

PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 28, 2024

A public hearing of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Mel Rapozo, Presiding Officer, on August 28, 2024, at 9:03 a.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Līhu'e, and the presence of the following was noted:

Honorable Addison Bulosan  
Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.  
Honorable Felicia Cowden  
Honorable Bill DeCosta  
Honorable KipuKai Kualii  
Honorable Mel Rapozo

Excused: Honorable Ross Kagawa

The Clerk read the notice of the public hearing on the following:

“Bill No. 2926 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, KAUA'I COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BUILDING CODE,”

which was passed on first reading and ordered to print by the Council of the County of Kaua'i on July 31, 2024, and published in The Garden Island newspaper on August 7, 2024.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is there any written testimony for Bill No. 2926, relating to the Building Code?

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: There are no written testimonies.

Council Chair Rapozo: Is there anyone in the audience wishing to testify? Mr. Hart.

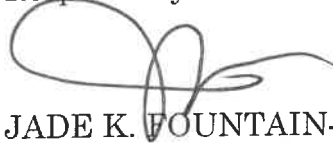
BRUCE HART: Bruce Hart, for the record. I was here when it was first introduced, and I spoke. I would like to point out again, that I am surprised that there are no contractors or anyone else here to speak on this. To explain, so that the public understands, if we do not opt out of several of the provisions that are in this Building Code, by default, we will be obligated to meet the requirements that are in that part of the code. That is my understanding. I know that the Department of Public Works and the Engineering Division are working on it. I commend and support them. As I said last time, it is a huge book, two hundred and ninety-seven (297) pages or something, so they have a real task to go through and pick out everything that would make life for our contractors and builders more difficult, and therefore housing more expensive. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Is there anyone else in the audience wishing to testify on Bill No. 2926? Seeing none, this public hearing is closed.

(Note: No one from the public testified on the Bill via written testimony or oral testimony taken at the beginning of the meeting via the Zoom remote technology platform.)

There being no further testimony on this matter, the public hearing adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
County Clerk

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