant Charter Section 6-108 for the purpose of advising the Council and the Mayor on the effects of policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of the City.

By Mayor's Message 15 (2025), dated January 31, 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a report as required by ROH 3-15.4. The report recommended no changes at this time.

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Based on the foregoing, your Committee recommends that the Commission be retained in its current form, without change, amendment, or repeal.

Your Committee on International & Legal Affairs recommends that this Committee Report be scheduled for a public hearing and be adopted by the Council as the Council's determination on the review and evaluation of the Youth Commission. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer – 6; Noes: None; Absent: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Waters – 3.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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