

2015-2016 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Please provide a brief description of the proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.

**Technical, Non-Substantive Amendments to Provide Improved Annotations:**

- (1) Addition of historical citations to be located at the end of each section;
- (2) Updating of case note annotations; and
- (3) Addition of tables of disposition to be located after the text of the charter.

The publication of the Revised Charter of the City & County of Honolulu 1973 (2000 edition) was a tremendous improvement over the 1994 edition with its new spiral binding, bright yellow cover, and additional historical and case note annotations.

Further improvements to and completeness of the annotations included in the next edition of the Revised Charter (which should be prepared and published after the electorate determines in the 2016 general election what revisions or amendments are to be adopted) would be very useful.

The addition of historical citations (annotations indicating the legislative and election history of adoption, amendments, and respective effective dates) for each and every section would greatly aid clarity and research. E.g., see the format of the Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated (HRSA); the Preface, Abbreviations and Symbols, and User's Guide at HRSA Volume 1, pages v – xiii; and especially the Constitution of the State of Hawaii at HRSA Volume 15, pages 127 - 330.

Updating of the case note annotations would be very useful and consistent with the statement in the RCH 1973 (2000 edition) Foreword that “[f]uture editions of the Charter may reflect a more extensive and refined annotative effort.”

The addition of tables of disposition setting forth relevant reference information (chrono-logical source identification and placement in RCH, revision rearrangement listings, etc.) would also be very useful. The tables of disposition would be placed after the charter text and before the index. E.g., see Table I, Disposition of Resolutions 1984-1992 published in RCH 1973 (1994 edition) at page 118; Table I, Disposition of Resolutions 2002 published in the RCH 2003 Supplement; and HRSA Volume 15, pages 387 – 967.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal.

Amendment of the historical citation annotations provided for each section, amendment of the case note annotations, and addition of tables of disposition. No substantive changes to the charter text.

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or

law.

Not applicable.

- 4.** If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.

Not applicable.

- 5.** Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format.

Not applicable.