



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Voting Members:

Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Esther Kia'aina
Val A. Okimoto
Augie Tulba
Andria Tupola
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 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 International & Legal Affairs was called to order by Committee Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto at 1:03 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'aina, Tulba, and Weyer were present at the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

[1:04 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:07 p.m.]

1. BILL 13 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 166

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.

[1:07 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:21 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the meeting via videoconference.

[1:23 p.m.]

Bill 13 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

Related communication:

M-259 Testimony on Bill 13 (2025)

[1:23 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-104 – COMMITTEE REPORT 168

APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH FUKUNAGA TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Kenneth Fukunaga to the Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2029.

[1:27 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[1:28 p.m.]

Resolution 25-104 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-52 Office of the Mayor
MM-70 Managing Director

3. RESOLUTION 25-99

APPOINTMENT OF LINDA MARTELL TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Linda Martell to the Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2029.

This item was cancelled.

[1:29 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-63 – COMMITTEE REPORT 167

RENAMING SAND ISLAND TO MAULIOLA. Urging the Hawai'i State Board on Geographic Names to rename Sand Island to Mauiola.

[1:29 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Rhonda Burk, Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (Support)

[1:35 p.m.]

Resolution 25-63 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-256 Testimony on Resolution 25-63

[1:35 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before convening into Executive Session, Committee Chair Nishimoto took up the items for Executive Session individually to allow for oral public testimony on each item.

[1:35 p.m.]

5. Request for authorization to settle claims for Temporary Hazard Pay for the period from March 5, 2020 through March 5, 2022 for affected employees and members of the Hawai'i Government Employees Association who performed essential government functions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[1:35 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Andrew Fukuda, Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (Support)
2. Michael Hadlock, HFFA Local 1463 (Support)

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[1:37 p.m.]

6. Resolution Authorizing a Civil Action to Take Possession of 3808 Paki Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815.

[1:37 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:38 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[1:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:39 p.m.]

7. Resolution Authorizing a Civil Action to Take Possession of 48-389 Kamehameha Highway, Kāneohe, Hawai'i 96744.

[1:40 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:40 p.m.]

8. Request for Authorization to Initiate Foreclosure Action Against the Revocable Living Trust of Diana Tsui Hung Lee and Diane Tsui Hung Lee to Collect Civil Fines.

[1:40 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[1:40 p.m.]

9. Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Joseph Nolan

[1:40 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:40 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:40 p.m.]

10. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Ross Tanimoto v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000335 SRN (Cir. Ct.)

[1:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:41 p.m.]

11. Request for authorization to settle a case against the Honolulu Liquor Commission in Waite v. Honolulu Liquor Commission, et al.; 23-cv-00356 MWJS-RT

[1:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:41 p.m.]

12. Request for authorization to settle Steven A. Hyer v. City and County of Honolulu et al.; Civil No. CV19-00586 HG-RT

[1:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[1:41 p.m.]

13. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Genora Dancel v. City and County of Honolulu; Civ. No. 17-1-0864-05 (LWC) (Cir. Ct.)

[1:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:42 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

At 1:43 p.m., with no objections from the nine members present (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola [via videoconference], Waters, Weyer – 9), the Committee resolved into a closed meeting pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), to consult with the attorneys for the Council's Committee on International & Legal Affairs on questions and issues pertaining to claims and other matters on the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities.

MEETING RESUMED IN OPEN SESSION

With seven members present (Cordero, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 3:03 p.m.

[3:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[3:04 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE REPORT 172

Request for authorization to settle claims for Temporary Hazard Pay for the period from March 5, 2020 through March 5, 2022 for affected employees and members of the Hawai'i Government Employees Association who performed essential government functions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[3:05 p.m.]

Committee Report 172 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:05 p.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 25-134 – COMMITTEE REPORT 170

Resolution Authorizing a Civil Action to Take Possession of 3808 Paki Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815.

[3:05 p.m.]

Resolution 25-134 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:05 p.m.]

7. RESOLUTION 25-133 – COMMITTEE REPORT 169

Resolution Authorizing a Civil Action to Take Possession of 48-389 Kamehameha Highway, Kāneohe, Hawai'i 96744.

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[3:05 p.m.]

Resolution 25-133 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:05 p.m.]

8. RESOLUTION 25-135 – COMMITTEE REPORT 171

Request for Authorization to Initiate Foreclosure Action Against the Revocable Living Trust of Diana Tsui Hung Lee and Diane Tsui Hung Lee to Collect Civil Fines.

[3:05 p.m.]

Resolution 25-135 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:06 p.m.]

9. COMMITTEE REPORT 173

Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Joseph Nolan.

[3:06 p.m.]

Committee Report 173 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:06 p.m.]

10. COMMITTEE REPORT 174

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Ross Tanimoto v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000335 SRN (Cir. Ct.).

[3:06 p.m.]

Committee Report 174 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:06 p.m.]

11. COMMITTEE REPORT 175

Request for authorization to settle a case against the Honolulu Liquor Commission in Waite v. Honolulu Liquor Commission, et al.; 23-cv-00356 MWJS-RT.

[3:06 p.m.]

Committee Report 175 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:06 p.m.]

12. COMMITTEE REPORT 176

Request for authorization to settle Steven A. Hyer v. City and County of Honolulu et al.; Civil No. CV19-00586 HG-RT

[3:07 p.m.]

Committee Report 176 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS, WEYER – 7.
NOES: OKIMOTO – 1.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:07 p.m.]

13. COMMITTEE REPORT 177

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Genora Dancel v. City and County of Honolulu; Civ. No. 17-1-0864-05 (LWC) (Cir. Ct.).

[3:07 p.m.]

Committee Report 177 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

[3:07 p.m.]

At this juncture, Committee Chair Nishimoto returned to Agenda Item No. 12, Request for authorization to settle Steven A. Hyer v. City and County of Honolulu et al.; Civil No. CV19-00586 HG-RT, to conduct a roll call vote.

[3:07 p.m.]

12. COMMITTEE REPORT 176

Request for authorization to settle Steven A. Hyer v. City and County of Honolulu et al.; Civil No. CV19-00586 HG-RT

[3:08 p.m.]

Committee Report 176 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA,
WATERS, WEYER – 7.

NOES: OKIMOTO – 1.

ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Agenda Item No. 13, Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Genora Dancel v. City and County of Honolulu; Civ. No. 17-1-0864-05 (LWC) (Cir. Ct.), was taken up earlier in the meeting. (See Page 11)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.