HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

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

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 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 & Economy was called to order by Committee Chair Augie Tulba at 1:05 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Okimoto (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), and Tupola (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[1:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:08 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-234 – COMMITTEE REPORT 299

INSTALLING MONITORING DEVICES IN FLOOD INUNDATION ZONES. Urging the City Administration to install monitoring devices in flood inundation zones to improve public safety and emergency response during weather- and climate-related disaster events.

[1:10 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:16 p.m.]

Resolution 25-234 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-643 North Shore Neighborhood Board #27
M-419 Testimony on Resolution 25-234

[1:16 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-222 – COMMITTEE REPORT 298

IMPROVING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE. Urging the Honolulu Police Commission to improve the selection process for the Chief of Police through the implementation of a transparent, comprehensive vetting process that incorporates input from rank-and-file police officers.

[1:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[1:29 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Nicholas Schlapak, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (M-439) (Support)
2. Jonathan Frye, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (M-439) (Support)
3. Kalei Salcedo (General comment)

[1:44 p.m.]

Resolution 25-222 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0681/8/25/2025 1:31 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-652 Honolulu Police Commission
M-439 Testimony on Resolution 25-222

3. RESOLUTION 25-200

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MAGNUS TO SERVE ON THE POLICE COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Christopher Magnus to serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

This item was cancelled.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[1:44 p.m.]

4. UPDATE FROM THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT ON ITS MEDIA RELATIONS PRACTICES AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

[1:44 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[1:46 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Rade Vanic, Interim Chief, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to provide a brief presentation on HPD's enhancing public communications and digital initiatives. (D-635)

[2:07 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

Related communication:

M-442 Testimony on Update from the Honolulu Police Department on its media relations practices and public access to information

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.