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
January 15, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 25-322 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY YABUTA TO SERVE ON THE POLICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 174 (25), dated November 18, 2025, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on November 19, 2025, and was the subject of a public hearing at the December 3, 2025 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to confirm the appointment of Gary Yabuta to serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2030.

At your Committee's meeting on January 15, 2026, Mr. Yabuta expressed his willingness to serve on the Police Commission and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications and character of Mr. Yabuta and finds that he meets the requirements to serve as a member of the Police Commission.

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Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-322 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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