REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

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

Committee Meeting Held
October 16, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, to which was referred Bill 48 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN MALLS,"

which passed First Reading at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 48 (2025) is to address pedestrian malls in the downtown Honolulu area.

The Bill would establish an approximately 230-foot portion of Chaplain Lane between Fort Street Mall and Bethel Street as a pedestrian mall closed to vehicular traffic with certain exceptions, and authorize the Department of Transportation Services to control and coordinate the use of the newly established Chaplain Lane Mall. Chaplain Lane currently is a narrow City roadway that runs from Fort Street Mall to Nuuanu Avenue.

At your Committee's meeting on October 16, 2025, the Director of Planning and Permitting testified that the City Administration supports the Bill.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Bill from three individuals.

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Your Committee believes that additional public testimony at the public hearing recommended herein to be scheduled on this Bill will provide further assistance to your Committee and to the Council in their deliberations on this Bill.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 48 (2025) and recommends that it pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola – 3; Noes: None; Absent: Cordero, Waters – 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kiaʻāina
Committee Chair

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