



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
& ECONOMY**

Voting Members:

Augie Tulba, Chair
Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto
Val A. Okimoto
Andria Tupola

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 Public Safety & Economy was called to order by Committee Chair Augie Tulba at 1:02 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Okimoto (voting member), and Council Chair Waters (non-voting member) were present at the meeting. Councilmember Tupola (voting member) was excused from the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:04 p.m.]

1. **BILL 53 (2026) – COMMITTEE REPORT 300(26)**

RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS. Regulating the possession and abandonment of shopping carts in order to reduce the threat they pose to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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[1:15 p.m.]

The following individuals testified:

1. David Erdman, Retail Merchants of Hawaii (M-432[26]) (Support)
2. John Deutzman (General comment)
3. Isis Usborne, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (M-432[26]) (Oppose)
4. Sergio Alcubilla (Oppose)
5. Tim Garry (General comment)
6. Liam Chinn, Hawai'i Community Safety Coalition (M-432[26]) (Oppose)
7. Heather Lusk, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (M-432[26]) (Oppose)
8. Amanda Fernandes, ACLU of Hawaii (M-432[26]) (Oppose)

[1:25 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[1:27 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:45 p.m.]

Bill 53 (2026) amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0660/10/21/2026 2:23 PM) and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.
NOES: KIA'ĀINA – 1.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communications:

D-648(26)	Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
D-665(26)	Neighborhood Board No. 9
M-432(26)	Testimony on Bill 53 (2026)

[1:47 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[1:47 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 26-213 – COMMITTEE REPORT 301(26)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. RICHARD KEBO TO SERVE ON THE OCEAN SAFETY COMMISSION. Confirming the reappointment of Dr. Richard Kebo to serve on the Ocean Safety Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire June 30, 2031.

[1:47 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Tim Garry (Support)

[1:49 p.m.]

Resolution 26-213 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 4.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

MM-116(26) Office of the Mayor

[1:49 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:49 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-229 – COMMITTEE REPORT 302(26)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (HPD). Accepting a gift to the City of \$3,141.82 from Ms. Sandra E Moribe, Successor Trustee of the Donald KM and Amy L Chong Charitable Remainder Unitrust U/A Dated 11/8/1999, for the Honolulu Police Department's Specialized Services Division, Canine Unit.

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[1:50 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:50 p.m.]

Resolution 26-229 reported out for adoption.

AYES: NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA – 3.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA, TUPOLA – 2.

Related communication:

D-619(26) Honolulu Police Department

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[1:50 p.m.]

4. UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S REORGANIZATION AND STAFFING PLANS.

[1:51 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Randal Collins of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to provide a presentation on the DEM Reorganization & Staffing Update to the Committee. (D-664[26])

[1:52 p.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina and Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[2:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:18 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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Related communication:

M-441(26)	Testimony on Update on the Department of Emergency Management's reorganization and staffing plans
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.