# HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

***KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU***

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**Voting Members:**
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Esther Kia'āina
Val A. Okimoto
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters
Matt Weyer

# WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

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 International & Legal Affairs was called to order by Committee Chair Scott Nishimoto at 1:05 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, and Council Chair Waters were present at the meeting. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam was excused from the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

[1:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

FOR ACTION

[1:08 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-313

SETTLING NEGOTIATIONS WITH HAWAII TEAMSTERS AND ALLIED WORKERS LOCAL 996. Urging Oahu Transit Services, Inc. ("OTS") to settle

negotiations with Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers Local 996 in order to avoid potential service disruptions and harm to OTS employees and TheBus riders.

[1:08 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Jonathan Makue (M-3[26]) (Support)
2. Hale Gualdarama, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996 and Allied Workers (M-3[26]) (Support)
3. Jonathan Johnson (M-3[26]) (Support)
4. Tavesi Augafa (M-3[26]) (Support)
5. Jonathan Reed, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996 (M-3[26]) (Support)
6. Sandy Chung (M-3[26]) (Support)
7. Terrence Kealoha, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996 (Support)
8. Kevin Holu, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996 (M-3[26]) (Support)

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Nishimoto called for a recess at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

[1:21 p.m.]

Action on Resolution 25-313 postponed to the next Committee on International & Legal Affairs meeting on February 4, 2026.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 7.
NOES: WEYER – 1.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

Related communication:

M-3(26) Testimony on Resolution 25-313

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[1:21 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

[1:22 p.m.]

2. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Denise Saki v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. 1CCV-23-0001585 LWC (Cir. Ct.)

3. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Wendy L. Shelton v. City and County of Honolulu, Civ. No. 1CCV-24-0000001 JJK (Cir. Ct.)

[1:22 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

At 1:23 p.m., with no objections from the eight members present (Ayes: Cordero, Kia‘āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer – 8), 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 eight members present (Cordero, Kia‘āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 1:36 p.m.

[1:37 p.m.]

2. COMMITTEE REPORT 13(26)

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Denise Saki v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civ. No. 1CCV-23-0001585 LWC (Cir. Ct.)

[1:37 p.m.]

Committee Report 13(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

[1:37 p.m.]

3. COMMITTEE REPORT 14(26)

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Wendy L. Shelton v. City and County of Honolulu, Civ. No. 1CCV-24-0000001 JJK (Cir. Ct.)

[1:37 p.m.]

Committee Report 14(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.