HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair
Tommy Waters, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Val A. Okimoto
Andria Tupola

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Zoning & Planning was called to order by Committee Chair Esther Kia'āina at 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member) (via videoconference), Okimoto (voting member), Tupola (voting member), and Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[9:08 a.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-184 – COMMITTEE REPORT 259

   144 KA'APUNI DRIVE – KAILUA (2025/SMA-18). Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to Ka'apuni LLC to allow the construction of two single-family dwellings with an attached garage and swimming pool, on an approximately 44,356-square-foot shoreline lot, split-zoned R-10 Residential District and P-1 Restricted Preservation District, located at 144 Ka'apuni Drive, and identified as Tax Map Key 4-3-013: 039.

[9:14 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Peter Vincent, the Applicant's Agent, to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-384)

[9:22 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Tara Rojas (General comment)

[9:30 a.m.]

Resolution 25-184 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0601/7/21/2025 10:25 AM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-480 Department of Planning and Permitting

[9:31 a.m.]

2. BILL 51 (2025)

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2. Amending Improvement District No. 2 and superseding any conflicting provisions.

[9:34 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Chris Fong, the Applicant's Agent, to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-385)

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[9:52 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Victor Lim, Fort Street Mall BID (General comment)
2. Warren Wong, Kurisu Group (M-383) (Support)
3. Taylor Ogata (General comment)
4. Mark Anthony Clemente, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
5. Sandra Pohl, Downtown Art Center (M-383) (General comment)
6. Christine Camp, Avalon Group (M-387) (Support)
7. Jason Yashimi, HEMIC (Support)
8. Angela Melody Young, CARES (General comment)
9. Chu Lan Shubert Kwock, Chinatown Business and Community Association (Support)
10. Calvin Hulihe'e (General comment)
11. Donna Blanchard, Kumu Kahua Theatre (M-383) (Support)

[10:20 a.m.]

Action on Bill 51 (2025) postponed to the next Committee on Zoning & Planning meeting on August 21, 2025.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-383 Testimony on Bill 51 (2025)
M-387 Testimony on Bill 51 (2025)
M-388 Testimony on Bill 51 (2025)

[10:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the meeting.

[10:20 a.m.]

3. BILL 37 (2025), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 258

AMENDING THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP (HALEʻIWA QUADRANGLE). Amending portions (7.292 Acres) of the State Land Use District Boundary Map (Haleʻiwa Quadrangle) from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for certain lands situated in the Haleʻiwa Special District, Haleʻiwa, Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi.

[10:28 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Jim Hayes, the Applicant's Agent, to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-347)

[10:28 a.m.]

Committee Chair Kiaʻāina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:30 a.m.]

Committee Chair Kiaʻāina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:35 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Denise Antolini (M-382) (Oppose)
2. Racquel Achiu (Oppose)
3. Senator Kurt Fevella (M-382) (Oppose)
4. Barb Luke-Boe (M-382) (General comment)
5. Karen Gallagher (M-382) (General comment)
6. Travis Murakami, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
7. Juan Padasdao Jr., Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
8. Fred Tamayo, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
9. Dione Kalaola, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
10. Mitchell Tynanes, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (Support)
11. Mark Anthony Clemente, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (M-382) (Support)
12. John Bilderback (General comment)
13. Rex Dubiel Shanahan (Oppose)

14. Angela Melody Young, CARES (M-382) (General comment)
15. Zaz Dahlin (M-382) (Oppose)
16. Earl Dahlin (M-382) (Oppose)
17. Kanoa Dahlin (Oppose)
18. Barbara Hudman, Konohiki Group (General comment)
19. Gabriel Gross (M-382) (Oppose)
20. Calvin Hulihe'e (General comment)
21. Roy Nakamura (Oppose)
22. Larry McElheny (M-382) (Oppose)
23. Tara Rojas (M-382) (General comment)
24. Linda Molina (M-382) (Oppose)

[11:01 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:52 a.m.]

Bill 37 (2025), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, TUPOLA, WATERS – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-597 North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27
M-382 Testimony on Bill 37 (2025)

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[11:53 a.m.]

4. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING ON THE LAUNCH OF HNL BUILD, ITS NEW PERMITTING SOFTWARE, DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS.

[11:53 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Department of Planning and Permitting, to provide a brief presentation on the launch of HNL Build, its new permitting software, designed to streamline the building permit process to the Committee. (D-590)

[11:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:59 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[12:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[12:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[12:12 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Melody Young, CARES (Support)

Related communication:

M-386 Testimony on the Presentation by the Department of Planning and Permitting on the launch of HNL Build, its new permitting software, designed to streamline the building permit process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.