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
April 30, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 26-59 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BRYCE TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 27 (2026), dated March 4, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on March 9, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing at the March 25, 2026 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to confirm the appointment of Richard Bryce to serve on the Fire Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2030.

No public testimony was offered on the Resolution.

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed posted CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the title of the resolution to read: "CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BRYCE, JR. TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU."

B. Throughout the resolution, clarifies the appointee is Richard Bryce, Jr.

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C. In the fourth WHEREAS clause, identifies the Mayor's letter as Mayor's Message 27 (2026).

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Richard Bryce, Jr. appeared before the Committee and provided a brief statement on his reasons and willingness to serve on the Fire Commission, and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Your Committee is satisfied that Richard Bryce, Jr. can fulfill the responsibilities of his appointment.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-59, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-59, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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No. **26-59, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BRYCE, JR. TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1005, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Fire Commission ("Commission") consisting of seven members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1006 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, the members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") and serve for staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message 27 (2026), dated March 4, 2026, the Mayor has appointed Richard Bryce, Jr. to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Richard Bryce, Jr. will succeed Max Hannemann and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Commission, requires that appointees to all City and County of Honolulu ("City") Boards and Commissions be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Richard Bryce, Jr.'s qualifications and character and finds that he is qualified to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Richard Bryce, Jr. to the Fire Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Richard Bryce, Jr. for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in City government; and

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Fire Chief, the Chair of the Fire Commission, and Richard Bryce, Jr.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 9, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Mayor ("MAY"), Honolulu Fire Department ("HFD"); Honolulu Fire Commission; Appointment; Confirmation; Boards and Commissions

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