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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 17, 2025

TO: Kiana Pascual  
Clerk, Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation

FROM: Councilmember Esther Kia'āina *ek*

SUBJECT: Kia'āina Proposed Amendments to Bill 24 (2024), relating to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan, for the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation Meeting on April 2, 2025

Attached for consideration by the Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation at its meeting on April 2, 2024, are my proposed amendments to Bill 24 (2024), relating to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan.

Attachments (1):

Amendment Form, Bill 24 (2024), CD1, Relating to the Primary Urban Center Development Plan

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**AMENDMENT FORM**  
**Bill 24 (2024), CD1**  
**PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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|----------|----------------|--|----------|--|---|--|
| 1        | PUC DP         | Chapter 7 – Healthy Communities<br>Goal HC-3<br>Policy HC-3.3          | 237      | Amend Priority Action Two                          | <p><del><b>Establish Resilience Hubs.</b> Support establishment of Resilience Hubs defined by and for local communities that can support local resident needs and coordinate resource distribution and services during disaster response and recovery. Resilience hubs can also provide other services and community benefits year-round.</del></p> <p><b>Increase Partnerhips with Community Organizations.</b> <u>Building the capacity of established service providers to deliver preparedness programs and cultivate local resilience networks in the communities they already serve will expand and diversify the reach of existing programs, particularly to vulnerable populations. Increasing collaboration with community organizations on preparedness efforts will result in strong partnerships that can also be leveraged during disaster response to help identify local resident needs and coordinate resources during response and recovery.</u></p> <p>Partners: Community groups, CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), Neighborhood Boards, OCCSR, DEM, EMS, HFD, HESD.</p>  | DPP recommendation to coordinate DEM and State efforts regarding ground disaster responses.<br>See D-758 (2024).             |
| 2        | PUC DP         | Chapter 11 – Civic Facilities + Services<br>Goal PS-2<br>Policy PS-2.1 | 328      | Amend call out box text relating to Wildland Fires | <p><b>Wildland Fires</b></p> <p>The devastating effects of the August 2023 wildfire on Maui that swept through Lahaina town has been a painful collective loss for Hawai'i. It has also been a collective shock that has mobilized action and increased awareness of the wildfire dangers throughout the state, exacerbated by increasing heat, drought, and extreme weather patterns. While wildfire risk may not be the first thing one thinks of in an urbanized area like the PUC, there are many regional neighborhoods that border upon vegetated natural areas in our ridges and in our valleys. In addition, in a densely urban area, fires of any cause may quickly spread from structure to structure given the right conditions. That is why it is important that the City's emergency management agencies, elected officials, community groups, and concerned citizens join together to take steps in increasing fire safety by raising awareness, training, and preparedness. <del>[In August 2023, Honolulu's Mayor Blangiardi ordered a review of O'ahu's fire risk, assets and capabilities, and needs for the ongoing task of fire preparedness.]</del></p> <p><u>The Honolulu Fire Department is updating the risk status for wildland fires on O'ahu and will be using these findings in future Community Wildfire Protection Plans. This effort will include assessments from other agencies and community partners, such as issues faced by Hawaiian Electric Company, and working with the Board of Water Supply on infrastructure needs in the wildland-urban interface.</u></p> | DPP recommendation to provide more detail on steps taken by the City to increase preparedness planning.<br>See D-758 (2024). |