



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, APRIL 3, 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 1:04 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member) and Weyer (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[1:06 p.m.]

At this juncture, the Committee Chair announced that Agenda Item No. 3, Bill 7 (2025), CD1, was cancelled and would not be considered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:06 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-76 – COMMITTEE REPORT 138

AGENCY-SPECIFIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER. Authorizing the adoption of the Agency-Specific Records Retention Schedule for the Department of the Medical Examiner of the City and County of Honolulu.

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[1:09 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:09 p.m.]

Resolution 25-76 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0271/3/28/2025 10:30 AM) and reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

D-148 Department of the Medical Examiner

[1:10 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-11 – COMMITTEE REPORT 137

NOMINATION OF JAMES H.E. IRELAND, M.D. AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. Confirming the nomination of James H.E. Ireland, M.D., to serve as the Director of the Department of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:24 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Laurie Grace (Oppose)
2. Speedy Bailey (M-188) (Support)
3. Sonya Austin (Support)
4. Governor Josh Green, State of Hawai'i (Support)
5. Dr. Scott Miscovich (M-198) (Support)
6. Edward Fujioka (M-198) (Oppose)
7. Larry McElheny (M-198) (Support)
8. Chris Sloman (M-198) (Oppose)

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[1:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:46 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:51 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:06 p.m.]

Resolution 25-11 reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

MM-1	Office of the Mayor
M-188	Testimony on Resolution 25-11
M-198	Testimony on Resolution 25-11

[2:06 p.m.]

3. BILL 7 (2025), CD1

RELATING TO THE FIRE CODE. Addressing fireworks use and violations in the City and County of Honolulu by amending the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu.

This item was cancelled.

[2:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:07 p.m.]

4. BILL 13 (2025) – COMMITTEE REPORT 136

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.

[2:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:08 p.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina and Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:14 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:16 p.m.]

Bill 13 (2025) amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0237/3/27/2025 12:36 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing, and be referred to the Committee on International & Legal Affairs pursuant to its consecutive referral.

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

NOES: None.

[2:17 p.m.]

5. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE HONOLULU FIRE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services will review and evaluate the Honolulu Fire Commission and make recommendations to the Council on whether the ordinance establishing the Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed.

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[2:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[2:20 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:21 p.m.]

Action on the matter postponed to the next scheduled Committee on Public Safety & Customer Services meeting.

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

Related communication:

D-77 Honolulu Fire Commission

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.