HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair
Tommy Waters, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Val A. Okimoto
Andria Tupola

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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 Zoning & Planning was called to order by Committee Chair Esther Kia'āina at 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Okimoto (voting member), Weyer (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting. Councilmember Tupola (voting member) was excused from the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ONLY

[9:06 a.m.]

1. BILL 43 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 209(26)

   REZONE LAND SITUATED AT PA'ALA'A KAI, WAIALUA, O'AHU. To rezone land situated at Pa'ala'a Kai, Waialua, from the Country District to the R-5 Residential District and identified as Tax Map Key 6-6-018:024.

[9:06 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[9:07 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:08 a.m.]

Bill 43 (2026) granted a 120-day extension of time pursuant to the written request from the Applicant in Communication M-299(26).

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

D-388(26) Planning Commission
M-299(26) Planning Solutions, Inc.

FOR ACTION

[9:09 a.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-159 – COMMITTEE REPORT 210(26)

ADOPT RULES PROHIBITING THE HARVEST OF AQUATIC LIFE. Urging the State Board of Land and Natural Resources to direct the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, to adopt rules prohibiting the harvest of aquatic life from State of Hawaiʻi marine waters for commercial aquarium purposes.

[9:11 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Dru Hara, Earthjustice (M-314[26]) (Support)
2. Gail Grabowsky (General comment)
3. Leinaala Ley, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (Support)
4. Ron Tubbs, Hawaii Sustainable Reef Fisheries (M-314[26]) (Oppose)
5. Mike Nakachi, Moana Ohana (M-314[26]) (Support)
6. Lisa Bishop, Friends of Hanauma Bay (M-314[26]) (Support)
7. Jill Zamzow (M-314[26]) (General comment)
8. Rene Umberger, For the Fishes (M-314[26]) (Support)
9. Eric Koch (M-314[26]) (Oppose)

10. Elena Bryant (M-314[26]) (Support)
11. Kimeona Kane (M-314[26]) (Support)
12. Topher Dean, Clean the Pacific (M-314[26]) (Support)
13. Nick Ramirez (M-314[26]) (Oppose)

[9:42 a.m.]

Resolution 26-159 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-314(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-159

[9:42 a.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-160 – COMMITTEE REPORT 211(26)

ENACT LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS THE HARVEST OF AQUATIC LIFE. Urging the Hawaiʻi State Legislature to enact legislation that prohibits the harvest of aquatic life from State of Hawaiʻi marine waters for commercial aquarium purposes.

[9:45 a.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Dru Hara, Earthjustice (M-315[26]) (Support)
2. Gail Grabowsky (General comment)
3. Leinaala Ley, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (Support)
4. Mahesh Clevelend, Earthjustice (M-315[26]) (General comment)
5. Ron Tubbs, Hawaii Sustainable Reef Fisheries (M-315[26]) (General comment)
6. Topher Dean, Clean the Pacific (M-315[26]) (Support)
7. Lisa Bishop, Friends of Hanauma Bay (M-315[26]) (Support)
8. Jill Zamzow (M-315[26) (General comment)
9. Rene Umberger (M-315[26]) (Support)
10. Elena Bryant (M-315[26]) (Support)
11. Kimeona Kane (M-315[26]) (Support)

[9:49 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[9:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[10:03 a.m.]

Resolution 26-160 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

M-315(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-160

[10:04 a.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-165 – COMMITTEE REPORT 212(26)

91-121 ʻŌLAʻI STREET – KAPOLEI (2026/SMA-12). Granting a Special Management Area Major Permit to Starfish Infrastructure Inc. and Humuhumu Services, LLC to allow for the cable landing and installation of six new trans-Pacific subsea fiber-optic telecommunication cables via horizontal directional drilling within Barber's Point Beach Park and the shoreline setback of a shoreline lot zoned P-2 General Preservation District, located at 91-121 ʻŌlaʻi Street, and identified as Tax Map Key 9-1-026: 027.

[10:04 a.m.]

Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam and Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:08 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Jojo Acebo from Google LLC, the Applicant's Agent to provide a brief presentation of the Project to the Committee. (M-313[26])

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[10:19 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Kimeona Kane (General comment)

[10:21 a.m.]

Resolution 26-165 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0455/7/15/2026 12:04 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, OKIMOTO, WATERS – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

D-477(26) Department of Planning and Permitting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.