HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS

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Radiant Cordero
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Esther Kia'āina
Val A. Okimoto
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 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 2:33 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'āina, Tulba, Tupola, and Council Chair Waters were present at the meeting. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam was excused from the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[2:37 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 26-196 – COMMITTEE REPORT 277(26)

   APPOINTMENT OF CARY OKIMOTO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Confirming the appointment of Cary Okimoto to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2031.

[2:38 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:39 p.m.]

Resolution 26-196 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, WEYER – 3.

Related communication:

MM-106(26) Office of the Mayor

[2:39 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-204 – COMMITTEE REPORT 279(26)

APPOINTMENT OF DOMINEQUE BONIFACIO TO SERVE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION. Approving the appointment of Domineque Bonifacio to the Neighborhood Commission for a term to expire on June 29, 2031.

[2:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:42 p.m.]

Resolution 26-204 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, WEYER – 3.

Related communications:

CC-163(26) Councilmember Tulba
M-403(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-204

[2:43 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-144 – COMMITTEE REPORT 276(26)

RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE HONOLULU LIQUOR COMMISSION. Authorizing the adoption of the Agency-Specific Records Retention Schedule for the Honolulu Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:44 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:44 p.m.]

Resolution 26-144 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS – 6.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, WEYER – 3.

Related communication:

D-394(26) Honolulu Liquor Commission

[2:45 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-201 – COMMITTEE REPORT 278(26)

CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS. Initiating amendments to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended, pursuant to the Mayor's executive reorganization authority, relating to the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts.

[2:50 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:12 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Nishimoto called for a recess at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

[3:18 p.m.]

Resolution 26-201 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0600/9/28/2026 2:41 PM).

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

[3:18 p.m.]

Resolution 26-201, CD1 reported out for adoption.

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

*Councilmembers Cordero, Kiaʻāina, Tulba, Tupola, and Council Chair Waters voted aye with reservations.

Related communications:

MM-110(26) Office of the Mayor
M-398(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-201

[3:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

5. BILL 52 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 275(26)

RELATING TO STREETS, SIDEWALKS, MALLS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES. Amending provisions related to the use of streets, sidewalks, malls, and other public places in the City and County of Honolulu.

[3:19 p.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina exited the Council Chamber.

[3:21 p.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina entered the Council Chamber.

[3:22 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. Steve Walther (M-395[26]) (Support)
2. Michael Swam (M-395[26]) (Support)

[3:22 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[3:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[3:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:29 p.m.]

Bill 52 (2026) reported out for passage on third reading.

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

Related communication:

M-395(26) Testimony on Bill 52 (2026)

[3:30 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before convening into Executive Session, Committee Chair Nishimoto took up the item for Executive Session to allow for oral public testimony.

[3:30 p.m.]

6. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Tevitatonga Cadiente and Vaokehekehe Mataele v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., CIVIL NO. 1:24-CV-00022 (U.S.D.C.)

[3:30 p.m.]

Councilmember Kiaʻāina exited the Council Chamber.

[3:30 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

At 3:31 p.m., with no objections from the 6 members present (Ayes: Cordero, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer – 6), the Committee resolved into a closed meeting pursuant to Hawaiʻi 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 7 members present (Cordero, Kiaʻāina, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 3:48 p.m.

[3:48 p.m.]

6. COMMITTEE REPORT 280(26)

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Tevitatonga Cadiente and Vaokehekehe Mataele v. City and County of Honolulu, et al., CIVIL NO. 1:24-CV-00022 (U.S.D.C.)

[3:48 p.m.]

Committee Report 280(26) reported out for adoption.

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

*Council Chair Waters voted aye with reservations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.