



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, MARCH 6, 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 1:02 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member) and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[1:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:05 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-60 – COMMITTEE REPORT 94

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.

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[1:06 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:07 p.m.]

Resolution 25-60 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-96 Department of Emergency Management

[1:07 p.m.]

2. BILL 7 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 90

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”).

[1:17 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:18 p.m.]

Bill 7 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0160/2/27/2025 3:08 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

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

Related communication:

M-134 Testimony on Bill 7 (2025)

[1:18 p.m.]

3. BILL 11 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 91

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”).

[1:20 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:25 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:25 p.m.]

Bill 11 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0204/3/6/2025 12:47 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing, and be referred to the Committee on Budget pursuant to its consecutive referral.

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

[1:26 p.m.]

4. BILL 12 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 92

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”).

[1:34 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (General comment)

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[1:36 p.m.]

Bill 12 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0203/3/6/2025 12:26 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing, and be referred to the Committee on Budget pursuant to its consecutive referral.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TULBA, WEYER – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: NISHIMOTO – 1.

[1:36 p.m.]

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”).

[1:41 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:42 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[1:42 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Natalie Iwasa (M-144) (Oppose)

[1:47 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[1:50 p.m.]

Action on Bill 13 (2025) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-144 Testimony on Bill 13 (2025)

[1:51 p.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 25-42 – COMMITTEE REPORT 93

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.

[1:55 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:56 p.m.]

Resolution 25-42 reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.