



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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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'aina
Val A. Okimoto
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 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 1:02 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'aina, Okimoto, Tupola, and Council Chair Waters were present at the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

[1:02 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[1:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

1. BILL 16 (2026)

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF DOGS. Amending provisions related to the regulation of dogs.

This item was cancelled.

[1:05 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-133 – COMMITTEE REPORT 179(26)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (MDO). Accepting a gift of travel, lodging and related expenses, valued at \$4,060.98, to the City from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for a representative of the Office of the Managing Director to attend TPL's National Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C., from April 13-15, 2026.

[1:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[1:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[1:06 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:06 p.m.]

Resolution 26-133 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0404/6/22/2026 3:09 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM – 1.

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Related communication:

MM-76(26) Managing Director

[1:07 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-73

(FOR CONDEMNATION) ACQUISITION OF STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS FOR PUBLIC USE. Providing for the acquisition of storm drain easements for public use for the Kahalu'u House and Garden Lots, Unit 3 project, situated at Kahalu'u, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, Hawai'i, and determining and declaring the necessity of the acquisition by eminent domain.

[1:08 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Doug Hoffman (General comment)

[1:15 p.m.]

Action on Resolution 26-73 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

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

Related communications:

D-200(26) Department of Design and Construction
M-257(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-73

[1:15 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-71

SALE OF SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY. Approving the sale of surplus City property, Parcel 1-A to Iwalani Tseu for the recommended sale price of \$300,000, and the sale of Parcel 2-A to Sidney Walsh for the recommended sale price of \$385,000, portion of West Loch Golf Course, Honouliuli, 'Ewa, O'ahu, Hawai'i, TMK: 9-1-181:022.

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[1:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[1:16 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[1:16 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Nishimoto called for a recess at 1:18 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

[1:22 p.m.]

Action on Resolution 26-71 postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

Related communication:

D-197(26) Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

[1:22 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[1:22 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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.]

5. Resolution to retain the legal services of Kalama & Farm LLP A Limited Liability Law Partnership as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Arthur J. Logan in the legal action entitled Ammon Fepuleai, et al. v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-25-0000879 (Circuit Court)

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6. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled John M. Asing v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000071
7. Request for authorization to settle Sheri Taflinger v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001151 (Circuit Court)
8. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Ann Gima v. City and County of Honolulu; Civil No. 1CC-18-1-001745 KTM (Circuit Court)
9. Resolution to retain Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP as Special Counsel to represent the Honolulu Liquor Commission relating to post-settlement allegations by Scarlet Honolulu in the legal action entitled Scarlet Honolulu, Inc., et al. v. Honolulu Liquor Commission, et al.; Civil No. CV21-00457 KJM (USDC)
10. Request for authorization to settle Ijeva Bambridge v. City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawai'i; Civil No. 1DRC-25-0005437 (District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i)
11. Request for authorization to initiate an action against the owners of 2960 Pali Highway in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i

[1:23 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

At 1:24 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 in a closed meeting with its attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities of the City and the Council on the items listed on the agenda for Executive Session.

MEETING RESUMED IN OPEN SESSION

With seven members present (Cordero, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 2:03 p.m.

[2:03 p.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 26-152 – COMMITTEE REPORT 180(26)

Resolution to retain the legal services of Kalama & Farm LLP A Limited Liability Law Partnership as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Arthur J. Logan in the legal action entitled Ammon Fepuleai, et al. v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-25-0000879 (Circuit Court)

[2:03 p.m.]

Resolution 26-152 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

[2:03 p.m.]

6. COMMITTEE REPORT 183(26)

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled John M. Asing v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV23-0000071

[2:03 p.m.]

Committee Report 183(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

[2:03 p.m.]

7. COMMITTEE REPORT 184(26)

Request for authorization to settle Sheri Taflinger v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001151 (Circuit Court)

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[2:04 p.m.]

Committee Report 184(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER – 7.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

[2:04 p.m.]

8. COMMITTEE REPORT 185(26)

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of
Honolulu entitled Ann Gima v. City and County of Honolulu;
Civil No. 1CC-18-1-001745 KTM (Circuit Court)

[2:04 p.m.]

Committee Report 185(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER – 7.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

[2:04 p.m.]

9. RESOLUTION 26-153 – COMMITTEE REPORT 181(26)

Resolution to retain the legal services of Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP as Special Counsel to represent the Honolulu Liquor Commission in post-settlement proceedings in the legal action entitled Scarlet Honolulu, Inc., et al. v. Honolulu Liquor Commission, et al.; Case No. CV21-00457 KJM (USDC)

[2:04 p.m.]

Resolution 26-153 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

[2:04 p.m.]

10. COMMITTEE REPORT 186(26)

Request for authorization to settle Ijeva Bambridge v. City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawai'i; Civil No. 1DRC-25-0005437 (District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i)

[2:04 p.m.]

Committee Report 186(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

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[2:04 p.m.]

11. RESOLUTION 26-156 – COMMITTEE REPORT 182(26)

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Corporation Counsel to initiate legal action against Shay Tal and Miriam J.H.S. Tal to stop advertisements of their unpermitted Bed and Breakfast Home or Transient Vacation Unit

[2:05 p.m.]

Resolution 26-156 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA,
WEYER – 7.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, WATERS – 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.