

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

Voting Members:

Ikaika Anderson, Chair; Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair;
Ann H. Kobayashi, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held
June 26, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning, to which was referred Bill 42 (2014) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC SIDEWALKS,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message No. 58 dated June 12, 2014, and which passed First Reading at the June 26, 2014 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 42 (2014) is to prohibit, subject to exceptions, persons from sitting or lying on public sidewalks in the Waikiki Special District. The Bill does not apply to sitting or lying on a sidewalk due to medical emergency; disability; engaging in expressive activity; viewing a parade or similar event held pursuant to a permit issued by the City; maintenance, repair, or construction activity; children in a carriage, stroller, or carrier; use of a chair or bench placed on a sidewalk by a public agency; and persons in line for goods and services not impeding pedestrians.

At your Committee's meeting on June 26, 2014, your Committee considered Bill 42 (2014), Bill 43 (2014), Bill 45 (2014), and Bill 46 (2014) together. Your Committee received testimony in support from one individual and the following organizations: the Waikiki Improvement Association, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, Institute for Human Services, Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, Outrigger Hotels, Honolulu Star Advertiser, ABC Stores, GMR LLC, Oahu Visitors Bureau, Colliers International, Waikiki Parc Hotel, and Halekulani. Testimony in opposition was received

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from 14 individuals and the following organizations: The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery and Hawaii Guerrilla Video Hui. Comments were received from 12 individuals.

The Deputy Managing Director testified that the Bill is modeled after a similar measure in Seattle. She stated that the Administration feels that a 24-hour prohibition is justified because Waikiki is Oahu's economic driver and there are ongoing commercial operations in Waikiki throughout the day and evening.

Committee members expressed concerns that shelter space and assistance programs for homeless persons need to be provided in conjunction with this proposal, that the proposal may shift the homeless population to other communities, and that the "Housing First" initiative should serve the islandwide homeless population and not focus on Waikiki.

Your Committee believes that additional public testimony at the public hearing recommended herein to be scheduled on this Bill will provide further assistance to your Committee and to the Council in their deliberations on this Bill.

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Your Committee on Zoning and Planning recommends that Bill 42 (2014) pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Anderson, Kobayashi, Menor – 3; Noes: Harimoto - 1; Excused: Pine - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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