REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

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

Committee Meeting Held
July 24, 2025

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 25-179 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE OCEAN SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 96, dated June 23, 2025, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on June 23, 2025, and was the subject of a public hearing at the July 9, 2025 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the appointments of Dr. Richard Kebo, Racquel Achiu, Steven Jenness, Kanani Oury, and William Pratt to serve on the Ocean Safety Commission.

The appointees, Dr. Richard Kebo, Racquel Achiu, Steven Jenness, Kanani Oury, and William Pratt, expressed their willingness to serve on the Ocean Safety Commission, provided comments, and answered questions from the committee.

Mayor Rick Blangiardi testified in support of the measure and the appointees.

ADOPTED ON AUG 6 2025

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 256

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Your Committee considered and approved a proposed hand-carried CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, amends the reference to the "Mayor's letter" to specify the letter is Mayor's Message 96 (2025), and to list the correct date of that letter as June 23, 2025.

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-179, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 25-179, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero [temporary voting member], Okimoto, Tulba – 3; Noes: None; Absent: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Tupola – 3.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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No. **25-179, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES TO SERVE ON THE OCEAN SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-2005, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes an Ocean Safety Commission of five members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-2006 sets forth that the Ocean Safety Commission shall:

1. Adopt rules necessary for the conduct of its business and review rules for the administration of the department of ocean safety;

2. Review the annual budget prepared by the ocean safety chief and make recommendations thereon to the mayor and the council;

3. Review the department's operations, as deemed necessary, for the purpose of recommending improvements to the ocean safety chief;

4. Evaluate at least annually the performance of the ocean safety chief and submit a report on the evaluation to the mayor and the council;

5. Hear complaints of citizens concerning the department or its personnel and, if deemed necessary, make recommendations to the ocean safety chief on appropriate corrective actions; and

6. Submit an annual report to the mayor and the council on its activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, the members of the commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") and serve for staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, via Mayor's Message 96 (2025), dated June 23, 2025, the Mayor has appointed five members with staggered terms to the Ocean Safety Commission; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Commission, requires that appointees to all City boards and commissions be registered voters of the City; and

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu has reviewed the qualifications and character and finds that each of the appointees qualify to serve on the Commission and deserve confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the Mayor's appointments to the Ocean Safety Commission:

1. Dr. Richard Kebo, for an initial one-year term,
2. Racquel Achiu, for an initial two-year term,
3. Steven Jenness, for an initial three-year term,
4. Kanani Oury, for an initial four-year term,
5. William Pratt, for an initial five-year term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to these appointees for their commitment and willingness to actively participate in city government; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department, and each of the persons approved by this resolution to serve on the Ocean Safety Commission.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 23, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Ocean Safety Commission; Richard Kebo; Racquel Achiu; Steven Jenness; Kanani Oury; William Pratt

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