

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 26-64

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO REVIEW AND UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, THE SECURITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION FOR EVENTS HELD AT CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the use of City and County of Honolulu ("City") parks and park facilities for family and community events strengthens community bonds, promotes mental and physical well-being, encourages inclusivity and cultural expression, and supports civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") issues permits for the use of City parks and park facilities for a wide variety of events, ranging from small family gatherings to large community celebrations and commercial functions; and

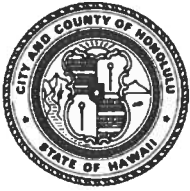
WHEREAS, while these events serve an important public purpose, without security oversight or other risk mitigation measures, certain types of events pose a risk to public health and safety and may result in an unanticipated public emergency response, diverting resources from other public health and safety emergencies; and

WHEREAS, recent incidents involving large gatherings on O'ahu, including events held on State of Hawai'i lands, have raised broader community concerns regarding event regulation to ensure public safety and minimize any potential strain on emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, the DPR's current administrative rules are drafted broadly to provide the DPR with the flexibility to impose conditions on permit issuance as appropriate, including conditions relating to crowd control, parking restrictions, traffic control, and the hiring of Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") special duty officers; and

WHEREAS, the existing administrative rule provisions provide the DPR with the discretion to assess the unique circumstances of each event and impose security-related conditions as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, many City park events, such as family gatherings, cultural celebrations, and community fundraisers, are organized by local residents and community groups and have generally been conducted safely and without disruption under the current DPR administrative rules and the conditions that have been imposed by the DPR during the permit issuance process; and



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WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") recognizes the importance of retaining the DPR's discretion to ensure that appropriate safety measures are required as necessary based on the risk factors associated with a particular event, while avoiding unnecessarily burdening event organizers of low-risk, community-based events; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to ensure that the requirements for event organizers are clear and accessible, and all events at City parks and park facilities are conducted safely and coordinated with the HPD, as necessary; now, therefore,

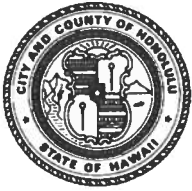
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") is urged to review and update, as necessary, the security and safety requirements and related documentation for events held at City and County of Honolulu parks and park facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPR is urged to review its administrative rules, permit application instructions and informational materials, and permit application documents to evaluate whether additional clarifications or requirements, or other updates, are necessary to ensure that security and other safety measures, including but not limited to the hiring of Honolulu Police Department ("HPD") special duty officers or private security, are implemented as appropriate based on the risk factors associated with a particular event, and all event safety requirements are communicated as clearly and accessibly as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPR is urged to update its administrative rules, permit application instructions and informational materials, and permit application documents in accordance with the findings of its review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPR is encouraged to continue coordinating with the HPD when the DPR anticipates that an event may require additional safety measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DPR is requested to keep the Council informed of any updates or recommendations resulting from its review; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY:

A. Iyola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 17 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 03/17/26 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS &
PARKS (HHP)

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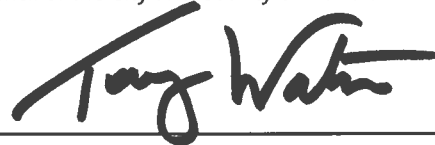
Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

03/17/26	INTRO	Introduced.
03/31/26	HHP	Reported out for adoption.
		CR-90(26)
		5 AYES: CORDERO, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER
04/15/26	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



CHADD KADOTA, ACTING CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER