

CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Voting Members:

Kymberly Marcos Pine, Chair
Ikaika Anderson, Vice-chair
Carol Fukunaga
Ann H. Kobayashi
Joey Manahan

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services was called to order by Committee Chair Kymberly Marcos Pine at 2:55 p.m. Voting Members Anderson, Fukunaga, Kobayashi and Manahan were present at the meeting. Nonvoting members, Chang and Harimoto, also attended the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Matt Caires, Policy Advisor to Committee Chair Pine
Warren Senda, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Andrew Sekine, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Geoffrey Kam, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee
Laurie Tam, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

1. BILL 1 (2013)

KEEPING OF ANIMALS. Promoting food sustainability, providing standards for the keeping of animals, and increasing the number of chicken hens that may be kept.

Administration/others

Major John McEntire, Honolulu Police Department (HPD)
Jiro Sumada, Acting Director, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)
Dennis Kamimura, Licensing Administrator, Customer Services Department
(CSD)

Committee Member Kobayashi stated that she introduced the measure to promote food sustainability by increasing the number of chickens allowed per household from two to seven.

Acting Director Sumada testified that the Administration has no objections to the Bill but noted concerns that allowing additional chickens could increase complaints from residents and add to the potential for commercial operations.

Major McEntire, Acting Director Sumada and Mr. Kamimura responded to questions from Committee members as follows:

- Last year the DPP received nine complaints regarding residents selling eggs and chickens as a business.
- Over a two-year period, the CSD received 185 complaints and is currently handling 85 complaints per quarter. The complaints deal with noise from feral chickens and not chickens that are pets.
- Last year the HPD received 98 animal noise complaints (no breakdown on the type of animals) in the Windward District from Waimanalo to Kahuku.
- After receiving three complaints against a property owner who does not comply with the law of having no more than two chickens, CSD refers the complaint to HPD.
- The CSD utilizes an outside contractor to trap roosters and chickens on private property.
- A dwelling unit is defined by the number of kitchens and electric meters.

The following individuals testified:

1. Sharon Young-Nakaue (oppose) (M-353)
2. Pat Chung (support)
3. Hi'ilani Shibata (support)
4. Dave Mikami (support)

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5. Joe McGinn (support)
6. Ted Kanemori (support) (M-359)

Councilmember Harimoto spoke in support of the Bill and shared his experiences on promoting food sustainability.

Committee Member Kobayashi commented that the Bill still needs to be worked on and suggested deferring the Bill. She recommended working with the City's Agricultural Liaison for solutions that could include a permitting system and methods to curb odor. Committee Member Kobayashi added that she favors prohibiting the keeping of peacocks.

Committee Chair Pine commented that there could be difficult decisions and compromises involved to achieve the goal of food sustainability. She recommended deferring the Bill to look at the possible solutions to deal with noise and odor and whether additional City manpower would be needed to enforce the law.

Action on Bill 1 (2013) deferred.

AYES: ANDERSON, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

M-352	Milton Imada (oppose)
M-353	Sharon Young-Nakaue (oppose)
M-354	Eliza Lathrop (support)
M-355	Jef Fleener (comments)
M-356	Frank DiGiacomo, President, Animal Haven (oppose)
M-357	Redge and Linda Roberts (oppose)
M-358	Michael DuPonte (support)
M-359	Ted Kanemori (comments)

2. RESOLUTION 13-26 – COMMITTEE REPORT 45

HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM. Urging the Legislature to appropriate funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

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The following amendment was circulated at the meeting:

PROPOSED CD1 TO RESOLUTION 13-26 – The CD1 (OCS/021213/10:15/YL) amends the final RESOLVED paragraph by adding Hawaii State Association of Counties President Mel Rapozo to the list of recipients.

There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Chang provided a brief review of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center and its goal to help alleviate the physician shortage statewide.

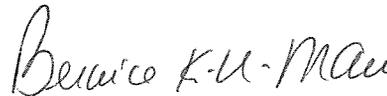
Resolution 13-26 amended to CD1 (OCS/021213/10:15/YL) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: ANDERSON, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE – 5.
NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



BERNICE K. N. MAU
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED
FEBRUARY 28, 2013
