



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Esther Kia'aina
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Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 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 Nishimoto at 1:05 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'aina, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola (via videoconference), Weyer, and Council Chair Waters were present at the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:08 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-218 – COMMITTEE REPORT 287

REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY VERAY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION.
Approving the reappointment of Larry Veray to the Neighborhood Commission for a term to expire on June 29, 2030.

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[1:09 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:10 p.m.]

Resolution 25-218 reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

Related communications:

CC-204 Council Chair Waters
M-415 Testimony on Resolution 25-218

[1:11 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-109 – COMMITTEE REPORT 286

PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CITY'S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRISIS OUTREACH RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE HONOLULU EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. Directing the City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the City's resource management and administration of the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program and the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

[1:12 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Liam Chinn (M-422) (Support)
2. Angela Young, CARES (Comment)

[1:16 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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[1:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:19 p.m.]

Resolution 25-109 amended to CD1 (OCS2025-0675/8/21/2025 10:45 AM) and reported out for adoption.

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

NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-130 Managing Director
M-422 Testimony on Resolution 25-109

[1:20 p.m.]

3. BILL 47 (2025)

RELATING TO AGREEMENTS. Addressing agreements.

[1:23 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:37 p.m.]

Action on Bill 47 (2025) postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

[1:38 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

[1:38 p.m.]

4. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Stacy J. Bruhn and James Bruhn v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civ. No. 1CCV-24-0001600 (JJK)
5. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Katherine Wellington Kramer v. City and County of Honolulu et al., Civil No. CV24-00258 JAO-RT (USDC)
6. Resolution to retain the legal services of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro in the legal action entitled Laurel J. Mau v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. CV24-00253 GPC-WRP (USDC)
7. Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Winona Lee
8. Request for authorization to settle a claim by Ally Financial against the City and County of Honolulu, Claim No. 24-05219
9. Resolution to Authorize Legal Action to Demolish Unsafe Structure on the Real Property Located at 525 Avocado Street, Wahiawā, Hawai'i 96786

[1:39 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Eric Bartolome (M-421) (Support)

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At 1:42 p.m., with no objections from the nine members present (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola [via phone], 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 nine members present (Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola [via videoconference], Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 2:03 p.m.

[2:03 p.m.]

4. COMMITTEE REPORT 290

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Stacy J. Bruhn and James Bruhn v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civ. No. 1CCV-24-0001600 (JJK)

[2:03 p.m.]

Committee Report 290 reported out for adoption.

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

[2:03 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE REPORT 291

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Katherine Wellington Kramer v. City and County of Honolulu et al., Civil No. CV24-00258 JAO-RT (USDC)

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[2:04 p.m.]

Committee Report 291 reported out for adoption.

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

[2:04 p.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 25-243 – COMMITTEE REPORT 289

Resolution to retain the legal services of McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Keith Mitsuyoshi Kaneshiro in the legal action entitled Laurel J. Mau v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1:24-CV-00253 GPC-WRP (USDC)

[2:04 p.m.]

Resolution 25-243 reported out for adoption.

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

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

[2:05 p.m.]

7. COMMITTEE REPORT 292

Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Winona Lee

[2:05 p.m.]

Committee Report 292 reported out for adoption.

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

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[2:05 p.m.]

8. COMMITTEE REPORT 293

Request for authorization to settle a claim by Ally Financial against the City and County of Honolulu, Claim No. 24-05219

[2:05 p.m.]

Committee Report 293 reported out for adoption.

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

[2:05 p.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 25-242 – COMMITTEE REPORT 288

Resolution to authorize the Department of the Corporation Counsel to initiate legal action against Angelo's Auto Body & Detailing, LLC, Angelo S. John, in all of his capacities (e.g. in his capacities as the sole member-manager of the LLC, trustee of the LLC's trust, and in his personal capacity) to demolish an unsafe structure.

[2:05 p.m.]

Resolution 25-242 reported out for adoption.

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

Related communication:

M-421 Testimony on Resolution to Authorize Legal Action to Demolish
Unsafe Structure on the Real Property Located at
525 Avocado Street, Wahiawā, Hawai'i 96786

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.