

## MINUTES

### HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

April 17, 2024

A meeting of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by KipuKai Kualii, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:44 a.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.  
Honorable Felicia Cowden  
Honorable Bill DeCosta  
Honorable KipuKai Kualii

Excused: Honorable Addison Bulosan  
Honorable Ross Kagawa, Ex-Officio Member  
Honorable Mel Rapozo, Ex-Officio Member

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item as follows:

Bill No. 2915      A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7A, ARTICLE 5, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HOUSING ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION  
**(This item was Deferred.)**

Councilmember Carvalho moved to recommend approval of Bill No. 2915, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta.

Committee Chair Kualii:                      Members, this is a Bill that we started working on at the last Committee Meeting. I know that there are at least three (3) or four (4), possibly more, amendments that are being drafted. Most of the amendments still need a little more time, so I am going to ask for a deferral. Before I take the motion to defer, are there any comments or questions?

Councilmember Cowden:                      I will just make the comment that I am glad to have a deferral, so we will discuss it in two (2) weeks. Is that when we are discussing this Bill next?

Committee Chair Kualii:                      Yes, a deferral will automatically bring an item back to the Committee two (2) weeks from now. If you are thinking of an amendment, please work on it and make sure to work alongside Analyst Allison Okasaki and Housing Agency Director Adam Roversi.

Councilmember Cowden:                      Thank you.

Councilmember DeCosta:  
Roversi.

I was able to meet with Director

Committee Chair Kualii:

Wonderful.

Councilmember DeCosta: In a one-on-one discussion, he raised some excellent points on this housing bill. I also shared an amendment with him. I am excited to see how we proceed with it and how it helps our local residents who are on the list, ensuring they stay at the forefront in the area they live and work in, and honoring their seniority.

Committee Chair Kualii: Great. At our next Committee Meeting in two (2) weeks, we will have both Bill No. 2914 and Bill No. 2915 on the agenda. Come prepared to work. We might have to take some time and if we do not get it completed that day, we can defer it again then, too. There is no hurry, we will do the work and get two (2) important bills done. At this time, I will take a motion to defer.

There being no one present to provide testimony, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Councilmember Carvalho moved to defer Bill No. 2915, seconded by Councilmember DeCosta, and carried by the following vote:

FOR DEFERRAL:	Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Kualii	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST DEFERRAL:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	Bulosan	TOTAL – 1,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Services Assistant I

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on May 1, 2024:



KIPUKAI KUALII  
Chair, HIR Committee