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
May 21, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning which considered Resolution 26-105 entitled:

"RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 22, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021 (THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE), RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF RULES,"

introduced on May 4, 2026 reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 26-105 is to direct the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") to process an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 22, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), relating to the adoption of rules.

The Resolution was attached to Committee Report 76 (2026), which involved the Committee's review and evaluation of City Charter provisions relating to the Planning Commission. The Committee Report, which was adopted by the Council at its meeting on April 15, 2026, recommended that Charter provisions establishing the Planning Commission be retained without amendment, but recommended that ROH § 22-3.5 be amended to provide that the DPP Director, not the Planning Commission, is responsible for adopting rules governing the subdivision or consolidation of land.

Resolution 26-105 and accompanying Exhibit A bill proposes to amend the Subdivision Ordinance to implement that recommendation.

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Under the City Charter, amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance proposed by the Council are processed by the DPP Director, but are not reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the DPP Director is responsible for preparing and amending the Subdivision Ordinance and related rules.

At your Committee's meeting on May 21, 2026, the DPP Deputy Director testified in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee received no verbal or written public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-105 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Cordero – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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