REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & CUSTOMER SERVICES

Voting Members:
Val A. Okimoto, Chair; Esther Kia'āina, Vice-Chair;
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Augie Tulba, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
April 3, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services, which considered Resolution 25-11 entitled:

"RESOLUTION 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,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 1 (2025), dated January 2, 2025, from the Office of the Mayor and introduced on January 6, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 25-11 is to confirm the nomination of James H.E. Ireland, M.D., to serve as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Dr. James Ireland, Director-Designate of Emergency Services, provided comments and answered questions from the Committee.

A public hearing on the nomination was held on January 29, 2025.

At its meeting on February 13, 2025, your Committee postponed action on the Resolution in part due to the concerns and opposition as stated through oral and written public testimony.

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At your Committee's meeting on April 3, 2025, Governor Josh Green, M.D., and four individuals testified in support of, and three individuals testified in opposition to the Resolution.

Written testimony in support of the Resolution was received from the State Department of Law Enforcement, the State Department of Human Services, the Hawai'i Medical Service Association (HMSA), the Hawai'i High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association, Ko Olina Community Association, Inc., Ko Olina Resort Operators Association, Inc., Adventist Health Castle, Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, and 196 individuals. Written testimony in opposition was received from 19 individuals.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications and character of Dr. James Ireland and finds that he meets the requirements to serve as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-11 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Tulba, Weyer – 4; Ayes with reservations: Okimoto – 1; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Oki

Committee Chair

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