# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

*KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU*

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 38 (2025)

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO OCEAN SAFETY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to make conforming changes to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 to reflect the transfer of the extended lifeguard services program from the department of emergency services to the department of ocean safety.

SECTION 2. The title of Chapter 2, Article 9, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"***ARTICLE 9: DEPARTMENT OF [~~EMERGENCY SERVICES~~] OCEAN SAFETY***"

SECTION 3. Section 2-9.1 ("Extended lifeguard services program"), is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) [*~~Director of emergency services~~*] *Chief of ocean safety to develop extended lifeguard services program*. The [~~director of emergency services~~] chief of ocean safety shall undertake and develop an extended lifeguard services program that provides for lifeguard personnel during all daytime hours, as provided in § 2-9.2."

SECTION 4. Section 2-9.2 is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 2-9.2 Additional powers, duties, and functions of the [~~director of emergency services~~] chief of ocean safety.**

(a) The [~~director of emergency services~~] chief of ocean safety shall establish a program that provides for extended lifeguard services that [~~shall~~] must encompass all daytime hours, from dawn to dusk.

(b) The extended lifeguard services [~~shall~~] will apply to emergencies arising on the beach and in the near shore waters of the city.

~~[(c) The director of emergency services shall formalize a long-term plan to implement this program for extended lifeguard services within nine months of the effective date of this article, and provide this plan to the Council by January 1, 2021.~~

~~(d) The director of emergency services shall begin implementation of this program for extended lifeguard services no later than July 1, 2021.~~]"

SECTION 5. Section 2-41.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 2-41.2 Administration.**

Appointment of and service by city lifeguards as enforcement officers under this article shall be governed by applicable rules of the State department of transportation, the department of [~~parks and recreation,~~] ocean safety, and all other applicable laws, including the provisions of Chapter 1, Article 8."

SECTION 6. Section 2-41.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 2-41.3 Rules.**

Subject to HRS Chapter 91, the [~~director of parks and recreation~~] chief of ocean safety shall adopt rules having the force and effect of law for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this article."

SECTION 7. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 8. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

**Report Title:**
Ocean Safety; Department of Ocean Safety ("OSD" or "HOSD"); Department of Emergency Services ("EMS" or "HESD"), Extended Lifeguard Services Program

**Description:**

Makes conforming amendments to effectuate the transfer of the extended lifeguard services program from the Department of Emergency Services to the Department of Ocean Safety.

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