

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

No. 26-201, CD1, FD1

RESOLUTION

REJECTING THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the executive reorganization powers set forth in Section 4-202 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu ("City") may propose to the City Council ("Council") that the duties and functions of existing departments or agencies of the executive branch be changed and that executive departments or agencies be rearranged; and

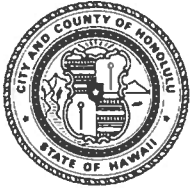
WHEREAS, Charter Section 4-202 further provides that a Mayor's executive reorganization proposal "shall take effect upon approval of the [C]ouncil or sixty days after transmittal to the [C]ouncil unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the [C]ouncil's entire membership"; and

WHEREAS, through a letter dated August 26, 2026 (Mayor's Message 110 (2026)), the Mayor has submitted an executive reorganization proposal to codify the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts ("MOCA") as an office directly under the Managing Director; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day deadline for the Council to take action on the Mayor's executive reorganization proposal is October 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, while the Council commends the Mayor's commitment to culture and the arts, the Council finds that codification of MOCA within the Charter is unnecessary at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor's proposed executive reorganization of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts transmitted as Mayor's Message 110 (2026) be rejected; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, and the Corporation Counsel.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

September 1, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 09/01/26 By: TOMMY WATERS - BY REQUEST Committee: INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

09/01/26	INTRO	Introduced.
09/24/26	ILA	Amended to CD1. 7 AYES: CORDERO, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER 2 ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO
09/24/26	ILA	Reported out for adoption as amended in CD1 form. CR-278(26) 7 AYES: CORDERO*, KIA'ĀINA*, NISHIMOTO, TULBA*, TUPOLA*, WATERS*, WEYER 2 ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO
10/07/26	CCL	Amended to FD1. OCS2026-0602/9/29/2026 3:40 PM 9 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER
10/07/26	CCL	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