



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
& CUSTOMER SERVICES**

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
1:00 P.M.

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FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-60 – ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT (DEM)**. Accepting a gift to the City of lunch and dinner meals from The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands, valued at \$1,074.30, provided to the participants at the Department of Emergency Management’s Emergency Operations Center during the January 30, 2025 storm response. (Transmitted by Communication D-96)

2. **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”). (Bill passed first reading 1/29/25)

PROPOSED CD1 TO BILL 7 (2025) (Submitted by Councilmember Kia’āina) – The CD1 (OCS2025-0160/2/27/2025 3:08 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In SECTION 1 of the bill, amends the last sentence of the Council findings to provide that in order to break the cycle (of fireworks violators rarely being brought to justice), penalties for the illegal use of fireworks must be aligned between State and City laws, and among all applicable enforcement agencies.

- B. Adds a new SECTION 2 of the bill to amend ROH § 20-6.1 to:
 1. Repeal the definitions of "Consignee", "Consignment", "Place of Entertainment", "Sporting Event", and "Theatrical Production.

 2. Amend the following:
 - a. The definition of "Aerial Device" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2;

 - b. The definition of "Articles Pyrotechnic" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2;

 - c. The definition of "Consumer Fireworks" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2;

 - d. The definition of "Display Fireworks" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2;

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- e. The definition of "Fireworks" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2; and
- f. The definition of "Pyrotechnic Composition" or "Pyrotechnic Contents" to mean the same as defined in HRS § 132D-2.

Renumbers subsequent bill SECTIONS.

- C. In renumbered SECTION 3 of the bill, amends ROH § 20-6.9, relating to penalties (instead of only amending ROH § 20-6.9(b)), to:
 - 1. Amend subsection (a) to provide that any person convicted of violating the prohibitions under § 20-6.2(1), relating to consumer fireworks, shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.
 - 2. Replace subsection (b) with a new subsection (b) to provide that any person violating prohibitions under § 20-6.2(2), relating to aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic, or display fireworks, shall be subject to penalties pursuant to HRS § 132D-14, as may be amended or superseded.
 - 3. Add a new subsection (c) to provide that any person violating prohibitions under § 20-6.2(3), relating to importing, storing, selling, keeping, offering for sale, or exposing for sale any fireworks without a license, shall be subject to penalties pursuant to HRS § 132D-14, as may be amended or superseded.
 - 4. Add a new subsection (d) to provide that any person violating prohibitions relating to the purchase and use of any fireworks without a permit shall be subject to penalties pursuant to HRS § 132D-14, as may be amended or superseded.
 - 5. Add a new subsection (e) to provide that any person violating prohibitions under § 20-6.7, relating to violations involving minors, shall be subject to penalties pursuant to HRS § 132D-14, as may be amended or superseded. Re-letters the subsequent subsection.

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6. Amend renumbered subsection (f) to provide that if a person is licensed to import, store, or sell (instead of only sell) fireworks, in addition to the foregoing penalties, the fire chief (instead of the court) may revoke or suspend the license. No license may be issued to any person whose license has been revoked or suspended until the expiration of two years after the revocation or suspension. (The fire chief has the authority to issue licenses to import, store, or sell fireworks.)
 - D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.
3. **BILL 11 (2025) – RELATING TO ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES.** Providing for the strict regulation of electronic amusement devices to protect public health, safety, and welfare by adding a new article to Chapter 34 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (“Regulation of Businesses”). (Consecutive referral: PS, BUD; Bill passed first reading 2/26/25)
 4. **BILL 12 (2025) – RELATING TO GAMBLING.** Addressing public nuisances relating to gambling activities throughout the City and County of Honolulu by adding a new article to Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (“Public Health and Safety”). (Consecutive referral: PS, BUD; Bill passed first reading 2/26/25)
 5. **BILL 13 (2025) – RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY.** Addressing private real property subject to a lease, rental agreement, or HRS Chapter 521, Relating to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code by adding a new article to Chapter 41 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (“Public Health and Safety”). (Consecutive referral: PS, ILA; Bill passed first reading 2/26/25)

6. **RESOLUTION 25-42 – UNLAWFUL GAMBLING ROOM PREVENTION AND REPORTING PROGRAMS.** Urging the City Administration to provide unlawful gambling room prevention and reporting programs as detailed in the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Committee may consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

VAL A. OKIMOTO, Chair
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