

# **BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **MINUTES**

**April 24, 2025**

**Online Only via Teams**

**CONVENE: 9:07 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair (left at 6:36 p.m.)  
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member  
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (in at 11:28 a.m.) (out at 7:38 p.m.)  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Member

**STAFF:** Kirsten Szabo, Legislative Analyst  
Pauline Martins, Senior Committee Secretary  
James Krueger, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney  
Richelle Kawasaki, Deputy Director, Office of Council Services  
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Committee Secretary  
Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst  
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst  
Lenora Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk  
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk  
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

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Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, East Maui Residency Area Office  
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Bill Snipes, Council Aide, South Maui Residency Area Office  
Clyde “Buddy” Almeida, Council Aide, Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia Residency Area Office

**ADMIN.:** Lesley Milner, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Tiare Horner, Budget Specialist, Office of the Mayor  
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Kristie Wigglesworth, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Priya Landgraf, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor  
Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff, Department of Management

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Jolie Jenkins, CDBG Program Manager, Office of the Mayor

**OTHERS:** Tara Murphy  
Della Peacock, Dellables Floral Design  
Douglas Bigley, Ikaika 'Ohana  
Richard Mitchell, Director, Department of Housing  
Saumalu Mata'afa, Deputy Director, Department of Housing  
Carolee Higashino  
Adiel Cline, Salon 253  
Tad Craig, Tad Craig Photography  
Tara Nakahashi  
Lesley Milner, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Junya Nakoa  
Jasee Law  
Kai Nishiki  
Royal House of Hawai'i  
Others (11)

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 9:07 a.m. I am Chair of this Committee, Yuki Lei Sugimura, and I'd like to welcome all of you, all the Members, for being here. It was a long night last night, and I appreciate you being here bright and early. We have a lot of work to do, and appreciate your commitment to our community and our people. So, this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, and as a reminder, when your name is called, if you're not in the Council Chambers, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today, and minors do not need to be identified. Today, I'd like to welcome Vice-Chair Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Chair, and aloha kakahiaka to everyone else. And I'm going to wait for Chair Lee for the morning greeting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I really don't have one, but happy butter rolls, everyone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Okay. That's, in Akakū land, is because Member Rawlins-Fernandez gave us all butter rolls as she welcomed us today. Member Paltin, is she excused? We don't see her, yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. We...we don't see Councilmember Paltin online currently.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. And next we have Member Johnson. Good morning, butter roll.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. We're getting a little loopy with these long hours.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(chuckling). . . Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. There's no testifiers at the Lānaʻi District Office, and I'm here and ready to work. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Very good. And we have the queen of the butter rolls this morning, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, is that all I needed to do, was bring butter rolls, and now I'm the queen? . . .(chuckling). . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. There are currently no testifiers at the Molokaʻi District Office. Happy butter rolls to all. I slaved in the kitchen all morning on it, baking all that love and happiness in there for a wonderful day today. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we're so fortunate that you're close by. Is it Four or Three Sisters Bakery?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now it's three.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(chuckling). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now it's three.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anyway, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aloha. Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Happy to be here, looking forward to today's work.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And there's currently no testifiers in the Kihei Regional Office, but there's...Staff's on standby.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Good morning. Happy butter roll day.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka kākou, mai Maui Hikina. I'm here, I drove home this morning with the rising sun. Oi oo kaikala (*phonetic*). So, I'm here at the Hāna District Office, and I'm here with District Staff members Dawn Lono and Mavis Medeiros.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, amazing. People from Hāna drive the road like it's around the corner. So, thank you very much for your commitment to our community and all that you do, Member Sinenci. From the Office of the Mayor, thank you very much, we have Director Milner, who has been on our side, and was here with us late last night until almost like 9:00. So, thank you very much, Director Milner. Corporation Counsel, we have Kristina Toshikiyo, as well as Kristie Wriggleworth [*sic*], thank you also. Committee Staff, we have Pauline Martins; Kirsten Szabo, Legislative Analyst; James Krueger, Senior Legislative Analyst; Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst; Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst; Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney; Richelle Kawasaki, who is our Director [*sic*] of Council Services; and Lei Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk. Thank you, everybody. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Thank you, Members, for attending today's BFED Committee meeting.

**ITEM 1:                    PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BILL 41 (2025), BILL 42 (2025), BILL 43  
(2025), BILL 44 (2025), BILL 45 (2025), BILL 46 (2025), BILL 48 (2025),  
BILL 49 (2025), BILL 50 (2025), RESOLUTION 25-83, RESOLUTION  
25-89, and RESOLUTION 25-90)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We have one item on the agenda today, which is B... (*echoing*) ...oh...which is BFED-1, proposed Fiscal Year '26 Budget for the County of Maui. We will continue with our deliberations on the Fiscal Year '26 Budget, and we will start our discussion with the director and deputy salaries. Afterwards, we'll begin...I'm going to pause on that. I'll do that after we take testimony. We're going to be dealing with the directors and deputies' salary increases, as we all read in the paper, and have been informed of their actions from the Mayor's Office, the Salary Commission for deputies, directors, and elected officials. Afterwards, we'll begin with the Department of Management, and then move on to the Office of the Mayor, Department of Parks and Recreation, Personnel Services, Police, Public Works, and revisit Councilmember Paltin's priority for Water Supply. If...we'll see if...if she comes. If not, we can talk about it with Member U'u-Hodgins. And then I'll be revisiting Councilmember Kama's priorities, as we did not finish them. Before we start our discussion, we will begin taking public testimony, and I think, just by looking in the Chambers, I can see we have testifiers. So, if you are wanting to provide testimony, please sign up with Staff, join the meeting online via Teams link, or call in to the phone number noted on today's agenda. Testimony on the budget is not limited to the Departments scheduled for today. Written testimony is encouraged and can...and can be submitted via the eComment link at [mauiCounty.us/agendas](http://mauiCounty.us/agendas) as well. For individuals wishing to testify via Teams, please raise your hand...raise your hand by clicking on the raise-your-hand button, or if calling in, please follow the prompts via phone, star-5 to raise and lower your hand, and star-6

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to mute and unmute. Staff will add names to the testifier list in the order testifiers sign up or raise their hands. For those in Teams, Staff will lower your hand once your name is added. Staff will then call the name you've logged in under, or the last four digits of your phone number when it's your time to testify. At this time, Staff will also enable your microphone and...and video. Please ensure your name appears in...in Microsoft Teams as a name you prefer to be referred to, or as anonymous, if you wish to testify anonymously. If you're in-person, please notify Staff that you would like to testify anonymously. Otherwise, please State your name for the...for the record at the beginning of your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per...per item, and if you're still not complete, I will give you another 30 seconds. Once you're done testifying, or if you do not wish to testify, you can also view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or [mauiCounty.us/agendas](http://mauiCounty.us/agendas). We will do our best to keep each person up...or call up in an orderly fashion. So, Members...please call the first testifier, Staff.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. The first testifier is Tara Murphy, to be followed by Della Peacock.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

**. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .**

MS. MURPHY: Good morning. Aloha kākou, Councilmembers. My name is Tara Murphy, and I own a small business providing wedding and elopement photography on Maui. I grew up in Ha'ikū, and have been deeply involved in the wedding community for the past ten years. I'm also a board member of the Maui Wedding and Event Association, which has...which we formed last year to unify and be a voice for our industry, promote economic growth through small businesses, while ensuring we operate with pono practices and respect towards Maui's recovery. We currently have over 100 members, including planners, chefs, servers, officiants, musicians, florists, rental companies, entertain...entertainers, et cetera. I wouldn't be surprised if most of you know someone who directly or indirectly works in the wedding or event industry. I am testifying today in support of the Mayor's proposed \$300,000 to be used to host the Engage Summit next year. Supporting weddings and events promotes the best kind of visitors for Maui County. But not only that, it generates vast amounts of revenue for our island with a ripple effect that is unmatched. Visitors that come to Maui for their wedding not...are not only high spenders, but they come and leave with a deep respect and love for the island because this is where they got married. After the fires, I personally had many clients ask me where and how to donate their time and money, and many of them did. They learn about traditional practices during their actual wedding ceremony, when our local officiants teach them about the true meaning of aloha, and share Hawaiian values. These are visitors that get educated in the most meaningful way because it is a part of their story. Weddings and events have a significant economic impact, and have been quietly generating incredible revenue for years. A one-week typical family vacation to Maui costs about \$10,000, but couples who come to get married spend an average of \$50,000 just on their wedding, and usually much more. With their guests and their

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guests' spending, that total can reach \$300,000 or more for a one-week stay, compared to \$10,000 from the average family. There are often over ten weddings in one day. These are big numbers. Much of the spending goes towards hotels, which are primary funders of the annual budget through property taxes, as you know, and also much of it goes...majority of it goes to small businesses. Ten years ago, in 2015, Maui County had 6,070 nonresident weddings. Last year, there were only 2,491, a 59 percent decline in ten years. This . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . this is why we are here. This is why we formed the Wedding and Event Association, and why we are asking for your support to promote weddings and events on Maui. This decline appears to be a direct result from COVID, the fires, and mixed messaging about visiting Maui. The graph, which you guys should have, will show you the number of nonresident weddings on Maui over the past ten years. As you can see, the numbers have been steadily declining. This decline is having a vast economic impact, but we have a solution. The Engage Summit is the premier luxury wedding and event business conference, which brings together top-tier wedding and event professionals from around the world. Each summit hosts between 350 to 500 attendees, which are made up of elite wedding planners, designers, photographers, and more. Engage has never . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . hosted --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. MURPHY: -- one of their events on...in Hawai'i. I have more to say, and it'll probably take me 20 seconds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know what? We have your testimony.

MS. MURPHY: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. And your graph, so thank you for doing this.

MS. MURPHY: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Members, anybody have questions? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We have your testimony. I haven't had time to read it all, but how many of the weddings and guests come from the mainland and...versus other countries?

MS. MURPHY: The mainland versus other countries, I would say majority are from the mainland, from the United States, but we do get international. I would say 90 percent, that's a rough estimate, that come from the United States. Maybe 10 percent or so are coming from Australia. We get from Japan. We get from, you know, Canada, actually, a lot. So, majority are from the United States, but yeah, we do get international ones as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MURPHY: Yeah.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any other questions, Members? Seeing none. Thank you. Thank you very much.

MS. MURPHY: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Della Peacock, to be followed by Douglas Bigley.

MS. PEACOCK: Aloha. I'm Della Peacock, owner of Dellables Floral Design, and I've been in the floral business here on Maui for 20 years, primarily working in the wedding industry. I'm reaching out not just as a wedding professional, but as a passionate advocate for Maui, a place that has given so many couples the most beautiful day of their lives. Right now, our local wedding industry is struggling. We're not just losing business, we're losing a vital part of what makes Maui so special. The wedding industry has supported my family of five for many years. We have also had many students from local middle and high schools here on Maui come through our floral shop. I taught many children the basics of floral design so that when they went off to college or out into the world, they have more opportunities for work and income. We have employed many Maui individuals over the years, including single parents who relied on Dellables to support their families. These are just a few of the individuals who make up most of the industry. Many others include floral growers, coordinators, photographers, videographers, musicians, chefs, and many, many more. Maui has long been one of the most sought-after wedding destinations in the world. Our beaches, sunsets, and aloha spirit are unmatched. We have persevered through many challenges, including COVID, during which time we took out an SBA loan to pay all of our employees, our office rent, our vehicle payments, and all other bills that needed to be paid for that year with no income coming in. And then after more recent challenges from the economic ripple effects of the Lāhainā wildfires, to dramatically reduced marketing budgets, our industry is suffering. We're calling on our community, partners, and anyone who believes in Maui to help us during these difficult times. With your advertising support, we can help rebuild our presence in key wedding markets, tell authentic, heart-centered stories of Maui weddings, attract couples back to our island in a sustainable and respectful way, keep Maui residents employed. This isn't just about weddings, it's about jobs, small businesses, and the heart of our local economy. That's it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Anybody have questions? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning for your testimony, and I just have some clarifying questions. So, you mentioned during COVID you had an SBA loan. Did they get forgiven?

MS. PEACOCK: No.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And then my next question is, obviously you're in the florist industry. Where are you buying your flowers from?

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MS. PEACOCK: I get a lot locally here. I get a lot on the Big Island as well. And then some are, of course, shipped in.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Thanks for that clarification.

MS. PEACOCK: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any other questions, Members? Seeing none. Thank you. Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Douglas Bigley, to be followed by Richard Mitchell.

MR. BIGLEY: Hello. My name is Douglas Bigley from Ikaika 'Ohana, and last night you could imagine that I turned on the...I was going to watch the video of the BFED yesterday, and to my surprise, it said in progress, which I thought was interesting. It was super late at night.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. BIGLEY: So, I said, you know what? So, I turned that thing on, and I caught the end of this conversation regarding, you know, Nāpili, and so I'm just going to make a few very brief comments. I don't know really much about the other project, so I can't really draw any comparisons to it. I can only...and we support, obviously, people that are doing affordable because we're doing affordable, so... But on our project, I'm just going to say that we have County-owned land. We are in West Maui, a targeted community. We are avoiding...we are avoiding entanglements with the State because we have less than...we're subdividing 15 acres. We went through a process...we went through the process, and a lot of people say...well, there were a couple comments the other day saying, well, how does Ikaika 'Ohana get through? We rarely try to fit our projects...push our projects through. What we try to do is figure out what you want, and then to kind of deliver what you want, rather than, you know, going the other way around. So...but...and I want to just say one quick thing about the process, and this is my last thing. We're highly dependent on the process because that guides us to the types of projects that we pursue. So, if...we're essentially, if we do kind of get, you know, I'll just say in the term of defunded because of something else, then it's hard for us to predict outcomes. And like I said, if there's more money for that project, I'd be fully supportive of it. I know the people that are doing it. I do know them, and I know they are very good. But I think in this particular instance, I just wanted to say that, you know, obviously, we want to hang on to our funding. All right. Thank you very much. Appreciate you listening to me. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Mr. Bigley. Just checking on --



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MR. BIGLEY: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the status of that project. How...when do you think that'll be completed and people can move in?

MR. BIGLEY: Probably not...let me...let me just think for one second because it's likely we'll go through '26...let me think about this. '26...'27, probably '28...2028, I would think.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And most of that time --

MR. BIGLEY: If everything holds up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- will be getting approvals and permits?

MR. BIGLEY: A good chunk of it. Well, no, you've got to...yeah, there's a big permit approval process that goes upfront. We are going to go through a 201H, which we have a fast-track for that. And then once we do that, when we get to the...we still have to construct, you know, we have to construct the project and all that. So, it's going to be 20...I'd say 2028, probably beginning of 2029.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

MR. BIGLEY: It should be out there.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. So --

MR. BIGLEY: Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- you wouldn't call it shovel-ready then?

MR. BIGLEY: Well, it's...I'd say it's little shovel-ready. You know, it's bigger little shovels. You know what I mean? It's not as clear as people would like to...to say, you know?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BIGLEY: In fact, building permits might be shovel-ready. All right. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other questions?

MR. BIGLEY: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U'u-Hodgins has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Bigley. I was also surprised to still be having conversations while you were watching 9:00 at night, but, you know, I guess

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we're all surprised. I appreciate your testimony, and thank you for coming because that was kind of my questions was just regarding the readiness of this project. Not that I don't support it. I think this is great. But I do --

MR. BIGLEY: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- have a few questions. And I'll save some questions for Director Mitchell because I know he's up next. But part of the description of the funds going to be used is for new construction. But considering you're not probably going to start construction until 2028, that's probably inaccurate. And how much money do you think...

MR. BIGLEY: Well, no...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yes, go ahead.

MR. BIGLEY: Yeah, the...yeah. The problem is, and this is what is always the issue, and...is that all of the funding is sequential. Like one of the things that's happening in Hawai'i is they've made everything sequential rather than concurrent.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: County has to go first because if I don't have that money, it delays me. It can delay that process for two years --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, you mean --

MR. BIGLEY: -- because I have to have your funding --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- to get LIHTC funding --

MR. BIGLEY: -- then the State funding.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- in April.

MR. BIGLEY: Yeah, that's the problem.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: And then the awards come --

MR. BIGLEY: That's the...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- in August. That part, I understand. And all of the funding you'll need in February to leverage the State funding, to get awarded in August, to start construction in '28?

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MR. BIGLEY: Correct. And...and...and because they don't...they don't break up their rounds at the State. So, every time you pass, it's another, you know, 18 months or whatever it takes you to get there. It's...it's their process. That's because it's sequential.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BIGLEY: You go first, then they go, then we go.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BIGLEY: Yeah. I know what you're saying.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: I get it.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: Anyway, thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I can either...this might be a question for you too. Do you folks...I know that it's 4.99 [sic], which is, you know, mischievously under the amount we have to go to LUC. So, that's good.

MR. BIGLEY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: But are you planning on subdividing the parcel and keeping the remainder 35 acres in Parks to satisfy the condition which this property was bought?

MR. BIGLEY: Yes. That's the...the plan.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, do...so you...do you have to get that subdivision before you apply for LIHTC funding, or how does that timing work?

MR. BIGLEY: Well, that's the...that's kind of...it's a little bit...it's a little bit...not...not before we apply, I don't believe, but we have to have it by the time, obviously, we're ready to build. That's the concurrent process I'm talking about --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: -- is we tend to do everything as much as we can concurrently.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

MR. BIGLEY: See what I'm saying?

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: And then what about...

MR. BIGLEY: So, we'll be going through those...yeah, go.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: What about the EA? How long is that process going to take? Because you were awarded \$650 [sic] to do the pre-development cost, cultural and impact analysis, the EA, and I'm assuming...it says permitting, but I'm assuming it's like entitlement for permitting. How long is that going to take you?

MR. BIGLEY: Yeah, it's not...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Do you need that before you do your LIHTC funding application in February?

MR. BIGLEY: It's...yeah. It's...it's...but you lose...what happens is, is you lose points. Just you mentioned shovel-ready. The closer we get...it's not a threshold issue. The...like we're going to do, you know, the...the fast-track 201H one, right, process.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yes. That part, I understand --

MR. BIGLEY: And it's not...it's not...yeah, but it's not a threshold issue, but it's a point-scoring issue.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- for the LIHTC funding.

MR. BIGLEY: Right. So...yeah. And people will go in without it. We're going to, you know, race to get it, but people will go in without it, and then it's just how you score, and everything's a score, right? So, the County money's a score, and all of that. But...and I'm...if you have a shovel-ready project that's absolutely shovel-ready, then I can understand. Because...but I...what I was saying, I can't speak to where the other project is --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: -- on a comparative basis because I don't do the scoring. You know --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

MR. BIGLEY: -- you know, what I'm saying?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No, I hear you.

MR. BIGLEY: So, I can't...yeah. Yeah. That's right.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BIGLEY: That's what the process is.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you so much.

MR. BIGLEY: Okay. Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair.

MR. BIGLEY: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody else have questions for Mr. Bigley? Okay. So, I have...I have one. So, I think the discussion on the floor, I hope you heard it, it wasn't to delete you from the...from the Affordable Housing Fund, but we were trying to figure out if there's a way of maybe using some of your funds--because I don't think you're going to need 12.4 million from July 1, it doesn't sound like it, that you have a ways to go. So, that's what we were trying to figure out. It was not deleting you because of that, but I will tell you that I think this is a chunk of money that you're going to be using over time, but come July 1, you know, it's not going to be used all at once; is that right?

MR. BIGLEY: That...that is correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's what we were talking about.

MR. BIGLEY: But like I said, the only thing I'm focused on is the fact that you are right, but the problem is, is the delay that...you know, that...that I have to encounter if I'm not ready to apply --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

MR. BIGLEY: -- you know, because I'll be delayed another year. That...you know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. BIGLEY: You see what I'm saying?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Bigley, there is something that the Department --

MR. BIGLEY: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- has to do in order for you to legally use this land. As you know, it was bought with Open Space funds, and the Department has prematurely, to me, allowed you to get \$650,000 from the County to do work on this parcel that is still not in its right...it's still in Open Space. So, there's some things that the Department needs to support you with and take action. We are creating a bill so this never happens again, that the Department then reacts accurate...accurately and correctly in terms of use of land before they give it over to a developer to build. But that's really not your problem, but I see that as another delay for this project, where that has to happen before you can

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do what you're saying, and so you can charge forward. So...all right. Anybody else?  
Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Bigley. Mahalo for your testimony this morning. I...I think I understood you earlier saying that...because what the proposal was last night was to remove all the \$12 million and put it toward a different project, which would defund the project. So, by doing that, did I understand you correctly in saying that it could potentially delay the project by two years?

MR. BIGLEY: Correct. Correct. Because it would...it would...we'd have the same problem as some of your other projects are having without your funding. So, when 2020...February 2026 rolls around, I don't...I can't get my State money anymore, you know, because I don't have this funding in place. That's all I'm...I'm saying, you know?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. BIGLEY: So, it's a sequent...a sequential event. And I understand what the Chair was saying, but that's kind of a systemic problem in Hawai'i, is that everybody waits for the other guy to go first and then nobody goes, so we wait, you know. And...and you know we're not very patient. I think we've proven that, and I apologize to this entire Council for that. Because we're not very patient people, we try to get it done. So, our best shot is moving forward, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And I appreciate that not being very patient. Because we've seen in...in my time on the Council multiple projects being built in that time, and that's just unprecedented as far as I've seen. So, mahalo for your work. And, you know, Member Paltin is not here to ask you questions and defend the project because that land was bought with Open Space before the fire, and it was meant to be a park. But many people now need homes, and the County is changing its priorities in the way that our community needs us to move as quickly as possible. And so, I just want to mahalo you for your patience with us. And in the words of Member Paltin, we shouldn't be monkeying around with this. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee...oh, then Member U'u-Hodgins.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you don't? Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Mr. Bigley, I'm just trying to think of other alternatives. Not that we're...we're going to remove the money, but, you know, just other alternatives. Is it necessary to have cash, or can we bond most of that project? So...so, in other words, the bond is a commitment by the County to support that project financially for "X" number of dollars. So, we...so...so we don't hold hostage the cash to that project for, you know, however long it takes. So...but...but the bond would be, you know, our commitment. And that's good...it's as good as cash. Would that be acceptable?

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MR. BIGLEY: I, you know, can't answer as definitively as I'd like to. I suspect it would carry weight with the State. That's the arbiter of that. And you know, yeah, that would be...you know, some of the cash...well, let's not...I won't get into that because it gets complicated. But yeah, I think it's...I think it would work, but it's...the State is the arbiter of that. And I think it...I mean, it sounds like it would, as long as we have that commitment.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean, I think most, if not all of us, would love to support that project, your project. The second...the second thing is, is this permanent housing?

MR. BIGLEY: Permanent in...you...you own the land, so it's leased. Oh, it's rental.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean...no, versus interim housing.

MR. BIGLEY: Oh, no, it's permanent. We, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Permanent housing. Okay.

MR. BIGLEY: -- we...we're...we're in the permanent business. Yeah. Yeah. And also, we're...we are going to pursue the funding just because it wasn't our original approach. Now that the State is entertaining above 80 percent, a portion of that project may also be above that 80 percent threshold.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, the reason why I'm asking that question is because we were told that, you know, there's no water for permanent housing, just interim housing. So, anyway, thank you very much for your responses.

MR. BIGLEY: You're welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I guess we'll have a lot of questions for the next testifier. Oh, sorry, Member Kama...Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, sir...I mean, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Bigley. Very supportive of the project. The challenge--and I think you recognize this, I just wanted to voice it--the challenge that we have as far as the Council is basically tying up capital. You want capital to be working. And I understand, you need the funds in play to basically satisfy the State, and move through this sequentially deal. If...if there's a project that is "shovel-ready" and doesn't have the other obstacles to basically be able to use capital to...to enable that to happen, is trying...what we're trying to do. Not trying to undermine or not support your project, but just trying to utilize the resources and not have them set aside for a year or two. So, if we can find a creative way to satisfy your needs, and free up some of the funds, is...is the goal and objective. Your project is very supportive. What you're doing in...in West Maui is very respected and appreciated. So, I just wanted to relay that to you, that there's no...no lack of support for your organization, and what you've done for the community.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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MR. BIGLEY: And I just want to concur with you that I understand exactly what you just said. Because we're in this business, and we know keeping capital moving is key. So, I appreciate that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. Well said. Any other questions for the testifier? All right. Seeing none. Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier --

MR. BIGLEY: Thank you.

MR. PASCUAL: -- is Richard Mitchell, to be followed by Saumalu Mata'afa.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning, Director.

MR. MITCHELL: Good morning, Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers. Thank you. Oh, happy butter roll day, is it? Thank --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(chuckling)*. . . Oh, we have some for you.

MR. MITCHELL: Okay. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Administration's number one priority and the Department's mission. I'm going to discuss our process to start, and then the particulars of this particular solicitation Deputy Director Mata'afa will address. And so, the Council willing, Committee willing, if we could testify back to back so you get the full testimony, then we can field questions. One of my number one priorities, and my urgent part is, when we took over in July 1 of last year was to reinvigorate the Department's process, and quite frankly, to reclaim some trust with the Council in reinvigorating an RFP process where we sought solicitations from individuals who wanted monies from the Affordable Housing Fund. We put together what I consider to be an unimpeachable review committee. It didn't include anyone in the Department. It included a former administrator. It...it included senior-level individuals in other County Departments, a developer, and individuals in the Administration. They reviewed all 19 applications under our scoring criteria, which included readiness, experience, the community needs, i.e. the AMI level of the projects they're proposing, and the affordability periods, in addition to whether they were leveraging the County monies to get other monies. We went through that process and selected 12 projects out of the 19 that were included in our budget, and sent that to the Mayor's Office. That was before the certified payrolls were received...real estate taxes were received, and then that was what was included in the Mayor's budget that the Council saw. So, with respect to the Lipoa project, the Administration is supportive of all affordable housing projects, and this one as well, but we'd like to maintain the integrity of the process. This particular project did not score well in the AMI leveraging aspects, and that dragged its points



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down. But nonetheless, it is a project that is worth considering funding, and it's within the Council's discretion to decide how to do that. And with your grace, I'd like to, if you're willing, allow Deputy Director Mata'afa to add a little color commentary to our process.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tag team, huh?

MR. MITCHELL: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Then the Members will probably have a lot of questions.

MR. MATA'afa: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Members of the Council, for allowing both Director Mitchell and myself to testify today. I just wanted to supplement Director Mitchell's testimony, and kind of go over the process, and reestablishing the Affordable Housing Fund for FY 2026. So, in October of last year, our Department, our hardworking Staff, put together a request for applications which solicits the bids that you see before you today...many that you see before you today. The applicants had about a month to put a proposal together, and we closed that process in November of last year. Once we closed that process, we assembled all those applications back-to-back, and we had 18 of them, and we asked the independent...

MR. MITCHELL: 19.

MR. MATA'afa: We had 19, but we had to disqualify one right off the bat because it did come in late. We put 18 proposals together, and we asked independent review committee to look at those. And so, that independent review committee had five...five weeks to look at those...every single one of those proposals before they came up with their own independent scoring on what they thought. And at the end of that six weeks--five...six--at...at the end of the fifth week, we combined all the scores, and then our Staff, they prioritized them as far as their ranking goes. And so, what was submitted to the Mayor's Office was that full list, with all the projects totally ranked, and we submitted that to them around January. And then as Director Mitchell alluded to, we were waiting for the real property taxes...the projected real property tax revenues to come in before we were able to determine which projects got funded. So, that's kind of how we approached this process, and to reestablish the trust with the Affordable Housing Fund. And I can answer any other questions that you might have relating to that process, and I can attempt to answer any questions relating to specific projects too, if you have them.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're done? Because I know we're all are going to have questions.

MR. MATA'afa: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Members, kind of unusual, but can we limit this to like one question each, and...you know...well, let's just try this. All right. Chair Lee, then Member Kama, Johnson, Rawlins-Fernandez --

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Good morning, gentlemen.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- we'll just go down the row.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We...I have millions of questions, but since we only can ask one, my question is, did you not anticipate the Council adding projects to the Affordable Housing Fund? In other words, you give us a proposed budget that allows for \$900,000, when we are working on affordable housing projects as well. So, wouldn't you think, as leaders of the Housing Department, that you should anticipate that, and figure out ways to increase the fund? Increase the fund. And...and as an example, by raising...or...the percentage on the real property taxes as one, and...and as I just, if you heard me speak earlier, let's say putting a bond on the Nāpili project, which I found out can be done...can be done. So, releasing cash for other projects who...because think about what you're doing, okay? You finish this, your part of the budget, probably in December or January, and this is all months later, things change. So, anyway, do you have any comments on that?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair Sugimura. And thank you, Chair Lee. The answer to your question is twofold. Yes, our operating approach is that once this gets to Council, the Council's going to make its choices, and we understand the Council's discretion. In response to your second question, the answer is also yes. I, in particular, have suggested several times that there are opportunities to reduce commodification of our County's housing markets, and stated unequivocally that one can look at ways to adjust the taxation rates, which in turn would affect the funds that you could place in the Affordable Housing Fund. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Member Kama, you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I just want to ask Member...I mean, good grief...Director, I only get one shot at this, so... So, there was a project that wasn't put onto your...your approval list, but I made that my priority. So, it was a big ask, and I think that's one of the reasons why they were denied, but also that they didn't leverage...come with any leveraging, I think that was another thing too. But nonetheless, they came yesterday and testified to all of us that they were shovel-ready. And so, to me, shovel-ready means if I give you the money tomorrow, you're going to go out, go turn the dirt, right? Yeah, that's what it meant. So, my question to you, Director or Deputy, is what is your comments regarding that?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Member Kama. We're going to tag-team this question. I'll take the first part --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MITCHELL: -- Deputy Director Mata'afa will take the second part. The first part was the reference to the big ask. The size of the request was not part of our scoring criteria. However, I have said it was a significant ask that would have had a material impact on

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the monies in the fund, and the ability to fund other projects. But the size of the ask was not part of the scoring criteria. The second part of my response is that it was a grant request, not a loan request. And so, I'm telegraphing now that we're going to anticipate...prepare the next round of RFPs, where we're going to be seeking loan requests, not grant requests that deplete the fund. We want this to be circular. So, that wasn't part of the scoring criteria, but it was something we noticed. Thank you.

MR. MATA'AFA: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Councilmember Kama, for that question. And like we mentioned earlier, Remi...Director Mitchell and I, myself, weren't part of the scoring process. So, when we went back and looked at what the scoring committee did yesterday with the Lipoa project, and we started looking at the...how the committee scored. What we noticed is they didn't score high enough on the community need because of the affordability period. And they also didn't get as many points for targeting the specific AMIs that you're lower than 100 percent AMI, which the other projects did. And then, as he also mentioned, the leveraging part is another area where they didn't score as high as other projects. And they did score high, but the other projects scored a little bit above them in that sequence, so...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director and Deputy.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin is not here yet. All right. Member Johnson, then Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So, Chair Lee mentioned a little bit about why...why can't we use the affordable housing to pay off bonds for the affordable housing projects, so you have a bit more of a...you can stretch that money? Is that across the board you guys consider that, or you didn't consider that at all?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you for the chair...question, Member Sugimura. And thank you for the question, Member Johnson. Sorry, I'm a little tired here. We didn't approach the solicitation, evaluation process, and the submission process by including that some projects should be funded through bonds. That wasn't part of our process. That is an option, but that wasn't part of the process.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Did you encourage the Mayor to increase the Affordable Housing Fund so that there's room for us to put...you know, put in some projects as well? Or just did you encourage the Mayor to increase the Affordable Housing Fund? As we know, we're running out. I mean, what is there, \$900,000 left in that fund?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair, for the question, and Member Johnson. We did not directly request of the Mayor that the fund be increased. We left that--as it should be, in my opinion--within the Mayor's discretion.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, at that...I mean, you understand now we're kind of stuck in a pickle, right? We see projects that we want to kind of push forward, but we can't push them forward without the Administration's support. Quite often, we don't want to

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put money in there that you guys don't agree and don't spend it, right? That's...that's the issue we have. We want those monies to be spent, but we also want to hear from you guys that you are going to move that money forward.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you for the question, Chair Sugimura, and Member Johnson. What you'll see in the budget, Member Johnson, is that there are projects that were part of the RFP process that we have itemized, and there are other projects that are line-item grant-funded projects.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MR. MITCHELL: And so, if that is the wish of...of the body, even though it's coming from the General Fund, that approach allows us--both are coming from the General Fund--that approach allows us to maintain this reinvigorated integrity of the process we're trying to reinstitute, so that we're not setting up a process where folks can just not apply to the Affordable Housing Fund process and say, well, we're going to get money anyway. We're just going to bypass that. But either way, it's always within the Council's discretion.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. That's the key point. You mentioned the process.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: We don't have a say of that process until now. So, you...you mentioned the independent review committee. I have no clue what they did. I have no clue what they supported until now, then we start hearing it, right? So, when we're trying to advocate for housing in our communities, I feel like we're left out of that process. So, then we're coming...then we get in the same issue where like we want to push forward this project, but you guys didn't score it that high, and then I feel like well, if you guys aren't on board, then we're spinning our wheels. And every community has very important needs. West Maui is like the big need here. So, I'm really surprised that some of these projects weren't really all--I mean, you know, there's a couple projects we were just talking about yesterday about West Maui. So, where's our role in it besides just writing a check? That's the...that's the concern that I think I have.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I hope I get multiple questions too.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. I'm waiting for a bell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair, and Member Johnson, for that question. We are acutely aware of the Committee's concern, the Council's concern, and just yesterday, we discussed how to address this concern. While during the Department's presentation, we focused on operational issues, that could have been an opportunity to also discuss the Affordable Housing Fund. But for next year's go-around, I think we'll take the lead in instigating that discussion so that the Council is more involved.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

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MR. MITCHELL: When we sent out the letters to those who were included in our budget, in the Mayor's budget, that they were included, we also were very clear in that communication to them that they should be prepared to testify, to explain their project. So, we've attempted to include it in part of the budget process, but we'll, I think, be a little more on the advocacy side to encourage everyone to discuss when the Department comes before BFED next go-around to ensure that the Council is actually asking the questions on the Affordable Housing Fund side, as well as the operational side.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. May I ask what the request was of us? Is there a timer, or did you ask us to ask one question?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: One question. Yeah, that's what I'm --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh. Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- trying to...shall I time this?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I know this is going to be long.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I appreciated the one question --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and I appreciate process --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go for it. Go for it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and following it. Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Director Mitchell, Deputy Director Mata'afa.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your time this morning, and answering our multiple questions. Last year, Councilmembers criticized the former Housing Director for not appropriately responding to the new need of housing being built in a specific geographic area as one of the scoring criteria, as you may remember. One of the select...the...the selected project in the Affordable Housing Fund is in the area of the most need, West Maui, and the other project is in South Maui, where there

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is more housing available. As I just stated, I am a process person. I appreciate the process. I appreciate process to ensure fairness, and I support the Department's return to, you know, following a fair process. And, you know, having the group and naming some of the background tells me that there was an attempt to depoliticize this process, so that...was it the intention to not make it so that whoever is able to lobby the Councilmembers the best, without having the context of the 17 other projects that were submitted...that submitted their application on time, is that part of the intention of this process?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you for the question, Chair, and Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And I got so caught up in the persuasion of your question that I actually missed the question. It was very effective, but could you repeat the question for me, please? . . .*(chuckling)* . . . Just the question part.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Just the question, yeah.

MR. MITCHELL: . . .*(chuckling)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is the intention of this process to depoliticize the selection of projects that are chosen and conditioned under the Affordable Housing Fund?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you for the question, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes. Not only depoliticize it from the Department's perspective, but make sure that the Council understand that the leadership of the Department is not playing favorites. If that's what you mean by politics, yes. I was really clear that we need to reestablish integrity and trust with the Council, and that's why we put the process in place. So, now, what I'm saying is we're supportive, and the Administration is supportive of affordable housing, but we'd like to make sure we're all clear that we're trying to create a process that is unimpeachable. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'm not going to...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All the attention.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thank you both very much for your work. My...my clarifying question is regarding the scoring, and I...what the...what I heard you say about not leveraging, or it...using the money to leverage on a project was a benefit. The AMI was a benefit because of the way that it's certainly structured. So, my comment on

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that, I would hope that that's re-reviewed because this middle-gap housing, we have a lot of the 100 below, 80 below, and so the...and the other aspect of it is a project that doesn't need to be leveraged, that basically is simply paying down the affordability by "X" amount...some of them in the past have been really high, and all over. So, I encourage and respect what you're doing. I'm just saying that those two...my...my response, no matter what the projects are, is that we broaden that to some degree so that projects that are supplying that 80 to 120 aren't negated. And that if someone is...doesn't need to be stacking all of that...because as I mentioned with Mr. Bigley, it's tying up capital for a prolonged period of time for a project instead of simply getting it built. Comment?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair and Member Cook, for that question. Deputy Director Mata'afa and I had that discussion yesterday. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I'm going to have a couple comments and then I'll have, I guess, one question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're going to be a Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sort of, kind of, yeah. Maybe less complimentary, to be...to be honest. No, I'm just joking. I completely agree with depoliticizing shelter. That's one. For the most part, because it takes so long, these projects will outlast our tenure, your tenure, and everybody else's tenure. So, every project has to stand on its own merit, not who you know at the time who can make decisions to help you out. So, that's one. And if housing was depoliticized, we would probably have a lot less conversation regarding certain projects, and housing in general. So, I would love to see it depoliticized. Like, actually, not just right now, as we're discussing two projects. If we're only going to score by leveraging AMI, what we're going to see is an over-reliance on our LIHTC housing, and we are going to continue to miss the mark on what's exactly called the missing middle. Because if we're going to look at what projects qualify best for Affordable Housing Fund, they will be what we see now, where it's majority--because we have 13 here--majority is 60 percent...or 30 percent to 60 percent AMI. And that is absolutely a market that needs served, but not the only market that needs served. So, I do hope we see some adjustments in what projects then we will help fund. My actual question is...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here we go.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Because those are statements. I didn't need your opinion, I said mine. Yeah, and I said I was going to do that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(chuckling)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: What are we going to do--because this funding for Kaiāulu O Nāpili, which I do support by the way, let me make this clear--so I want to

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figure out how to make everything work. I want to figure out how we can do all the things, instead of choosing. This is, as Member Johnson says, a yes and situation, because it's housing. What are we going to do when this funding lapses in July 1 of '26, because they won't be awarded funding for LIHTC until August, which is after fiscal year's pau? So, our year and LIHTC's funding terms and times, rather, they don't line up, which is why they're in an issue that if we don't figure this out, I don't want to hold that project up for two years. Nonetheless, I don't want to just let this \$12 million sit, accruing, I don't know, pretty looks, and not really much else. So, what are we going to do? How's our...how is this going to work? Are we going to see this same monies and recognize it again in '26, '27, and '28, or how is this going to work?

MR. MATA'AFA: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Councilmember, for that question. And yes, we might need to. But what we're working on, on the back end is trying to align both processes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. MATA'AFA: We have had conversations with the State --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Good.

MR. MATA'AFA: -- to relook at how they qualify projects, to see if we can adjust the way that the funding stack...capital stack works, where, as Mr. Bigley mentioned earlier, the County goes first, then the State --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. MATA'AFA: -- and then they work on the private financing on the back end. So, we have had those conversations with the State on how we can adjust, or...or make suggestions on how they could probably adjust their process, and we hope that those are taken under serious consideration, given what we're seeing today, and the housing projects that you have before you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Great, because it's not just him. It's all the projects that will need LIHTC funding doesn't coincide with our timing for funding. Director Mitchell, do...you look like you have something to add? Oh, that is my second question.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean but who's counting? . . .(chuckling). . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, go ahead. I mean, we break the rules, we break the rules, right?

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair. I think I will enjoy the conversation, but not respond to the statement, but I appreciate the comments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Member Sinenci?



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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. I do see Budget Director's hand up. I wasn't sure if --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, she...I'm waiting for all of you to --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- she had left it up or...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- I'm waiting for all of you to ask your questions, then I'll call on her. I do know she's waiting.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Just a follow-up on Member...one of Member Johnson's questions on bond funding.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's genius.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I...I didn't get that clarification. If bond could...some of the projects could be bond-funded.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Got to be County . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Chair Sugimura, and Member Sinenci. I will defer that response to Department of Finance. I think that's a better question for them. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I just wanted to remind us that we are in public testimony period --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We are.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and this is very much like deliberations. So, we should not call on Budget Director because she is not a testifier.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's true. That is true.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But...okay.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tell her sign up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, what...I think Member U'u-Hodgins mentioned this, but the project that we were talking about yesterday, which is that Lipoa Apartments, it is serving a great need--I think all of you talked about it--a great need of that missing middle. And so, if...I mean, HHFDC does the same thing as you, right? We want to service all those that are on the lower AMI, and that's great, because we should, as the Member said. But for...I think it only...I think it worked against this Lipoa Apartment because they didn't service that part. They were trying to service what we all say--the firefighters, the teachers, you know, that group. But this project would build exactly for that, and they were...you know, they're trying to put together their...their finances, right? So, that's why this discussion is important now, as you all know. But when you...when you relook at your process, I just want to ask you to take into consideration, you know, to broaden your perspective so that we can build for those people a project that we're involved in. And the County's not involved with every single project that goes on in this...you know, in this County. But your pot of money is a big part of what can help solve problems, and I think that's what we're trying to do. So, I don't know how we can solve this because their AMI is completely different than all the rest that you approved, and higher, you know, unless if you have a thought on that because that worked against them of trying to solve a great problem. I...I...I...that's the part that just is hard for me to accept. A statement from you.

MR. MATA'AFA: Thank you, Chair. And I don't think I heard a question there, but I do have some comments. So, again, when we went back and looked at the applications, there were several things where they scored lower on, and one of the other ones that wasn't mentioned in the context of this discussion was the affordability period. It was much less than a lot of the other projects, and so they didn't get the points for that piece as well. So, it wasn't just the AMI, it wasn't just the leveraging, it was also the...the affordability period, where they also scored not as high as the other projects.

MR. MITCHELL: And if I could just add a thank you to the Committee and the Council...because we're all trying to do the same thing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think so.

MR. MITCHELL: Right. And...and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. MITCHELL: -- we all are trying to fix the problem, but this was the new, invigorated Department of Housing's first effort at getting this RFP out around a critical population, and we will continue to reevaluate the process to refine it as we go along. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Deputy Director, you want to say anything? You're done? Okay. Very good. Thank you very much. And thank you, Members, for allowing us to do this extended, kind of unusual, almost deliberations. But I just want to...you know, as

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you're talking about your...the Bond Funding, that's genius, because this is County land. You cannot --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you can't...you are. This...this is...this is not...this is a project that's very unusual because it's our land, so we can bond it. And the other thing is, it made me think, can we use the DR funds? You know, that's another question that we can ask the Department on that, because it may qualify for DR funds because it is our land, and because of everything that's happening in West Maui, you know, so... Okay. Next testifier. Thank you, everybody, for your patience and onesie, twosie questions.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Carolee Higashino, to be followed by Adiel Cline.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Carolee?

MS. HIGASHINO: Aloha, everybody.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hi. Good morning.

MS. HIGASHINO: Once again, I'm back. . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Well, I know many of you from my other hearings that I've been at for the last few years, and I'm grateful for what you folks do. But I am here right now, again, for the wedding industry as a whole. There's a whole group of us here that are all with the Maui Wedding and Event Association group here that we personally created and orchestrated, mostly as a result of lack of support, I guess I would say. I've been in this industry for 30-plus years. I've owned my own wedding company and event company for that amount of time, and I've seen the ups and downs that this island has gone through, and what our industry has gone through, and it's changed. Pre-COVID, we were pretty much reactive as an industry. We were lucky. Things were good. You know, we were making money. People were busy. Everything was good. Then COVID hit, and we all know what happened then. But then after that, we also had the fires, of course. We know all these things. We know all the things that we've experienced, but now we're still having problems. We're having lack of funding, the Visitors Bureau...the Maui Visitors Bureau, and it looks very bleak on that end of things too. And what's happening is, we're not doing anything proactive. We were reactive, but we're not doing anything proactive in order to restimulate this economy. Part of it is funding. A lot of it is funding. All of us have been out-of-pocket. This whole time I've been in this industry, I don't feel that we've had any support financially in any way with what we've done. It's all been individually done. And at this point, there is an opportunity for us to get this--I don't know what you call it, a grant or what it is--but the \$300,000 they're asking for, for this...this event called Engage. Engage is a national platform that brings natural...international, excuse me, platform that brings international people to recognize once again, we are a viable, vibrant industry, and we're on this island, and it's a destination for people to come. The industry alone brings in millions and millions and millions of dollars, but we've never been acknowledged for it, and it's time...it's time we are. I hope this is a start to other things, not just Engage, in terms of some support. Looking at things as a whole, you

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know, marketing is at a critical halt due to the funds. It's not sustainable. If we're not going to market this island, and I know we've always marketed it as a high-end luxury destination venue location-type thing, but it's changed a bit. You know, now we...we just want any...we need visitors back, you know,. I know that all these people don't want it also, but as far as all of us who live here, eat, breathe, sleep, and raise our children, we need it. I've been on the island myself over 40 years, and we need it. We need to stimulate our subcontractors. I have over 300 subcontractors who work for me. Individually, it could be a floral designer, it could be whatever, but a lot of them are leaving the island. They're not able to sustain, and it's at a critical point right now. They're falling off. She just...Tara said the economy was down, what, 57 percent or something like that. Well, I feel it, we all feel it. Some of us save for the winters, others didn't, but a lot of us did, and we still cannot keep this up. I mean, at this point, it's really bad. You know, now I'm hearing other things too. Our island not only needs affordable housing, which we're hearing about, we definitely need that, but we also need jobs, and we create those, and we need to keep creating those. The only way we can do that is if we get some help here. We have been floating out on our own for so long as kind of a nonviable novelty business industry. We're not a novelty business industry. We're bringing in so much money into this County and into the State that hasn't been ever noted, honestly. I'm seeing things like...you know, there's so many things happening now. The global economy looks bleak. You know, the tariffs, you mentioned that too, I think that was you. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . Anyway, the tariff increases will also affect our industry as well, so that's going to be a hard hit for floral designers and...and product. So, anyway, sorry, I talked too long, but I hope that helped. . . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. HIGASHINO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody has questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez --

MS. HIGASHINO: Oh, yeah, sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Ms. Higashino?

MS. HIGASHINO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony this morning. For...for how long have you been legally permitted to operate in the industry?

MS. HIGASHINO: Legally permitted to operate? Well, I've had my wedding and event company for 30 years. I recently was permitted the Beach House, which I manage, if that's what you're asking. And we've had that...it took four years to get the permit, and very expensive, \$350,000-plus, just to get a permit to open and operate that venue. And I got that permit about...less than a year ago.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any other questions? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your testimony. I really appreciate it. So, with...right now, we're hearing a lot of the presidential policies coming down, really kind of tamping down on some of the...some our tourists coming and getting kicked out of the country. I'm sure you've probably seen the media. The people...the economists are telling us a recession is coming. Do you think this is the best time to do the event when we're facing tighter purse strings across the board, and our numbers are actually shrinking, in addition to the wildfires, in addition to the COVID? I mean, it just seems like the timing right now is...I'd like to hear your opinion on, is this the best time to host this event when our numbers are coming down, not just here in Maui County, but nationally?

MS. HIGASHINO: In answer to your question, yes. I think when the chips are down, that's when you kitty-up. I think you just have to focus on--it's just like anything, and everything's cyclical, but this is an unusual cycle we're going through. This isn't a normal cycle. I've gone through many over all these years. And if we don't invest in this island, it will be residual years down the road. I don't see a huge amount of interest in marketing the island any longer. I know that the Visitors Bureau, I'm on the board of directors for that, I mentioned, and they used to get about, if...I might be misquoting, but I was told about \$300,000 a year for marketing and advertising, maybe more, maybe 3 million. I really don't even know. But I do know that last year we got \$87,000 to market this whole island, and people are wondering why we're not visible. You go to trade shows all over Las Vegas, everywhere...we have a huge one for the WeddingMBA, mention that. You know, 20, 30,000 people attend that...not one booth with Hawai'i. Everything else, everything else was Costa Rica, Mexico, da, da, da, you know, all over the place, and that is one of our main industries. You know, the U.S....U.S. mainland is 90 percent, whoever mentioned that. Our industry is pretty much, incoming events are from the U.S. Mainland.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MS. HIGASHINO: They're not necessarily from Japan on this island --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MS. HIGASHINO: -- and we saw what happened on O'ahu. But anyway, I'm --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. HIGASHINO: -- all over the place, but --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you for your response.

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MS. HIGASHINO: -- yes, I think it is definitely the time to do it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I see no further questions. Thank you.

MS. HIGASHINO: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nice seeing you.

AUDIENCE: . . . *(applauding)* . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, members, please don't...please don't disrupt us. Okay. Go ahead.  
Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Adiel Cline, to be followed by Tad Craig.

MS. CLINE: Aloha. Thank you, everyone, for having me. A little nervous, but it's nice to see faces that I voted for, so that's great. My name is Adele Cline, I own Salon 253 in Wailuku. The last time I was here, actually, was with Hawai'i Salons Forum back during COVID when I worked with Lieutenant *[sic]* Josh Green to open the salons safely. That was a lot, so here I am again. Like I said, I do own Salon 253 in Wailuku, and there is...the part of the wedding industry that I'm involved in is, making brides beautiful on their wedding day. With that, I do employ 22 employees at my salon. Of that, five of them work directly in the wedding. Right now, there's only two because of the downturn in the wedding economy here on Maui. I just want to say that with that, I have lost a couple employees that have moved to the mainland after the fires, that have pivoted to something else. I was able to take a couple of my employees that were in the wedding industry, and now they're directly behind the chair, but they are anxious to get back to doing brides, and I would love to get this funding to help them with the future of their...their passion and their career. That's what I'm...I do in my business. So, do you have any questions? Sorry, nervous.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you very much.

MS. CLINE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Yeah. Next testifier, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Ted Craig, to be followed by Tara Nakahashi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, members in the audience, I...I should have said I would like to have some decorum, so the clapping would be what we...we appreciate, but when we have large groups of people and people start doing that, or start doing other negative things, that we try to keep decorum in the Chamber. So, appreciate your enthusiasm and, you

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know, that...your time that you're spending with us. I just wanted to explain it. But, thank you.

MR. CRAIG: Hi, Chair. Thanks for having us, Council. My name's Tad, Tad Craig Photography. I've been a pro photographer on Maui for 25 years. I have literally seen the waves that this industry has gone up and down over the years. And of course, at COVID, you know, just total shutdown, and then there was a little bit of a recovery, and it was a nice recovery, but you never really got out of the hole after COVID. It...it just...there wasn't enough, and then the disaster happened over in Lāhainā. I was there that night and witnessed it. The decline of the business since then has been pretty substantial, with major people, as you guys all know, in social media talking smack about Maui, not coming here, and suddenly, people all over the country are like well, I thought I wasn't supposed to have a wedding in Maui. So, that's really had a detrimental effect. And then...since then, it's really sort of the...the industry has really dropped off, and now we are...because of politics, and tariffs, and all this stuff, I think the...what I see happening--and this has sort of been spoken about already--but what I see happening is that in the immediate future, obviously, Canadians are not going to be coming here because they're all boycotting us. Americans are not going to be coming here because they're literally going to just hold onto their wallets and not go on a spending spurge in Maui. So, what's going to happen here? We are going to feel the results of it. And if we don't do something--our industry, it's pretty substantial. We bring in millions of dollars, as has already been spoken about, but what's going to happen to literally hundreds and hundreds of people in the coming months, the coming year? This next year is going to be--like how are we going to get through January, February, March of '26? You know, that's going to be very pivotal for us, you know, for people in my industry. So, thank you very kindly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Question from Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Craig. Mahalo for your testimony. I wanted to clarify the portion in your testimony where you characterized the comments asking folks to not come to Maui as talking smack. I wanted to better understand your position, in that your position in that it...you...your position is that it wasn't justified for those who wanted to protect themselves and their family as a legitimate reason for asking people to not come to Maui at that time.

MR. CRAIG: I think there were unfounded comments with people with huge social media platforms, including one...maybe I shouldn't name names, but one individual that literally has millions of followers, and he immediately said after the fires that, you know, Maui is closed. I think that had a detrimental effect on people. When you...when you look at the...I don't know, other people in the Hawai'i politics, and their platforms, and the size of their platforms is not very big, you know. But when somebody like the superstar that sort of said those words, when he said it, it literally went out to millions of people. And, you know, who are people listening to, you know, that are going to be coming to Maui? They're not going to be listening to the Mayor, or the...you know, the people of politics in Hawai'i. They're going to be listening to the superstars on Instagram or whatever, so...

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, to clarify then, you're not saying that your industry is more important than the quality of life of the rest of the community?

MR. CRAIG: Absolutely not.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much.

MR. CRAIG: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Next testifier, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is Tara Nakahashi, to be followed by Lesley Milner.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Hi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hi.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Good morning. Good morning, everyone. I came to you at the beginning of the month to talk about farming and growing flowers, and now I'm here to talk about the sustainability of the wedding industry on Maui. Without weddings and events, our business, Kahului Florist, who has a sister company, Fernhouse Maui, would not be able to continue having our doors open on a regular basis. Tourism is a big concern for everyone here on Maui, and I understand the concept of being able to support local, and keep local, and not have as many people here, but the reality is, is Kahului Florist cannot keep its doors open without people coming here. And that's just a hard fact. Now, the quality of the people that come here versus the money spent, the budget versus high end, that is something we can direct. And having the Summit will help us to direct that, and the type of client we bring. I work on both sides, and I understand the community-support aspect, but we really do need these types of people to come here and support our economy. I have 25 people on my wedding staff that I employ at various times of the year. Right now, I only have three because I cannot financially sustain them without people coming here. So, I fully support the Maui Wedding Association and what they do. And without their voice...again, like Carolee said, you know, she's been in this industry for over 30 years. She's a mentor of mine. Without support from somewhere, we're just going to continue to go downhill. We're going to lose our venues, we're going to lose interest, and people are going to continue to go to other islands. And I'm not saying we need a huge portion of it, but we need more. Also, I wanted to say thank you for giving us microgrants for flower farmers. I got the email yesterday, and I really appreciate it. I'm so grateful. We're really excited because that means I get to ramp up farming again. I have the opportunity to do so, and I'm so excited. Any questions? Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson.



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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. You know, right now, this...this Committee is in discussion on what type of cuts we're going to do, and we are looking for cuts, and one of the...one of...this...this might come up in the discussion, but I want to remind you and everybody here in the audience that there are other pots of money that you guys could apply for to have the Engage Summit. In the Office of Economic Development, there's the Economic Diversity and Development Initiative. That's a \$600,000 pot of money that you folks could apply, and it's already in the budget. So, when we're discussing cuts, understand there's other areas where you can apply if...if you do want to move forward with this...with this. So, I'm just letting you know --

MS. NAKAHASHI: Great.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- information-wise.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It doesn't...I mean, if we have to find cuts for really important issues...because there's so many needs, I understand that. So, that...that might be something you guys could pivot to and go through the Office of Economic Development to find money.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Great.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. No further questions.

MS. NAKAHASHI: Great. Have a good day.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You, too. Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the last...oh, sorry, Chair. The last testifier signed up is Lesley Milner.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning, Director. Bright and early.

MS. MILNER: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. And my office would also like to say happy butter roll day. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. . . .(chuckling). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(chuckling). . . Wait, did she give you one?

MS. MILNER: So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Six.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you gave six.

MS. MILNER: She did, and they're still warm.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good.

MS. MILNER: . . . *(chuckling)*. . . The first thing I wanted to say...I don't know what the Committee's plan is, but I just did want to mention the discussion we had on DEM yesterday, if the body would like to consider revisiting that in light of that information. I...I won't go into the details because we did yesterday. The second thing I wanted to address was the conversation a little earlier on bonding affordable housing. So, the County doesn't bond something if it's not going to become a County asset. So, bonding, loans and grants to other entities would not be an appropriate use of bond funds. But if we wanted to bond a land acquisition that would be developed into affordable housing, that would be an appropriate use of that. And then we could use the Affordable Housing Fund to pay down the bond...or the debt service on the bond. And then the last thing I wanted to say, this is in response to the conversation yesterday, and also the question from Chair Lee about the \$7 million shortfall after the certification and revenues. And I spoke with Managing Director and Mayor, and as you know, from some of the budget letters, we have some funding in carryover that we were planning to use in Fiscal Year '25 for property acquisition because as we told the Committee, we were planning to use cash for that. But in light of everything that's going on, 10 million of that can be recognized in Carryover/Savings, and we will bond that land purchase...or that property purchase when it's ready to move forward. So, if the Committee would like to recognize an additional \$10 million in carryover, that is available. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, keeps on flowing. I have a question for you, Director. So, the discussion was that Chair Lee came up with, I thought, oh, that's kind of an interesting idea. Affordable housing project, we own the land, but it was \$12 million for the development of the land. But that land, which is Open Space, has to be converted to, you know, the...the proper zoning and everything. But for that land, because it's ours, can we use it to benefit this discussion?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I think once we get to the point where we reimburse the Open Space Fund, once we know the exact acreage and cost, I think we could look at using bond for that, and then using Affordable Housing Fund to pay down the debt service.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But for the particular item in the...in the Affordable Housing Fund, which is the \$12 million for the Bigley project, that would not help that discussion because you need to do something different with the land.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. That's correct. The \$12 million is for a loan to that entity to develop the affordable housing. So, it would not become a County asset, we would only own the land.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Well, interesting though. That's...that's an interesting thought. All right. Any other questions for Director? Okay. Seeing none. And I guess we will see you for the rest of the day at the appropriate time. Thank you for your hard work.

MS. MILNER: Absolutely. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the next testifier is signed up on Teams as Anonymous Hawaiian.

MR. NAKOA: How's it? No need be anonymous. My name is Junya Nakoa. How you guys stay? Yeah, say, hearing some stuff about the affordable projects, and funding, and all that stuff, yeah? And I kind of keep hearing about one project in Kihei, like Lipoa or something. Sorry, I jump on late because I was in another meeting, but what happening to these projects that's already going in Lāhainā that's been approved and all that stuff? Also, I heard, yeah, like, I heard you guys talking about the...the Kaiāulu O Nāpili, you know, and then I heard they got, you know, small funding for go do the research, if they can make it capable, but...but make sure, let's...I...like make sure you guys don't forget Lāhainā. That's why I jumped on top of this thing. Lāhainā got lickings, yeah? We got lickings. I hope you guys never forget about that. Kihei, now Kihei, remember now. You get one 'nother project coming up that got approved by the Planning Commission. They get, what, hopefully 300-something homes that is affordable, you know what I mean? So, cannot tell me Kihei no more nothing going on. But in Lāhainā is a desperate need. Right now, I stay at my daughter's condo babysitting my grandson, and I going tell you, at this condo, I get at least 20, 23 people, there's still no place for stay yet. So, let's go...let's go concentrate on getting these guys out of this damn FEMA-type thing because they're a bunch of headache. Yeah. They're driving my daughter nuts. And when somebody drives my daughter nuts, I get defensive. But it's crazy, yeah? The...the stuff that they got to go through, but I hope you guys not going to take away funding from Lāhainā housing projects and go take care...hey, and no get me wrong, I love the whole freaking island, okay? But not when you get...not...not when you da kine, one project that is being...being shoved down the throat, being shoved down the throat, and they get...they already they get affordable housing, you know. And so...and I think they're in the bracket of all the way up to 120, I think, or even that. So, let's concentrate. Let's not get thrown off track. What is that, the guy, Remi and da kine, Saumalu, brah, they...they...they're smashing. You know what I mean? But we all got to come together. We got to come together, gang. Okay. Got to stop...me, you know, me I steady grumbler, yeah, steady I grumble, but I trying to work with people, okay? I trying to work da kine instead of just grumble. I had meetings with people on Front Street that's trying to rebuild, that's trying to rebuild. But I giving them the hard...the hard answers. I not...I not beating around the bush. We don't need any more pools in the Front Street. And then they gave me a little bit, okay, okay, but my wife, she's half the owner, and she needs a pool. I say well, go...go check the neighbor if they get da kine. But I dealing with these kinds of stuff, so we got to just learn how to work with these guys, yeah, brah. Also, please, do not forget Lāhainā, because I tell you, we're going to make sure you guys don't. I will make sure you guys don't. Yeah...yeah, I don't know, I just got thrown off the . . . (inaudible). . . that all these projects in Lāhainā, we got to make sure

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we take care of them. The Kaiāulu guys, the Bigley guys, and the Tom Fischer guys, they went go try to the HHFDC and try to make them up to 80 percent. So, they're trying, but they're getting their hands tied. You know, so...and then, yeah, I don't know, I'm just getting thrown off, brah. I not...sorry, I haven't been paying attention because I was...I was stoked with you guys and the . . .(timer sounds). . . West Maui attendance, yeah. I was all stoked, so I kind of went mellow out. I went mellow out, I went cruise 'em little bit, yeah. So, I went go concentrate on my own house and da kine, all this other stuff, but yeah, just wanted to put a jump on. Just make sure you guys no forget us in Lāhainā.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. NAKOA: Yeah, just I really going to keep on saying them because we're not going...we're not going to give up. Okay. Peace. You guys have a good job. You guys get one hard job. Yessah, go get 'em.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. NAKOA: Peace out.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any questions for Mr. Nakoa? Seeing none. Thank you. Next testifier.

MR. NAKOA: I'm going to change my name. Sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next testifier, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, I see one more...I see one more individual approaching the podium.

MR. LAW: That's me, Chair. Jasee Law. Kula Uka, Waiakoa ahupua'a. Thank you, Councilmembers, for being here. Chair Yuki Lei Kashiwa Sugimura, working late last night. And now, Mr. Cook asked me yesterday, don't I have anything better to do? And my answer was no. And I wasn't too sure about that because sometimes I wonder myself why I'm here all the time. And it's a long story. But...and briefly, thank you for asking me, Mr. Cook. Because when you ask questions, you...you figure out stuff. And I guess I'm what you call a lobbyist because the recycling thing, Cecile Powell came yesterday and said stuff about they were thinking about cutting the recycle budget with the 400,000. And then I said something yesterday about it. So, I wanted to...and...and I've learned sometimes, people tell you, oh, just wait. And then you wait. And then they say, oh, well, you're too late because that was yesterday. And you're like, wait a minute. Sometimes the window of opportunity is very small, so you got to always pay attention. Hawaiian word of the day, I guess, might be maka'ala. I think it means vigilant. And so, I just wanted...and I spoke with Mr. Agawa again this morning, and he said even he's not sure because until you're done, then that's it. So, I just wanted to make sure I get it in there again to recycle. And shovel-ready was the word of the day too. And I think I heard...that wasn't her exact words, but she said she's got the positions ready. And it was a misunderstanding with Tamara Paltin where that was something else. They cut the...she...she thought she was cutting the money for some kind of like educational

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and not for the recycling. So, I just wanted to make sure you guys leave that in there. And so, I could never make \$400,000 in ten years, so I think my time is better spent here asking you guys to make sure you put that in there for the red-haired girl.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Okay. Next testifier, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, there's currently no individual signed up to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we have.

MR. PASCUAL: If anyone in the audience...oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. It's Kai Nishiki.

MS. NISHIKI: Aloha, Chair, Councilmembers. Late night last night, back here again at it. Thank you for your dedication. We really need permanent housing in...in West Maui. And you heard from the community loud and clear, directly after the fire, to prioritize West Maui as the greatest need. And you...you guys...you guys stepped up, and you did. This Council provided funding in previous budgets for housing in West Maui. And I'm here begging, asking, pleading for reconsideration for extending the funding that was already allocated, which does not impact this current budget. We're simply asking for the...the Council to give us an opportunity to have a little more time to work on the water issue with CWRM. We are in active and continuing conversation with CWRM on a path forward. You heard Councilmember Paltin say she's busy with the budget, but she's going to be working with Deputy Director Kahahane in May. You've also heard things from the Administration about grant executions, and residential workforce housing agreements, and prevailing wage. We were shocked, I'm sure as much as you guys were yesterday, to hear from Corp. Counsel that they don't have the grants on their desk. They don't have the residential workforce housing on their desk. We have emails that I can forward to all of you that communicate that exact thing from the Department of Housing. So, we would also like to have a bit more time to work through those things. And we had a meeting with the Director of Housing outside, and we're going to be working to clear up some things. And so, really, what we're asking for is time and reconsideration to work...to work out a number of issues. And if this Council or if the Administration wants to come in with a budget amendment six months, eight months down...down the...down the road, then we're happy to discuss that. But I'm begging you to please reconsider your vote yesterday, and give us a bit more time. This is not going to affect what's going on with you guys today at all. And I'd be happy to meet with anyone to answer any questions or...or concerns, or I'm also happy to answer right here on the floor, but I know you guys have a lot going...a lot to do. So, I don't want to distract from, you know, what's at hand. But please understand that in West Maui, you...I mean, the...the State has...has killed the Sylvia Luke Lieutenant Governor's project that would provide housing. This project, you know, we're trying to work things out with CWRM. Then there's the...the Bigley project on...on County land. Like, please don't kill hope for West Maui to have permanent housing. If you ask the Administration right now, do you...okay, fine. You guys want to do temporary housing? No, we don't want to do temporary housing. So, we're just not going to do anything for West Maui

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and we're going to strip them of their...of their funding? Like, please. I...I was down in Planning Commission, down there. The County is recommending mansions being built for millionaires on the shoreline. They're recommending this. Please, I'm up here, and then they're stripping money away from West Maui for affordable housing, permanent affordable housing? Like it just blows my mind, you know? We're down...the County's down there like, yes, approve millionaires' mansions on the shoreline that is impacted by sea level rise. And I'm up here like begging and pleading for affordable . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . housing for our West Maui residents where 10,000 people were displaced, 90 percent of those were renters. They don't...there's no home for them to go home and rebuild. They're at the will and the mercy of you guys, of housing providers, and we need all the help and support that we can get.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. NISHIKI: I told myself that I was not going to be --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: -- emotional about this, but --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: -- it is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: It's do or die here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member...

MS. NISHIKI: Please don't...please don't genocide the people in Lāhainā.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thanks for coming to testify. Can you please send me the correspondence? Because we basically heard two different sides of like the story. You said --

MS. NISHIKI: I hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- you know, you guys do, and they said we absolutely don't. So, can you please send me the emails?

MS. NISHIKI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: To make clear, we are talking about the timing--at least I'm talking about the timing of the Kaiāulu O Nāpili project, but I have no intention of stripping away money from that project. I want that project to go through. However, the purchase of that exact parcel was a condition for Pulelehua to meet for parks.

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MS. NISHIKI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: And maybe we can continue that conversation on how that's going to balance out. I don't disagree with what Member Rawlins-Fernandez said, that we do have to pivot, or course correct, and we do have to figure this out, but I'm curious how this is all going to...I don't want to say balance out because housing is extremely important, but make sense.

MS. NISHIKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: But if you could please email me the correspondence with either Housing or Corp. Counsel, I would appreciate it. Thanks.

MS. NISHIKI: Okay. And --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: -- to your point about the prevailing wage issue and all of that, I want you to...to be confident that all of...all of the documentation is done, ready to write the check and execute all of these grants, but it should all be, you know, like your grants are going to be executed, these checks are going to be written, and everything happens all together. But we're all operating with this uncertainty, and it all comes from the Administration. And so, like, where is this kama'aina prosperity and focus on affordable housing if the Council is saying, here's money, Administration, and then they're dropping the ball, and playing politics, and playing favorites. And it's really a poor reflection, I think. And I'm...I'm sorry that we are all...and ultimately, who loses? The West Maui community. The hardworking people who are making this economy run, the tourism industry run in West Maui. It's that workforce that...that loses, while everyone else is playing politics, and pushing papers, and pointing fingers, so...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any other questions? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Nishiki, for all that you do for your community. I really appreciate your passion. You know, I've been trying to listen to the Administration on what their thinking is, and I'm getting so many different responses. I don't even know if...what their plan is moving forward. You know, first, I heard they were thinking about purchasing some of the land. Then I heard...of course, we've all heard about the water. And then finally, the most recent is, is they're going to do a budget amendment once all the...all the...everything's all settled between the builder and...and the departments. So, I...you know, I supported the project in the past. I voted for it, full support. I...I met the developer. Until they hammer out the details, then that money just languishes. So, I feel like I'm...I'm kind of stuck between a rock

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and a hard place. If you get any new information from the Administration, please send me an email so then I can start asking them those questions. Because we want to team up, so that way we can ask...you know, get this thing moving forward. Because the worst thing is, I don't want to just sit there and languish. That...when there's all the needs are only getting more and more bigger. You mentioned West Maui, and how...how there needs to be more. I totally hear you on that. You know, it's just, I...we, as...as this body, we can put the money in, but the Administration has to move it forward. And they keep coming back to me, telling me all these different --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- reasons, and it's not getting me anywhere. Like, so that's...that's the issue. So, the minute you hear some new news, please send me an email and let me know.

MS. NISHIKI: I --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: -- I absolutely will, Gabe. And I'm just asking for just a little bit more time, and that's why we're asking for the reconsideration on the vote. And, you know, glad that we're all working on unsheltered situations...or solutions. Because I'm sure that you read the article last night, that FEMA is --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's right.

MS. NISHIKI: -- is cracking down on all of those that are stuck with those huge high rents, and now saying, oh, yeah, well, we jacked up the rent, now here, you guys...you guys deal with it. And there's hundreds of people who cannot pay that rent. And so, we better get ready for a whole bunch of need for unsheltered situations if we're not going to push forward on affordable housing...permanent affordable housing in West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The minute that budget amendment comes along, I'll tell you, Ms. Nishiki, I'll rise in full support.

MS. NISHIKI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Nice seeing you.

MS. NISHIKI: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next testifier...oh, sorry, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Nishiki, for your testimony this morning. So, are you saying that this is the only way to secure the funding, and the Administration can make a budget amendment later? Is that your recommendation to this Committee?

MS. NISHIKI: That is what I'm begging and pleading for, is for the Council, who we can rely on to listen to the people and take decisive action. That's what I'm asking for. You guys...you guys listen. You guys are responsive. Please, please reconsider the vote yesterday, and give us this little bit more time, and then we will fully support whatever happens if things don't work out with CWRM and the water.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Nishiki. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. Thank you.

MS. NISHIKI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next testifier.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, the last individual signed up is under the name Royal House of Hawai'i.

ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I: Aloha. You guys can hear?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I: Can? Okay. Perfect. Aloha. I'm here to testify, and testifying about like all the concerns happening, even like especially regards to housing, with affordable housing, with all the decisions being made. I don't know if you guys got my testimonies though, and on the emails I sent, but like...oh, yeah, sorry. I'm just wondering if there's any beneficiaries that were contacted, and...of the descendants of those royal patents that are being discussed over, and like all those parcels from the TMKs because they manipulated our royal patents and changed it into TMK illegally. And yeah, I just wanted to ask if there was any beneficiaries called up of those descendants of the royal patents because I'm pretty sure they would know...they guarantee would know what would be best for that land, and for what happens on that land. And they're not going to like remove all the people. Of course not. They're going to like find all these solutions for community building. And I know...if you need the heirs, I know the heirs, the living heirs of all of the lands, so please feel free to reach out to me about the descendants of any of them because I'm...yeah, I'm pretty sure we all know the living heirs, yeah. But...and yeah, just to follow the law on that also, by my law and your law, my kingdom, my papa's kingdoms laws, and your guys' laws, the State laws. And with the water and stuff, they would know how to return the water back, and for it to flow, and restore everywhere. And mahalo, and thank you for hearing me out. Please follow the law on the royal patents, and call all the beneficiaries for better the land, and to help me to help you to help everybody, and for everybody's

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children to have water, and all of the children to have water again. Ke Akua pu, and God bless.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Any questions? Seeing none. Thank you. Next testifier, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, that's all the individuals signed...signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, please.

MR. PASCUAL: This is the last call for oral testimony. Please come up to the podium or raise your hand on teams if you would like to testify. The countdown is three, two, one. Seeing none. Chair, no one has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, with your permission, I would like to close public testimony and receive written testimony.

**. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, seeing that there are no more individuals who wish to testify, without objections, I'm...I closed that, and I wanted to take up...did we...are we ready with the directors and deputies? Okay. So, I wanted to do this, and then we'll go into the departments...I'm going to take a recess after that and then do the departments. So, at this time...Members, yesterday, we voted and agreed to redistribute the salary increases approved by the Salary Commission for directors, deputies, and elected officials with Countywide to the appropriate program A category. And so, Staff has created a spreadsheet, which shows the director, deputy directors, and elected officials' salaries, comparing the Budget Details and the Salary Commission-approved salaries. That should be passed out now. In one motion, we can transfer over the differences from Countywide to the appropriate department's Category A, Salaries. And I wonder if I could ask Member Johnson to take a look at this, and then make the motion, and we can discuss.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Certainly, Chair. I move to accept the Salary Commission's Fiscal Year '26 salaries into the record, and adjust the Department's A Accounts accordingly, moving money from the fringe benefits line item.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Johnson made the motion, second by Member U'u-Hodgins. Any discussion, Members? Member Sinenci, did you get the document? You did? Okay. Good. Can I have a copy of the document? Oh, thank you. Thank you very much. Okay. So, motion made by Member Johnson, second by Member U'u-Hodgins. These are the numbers that will be put into Category A. Any discussion before we take the vote? No? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's eight "ayes," one excused, which is Member Paltin.

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**    **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much for working on this, Staff. And thank you, Mr. Hanano, for your copy that you just gave me. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now we know which jobs to apply for.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Truly, yeah. All right. So, I am going to...it is now 10:56, 11:00, so is ten minute [sic] okay for a break? Okay. So, come back at 11:10. Thank you. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS:**        **10:56 a.m.**  
                 **RECONVENE:**   **11:25 a.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(gavel). . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 11:25. To start off our meeting, we have good news, Member Paltin has joined us. Member Paltin, good morning. Oh, she's not?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. She was with us. She will be joining us then. All right. So, thanks. We...we did the director, and deputy, and elected officials' salaries right before we took this break, and we're going to continue on now with discussion regarding the departments. Can you...Staff, can you let the Members know what order we're going to take up the departments? I have Management, Mayor, and then I say the Ps, but can you go over?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We're going to do this in 25 minutes?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Yeah, that would be nice.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. Sorry, just one moment. I want to make sure we capture it accurately.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Come on. Come back. All right.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: So, right now, for the department order, what we have down is beginning with Management, to be followed by the Mayor's Office. After the Mayor's Office, then the Committee will move on to Parks and Recreation, then Personnel Services, Police, Public Works, and then there's some revisits. So, I think the first revisit we have down is Water Supply, and then making an assess from there if there's some other revisits that the Committee will be able to do. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. And now, Staff, can you please continue with sharing Exhibit 1 from yesterday?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then Member Cook has a question after you do that. Everybody has copies being passed out now of Exhibit 1.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Member Paltin . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin joined?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin, good morning. I don't see her on my screen.

MR. KRUEGER: Sorry. I'll stop sharing for a sec.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Hi, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha awakea kākou. I'm live and direct from Nāpili. I have one unnamed minor and one unnamed...one unnamed minor human and one unnamed minor canine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good morning. All right. So, we will then...if you could bring up Exhibit 1 again.

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**EXHIBIT "1"**

MR. KRUEGER: So, we've prepared the Exhibit 1 again, just for the...what the Committee has gone over for the last...for yesterday. So, as you can see at the beginning, we...we just included the Countywide costs from the Department of Finance to show more of the fringe adjustments that...that we're calculating based off of the cuts that the...the Committee has made to...to various Category A appropriations. We will note that some numbers might change, might be different from the previous iteration. We just did some recalculations and double-checking. So...so, there might be some slight changes between the two. And then going into the other departments, so starting with Department of Housing, you know, again, we're...we're noting the changes that the Committee is making. We include motions, both motions made that succeed and motions that...that don't pass. For...for those that do pass, or for anything, if...if you notice, if we didn't capture anything, you know, exactly that...that was intended, please...please make sure to let Staff know, and we can...we can discuss if adjustments are necessary. I think the main thing that we'd like to note for...for the departments that we've gone through, I think there was one...one of the priorities the Committee acted on yesterday related to the GET Fund, and it was for a transfer to the Department of Water Supply. So, what we've done is...because of the way that it works now, where GET funds need to be transferred into the Department of Water Supply, we're accounting for that transfer, and we're now having to reflect the expenditure...the Department of Water Supply's expenditure in the...in their CIP. So, you'll see later on, in the CIP portion of Exhibit 1, that new CIP project that corresponds to Councilmember Cook's GET Fund priority.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...oh, go ahead.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh. So, I guess just to go over briefly, you know, the current status of...of the Members, you know, adds and cuts against the Mayor's proposed budget. Right now, the...the Mayor's...the...the Council's current appropriations exceeds the Mayor's by approximately \$32 million. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. My question is, the Council's exceeded by \$32 million, how much does the Council cut?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you have the total cuts?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Total cuts, total adds.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies, we...we don't...I don't have it broken out by total cuts versus total adds. We only have it in aggregate, but we can try and compile that to see...to total what...what the cuts were versus what the adds were. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That would be helpful. Because it appears if there's 32 million add --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- that's...

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, apologies. I guess...just to clarify.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. It doesn't mean 32 net.

MR. KRUEGER: It's net, yes. Yes, 32...we're 30...the Council is 32 million over the Mayor's proposed net.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. That's disturbing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I think it's a workable number. Anyway, I just wanted to double-check. The 32 million over net is as of which department? Again, please.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sorry, I was bothering him.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You want me to repeat the question, James?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. The 32 million over is as of which department?

MR. KRUEGER: So, as of...as of yesterday, the last department...all the departments that the...the Committee has gone through. So, for...for all of the adds and cuts that the Committee has decided upon thus far, we're calculating approximately 32 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. But as of which...what was the last department that we...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Did last night.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, made changes to?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Water.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Was it Water?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. Technically Water Supply, although I think the...the Committee sort of deferred action on...on Water Supply because of...I think there's a priority outstanding for that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, not Water Department, so the department before that then?

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MR. KRUEGER: Transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Transportation.

MR. KRUEGER: But there...there are other departments sprinkled in there that the Committee has not yet taken up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I guess that was a...a useless question. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: There are no useless questions. That's what the teacher told me one time...but anyways, I think she was just being nice to me. Does that include the 10 million that Director Milner mentioned this morning? And also, what about that 7 million difference that was discussed earlier?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: With RPT.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The difference in RPT, yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: So, the Council's current...the calculation that we've created for the Council's total right now, does...the RPT revenue that...that we're calculating is the certified amount, so --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- so the one that is 7 million less than what the Mayor estimated. Apologies, your...the 10 million Carryover/Savings that was mentioned this morning is not included.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So...so, not 34, but 24...or the 30x [sic] million...was it 34 [sic]million over, you said?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 32.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 32.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: 32 million, it's actually 22 million.

MR. KRUEGER: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Or do we look at it like that? We don't look at it like that.

MR. KRUEGER: I...I suppose --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

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MR. KRUEGER: -- what it is, is --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- it would be that if the body chooses to recognize that 10 million in Carryover/Savings, it would help adjust for, or make up the revenue it needs to basically account for the --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- 34 million adds . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's still good news. All right. Great. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. For my clarity, does this \$32 million include the \$7 million variance from the real property tax, or is that \$7 million variance added to this?

MR. KRUEGER: So, apologies. I...I hope my...so the Mayor's proposed...what we've done is we take the Mayor's proposed number as is, so that includes the Mayor's estimate that of approximately...I think it's like 650 million in RPT. The amount that we're calculating for the Council's current amount, we use, for revenue, the 6...the 643 million in the certified amount. So, yes, your number accounts for that \$7 million. The Mayor's one does not.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for the clarity. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, can you maybe report to us, at the appropriate time, but how much have you added to the Mayor's budget, and how out of balance in each fund?

MR. KRUEGER: Yeah. Yes, Chair. So, along the way, we have been making adjustments to the appropriate supplemental transfers, as well as to recognizing the appropriate amount of bond revenue to account for things like the body adding to, like, the EP...to EP&S and things like that, as well as to transferring projects over from General Fund to Bond Fund. So, right now, those other funds aren't showing out of balance because we've already made those adjustments. So, the only two that are out of balance right now is the General Fund, which we're showing an approximately \$30 million shortage, as well as the Sewer Fund, which is showing a \$3 million overage.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Aloha House, did you delete the 4,000...I mean the \$4 million?



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MR. KRUEGER: Oh, apologies. So, should it be just a condition, then not the 4 million?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I took it out completely, 4 million.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Apologies for that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And I think I put in 178,000 [sic] instead.

MR. KRUEGER: So, is the Aloha House condition \$178,000 [sic]?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm giving you that from memory, it's around there.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. We'll...we'll double-check on that, and then --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- we'll adjust that. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right. But definitely, I took out the 4 million. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's double-check all these, yeah. Okay. Any other questions?  
Let us proceed. You have a question? Member Cook? I'm sorry, Mr. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm looking at the early childhood programs. A, up to 630 must be for Maui Economic Opportunity income for early childhood programs. If you guys remember that last night, it was an additional, not like a earmark. So, is that number correct? Because...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're adding.

MR. KRUEGER: Well, we'll double-check. But yes, we --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- we understand that to be an additional, and then a condition on top of it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Good. So...oh, Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. My notes last night for Chair Lee's Aloha House is \$168,000 for the hospitalization program.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Everybody, let's begin. It is now 11:38, and at some point, you want a break for lunch. Let me know when you want to stop. But I wanted to start off with Department of Management, and it's on page 14 of Bill 41. I have...I wanted to add in that memo that we got from Managing Director that lists a bunch of projects that they wanted us to add into this budget. So, what happened was, these projects came after the budget was finalized and submitted to us, and so I wanted to take this up and...and get your approval.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I have a motion for that point of information if you want. I have a motion for that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you want to start there, or at cuts?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I actually wanted to start here, and then we'll go into the details. Okay. What is your point of information?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I move to amend...I move to amend B.11.(c), B Account, to add conditional language for up to 1.8 million must be for Lāhainā Restoration Foundation for historical property restoration, Lāhainā Courthouse, jail, church, et cetera. These are County-owned properties that Lāhainā Restoration manages. Up to 500,000 must be for Ke Ola Hou for health, education, and human services to wildfire survivors. Up to 250,000 must be for Lāhainā Town Action Committee for incubation of displaced businesses. Up to 700,000 must be for CNHA for workforce development and resiliency hub operations. Up to 7.5 million must be for Community...Hawai'i Community Lending for the CDFI leverage with Hawai'i Community Foundation. Up to 1 million must be for assistance with land acquisition in West Maui, and to transfer 2.9 million to Capital Improvement Programs, Department of Management, General Fund, for funds for land acquisition in West Maui, 1.7 million, ʻĪao Theater Roof Restoration, 1.2 million, and finally, to transfer 100,000 to B.11.(a), B Account, with a condition stating up to 100,000 must be for the Royal Order for roof repairs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: For a total of what?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The amount listed.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you have a total? Mine doesn't have a total.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, Chair. We do have it. I don't know the full amount. It appears to match the Managing Director's. There's a slight change, but for the most part, it matches the Managing Director's correspondence. I believe that's dated 4/9/25, that's number 144 in Granicus.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's 14,750,000 according to the Managing Director's letter. Oh, is there a motion? Then I wanted to ask Member...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Made by Member Paltin, second by Member U'u-Hodgins. Member Paltin, would you like to explain? But I have one question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Do you want me to explain first, or do you want to ask your question first?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, let...let me ask you that one question. Because that was the only one that read a little bit differently than the Managing Director's letter, according to my notes. 2.7, funds for acquisition and management in West Maui is what--transfer to CIP, I guess, is what Managing Director said, but I'm not sure if that was the same thing you were talking about. Could you clarify that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the latest communication I got from the Administration this morning, but Ms. Milner is on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's different. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmembers. Yes. Sorry, I received a revised request from Managing Director this morning, and Councilmember Paltin had told me she was planning to make the motion, so I communicated that to her. The revised request was to add a \$1 million line item for assistance with acquisition of properties in West Maui. And then I would add that the transfer of CIP would stay at 3.9 million, so 2.7 for the actual land acquisition, and 1.2 for the roof restoration. The additional 1 million would be reduced from the professional services line item, and so it would be a total of 15.75. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Can you submit to us that in...whatever you just read in writing? It's different than his initial transmittal, so...

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair. The only change is the additional \$1 million line item, but I will send that over to the Committee Staff right now. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Because you don't have that, do you? You don't have this revised list.

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MR. KRUEGER: Oh, yes. We'd appreciate it in writing from the Budget Director too. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can I ask a question?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Where's this money coming from?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: From...oh, Ms. Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: B.11.(c), B is where it's coming from.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The actual item, so it's General Funds. Go ahead. Chair Lee, you have a question for the...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I...I just thought... you know, I thought the...the budget was complete, and now you're adding over \$15 million. So, that's why it's a...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not adding money. I'm...I'm conditioning it. as requested by the Administration in their first transmittal, as well as small revisions that they've made. I'm not adding any money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it...it...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. It's not you. You're doing this motion on behalf of the Managing Director, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Chair...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, I'm asking about...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. And it's not adding any money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not adding any money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair, it is condition. So, maybe...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, from where?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: From their...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: B...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Account B.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: B.11.(c), B.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, it must have...it must be...it must be deleting something to be using this 15 million in place of something, is what I'm pointing out.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It wasn't specified in the Budget Details. It was specified in the Managing Director's first transmittal, and then it was revised slightly. If you read the answers that they sent us.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Maybe if...Budget Director...oh, there you are. Can you send a copy of that, please?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're pointing at somebody. Oh, you want...you want to speak, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I have the answers. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're pointing to Member Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- virtually...is that what you're doing?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know, but I have something to say.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can be helpful. All right. Choose me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Please say, please say, please say --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you have to say Ms. Buttercup, yeah? No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...oh, I got downgraded. I was...I was Queen Butter Roll, and now --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Buttercup, buttercup.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I'm just Ms. Buttercup. . . .(chuckling). . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go for it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Granicus item 21, page 11. The question is, any--I have to wait for it to load again because I had to go look at the number--but any grants that were not specified where the money was coming from. Here, let me read it. For each grant line item not designated for a specific recipient, provide a breakdown of the grants that will be funded by the line item. And then that's all the organizations that Member Paltin read off with the amounts...with the corresponding amounts that's being allocated to that organization. Does that answer your question? It's on page 11. Question 12.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What was it allocated to before?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It did not have a specific recipient.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It was like miscellaneous?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was small business promotion and youth programs.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. That's the answer. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. I told you I had the answer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, shall we share a list of...the list of projects we just read off? Well, the reason is because what was read off is different from what's in the letter. Because it was revised this morning, sounds like. So, even my list is a little bit different.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: We did receive an email from Budget Director Milner with the change in it, and...and we forwarded that to the Members. So, it'll --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- be in your emails. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. I'll go look for mine, I didn't see it. Chair Lee, you're fine?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That was the answer. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That was the answer. And then you got to go look in your email, I didn't look in mine. I was kind of busy. All right. So, Members, any questions? So, the amount is now \$15,750,000, okay? Yes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. The condition, it...we're not...just to be very clear, it's not adding money to the 15 million --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- it's just the condition --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- of that money.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We have to vote...huh?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You ready? Ready to vote? All in...all in favor, everybody say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think we now have nine "ayes." Motion carries.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Paltin, you want to add anything else? We kind of took over the...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not...I'm not clear if you mean have discussion after the vote, is that what you want me to do, or...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well, I think we kind of took over --

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the discussion because we had questions about it, but we did vote already. Oh, thanks. Thanks, thanks, thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, do you want to hear my discussion, or do you want to just move on?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Actually, I would...well, you want to discuss, or we can move on.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Up to you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We passed it, let's move on, if you don't mind.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't mind.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. One down.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you ready for my next motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.11.(b)(1), Category A, by \$283,332, and \$266,275 fringe approximately.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I need a...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. It is for...go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: While I believe that this is a very critical section to the Management Department, I'm cutting by six months funding for positions that have been vacant since 2023, and by three months funding for...vacant since before 2023, and by three months funding positions that have been vacant since 2023. There was \$985,972 carryover in 2023 in this section, and in 2024 fiscal year, there was more than 1.49 million carryover.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Thank you, Member Paltin. Ready to vote?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You're welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is anybody...I heard a voice. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Might have been the minor canine.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That’s nine “ayes.” Motion carries.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Okay. I move to cut B.11.(d)(1), Category A, \$36,656 plus fringe, and transfer P-33939, when independent staff is set up. Per Budget Details, page 2-3, and if I get a second, I’ll explain.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second by Member U‘u-Hodgins, motion made by Member Paltin. Okay. Go.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. So, in Corp. Counsel’s response, dated April 1st, this position, P-33939, is being reallocated by Personnel as secretaries to boards and commissions. They only have one board and commission, Board of Ethics. Although we didn’t get the response from MD where I asked this question, I did receive correspondence that, you know, they do object to this cut, fair...fair disclosure, because the secretary will do other things than just boards and commissions. But, you know, knowing previously that the private secretary, which is like a higher SR rating, did boards and commissions and all the secretary things, I don’t know, you know. I think we can reassess at that time. This is a boards and secretaries [sic] commission. They only have one boards...boards and...or boards and commission secretary. They only have one boards and commissions, and we’re funding another boards and commissions for the Board of Ethics, which is the one board that they have, and all of that work was previously done by the private secretary. And so, for me, I would reassess once the boards and commissions are out of Corp. Counsel, if the private secretary can handle

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the load. Because now we have one secretary just for boards and commissions, and we have a private secretary that...all the work that the private secretary used to do. And private secretaries are kind of like appointed positions so, you know, they don't get paid the same as regular secretaries.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that's my discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other discussions, Members? Seeing none. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's nine "ayes." The motion carries.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then that's all of my cuts. The next are...the only thing I have is my priority, but you let me know when we're at the priority time. Hey, don't talk back.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I'm going to do...anybody have any amendments to CIPs, which is in the budget bill, page 25, for this Department?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, is that where we can switch from cash to bond funding for the new County Services Center --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: If...

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- under the Department of Management?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Yeah. Do I have that on the list? Go ahead. Please proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So, I move to take 5 million in cash and...to the Bond Fund for the new County Service Center, Phase II, item number CBS-8942. And...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And correspondingly, move it into...what...what does James always call it, the bond funding list, or the...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(*inaudible*). . .

MR. KRUEGER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. The bond bill. Yeah. And...because he always catch me on that one, so I want to make sure I put that in the motion, so...to make sure that that goes into the bond bill. And I saw Councilmember Kama was second, so...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Member Johnson, and second by Member Kama. So, this was on the list that we got from the Department...from Director Milner about projects that can be moved from cash to bond, so thank you for doing that. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, for discussion, this clears up \$5 million in cash to be sent over to bond. That's it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I can be supportive since this is a recommendation from the Budget Director and the Administration, but I would like to check with Staff because I know that Mr. Krueger said that the budget is now 32 million above the Mayor's proposed budget. If they have done the work already, would you be able to provide the breakout of what of the 32 million is General Fund? And if...if you haven't done that breakout, that detail, if...if I can make that request.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. We're working on it, right?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So...so, admittedly, because we've started decisions for today already, it might not be a completely accurate picture, but I guess right now...

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, not including the work that we did today, just from yesterday--up to last night at 8:30.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. I'll...I'll need to go back and...and check the sheet that I saved with that, so...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Kruger. It doesn't affect my vote, I just wanted that information because I think it's important to understand. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very...okay. Very good, love that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Councilmember Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin has a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Member Paltin? Are you okay, Chair Lee? You want water?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. I'm going to take a break.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Take care. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. For...for my discussion, I would just say, like, moving money to bond doesn't make it free money. If...if you recall, we were asked to raise the bond authorization, and we kind of was like, oh, you know, we don't want to raise the bond authorization, we don't want to use Carryover/Savings, we're going to use this 51 million for our priorities, and what...blah, blah, blah. Like...and now we're the ones increasing the bond. So, I'm just saying that I can support this, but when the time comes to raise the bond cap, realize it's not the Administration doing that, it's this action right here. They asked for a 250 million thing, and we gave them 50 million, and here we are, taking up all of that. So, I'm just saying, I don't know if people understand the things that they're being asked to do, or that they're doing. Because you can't speak out of two sides of your mouth, you know. If you're going to transfer all this General Fund to bond, and then make a big deal that the Administration is asking us to raise it to 250 million, then it's like...you know, I don't know...I don't know that people are being just.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And to add to that, by moving it to bond, we're committing to whatever high interest rates are happening right now, which means that for the 5 million that was requested, it's going to be 5 million plus interest for the cost of that CIP. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct. So, I'll make a statement.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And under the previous Administration, it was definitely nontaxable. Under this Federal Administration, we're not sure. So, it could be taxable on top of that. So, you know, I'll go along with people to get along, whatever. I'm just saying, don't take it out on the Administration when we're the ones taking the action for this. Like I'll give them credit where credit is due, and I'm not happy with their things, but you can't be blaming them for things that we're doing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, to give my lecture, I will tell you that what we need to do is, we need to have cash. And I think that in the Federal climate that we're seeing, to have cash is very important, and to be flexible enough that we can then assist those who may need the County's help. So, in this case, yeah, you know, I don't like to charge things personally. I don't use my personal finances that way, and this is kind of, you know, very similar. But that is...that is my thought on doing this. And I support moving this \$5 million that the Administration said it would be possible to do, and cleared through the bond counsel that these projects then could be bonded. All right. Anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, can I...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you please explain what you mean by, we need cash? I don't think I fully understand that statement --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that you just made.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this is all from attending NACo conference, reading the newspapers, and seeing what the Federal Government is doing now in terms of...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How are we getting cash? I don't understand that part.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, to take...to take a cash project and changing it into a bond, and then therefore, we have the cash available for the County to use. So, that's what it is.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In this budget, but it's not like we're banking it. I don't understand how we're going to get the cash.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is, we're going to keep it...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Like we're going to get the cash to...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're going to take it out of bond and put it into cash, and so therefore, we'll have access to the cash.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I understand that part.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But it's...it's not...you're just...to access more cash, we would look at either cuts or real property tax rates, as we discussed, on Tier 3, the millions of mansions that are on Maui.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We will be doing that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But we're...we're...we're not addressing the Federal climate by moving this project from cash to bond. We're just addressing our own issue here to move this project to...to bond so that it...the optics of not increasing the tax rate on Tier 3 or whatever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It doesn't...it...it doesn't address the Federal climate at all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So, this is an economic question, so we have different philosophies. I will tell you that is mine, from attending, and reading, and...and studying what's going on in our greater community, which is bigger than the County of Maui. And I'm concerned that we, as a community, need to be able to answer the...the fear of having, you know, projects, nonprofits that we currently help, or we currently are concerned about losing their bonding...I mean, losing their funding from the Federal Government. And we already have heard, you know, projects that we were hoping to get funded, like the Ha'ikū Fire Station, or different projects that we had hoped to get some earmarks, that that was canceled. So, we're in the climate already. I don't know, I hope this doesn't affect the bigger things, like DR funds, as we have a change of administration in the Federal Government, and I hope they don't, you know, hinder any of the bigger things that we are concerned about. But that's just my philosophy.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I disagree, and it's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- not a matter of economics.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't want to have an argument over --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's policy.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- philosophies --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's just...it's just policy.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- over Federal Government, policy, whatever. So, let's proceed. All right. So, let's take a vote. We are taking a vote on actually moving this, the new County Service Center, which is CBS-8942, from cash to bond. Any discussion? More? All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Roll call.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, excused.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuk Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have seven "ayes," one "no," one excused, Chair Lee. Motion passes.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Paltin, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. Great. I hope Chair Lee is going to be better. All right. Any other CIP amendments, Members? Seeing none. Okay. Appendix A, Part I, Grants. Budget bill is page 43. Any proposed amendments? Page 43. Okay. There's no amendments. I'm going to move on. Next, we're going to have Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues. Page 55 is Employee Parking Fees Fund, and then 57 is Managed Retreat Revolving Fund. 57 is General Excise Tax. 53 and 57. Any amendments? I think last night we added to the GET Fund through this Committee, but any other amendments? Seeing none. Okay. We're going to move on.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair? I'm so sorry, Chair. Can Staff request just a brief one-minute recess?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. 12:08. ...*(gavel)*...

**RECESS:        12:07 p.m.**

**RECONVENE:    12:08 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(gavel)*... Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 12:08, and we're talking about the Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues. And I just want to mention that Bill 58, which is also on our agenda, is about abolishing the Employee Parking Fee Fund because it's an action that we decided, and we're not going to be charging employees, so we're going to have a bill to codify that action, which would be relevant to this particular fund. Okay. Fine. Appendix A...I'm sorry, Appendix B, Rates and Fees, which is pages 24 to...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I'm still...I'm still on Special Purpose Revenues. Did you want to go over my priority while we're here --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure, sure, sure.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or...it's not a money priority, it's in the Special Purpose Revenues, though?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's see, so it's one of your conditions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. It's not a monetary condition, and I believe Ms. Toshikiyo was assisting me with the verbiage because my verbiage is not very lawyerly. But...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can we take it up when we take up the conditions or...or priorities, or you want to take it up now? As it relates to this pot?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, it's a condition in this section under DD., which is under the purview of Management on page 59, but I'm open to whatever you want to do.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. It's DD. Oh. So, you're talking about the General Excise Tax pot, DD.?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's a verbiage condition, not a money condition.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Go...go...make your amendment, please.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And it might be amended by Corp. Counsel, but what I had on paper, it says, I move to amend the verbiage for the 10 million for an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Hawai'i for permanent water system improvements for the Ka La'i Ola Temporary Housing Project and future DHHL housing projects. If the land is not transferred to DHHL within five years, then the State of Hawai'i must reimburse the County, including the costs of construction, back to the fund because this money is --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- earmarked for DHHL and--thank you--and they have yet to sign a MOU, although Member Kama said that Mr. Watson is close.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, does --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- is Ms. Toshikiyo...oh, sorry. Member Paltin and second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Is Ms. Toshikiyo on?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She's on.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see you. Okay. Do you have any comments?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Chair, thank you. Just a couple of thoughts, and Member Paltin and I did discuss this, and some other options. Can you hear me okay? I just switched computers --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's kind of fuzzy.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- and . . .*(inaudible)*. . . my mic. Sorry, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I didn't get...didn't get to test it. So, the...there's two MOUs, I guess, at play. So, the one for the...it's...for the transfer of the funds is between the County and DHHL, but I believe this is referencing the MOU that's between HHFDC, who currently owns the land, transferring that to DHHL. So, our agreement is with DHHL...or will be with DHHL, not HHFDC. So, I think it's going to be difficult to condition this upon an action by another entity that we're not going to be working with. So, I know that Member Paltin has concerns about the funding being released. So, I think one of the options we had discussed was conditioning the release of the funds on the transfer occurring, so that we would...the...the MOU with DHHL, the actual transfer of the funds, would not occur until HHFDC does the land transfer to DHHL. So, that was one option, and I wasn't sure if that was still the...the path that you were intending on still going down.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or until the MOU is signed.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Oh, okay. The MOU between HHFDC and DHHL?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, what she said.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Ms. Toshikiyo...are...are you done, Member Paltin? So, Ms. Toshikiyo, it was kind of hard to understand what you're saying. Do you think you could write it up and send it to Staff? Because there's...there's like this echo...not echo-y *(phonetic)*, but there's a static --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- yeah --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Static.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- sound when you speak.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Oh, it's...it's on my end? Oh, shucks.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, I'll figure this out. Okay. I think it would be--I'm open to assistance in the wordsmithing--it would be the...the release of the funds is conditioned upon the memorandum of understanding for the transfer of the land between HHFDC and DHHL. Does that capture it, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes. Thank you, Ms. Toshikiyo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Ms. Toshikiyo, based upon what Member Paltin and you have discussed, this would be then placed under as a condition of the...oops, sorry. So, DD., under DD., General Excise Tax Fund, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, right here, right? And...and place it under 1, and add another condition under that. Is that what you're recommending?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. As part of the first...number (1), yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: To just...added language about the release of the funds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. I guess for Staff's question, so is this new language, the release of funds is conditioned upon an MOU for the transfer of the land being executed between HHFDC and DHHL? Is that in place of the...the sentence that you read, Councilmember Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can we please ask Ms. Toshikiyo...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's just what I said with lawyer tweaking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can we please ask Ms. Toshikiyo to mute when she's not speaking? Mahalo. Sorry, it's really loud.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. But we're glad you're with us.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What she said was coming out of my mouth as a lawyer. That's what the English-to-English lawyer transition is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you got it, right? All right. Thank you very much, Ms. Toshikiyo. Is there anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm right in front of you. Okay. One correction to the record. Ms. Toshikiyo said HHFDC owns the land. HHFDC does not own the land. It's crown lands. They...it's just under the...that division. And the second thing. So, DHHL had its annual meeting on Moloka'i, and I met with Chair Kali Watson on Monday, and asked specifically about this. So, just when we're crafting the language, he made sure that I understood that once the land is conveyed to DHHL, then only those that qualify for homestead can be on that land. And so, you know, just being there, you know, working together with HHFDC to ensure that...yeah, that transition is smooth. I fully support this motion, and want to ensure that the commitments that are verbally made are recorded in writing, and that that transition happens the way that is most beneficial to West Maui, and to the commitments made to the homesteaders before the fire. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and to clarify, that means that all the people that are living in that temporary housing right now, if there isn't permanent housing for them to go to in five years, they will be evicted. But, you know, we got to honor our commitments. And some of the people, they...they did give priority to beneficiaries who are fire survivors, but that doesn't allow the fire survivor beneficiaries to jump ahead on the list. They have no mechanism for that. So, if we don't have permanent affordable housing in West Maui in five years, the result is beneficiaries being removed from crown land as well. But the promise was made, by the State to the beneficiaries that have been waiting and dying on the list, that this land is theirs. And the reason that we're using it is temporary, and that we will return it with infrastructure. So, while it hurts, I think we do have to honor our commitments because there has been a series of not honoring our commitments. And in this instance, because of the disaster, DHHL beneficiaries, not all of them liked it, but this is what we...we decided was in the best interest of our people for a five-year period. I don't know how many beneficiaries won't make it past that five-year period. My mother-in-law died on the list, you know? So, these are the tough decisions that we need to make, and the hard commitments we need to honor, but that's why it's critical somebody gets moving on building permanent affordable rentals in Maui...West Maui. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Any more discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, that is eight “ayes.” Member...Chair Lee excused.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and  
                              Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Paltin,  
                              Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Any others? Again...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Are we in...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We’re not in priorities yet.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: We’re not in priorities yet. Tell me when we’re in priorities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We’re getting there. So, Appendix B, pages 24 to 25 under Rates and Fees. Any proposed amendments? 24 and 25. Okay. They have no changes here. Anybody have any amendments, Rates and Fees? Seeing none. Okay. Now we’ll go into what you just asked about, Member Cook. So, I’m going to take up Management...I’m sorry, Member priorities, pages 12 through 24 on the matrix that you were given. So, go to page 12, and to...I’m sorry, and 27, to 27. Do you want to work off this list? I think that’s what we ended up doing yesterday. Okay. Easy, we’ll work off the matrix. So, on page 12, the first one is Member Paltin. Do you have the matrix?

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**MEMBERS PRIORITIES**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to add to B.11.c.(1), Category B, 250,000, to put on an RFP out for a third-party Project Labor Administrator. And this corresponds with Bill 54 on the next agenda.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So this is Member Paltin’s amendment, as she read, and made by Member Paltin, second by Member U‘u-Hodgins. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I had the opportunity to meet with one third-party project labor administrator, not necessarily the one the County would RFP out. This also was one of my questions to Management, of which we still have not yet received the answer to. But, you know, there is a lot of construction work, and RFPs, and...and things going out right now because there’s a lot of construction on Maui. And I’m not...I’m not talking about putting our residents first for no reason. People need jobs, and...and we have labor throughout the State, throughout the country, throughout the world. And it’s just an effort to make sure that our local labor, whether union or nonunion, gets the work first. Then we can move forward with other people from other islands, from other states. Main thing, the work gets done. In the bill, the...the threshold would be 500,000 that we use local labor first.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And the administrator would enforce the bill.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you’re putting in 250,000 for request...RFP for a third-party PLA, Project Labor Administrator. . . .*(phone sounds)*. . . Oops, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: To...to keep...keep our workforce, local workforce, whether union or nonunion, employed, so they can pay the bills, they can pay the increase in sewer fees, and whatnot.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion, Members, from anybody? Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I support this. Obviously, I seconded it. I just maybe want some clarification. We probably...we probably met with the same person. But I’m wondering, is this person, the way you envision it, this administrator, are they going to help ensure there’s no like misclassification of work, or are we going to deal with that when we do Bill 54, did you say?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, Bill 54 is the corresponding legislation to this appropriation. So, we...we can, I think, include that in the bill when...I mean, amend the bill if it's not already in there. I'm not super ma'a to that part of it, the bill part, because it was a little bit of a rush --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- to get the course...I mean, appropriating the money is almost the easy part. Writing the legislation is...is --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- a little bit more involved. And I did want to mention, I did receive assistance in a roundabout way from another colleague of mine. And I'll let them mention it if they want to, or if they don't want to, that's cool too.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I understand what a PLA is, or a CWA. And I too, obviously, support local construction first. We really don't have the infrastructure to support outside entities coming here to do our construction. We don't have the housing, we don't have the literal infrastructure, and we are a bit more accountable to each other because we play together, we eat together, and we live together. So, this is going to help ensure that we actually have a circular economy. Thanks, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments? I am going to ask Member Paltin if we can defer this, and take this up once we know what's happening with Bill 54 because it's going to tie into it. And I will say that I too met with a gentleman last year regarding the PLA. And what...what this gentleman said was that he is meeting with all the unions, and has communicated with them about this, and I never heard back from him. Maybe, you know, you all did. But I also got calls from contractors who are concerned about Bill 54 because it's going to add on expenses to their workers in order to do work at...whatever the threshold that the bill does state, that is going to add on more expenses for the contractor at...who's building...what, 500,000, I think was the threshold, and their workers then would...would need to be part of this--join the union and whatever, and receive great benefits--which I...I...I support. But I would like more discussion, and to take this up when we actually take up the bill so that it could be discussed more comprehensively. That's my recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'd like a recommendation from Corp. Counsel, if that's a possibility, because we're appropriating money now. Are you intending to pass Bill 54 as part of the budget bills? Because that won't work otherwise. We only have the opportunity to add to the budget right now, not after the budget is filed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: True. So, Corp. Counsel...well, Bill 54, I think, is on Chair Lee's agenda, which is for tomorrow. So, it is something that's going to come up. I don't think it's going to pass on the floor.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We have a Council meeting tomorrow? Really?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I mean...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We have a Council meeting tomorrow?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, when is that Council meeting? Sorry.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair? Apologies. So, the...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, it's not tomorrow. Sorry, it's us.

MR. KRUEGER: The Budget Committee does have Bill 54 currently, but it's not posted for today. It's only posted for tomorrow's meeting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Sorry, it's on May 2nd. Yeah, it's on...okay. It's not a Council meeting tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I'm asking for a legal opinion from a lawyer if we are able to add the 250,000 when we pass the bill. Because my understanding is, we can only amend the budget while we're in budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: That's correct, Chair. Sorry, I'm a little bit afraid to turn on my mic. I've gotten...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's static-y (*phonetic*), but it's okay. I mean, say what you got to say.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay. So, for this appropriation, I will tell you that I'm not very familiar with what you're discussing. I do know that we are taking a look at Bill 54 in our office, and I won't dive too deep into it since it's not on today's agenda. But I think for the appropriation, if...you know, it's not specifically tied to Bill 54, but there are other concerns that are currently within the labor laws, and something that are currently within our contracts, and we would want to ensure, you know, that the...the contractors, you know, they're following all of the...the laws on the books currently that we would be concerned about in these big projects, then I think that that would be fine for you to leave the appropriation in, just knowing that whatever contract that we enter into and whatever, I guess, their scope of work is going to relate to the laws on the books at the time that we're entering into these contracts. Does...does that help?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Because I...



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess the clarification is, if we wait for Bill 54 to get passed in Committee and the budget is done, we can't add the money at this...that time, correct?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: That's correct. The Council would not be able to do it. But I guess what I'm saying is if your request is sufficiently broad enough for your, you know, concerns, and you still want to put in the funding, knowing that it...I guess maybe the contract that you're envisioning and the work that they're going to do may not necessarily be exactly as you're thinking, as aligned with the proposals in Bill 54. Yeah. I think that you probably could put in the funding, but it would...it may not be the end product that you're...you're talking about right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Thank you. Member U'u-Hodgins may have a question for Ms. Toshikiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I do, thank you. Because what I heard is that this money, this 250, can be used in relation to Bill 54, but it doesn't necessarily have to be used in relation to Bill 54. And if our scope was broad enough, we could have this third-party labor administer...administrator help us with our existing projects, perhaps. And then they could be...they could help the County and other people doing work...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Enforce the labor laws.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- in--yup--in the affordable housing, let's say, and they can enforce labor laws. And it's not necessarily only specifically tied to Bill 54.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, if that's the Council's intent. Sorry, I know I see Member Rawlins-Fernandez wincing every time I turn on my mic.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It's loud, it's really loud.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But we want to hear from you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It sounds like the white noise that you'd put on, except this one does not put you to sleep. But thank you. Well, okay, I mean, in that case, then, we...we could vote on it, and it would be separate from Bill 54, and it could assist everyone in this County and the people we do projects with...because right now we're doing so many projects. We just discussed one all morning. And it could just ensure that we are following all the laws, so maybe we're not in a situation, we're in a pickle. Like sometimes we get in a pickle. So, I'm happy to support because --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- you know, we can condition some money, and increase some money, and if it goes through, great, and if it doesn't, it doesn't.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. All right. Any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If it doesn't, we can try again with something else.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: If I could add one last thing...and because I'm looking at the language, and it is...is broad, and I know that you put on the...on the record what your intent is, but there could be...I think you mentioned enforcement of the labor laws. I guess what I had heard initially was more like a...like a consultant, who would be like monitoring. Because we...we...we've contracted with consultants that would monitor other types of projects in the past too. So, I guess it would be specifically to monitor in consulting form. So, yes, I would not put enforcement in, because that would probably limit it too much. Okay. I'm going to mute now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, monitor, consult, inform is...is good enough for me because then the County can enforce, or turn it over to DLIR.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I have a question for maybe Miss...Member Paltin or Ms. Toshikiyo. But instead of then this saying, a proposal for a third-party Project Labor Administrator--because that is a kind of job already established in the community from that person that came to see me from...regarding the unions--is there another way of saying this, third-party project labor instead of using those?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, she said it was...she said it sufficiently broad if we just say that. So, that's good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo, you're fine? Okay. You're free to turn on your mic. . . .*(chuckling)*. . . All right. Members, so I will ask for a roll call vote, but ready to vote? Okay. All in favor...we'll do roll call, sorry.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excused.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

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MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have six “ayes,” two “noes,” one excused, Chair Lee. The motion passes.

**VOTE:        AYES:        Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:        Chair Sugimura and Councilmember Cook.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Next on this list is actually mine, and this is to...in Management, is to increase by 1 million for professional services, and 500,000 for archeological study and archeologic...and cultural preservation for Von Tempsky parcel recently acquired by the County, and 500,000 for master planning and assessment of the property. So, on this, I’m going to change this because I got to speak to Kapono‘ai,

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and I'm going to need some help, Staff or legal. This actually belongs, I guess, in...it's Management bought the property, but Kaponō'ai with 'Ōiwi Resources is taking this next steps forward, and he said he doesn't have enough money in his budget--I just spoke to him this morning--to do this, but he is saying he would need about \$1 million to do the archeological study and cultural preservation for this parcel. And so, the motion then would be \$1 million, but it would be in the 'Ōiwi Resource, not Management. I thought it was Management, because Management did do the purchase of the property. So, Mr. Hanano, I guess we already did 'Ōiwi Resources. I found this out this morning.

MR. HANANO: Yes, Chair. Thank you. So, based on what your...your comments were, the suggestion is to transfer it from the Management to 'Ōiwi --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Resources. For this motion. I mean, 'Ōiwi doesn't have enough money in their budget, they said, to do this, so they would need this in order to do the studies, archeological and, you know, cultural preservations.

MR. HANANO: I'm trying to find what...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Revisit.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We can revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: When we get to 'Ōiwi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We did yesterday. So, we can revisit that. Member Sinenci, yours is next for Office of Recovery.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah. I'll move to add the following condition. Up to \$120,000 must be for the Nā Kia'i O Maui for a property lease with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for the Lāhainā Resource and Recovery Center for wildfire survivors affected by the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made by Member Sinenci, second by Member Kama. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And...yeah, thank you. And Members, you met Auntie Nettie Aquino-Kuramura (*phonetic*) yesterday in testimony, and she is a firecracker. In the aftermath of the Maui wildfires, Nā Kia'i O Maui organized hundreds of War Memorial Gym-based volunteers, and they provided compassionate support through...through their congregate shelter, and she continues to do that. She's since organized and mobilized 900 volunteers to lead the staging, sorting, and distribution of donated goods immediately after the fire. And she has a central hub at the baseyard at 150 Hāna Highway, but she plans to...after her...this lease is up, to move her operations

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eventually to Lāhainā, where she can...we can...she can help directly with the Lāhainā survivors. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, firecracker is right. Member Johnson, followed by Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I was lucky enough to visit the 150 Hāna Highway facility that she had, and you know those containers...the pods, I think they're called? Inside all the pods had really nice furniture, and it was just kind of like a drive up, grab some furniture, and, you know, go. And I thought that was really nice because I've been to a lot of hubs, but none of them had furniture. I'm sure Councilmember Paltin's been to more, and she might know more, but for me, just to see that for this one-person show doing it all, I was really impressed with her. So, those are the kind of firecrackers we want to give them those kinds of funding, so rise in full support. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I think that what we all...I agree with everybody, what they said about Auntie Nettie, but she's a self-motivator. You don't need...you just show her something, and if her passion ignites, that's it, right? And she's just going to take that and just run with it, and she doesn't stop until she actually fulfills what she decided she's going to do about this. And...and it was refreshing to see a Kānaka who has a nonprofit, and who says, I don't know how for do 'em, but I going to learn 'em, and I will do it. That is fantastic. And the fact that I think we don't see enough of them, and we're starting to see them--Roots Reborn, right?--and it just brings me joy to see. Especially they're women...they're women, and, you know, they're not young spring chickens, but, you know, they're mature...they're mature women, you know. And I think what they're doing is wonderful, and the fact that they're so new at it too, and they have this...this ignition about them that just sparks, and when it sparks in them, it sparks all of us, right? So, thank you, Member Sinenci, for this. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else? Seeing none. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it looks like eight "ayes," one excused, which is Chair Lee.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Very good. Next, we have Chair Lee. Oh, this is the one that she withdrew, right, the driveways? Yeah, I think so. Okay. I spoke to her yesterday, and what she said was she got a call, or she discussed with Corp. Counsel, and Upcountry, there are homeowners that their driveways...oh, there she is, here she comes. Then she can explain. Office of Recovery, your condition for the \$300,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. That condition, I asked to be withdrawn yesterday because it's no longer needed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. And this next one is mine, and it's a condition for Office of Recovery, up to 200,000 for the Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. to support the facilitation, coordination, and implementation of projects within the Economic Recovery Commission Program. And I can explain.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thanks. Oh, somebody needs to make the motion for me.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Who said so moved? Did...was that Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: No, that was me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that was you. Okay. You made the motion, second by?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee? Okay. Thanks. I'll explain. So, the Economic Recovery Commission met last year, and...and their final report, which all of you got a copy of it, there's like 11 implementation groups. And MEDB...not MED...MEO will be the fiscal sponsor basically, and that Skog Rasmussen will do the implementation of this. Skog Rasmussen got private funding of 200,000, so this is a match of that 200,000. Also, when Managing Director was before us, he mentioned that there was an...well, it was an IT-something that he said we can remove, which will be the match for this.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. That's correct. I believe when the Managing Director was before the body, he said that the body could move \$256,000, or reduce ITSD...the ITS program Category B by \$256,000 contractual service. And yeah, that...that money could be used to offset or...or fund the ERC condition.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this would be for the implementation of the Economic Recovery Commission, and...

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. So, should Staff interpret the motion to include that, that a reduction to ITS --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, please.

MR. KRUEGER: -- Category B, and then an increase of 200K for the Office of Recovery?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And I want to thank Chair Lee because initially, you were going to put this into your...one of your...your priorities, and then when...when Managing Director came, he sort of solved this money part by this communication. So, thanks...thanks very much for your support for this. All right. Members, shall we vote? All in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this is...who is missing is...Member Paltin is not here. Okay. So, that would be eight "ayes," one excused.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. Next page. Gabe has one? On page...page 12.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. This is all Office of the Mayor. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, you have one?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I have a replacement priority for Management.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Countywide, it's a new...Budget Bill 14, Department of Management, increase Category B, Operations and Equipment, by 300,000 for a comprehensive classification and compensation study for all bargaining units, starting with Bargaining units 3, 4, and 13.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion made by Member Cook, second by Member Kama. And this is the sheet that you were given yesterday, I think. It's a replacement of the...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Any other discussion?



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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, do I have a second?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Member Kama made your second.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: As we've discussed, I think that we need the Department of Personnel Services and the unions, et cetera...we need a study to basically clarify and address the discrepancy in wages, and hopefully this will help distill that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Kama, you have anything to add as the second...second?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I was looking for it, but it got lost in all of this paperwork and online, but Jacky Kakakura [sic] came the other night to talk to us about that, and I was...but...and I've had other calls too. And I'm thinking...I mean, these are people that are going to benefit from...from these raises, but they're saying, hold it, wait, pause, and do a study. And not just of...well, I heard somebody say 3, 14 [sic], right, and...3, 4, and 13 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the union units.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- but also, while they did studies for the raises for...the Salary Commission did the study, I think the study has to also continue with the entire County, you know, that...how does...how does your raise impact my not getting a raise, or how does that impact everything on the bottom, right? And how...how big is the difference in that, and how do you arrive at that? You know, I know...I think it was kind of shocking when last year, when Honolulu County got a raise, and their salary commission said, we're going to double it, and they doubled it, and, you know, had a little bit of pushback, but it was like, whoa, how does that get determined, right? And what are we using as a measuring stick, or a tool? So, that impressed me, her...her statement. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anybody else? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I have questions for the proposer. Member Cook, do you know how the...so I support this initiative. Do you know how...did you talk to the Department of Management and get direction on how the study would be done? Like, would it be an RFP, or if they're going to...if they have the capacity to, you know, like do that work, and then like, you know, potential timeline, and stuff like that?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you talk to the Department? We'll start there. . . .(chuckling) . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No. This is more funding, and an instruction that we need it done, and hopefully they will get the message.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else? Member...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I wasn't done. . . .(chuckling). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're not done.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maybe this can be a revisit until like we...you know, because like with everyone else, we want to make sure projects are shovel-ready. And I do...I mean, it's not \$25 million, but it's still money, and it is General Fund, and we want to, you know, have some level of certainty that this money will actually be used for this purpose. And, you know, like we discussed multiple times now, you know, as Bill 49 has been an impetus of it, that, you know, I think this is important and necessary, and I'm glad that the Department of Management did a compensation study for appointed and elected officials. And if folks did review that study, folks would see that what they studied was what other people got paid. And so, in recognizing that the study does an analysis of what similarly situated positions get paid, then that should tell you how we should ensure similarly situated positions are paid so that everyone's not all stuck down getting paid less than competitive wages. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I concur, and don't want to tie up money if it's not going to be spent. And I also concur that we are in alignment with the intent to basically address from the bottom up, and not just the top down, as far as compensation. We can pass this. We can also have it pending some communication with the Department, that they could...that they will spend the money. I thin...I feel strongly that this needs to be raised to this level so that people understand that we do care, we are listening both for the proposed wages, and also the people that have felt left out. So, I leave it to the body if they want to pass this now, or if they have another suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins, and then Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I'm happy to support it now or later. But I was looking at *Maui Now* because I knew that the amount was posted somewhere. And according to *Maui Now*, the report prepared by MGT was at a cost of \$42,760. So, perhaps, I don't know...and that was only for "X" amount of people, right? These bargaining units are going to be a little bit larger. But I don't know what's the total cost, and it might be a good idea to get an accurate amount. But I do know that that's how

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much we put in for a study that we didn't end up using. But that one was \$42,000-some-odd dollars.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. All right. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. That was basically what I was going to say. Yeah, great minds think alike. With the 300,000, I think getting feedback on what the potential cost would be before taking the vote would be more prudent. That way, you know, if...if we want to stick with this amount to give direction, or a clearer direction on where, you know, this...the study can focus on first. Because this...you know, I don't know if 300,000 would be enough for all civil service employees, and I want this to be actionable, and not performative. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I concur, Chair. Is it...can we...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The numbers, I guess, if you got to do homework.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. So, we'll --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll come back.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- we'll come back.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We'll come back to it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, I withdraw my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you could, or...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Whoever seconded it.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. Okay. You're going to withdraw?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then we'll revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And keep it on the table.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Revisit. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Mahalo, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: What's our lunch plan?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: As...as soon as we finish. I think this might be the last one, and then we'll go to lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Just wondering.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's already almost 1:00. Okay. So, you know what? Let's go to lunch, right? 1:00. What time you guys want to come back? 2:00?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I can come back at 2:00, but I'll just be on my phone. I'll probably get home at about 2:30 after picking up my churin (*phonetic*), as we . . .(*inaudible*). . . --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Churin.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- people call it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, then you're going to look like Keani when she's on the plane, and she's like this.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(*inaudible*). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(*chuckling*). . . Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, it's 12:55, and then...yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'm sorry, I wanted to find out from Member U'u-Hodgins, like when would be a good time to break and return?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I don't...I mean, we're going to be here until late at night anyway. If we could maybe start at 2:30, then I'll probably --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- be home, and then you guys don't have to stare up my nose as I drive.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Everybody must be getting kind of tired, but good fun.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 2:30.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...and I...Member Johnson gave me some almonds, so I could probably go like a little longer if you want. . . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, he didn't share. Just kidding. Okay. All right. So, this...we're going to recess for lunch and come back, yeah, and we'll pick up with the Members' priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And as...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, clarification on what time we're coming back...and also, did you remove the motion on the floor?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 2:30. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Okay. Great.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 2:30. Is that okay? Is that too...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: 2:30 is fine with me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 2:30. Okay. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 12:56 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 2:42 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It's now 2:42. Members, we're going to be now starting with taking up the Office of the Mayor, and in Budget Bill 41, it's pages 14 to 18. Are there any amendments? Member Paltin popped up, but if there are any amendments, this is on page 14 to 18. Ms. Milner, I have a question for you. Hi.

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MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Under item 2...I'm sorry, c.(2)(i), for Business Research Library, should it say Hawai'i Small Business Development Center Network for the Business Research Library? The legal name, I guess, we're asking about.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I'll pull up the most recent contract, and text OCS if that's all right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yeah. Thank you very much.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And at that time then, we can take up a motion to see if we have any corrections. Oh, wait, I have another one before you pop up. I have two more. Oh, there. Okay. Can you also check on item...it's Maui Marathon, so it's c.(2)...what is this? This is (xxi). Should it say Maui Marathon and Half...and Maui Half Marathon? And then the other one is for West Maui Hospital. Should it say West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc? So, those are the Maui Marathon, hospital, and then the...the Business Research Library. So, if you could just check on those legal names.

MS. MILNER: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I'll send you that information in writing shortly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

MS. MILNER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Members...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have a two-part motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I move to cut B.12.(c)(IV), Category...oh no, sorry, wrong one. I move to cut B.12.(c)(3)(x) by 300,000, and add it as a line item condition to B.12.(c)(4)(i).

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second. Member...motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. So, that's Maui Economic Development Board. Did I get that...

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is to cut the 300,000 for the wedding industry and move it under Tourism Management. They did say part of their wedding Engage Summit would be educating vendors about the legalities of having weddings. So, we're still giving them the 300,000, it's fitting into their program, and we're leaving 150,000 open for competitive disbursement.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And that motion was made by you, and second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I see hands. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to clarify. I...Member Paltin is so on it, but I lost where she was moving it to. Can you repeat that, and what page it's on?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 18.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not sure the page...oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I got it. It's on page --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, it's on page 18. And then --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- 18, right below...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- where are we moving it to?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, right below the wedding industry, 300,000, there's the number (4)(i), Tourism Grant Management for 450,000.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Oh, duh. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it would...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Now I see it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, 150 remaining.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not going to make up \$32 million, but it's 300,000 less.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was my discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member...okay. Member U'u-Hodgins.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Now that I see where it's going, even though it's right in front of me, are we keeping the condition for the Wedding Industry Engage Summit?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. So, it's their dollars, so we're basically just cutting the 3 out of the Tourism Management Grant Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- kind of earmarking it, I guess, transferring...transferring their money to that pot, and cutting it from the other pot that it was in.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I did talk with someone from the Mayor's Office recently about this, and some of the other things. I won't be supporting this. I was somewhat disappointed in some of the testifiers today when they were talking about commercialization, et cetera, et cetera. I did talk to some of the other people. I think that the...I think that the jobs...and it isn't all about money. I've been talking about promoting the flower...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, this is the budget. It's all about money.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, no. What I'm saying, but talking about promoting the flower industry, which is also jobs, and the various...the way that this goes throughout the community for people's income and small businesses. So, yeah, I would like to keep it the way it is. I'm just weighing in on that. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I, too...I am going to...I'm going to vote against this because I think what I've really seeing is that we need to have and support the visitor industry with that 450. So, if you take 300 from that, it leaves hardly anything left. So, I think that outcome is not something I support. Anything else, Members? No? Okay. So, the motion is to...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second and final.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know if any of you guys have been watching world events, but the way that the Federal administration is treating travelers, this 400,000 for



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tourism management isn't going to make a dent in what the presidential administration is doing. Just saying. And I don't see anyone else coming up with cuts. That's it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Appreciate your work you do, and cuts, and thoughts that you put into it. Okay. Anybody else, Members? Okay. Roll call, please.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, he's not back yet.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, I believe he's calling in the...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You might have to unmute his phone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I just heard him.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He actually said aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I...I'm on my phone, we are...aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Continue, sorry.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have four "ayes," five "noes." The motion fails.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Councilmembers Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, and U'u-Hodgins.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION FAILED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What about Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, Staff is trying to get your attention. Chair Lee did vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you did?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She was the first one.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: How did you vote? I didn't get it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I said aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Staff is getting your...trying to get your attention, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: I'm so sorry, Chair. Can...would we...can Staff request a brief five-minute recess?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. 2:56. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:           2:51 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:       2:58 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Okay. Now you're impressing us all. Very good. Okay. So right now, we took a break because we could not see Member Sinenci. So, Deputy Director, please explain. We wanted to make sure we're abiding by Sunshine.

MS. KAWASAKI: Thank you, Chair. Our recommendation at this time is to allow Councilmember Sinenci to vote, even though he's just on audio and not on video. This is for the purpose of a recommendation, and at the end of your budget decision-making, we will be asking you guys to ratify the whole package. In the meantime, we will be taking a closer look at the provisions of the interactive technology sections of the law because there appeared to be some ambiguity in the way that it's written, and we will have that sorted out before this gets to Council.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. KAWASAKI: Thank you. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I...I agree with our Deputy Director that Section 92-3.5, in-person meeting at multiple sites by interactive conference technology notice and quorum, provided that the interactive conference technology used by a board allows audio or audio-visual interaction among members. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. So, this Department, which is Office of the Mayor, has no CIP.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I...I have a...

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you do? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, since the Wedding Industry Engage Summit did not be moved over to the Tourism Management grant, I have another option, if the Members would consider, to a bigger pot. Because I know some of the concern was that pot was too small, and it would take it all. So, in the Economic and Development Program, c. as in Charlie, number (2), (iv), Economic Diversification and Development Initiative. That pot has \$600,000, and so I move to...I move to move the Wedding Industry Engagement [sic] Summit fund of \$300,000 to that pot, the Economic Diversification and Development Initiative, and that's on page 15.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, that allows us to have more flexibility with a bigger pot, Members. Can I get a second?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second by...Member Johnson, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: One more point for a discussion. I'll add to what Councilmember Paltin today. Many...many economists are saying we are on the edge of a recession. So, I think that this is...this is...a smart move is to not...is just to move it over there, and be ready for this recession that's coming down the way. It still allows for this, but it also is a way to have...not raise the budget and move that pot over to a different pot that...that I think everybody could be a bit more happy on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anybody else want to...any discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. You know, for the last vote, I can't remember if you stated what the outcome of that vote was, or if we recessed before. We did state that the motion failed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can...

MR. HANANO: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, you want to say?

MR. HANANO: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I believe the result was stated on the record.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What did you say? Sorry.

MR. HANANO: I believe the result of the vote was stated.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh...oh. Because Chair thought that one Councilmember...Chair Lee, voted a different way. So, that's why I'm asking.

MR. HANANO: Oh, yeah. That...yeah. Yeah, that's correct. That was...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if you'd like to state...restate it for the record, then I think like there's no harm in that.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair? Yes. So, we can just restate it real quickly. It was four "ayes," five "noes." The motion fails. The noes were Councilmembers...or Council Chair Lee and Councilmembers Cook, U'u-Hodgins, Kama, and Committee Chair Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And I see Member Paltin with her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For my discussion, I don't think I will be supporting this. Full disclosure, I do...I was going to condition one of my conditions out of this pot. And if...if we're relying on tourism to do economic diversification, it's kind of...I mean, if we're relying on the wedding...local wedding industry, then that's diversification. But if the say is, we need more tourism to...to...to prop up the wedding industry, I don't know that that's diversification because our number one industry is tourism. So, that's...that's my issue. But I think if it...if this vote does go through, there will still be enough for...for my condition. So, just putting that out there, that I think I marked the wrong letter where mine was on the sheet, but this is where I was going to put mine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And it's not a tourism thing, it's a...it's film one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any more discussion? Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to clarify that the \$300,000, the same question I asked Member Paltin, would be conditioned for this Wedding Engage Summit. And if you wanted it specifically stated, I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Wedding Industry Engage Summit.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The...specifically stated, the Wedding Industry Engage Summit would be earmarked for 300,000 under that \$600,000 pot.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if somebody can lower my hand because my button isn't working.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. There. Okay. All right. Members, are you ready to vote? So, can you repeat the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I move to...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I move to take the Wedding Industry Engagement [sic] Summit \$300,000 to the Economic Diversification and Development Initiative, and earmark \$300,000 into that pot for the Engagement [sic] Summit. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez seconded it before.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you are...then this pot remaining balance is 300,000? The remaining...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, yes. Yes, the remaining pot --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- will be 300,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anything else, Members? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I was looking at the Department responses to make sure that the 600,000 was purely competitive, and not planned for specific recipients. I...I...I didn't see that in OM-1, so I just wanted to confirm with Budget Director, if possible. For the 600,000, Budget Director, the Economic Diversification and Development Initiative, is that all 600,000 competitive or were there planned recipients under that one? I couldn't find planned recipients.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes, this is a competitive pot. They are in the application process right now, but no grants will be issued until after July 1st and until we know how much funding remains competitive after line items. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So, here's another idea, because I agree with some of the comments. So, instead of moving or conditioning, so what we'd be doing is striking Roman numeral (x), 300,000 wedding industry, and then conditioning 600,000 under Economic Diversification and Development Initiative. Maybe, you know, like reducing--for Member Johnson's consideration, because this is his motion--reducing the 600,000 by, you know, 2 or 300,000 in order to allow for the 300,000 for the Wedding Industry Engagement [sic] Summit. And then...so that's...that's one, one...one step. And then I would...I would further like to move that under number (4) for Visitor Industry. Oh, shucks. I thought I said Visitor Industry Management. I guess it doesn't matter then. So, just the one, just reducing that, and then leaving it there.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If I understand you correctly, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, that the Economic Diversification Development Initiative will shave off 300 grand and take that 300 grand and put it into the Wedding Industry Engagement [sic] Summit.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, either way, we save 300 grand, right?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, that's really the...the thing I'm trying to do here.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't mind that, if the body doesn't mind that, or we go the other way, but I just...I'm just here to try to shave off 300 grand, so...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee, you have your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'll be voting no on this motion as well, only because I believe that the...the money that is earmarked for economic diversification development is important. We actually are so far behind in diversifying our economy, it's...it's sad. And, you know, the wedding industry is not something that I have given a lot of thought to in the past, but I...I considered a lot of the testimony that was presented to us, and I thought there...there were some compelling arguments, and some good suggestions from the testimony, and therefore, I support their...the 300,000 they're requesting for them...for their purpose. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else would like to say something? Member Paltin?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can probably support this one because it's still relying on tourism. I just wanted to say that what was horrifying to me a little bit is, bringing in flowers from Hawai'i Island. There's little fire ants, there's coqui frogs, there's all the things, and that is horrifying. I hope that practice stops. And with the money, the small grants we gave to floriculture and whatnot, we need to really grow and source our flowers locally, or get them from somewhere other than Hawai'i Island because Hawai'i Island's BISC is nowhere like our MISC. I called them before. Like, hey, there's little fire ants, and they're like, oh, yeah, you can get the poison over here. I'm like, oh, you're not going to come and test, or you want me to...I have a kit or whatever? They're like, no, you get the poison over here, and you put it on every so often. So, that's what happens when you don't have a MISC. And I really don't want that little fire ant to come over here. Because if anything will decimate the tourism industry, people not being able to lie on the beach, in the grass, the agriculture industry...so please stop importing things from Hawai'i Island.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments? All right. So, I'm going to vote against this. I want to keep the Economic Diversification and Development Initiative intact for 600,000 and leave the wedding industry as it is. Anybody else? So, I'm going to be voting against this motion. Appreciate Member Johnson trying to shave off 300,000. Any...roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.



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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have four “ayes,” five “noes.” The motion fails.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Councilmembers Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, and U‘u-Hodgins.</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
	<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>

**MOTION FAILED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. It’s not a proposal for a reduction, but it is a clarification question for Budget Director Milner regarding the number (3), Grants and Disbursements for Culture, Arts, and Tourism, and then grants...number (4), Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Industry. And then there’s just the (i) Tourism Management Grant Fund. Is there a reason that there...it’s...that tourism grants are in (3) and (4)? And would it make more sense to put the obviously tourism stuff under (4) for Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Industry?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes. I actually looked into this based on one of the questions in the (OM) letter, and that tourism has been in (3) for several years. I don’t have the exact information on when we created its own for visitor industry, but if the body would like to move the Engage Wedding Industry Summit under number (4), and delete the word “tourism” from number (3), the Administration has no issues.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. What about Grants and Disbursements for Management of Visitor Industry? Does the Administration have any concerns about that?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. I guess I would say there's no issue with that, but if you do do that, then I would leave tourism in number (3) so that we could support things like the Engage Wedding Industry Summit because I don't know...it's kind of a hybrid. They do do some management, but I just...I think we need to have a longer conversation about that. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Because that was going to be my next question, moving the Wedding Industry Engagement [sic] Summit under Management of the Visitor Industry so that there is an emphasis on management and education, as was kind of spoken about in testimony. But if a longer discussion is necessary, then I don't have to make those motions now. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. At the beginning of the meeting, I forgot to disclose that I am at home in my personal residence, and there are three named, but will remain unnamed, minors walking around the house. Sooner than later, I'll have another minor join me, so it'll be me against four in a few. But other than that, that is it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. I wish it was myself in your shoes. That sounds like a great day. Okay. Anything else, Members? Seeing none. Right? Seeing none. Okay. So, are we on Appendix A, Grants? Are we on grants? Appendix A, Grants. 43 to 44. We're done, right, with operations side? So, go to 43 to 44. Office of the Mayor. Any amendments? Seeing none. Okay. Appendix A, Part II, Special...did I hear a voice?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair? Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: It was my voice. So, when do we do our office...I mean our district funds? Is it --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we're getting there.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- under the Mayor?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're getting there.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm just trying to go through --

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the bill.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I just wanted to make sure I don't miss anything.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenue. So, in here is Open Space and Scenic Views Preservation Fund; Emergency Fund; Economic Development, Cultural Program Revolving Fund; Moloka'i Farming Cost Reimbursement Program Fund are in this. Are there any amendments? Seeing no hands. I'm going to move on to Appendix B, Rates and Fees. There are none. Are there any amendments, Members? Seeing none. Okay. Now we'll go to Members' priorities. And this is not the \$200,000 portion, it's just your...it's your priorities. So, it is page 13 and 14, and 26 and 27. So, let's go to page 13 and 14. So, there's one from Member Sinenci. Can you hear me, Member Sinenci? No? Okay. And I'll...I'll...

**MEMBERS PRIORITIES**

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Isn't the first one Member U'u-Hodgins?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It says Clean and Safe Makawao, but that's not this. You know, the way it's listed in this spreadsheet, it doesn't say what...if it's OED, something, whatever...the Mayor. It just says Administration Program. Budget Bill, page number 14. Okay. You know what? I'm going to go according to the list that my Staff gave me. So, Members' priorities, Council Chair Lee, Residency Area 2, and she has withdrawn this, which is hundred...a million dollars for the 'Iao Theater renovation. So, Staff, you got that? That's withdrawn. Oh, Chair, maybe you should say you withdrew it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I withdrew the money --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- because you put it in.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Well, actually, Administration put it in.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Somebody did.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Somebody did. Okay. And this one, Council Chair Lee, Countywide 1, add \$5 million to West Maui Hospital.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Was withdrawn.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And Council Chair Lee, Countywide 4, add a new appropriation, Maui Academy of Performing Arts, for new equipment and supplies in the amount of 300,000. That one you wanted, right? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Members...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do we have to vote on each one?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got to...do we have to vote on a withdrawal? No need, yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, there's no...no need to vote on any withdrawn priorities --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: -- but if...if it's a priority that they want to act on, then...then the Members should make a motion, and the body should vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're at 300,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I move to approve the 300,000 to the MAPA.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Chair Lee made that motion, and Member Kama did the second. You want to discuss it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is for equipment and supplies for the Maui Academy of Performing Arts in Wailuku.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Any other discussion? Seeing no hands, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this...what...it must be...oh, we...we don't see Member Sinenci, so it's eight "ayes."

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're not going to see Member Sinenci because he's joining by phone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But he's not even answering, so I'm sorry. Hear or see.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There you go.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, that's eight "ayes," and one excused is Member Paltin because I don't see Member Paltin; is that right? Okay. So, motion carries.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:           None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, I have Council Chair Lee, Small Business Promotion, to add 250 for Maui Economic Opportunity...Maui Economic Recovery Commission.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm withdrawing that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. This one, the Administration put this in the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next...and I don't see Member Paltin. I'm going to go to the next one. Next one, Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, are we not following the sequence of the bill? Because the bill starts with A, and we jumped straight to C. We're supposed to start with Administration Program if we're going to follow the bill.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: I thought we did that already. Didn't we do the Mayor's Office?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Priorities that fall under the Administration Program, a., before we jump down to c., Economic Development Program, which would start with Member U'u-Hodgins, page 13 of the matrix.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know what? Give me...I just want to...give me a couple minutes. So, 3:22. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS:           3:22 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:       3:23 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(gavel). . . Okay. Okay. Regroup, regroup. Nohe. So, on page number 13, we're going to start with the matrix. I'm not going to use my notes, I'm going to use the matrix. And we'll start with you, under Administration. Got it, Members? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We just got --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Got it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- to use the matrix. Go ahead, Nohe. Yours is the first one.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. They're all quite similar. I have three in a row, so if they sound redundant, know that they kind of are. But there's a point, and I'll start in mine. So, on page...budget bill 14, number 12., Office of the Mayor, a...small a., paragraph (5), is Pā'ia Clean and Safe, and I would like to replace Pā'ia Clean and Safe with Clean and Safe Programs, and increase the funds by \$130,000, to the total amount of \$530,000, to provide for both Pā'ia and Makawao Clean and Safe Programs. If I have a second, I can explain more.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins, and second by Member Kama. Explain this. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, you heard in testimony from my Makawao community, we're also having some issues in Makawao that need addressing with some of the County parking lots. So, this is to help address some of those issues, and I will continue explaining more with the rest of my priorities as I continue to go.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion? Member Kama, or anybody? You made the second.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Ready to vote.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I just want to...I want to add that this is a very successful program. When I was doing my economic development when I worked in OED, we were having problems in Wailuku Town, and we implemented the Clean and Safe Program. It was really, really successful. And I'm no longer involved in all of that, but if it's put together properly--and we had Erin Wade, who was then...I guess she was with Managing Director--anyway, it was a combination of working together with Administration, but super good with the community. All right. Ready to vote. Raise your hands. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Who's missing? Who's missing?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Member Sinenci's there. And Member Paltin, are you there? No. Okay. So, that would be eight "ayes" and one excused, Member Paltin.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**           **None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next. And who's next? So, next is Keani Rawlins-Fernandez --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: That's me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the next two.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No, it's still me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it's still you finishing. Sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, it’s still me. Thank you. That one needed to pass in order for me to do my next two, which conditions the 530. Do you mind if I make it in one motion, or would you like me to do it separately?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Together is fine.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: That’s what I think too. Thank you so much. So, can I please insert a...I move to insert a condition to read up to 450,000 to Aegaeon LLC for Pā‘ia Clean and Safe, including Holomua Road, and up to \$80,000 for Aegaeon LLC for Makawao Clean and Safe.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Motion made by Member U‘u-Hodgins, second by Member Kama. Discussion. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. So, that just conditions the funds that we just approved, and it separates the money, some for Pā‘ia and some for Makawao. Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Okay. Members, any more...Member Johnson, you have your hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Who is this Aegaeon? I think we worked with them before. Can you tell us who they are, what they’re going to do?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Sure. These are the people that are actually contracted now to do the Pā‘ia Clean and Safe Program. Member...oh, I’m...yeah, Chair Sugimura mentioned the Wailuku Clean and Safe. That was under a separate program, and it wasn’t quite working for Pā‘ia. And so, we had to make a few changes a few years ago, which is why it’s now in Office of the Mayor and no longer in OED. And so, they’re the ones kind of helping Pā‘ia Town, and augment some of the shortages that we have in the Police Department. Did you want any more information?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Are they a security company?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: What else can I tell you? Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. Yes, thank you. Yes, they are a security company.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I think I recall them getting a 63 percent in the grant scoring. I recall the Wailuku Clean and Safe, and it seemed to be a bit better than this program, so I don’t...I don’t think that’s what they need. And considering that they have been



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working for us, and not really doing the grant process too well, I...I'm not so sure I can support this, just earmarking it for them, but that's my two cents. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you want a roll call vote then?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, please, if we get there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Any more discussion? Okay. I...I want to support this. Oh, sorry, I didn't see your hand up. Go ahead, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah. So, I was just checking out the website, aegaeonscss808.com, private estate security, construction, site security, event security. I...I...I can be supportive of the motion if, you know, they're doing the work now and, you know, it's working for the community. The...I...I was trying to look to see if they're the ones that also got the security contract for like Lāhainā, like in the burn zone, because if...if they are, are they different from the ones that strong-armed someone? Because if they're not, if they are the ones...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Can I...I can attempt to answer that. I think they did get the contract for Lāhainā after we had issues with the first contract in Lāhainā. So, I'm not too sure. I think it might've been the first people we had issues with, and then we had to borrow money from the Police Department, and then reissue the RFP, and then go with these people. So, I think when we were hearing all of the payment back-and-forth issues, it was before they stepped in. But that's what I understand. I could be wrong, but that's what I understand. The other ones with the strong-arm, I think we were having an issue because there wasn't an RFP, and then they were demanding money, and then we had to borrow from Police...which isn't...isn't them.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That...that...that was what I was asking.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: But they did work in Lāhainā after they got the contract.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. I just --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- don't want to continue to contract, yeah, people who have done that. Okay. And then...yeah. So, as Member Johnson was saying, I think...I think he's a retired police officer that was doing the Wailuku Clean and Safe. And so, you know, it wasn't like security so much as it was building community and working, you know, with those like on--is that Main Street? No, that's Market Street--on Market Street area, and working together with those that were in the area and providing, you know, like employment opportunities for them. And so, it's...it's...it seems like it's a different vibe, this Clean and Safe. Like I feel like it's kind of like a misleading. I would probably...like instead of Pā'ia Clean and Safe, I'd call it like Pā'ia security or something, and then that way that's more reflective of what it is,

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and not the same as like the Wailuku Clean and Safe Program, if...if that's what it is. And then Member U'u-Hodgins has her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I actually really appreciate that question. So, the person who does this Aegaeon is also a former police officer. So, their whole goal is to get to know everybody, and help give services. And it's not necessarily like security, like security, the ones like Securitas we see at Foodland or something like that. It is a very similar program to the Wailuku Clean and Safe. It differs, in that Wailuku had access to...it...Wailuku was able to provide more like wraparound services because everything was right there. Pā'ia, not the case. And we did kind of bring some stuff into Pā'ia, like at the...our first County parking lot, we have people...church groups and other people who come and provide hot meals and do all that kind of stuff, which is great. And they kind of help out with...with the County parking lot. It's not necessarily security-security, like this aggressive version of security. It is a clean and safe program, but regardless of what we call it, they are doing a great job. I think the merchants and the residents are quite happy with what they're doing. I'm opening...I'm open to whatever we might want to call it. I'm okay with clean and safe, but that's just small kine wordsmithing, which I can appreciate. But it is kind of safe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Member Sinenci.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, look we got Member Sinenci...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, of course. Thank you for asking that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Member Sinenci, so we're going to be taking a vote soon regarding Nohe. Were you able to hear any of it?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Our Internet just got back on, and I'm here in my home office. I'm here by myself.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, we're going to be ready to take a vote, and I just want to say that I figured that in the case of your community, Member U'u-Hodgins, this group, if they are doing your clean and safe program now, they must be doing a good job

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because your committee...your community would have told us, at our residency area meeting, that they're dissatisfied. And so, they must be doing a good job. So, I'm going to put this...anybody...roll call vote, or can we just do a...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Roll call please.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Roll call, please? Okay. Roll call vote.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry...sorry, Chair, can I jump in for a second? I just wanted to...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I was trying to follow along with the conversation, so I just wanted to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- confirm that this is for a grant for the clean and safe programs, correct?  
Not a contract.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Is it?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yes, I believe so. I think they do have a contract with a grant, though. So...but...yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And the...but it's going to be a competitive grant for the program?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They're providing the service now.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Aegaeon...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And they're...and they're currently under contract?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: They're currently...sure, yes. They're currently under contract then.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay. I'll have to look that up.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we can vote, right, Ms. Toshikiyo? While you’re looking...okay. All in favor...oh, this is a roll call vote.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This question is for Ms. Toshikiyo. Okay. So, we passed the Pā‘ia Clean and Safe with clean and safe programs and increased it by 130,000, for 530 for Pā‘ia and Makawao clean and safe programs. Would it be better if instead it wrote...it read a grant for up to 400,000 and a grant for up to 80,000?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo, did you hear that question? By the way, your sound is really good.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. I’m sorry, can you repeat that? Yes, thank you. IT came up and helped me out.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, IT. That’s wonderful. So, the...the...the motion includes the two ones up to 450,000. Would it be better if it read a grant for up to 450,000 to Aegaeon for Pā‘ia, and a grant for up to 80,000 for Aegaeon for Makawao?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. And it could be for whatever the clean and safe programs is. But I would caution, though, that I think I heard contract being...if they’re under contract, and we’re going to be renewing a contract, then we would have to go through the normal procurement and we would not be able to name the entity because we have to follow the procurement process. But if it was a grant, then yes, you can name the entity. And I believe currently, we’ve...or in the past, we’ve had a grant for the Pā‘ia project. So, that’s why, I’m sorry, I was a little bit confused.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: So, yes, that...that language would be sufficient.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, are you fine, Member U‘u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I am, thank you. I just got a text from Susan, and she says, it’s a grant with an executed contract.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. That clarifies it.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Staff, you got the motions? Okay. We’re good. Roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excused.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lee Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have seven “ayes,” one “no,” one excused, Member Paltin. Motion passes.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **Councilmember Johnson.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. All right. Next in line, we have Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. The next two.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I move to condition Category B, Operations and Equipment as follows. Up to 1.2 million of the...oh, shoot, I didn't say the whole thing. Must be used for the wastewater cesspool conversion on Moloka'i, and that's for the...the State...oh, shoot--for the State grant. That's my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Kama. Can you tell me where this is?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's...it's in the...the Program Budget, on page...one moment. Oh, shoot.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because it says Category B, Operations and Equipment. Staff, do you...do you see it?

MR. KRUEGER: We'll check too, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's in the...it's from the state, and so...okay. I'm going to do my discussion. All right. So, before the fire, when we had a DEM up, and I asked Director Agawa what happened to the 1.2 million that we're going to do a pilot project for cesspool conversion, and because...I think because of the fire mostly, that our time, attention, and energy went elsewhere, and he said that that program never

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happened. So, the 1.2 million continues to be in...unspent. And I asked if that 1.2 million for a cesspool conversion could be used for Moloka'i because...so as you heard earlier, with the Hui O Ka Wai Ola doing water quality testing on Moloka'i, there...there is no data for water quality testing to qualify Moloka'i to be in the priority one or priority two to qualify for the State Department of Health cesspool conversion grants. So, because none of our island is designated a priority one or two area to qualify for those grants, then our residents are not able to apply for that funding the way that other places that thankfully, you know, with the support of Hui O Ka Wai Ola, actually has sufficient data to support those areas being a priority one and priority two to qualify for the cesspool conversion grants. And so, when I asked Director Agawa if that...this 1.2 million could be used for Moloka'i, he said yes. And so, I would like the Council's support for this.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Director, you're...I know you were listening to that. So, we checked on this, and in the '23...or last year's budget, I guess...no.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: FY '23.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, it does talk about this \$1.2 million, State of Hawai'i cesspool conversion pilot program, and now take it away. It's Office of the Mayor, although I do remember when Director Agawa, he was talking about it, right? So...but is it now in Office of the Mayor?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes, this grant, it's on page 534 of the Program Budget. It was recognized in Fiscal Year '23. I don't believe any funding was received that year, so it hasn't been included in these budgets, but the funding does remain available if the body would like to condition the funds as Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez has indicated. My recommendation would be to move to add it to Appendix A, Part I, under Office of the Mayor, and add the condition there, as it's not part of the Mayor's operating budget. So, I leave it up to the body how they want to proceed. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I would like to proceed that way. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sounds like it. So, Director, before you disappear...oh, she disappeared.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 524.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. There you are. So, when this project came up, I remember when it was first launched, it was open...an open pot available to any county, but the County had to apply for it. So, are you sure there's still the \$1.2 million left? And it's been a few years. I think it was Department of Health, right, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, yeah?

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MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes. In my conversations with DEM, our understanding is that the funding is still available. We are in ongoing conversations with the State about whether it makes more sense to combine some of the County funds that they've made available into the larger State pot and just have one application process, but those conversations are still ongoing. So, as of right now, the \$1.2 million is available, but again, conversations are continuing. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I think we should get the money before it disappears.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And I'm not even sure if, based on what we were told the other day, what one conversion would be, you know, for one family, and whether or not this \$1.2 is sufficient to cover all of the households that are along the coast on Moloka'i. So, I totally support this . . . *(inaudible)*. . . should come back. Anyway, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Any more discussion?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. Just Staff would ask for some clarification. So, it'll be added as a grant in Appendix A, Part I, under Office of the Mayor. Should it retain the same title it had in FY 2023? It was State of Hawai'i Cesspool Conversion Pilot Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Right?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director? Oh, okay. She turned her video off. I guess she said yes too.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the motion then is to add this program. Can you read the motion so we get in the right place?



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MR. KRUEGER: Oh, yes, Chair. So, the motion on the floor now is to add, in Appendix A, Part I, under Office of the Mayor, a new grant appropriation entitled State of Hawai'i Cesspool Conversion Pilot Program in the amount of \$1,200,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the condition will be for Moloka'i.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor...Members, any more discussion? All in favor, raise your hand and “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this is eight “ayes,” one excused, which is Member Paltin.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:           None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And then you're again.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I move to add a new appropriation entitled Stewardship and Maintenance of County-Owned Lands in the amount of \$1 million.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made by Member...Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Kama. And where is this going to go?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's going to be a competitive fund under Administration Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then...so, the discussion. So, County, you know, there's...there's a lot of County land that's not managed. And thankfully, we have some of the groups, like Ka'ehu, and Mālama Hamakualoa, and Mālama Kakanilua stewarding Waiale, the Waiale Cultural Preserve. And I don't know if there are other organizations. So, I think moving forward, it might be a good policy to develop some kind of a formula for organizations that are doing, you know, basically the County a favor by maintaining, managing, and stewarding County, you know, owned lands. And so, that way, they don't need to, you know, come and...and...and beg County to do us the favor of managing County-owned lands every year. So, in the meantime, while we develop something that, you know, makes sense for us, and for the organizations interested in helping us maintain those lands, and preventing them from becoming a dumping ground, or becoming a fire hazard, my proposal is to put this funding there in...in the Mayor's Office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Thanks for the explanation. So, are you saying then this should go in Office of the Mayor? I have it under Administration Program. So, would it be 12.a.? 12.a.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is that OED?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's just the Mayor's Office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Or would it go under...another one sounds like a...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm open to other suggestions, but this was my suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm just wondering about where it should be placed.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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MR. KRUEGER: Right now, Staff's interpretation of the motion is it would be a new number 6 under what is now Clean and Safe Programs.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct. And I think we changed that one to Pā'ia and Makawao Clean and Safe Programs. Yeah?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that would be number 6. All right. Members, any questions? All in favor then say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it will be eight "ayes," one excused...Member...Member Cook? Member Cook? Yeah. Okay. Member Cook. Eight "ayes," one excused is Member Paltin.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's your two. Next is Member Sinenci has the next two. We have the...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Oh, okay. I move to increase Category B by 200,000 for the Hāna Resiliency Hub for property clearing and build-out.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Sinenci, and second by Member Kama. Discussion.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And...and Chair, this is my...my second district priority, as...as you heard from our community. However, Chair, on Monday, this fund was moved to Emergency Management into their Category B budget. So, I'm not sure if I could add it --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that's right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- to the MEMA --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is this a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- to the MEMA...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: It's up to the body. The body could deal with it now, or you can just slot it as a revisit for when it completes the other departments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member Sinenci, since we moved it, you want to revisit when we look at all the other...it'll be tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. That's fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll revisit this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And for...the second was, move to insert condition to read up to 60,000 for Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society for its Ocean Stewardship and Maritime Program for young women in high school, in early 20s to learn culture, indigenous navigation, and maritime skills.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Sorry, Member Sinenci, but I just wanted to go revisit the previous one where we're going to revisit it, but there's a motion on the floor. Did we dispose of that yet?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we did have a motion.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, do you want to...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I can withdraw.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. I withdraw.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I withdraw.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. We did have a motion.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Member Kama. Okay. Go back to your Hawaiian outrigger canoe. So, that's page 17.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And if I get a second, I can explain.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second was...so, Member Sinenci --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- and Member Kama, yeah? You second this?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. And thank you, Members. So, we received this one, and I think we received written testimony in support from the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society. And so, the Cutty Sark Voyaging Vessel is up in Seattle, and it's...it's Captain John Stone, and he wants to go ahead and donate this vessel, and it looks like this, to the Hawaiian Outrigger Voyaging. And so, they're...it looks like they're having a women's crew to run it from Seattle here. And I did see that one of the captains is going to be Sesario Sewralu, and he is Papa Mau's son from...from Palau. So, just continuing the...the voyaging tradition from Papa Mau, and Sesario will be the...the kapena in captaining this...this voyage from the mainland to...and home to Maui. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wow. That's pretty cool. So, on page 17, for my clarification, Staff, can you look at, is this number...it would go under number 3?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So, it would...on page 17, right, there's three grants and disbursements for culture, arts, and tourism. And we interpret this as a grant for the first item, Culture and Arts Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see. Okay. So, then this 60,000 would come out of the 520 as a condition? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's correct.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Any discussion? All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Seven "ayes," one excused, and that would be Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, eight Members, sorry. Eight Members. Motion carries.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and  
                              Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee,  
                              Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next is Tom Cook. Kihei, Clean and Safe.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Chair and Members, mine is budget bill page number 14, Administrative Program, add a new appropriation entitled Kihei Clean and Safe Program in the amount of \$500,000 to implement a clean and safe program for Kalama Park in South Maui. My office has had meetings with the Park Department and MPD, as well as with Park Maui, which is going to be starting in Kihei, and this will meet the needs and the requests from my community for cleaning up...assisting with maintaining and cleaning the park, as well as being sort of liaisons. As you know, Kalama Park goes from the old boat landing, which is at The Cove in the south end, all the way to the...can't hear me?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, we can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. I guess Member U'u-Hodges [sic] and Sinenci were having difficulty, and also Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, there's Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So --

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- Chair, I think we need to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did we just lose...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- we need to correct our...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wait one second.

MR. KRUEGER: Could . . . (inaudible) . . . request...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Now we can hear.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: You can hear now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, can you hear now? Can you hear me, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Should I repeat it all?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci, can you hear? Okay. You can. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Where did you hear me lead [sic] off?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . (inaudible) . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Proceed. You can just --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- continue talking. It sounds like they heard you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: As you know, Kalama Park goes from The Cove all the way to the fire station and the tennis courts in the north end, and I'm asking for Members' support in this project. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Any questions, Members? All right. And...Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you going to contract Aegaeon?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: This is a grant, and I believe they're in the discussion as well. It's...they have been discussed. I don't know if they have been selected yet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I need a second, by the way. Sorry. So...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, that's my motion. Do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Second by Member U'u-Hodgins. Okay. Continue. Any more discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Now for all my discussion that I already did, so I won't --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- have to repeat it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you very much for your patience with me, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So, you...there was a quick question about is Aegaeon going to be earmarked for the grant, or eligible for the grant? It didn't sound like you were...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It'll be eligible for the grant.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. But not specifically this is for those guys, I got you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. They have been...it's really going to be Parks Department and --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: To decide.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- MPD collaborating to agree.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.



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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, that's it. I'm requesting the funding, and collaborating and working with both of them.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'm supportive. My OCD is kicking in a little. So, I know we made my proposal a number 6 for the steward and maintenance of County-owned lands. Can we make this one the number 6 instead, and then mine would be number 7? And that way the clean and safe can be together.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So, yes, typically it's part of our nonsubstantive cleanup. We'll --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- we'll usually alphabetize everything.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, great. Thank you so much. My OCD appreciates it. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Your OCD. Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I thought Member U'u-Hodgins had her hand up too...no?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I can go, and then Member Paltin can finish chewing her food so she can eat in peace.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I'm going to be supporting this. What I like about Kalama Park is that every time somebody talks about going to Kalama Park, they're like practicing soccer, or baseball, or the Dolphins football. And then, on the flip side, some of the issues are kind of scary, where they don't have access to a bathroom, and sometimes they're locked up because people may be passed out in there. And I need them...I would love them to get actual help. So, this is to get them some help as well. My...I think I've told all of you Members now at this point in my life because my son's about to graduate, but he goes to Kihei Charter. And the...I guess she's like the principal, or like main security person, but we had a conversation about Kalama Park. And she said basically, all the kids know that they could almost get whatever drug they want at Kalama Park.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: And it's really scary. It's really, really scary considering how many kids are playing there, doing all their sports, trying to live their best child life. And I'm here to support them doing that in the safest way possible. And as I said, as we were talking about the Pā'ia and Makawao Clean and Safe, I really wish we had more uniformed officers for MPD to help monitor. And this is a good way to augment them, and be a little bit more friendly in the way things are handled. Because sometimes--sorry if you hear the peacocks--sometimes it's maybe not the best way unless it's through the CORE Program. But I'm hoping that we can kind of clean up that park a little bit, and ensure the safety of our children that should enjoy that park, and should enjoy it safely. Thanks, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. What a story. Member Sinenci? Or who was it who had their hand up?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I also am kind of excited about this. Member Cook, is enforcement of County park rules a part of the...going to be a part of the contract?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's my understanding. As well as things...like one of the complaints often is the trash --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And laws.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- trash cans are too small. I mean, yes, as far as the rules. But also, the trash cans are too small. They're overflowing. And this is going to be the opportunity. Also, this is going to be at...at night. The Parks Department take care of it during the day, but in the evenings, this is going to keep it safe. Kalama Park is busy until --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- like 10:00 at night. The skate park, the tennis court, the basketball courts. So, it's really active, but there's no Park personnel there in the evening.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I think my point of excitement is, since Karla Peter [sic] days, like when we first started, we were trying to make park security officers work. And we've given it our best shot, and it doesn't work because we can't hire people for what the...the pay is, or whatever, the duties and responsibilities. Like people send me photos of illegal surf schools going on at Launiupoko. And we go over rates and fees, and see how much CORA permits cost, and like that, and people are just making free money. I think that

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this could be a pilot program for the direction we need to go. And I don't think that it should be competing with union jobs because we gave them a fair good chance to do that. And if people won't stay in those union jobs to do the work, then we need to be offered a way to get the work done. So, I'm...I'm pretty excited. And if...if this is what works for Parks, then I'd like to see them completely abandon the park security officer thing that's not working, and move to this model. Because we have stuff going on in West Maui, on occasion, that...that is just...it shouldn't be happening because it's not fair, it's not safe, it's not, you know, all the things. So, I'm...I'm pretty excited. Hopefully this works out and it can be replicated in areas that need that kind of scrutiny. And I'm not saying that it would need to be Countywide, but what we got going on isn't working.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you ready for the vote, everybody? All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. This is nine “ayes.” We’re not missing anybody, right? Everybody’s here. Okay. Nine “ayes.”

**VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**           **None.**

**ABSTAIN:           None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.:** **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. Next item is Tamara Paltin. Houseless Solutions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Pull up my notes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 14.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I move to add to B.12.a.(4), Category B, up to 500,000 must be for a grant to Maui...Maui Nui Resiliency Hui to develop Honokōwai Safe Parking Resilience Site.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. Okay. Continue. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. As you may have heard from the testifier, the...the awardee has been working with Naomi Crozier over the last eight months on this idea. And, you know, the scope of work would include reaching out to the Governor, and getting the EO amended to be used for a safe parking, not necessarily kauhale, but I don't know if you guys have seen the news, FEMA starting to evict our survivors for not being able to pay that rent. So, while this isn't necessarily an immediate solution, what's...what needs to happen is going to take time. I don't know, when my Staff has been on site, they were told a deal was worked out with Director Tsuhako, but she has no knowledge of it. There's other people using it as parking, which is, you know, a violation of the EO because it's supposed to be for affordable housing. And, you know, if it can be safe parking at night, perhaps it could be a resiliency area in the daytime. You know, when the power goes out, perhaps the...the gate that separates this area from the highway can be used as another additional escape route for folks on the lower road. We've seen in the past, when the lower road floods, you can't always make it to the exits...the designated exits from the lower road. And so, this is an opportunity to try something else. They have a good working relationship with Naomi Crozier. I spoke to Naomi Crozier this morning, and it's not a housing solution yet...or a houseless solution yet, but it's going to take some work and effort to get it to be there. And it includes outreach to the surrounding condominiums. And...and my thought was, if there's a resiliency aspect to it for the daytime...like we visited a site in Moloka'i that opens at 9:00, closes at 6:00 a.m. You know, if it's similar, and it has the same things, then in the daytime for the surrounding--there's a lot of apartments surrounding there, like Maui Lani Terraces, Honokōwai Palms, and like that too--there might be some NIMBY resistance, but if the attraction is in the daytime, you know, your power goes out, hey, you can come cook over here, or, you know, it's a resiliency site as well, then it's the best of both worlds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Any other...Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. I speak in support of this increase in houseless solutions. As you know, the RFP went out for the safe parking. However, that is...we were hoping that there was enough money to address a safe parking area in...in all of the districts. However, it looks like this might just be for Central Maui because...because the need is here. So...so, at least we have an additional one on the West Side, where the need is also great there. So...and then of course, with Naomi...if Naomi would provide the wraparound services, should she try to bring...get more information, and kind of inventory those people that use the...the safe parkings, and offer them additional services? Or it would be Maui Nui?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is...at this point, it's just getting the area prepped and ready. There are certain things that needs to be done. It's zoned A-1, A-2. I'm not sure if that's

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allowed in that type of zoning. So, there may need to be...I mean, I personally feel that we could do it under the Governor's emergency proclamation tomorrow, but I'm not the lawyer. And the lawyers sometimes hold me back. But...so, it's a 4.2-acre parcel. It seems like half of it is paved, but it should probably be resurfaced as parking stalls. And then there is a grassy section. All of it has other people's cars, and some other people's rubbish on top. But, you know, it would be super cool too, because a lot of the barriers to entry into the homeless shelters is animals. And, you know, with the grassy area, you can have a dog run thing too. And, you know, just the...the potential is...is out...out the door, but it's not an immediate solution. It...it's going to take...if you want to do this legally, and not through the emergency proclamation, and just ram your way through whatever you want, it's going to take time, effort, and money.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I'm cool with the emergency proclamation, but I'm not a lawyer.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And...and just to add, Chair, this was also part of the...the recommendations in the ECONorthwest report. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. All right. Members, ready to vote? All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, everybody's here. Nine "ayes." The motion carries.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, if you page now...turn to page number 15...14, we're just...okay. Go ahead. Member Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: There we go. Thank you, Chair. Page 17, Economic Development Program number (2), Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology. I think that's (xxxii) if my Roman number is correct. (xxxii), Workforce Development Programs. I move to insert condition to read, up to 75,000 for Maui Grassroots Collective for workforce development.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second? Motion made by Member Johnson, second by Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Members. The Workforce Development Program is a comprehensive process that focuses and enhances skills, knowledge, and capabilities of the workforce. It's meant to improve productivity, economic growth, and includes training and education. This is very important to help our houseless folks get some jobs, and these guys are going to use that money to help laser-focus and help those folks who need it the most to get those jobs, get them off the street. So, that's my motion, and I...I ask for the support of my full motion, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? None? Okay. Let's vote.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member...Chair Lee, you're there? Okay. Who is missing? Tom Cook is...left. Okay. So, we have eight "ayes," one excused.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Members.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. We don't see Member Paltin either.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, we have seven "ayes," two excused.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and**  
                                 **Councilmembers Johnson, Lee,**  
                                 **Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Councilmembers Cook and Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next, we have...okay. This next one on this page is Chair Lee, which she withdrew. It's about Iao Theater. And then the next one is, Chair Lee withdrew regarding West Maui Hospital, and the next one is passed. We did it earlier.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, may I say something?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, you may say something.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think that...I think all of us are still very supportive of a West Maui hospital, but we were told that there is some funding in the Mayor's Budget for that purpose, and...or is it the Managing Director's budget, but it's there. I strongly feel that we need to provide a stronger signal of support, but right now, the way the budget is going, and it seems so...it seems so challenging right now to...to support them at that level. So, if we can, Members, keep...keep them in mind for a future budget amendment, I would be really appreciative. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. All right. And because I went out of sequence earlier, we did pass your MAPA request, Maui Academy of Performing Arts, for 300,000. So, that was done. And then this next one is...on this page, is the Economic Recovery Commission, and the Administration put in the money for that. Yeah. So, that's done. Next is Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. On budget bill page 17, paragraph...or Section c., paragraph (3)(i), for Cultural and Arts Program, I would like to add in...I move to add a new appropriation entitled "Adaptations Dance Theater," in the amount of \$90,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Do I have a second?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member U'u-Hodgins, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.  
Okay. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you. We heard them testify. This is for their Bring It Home Program, where they, as described in the title, bring home Maui dancers, and help teach classes, and put on performances.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? All...raise your hand and say "aye." All those in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That'll be eight "ayes," one excused, Member Paltin.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**           **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**           **None.**

**ABSENT:           None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, on the next page, which is page 15 at the very top, Member Paltin. Are you there?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For...I would like to amend B.12.c.(3)(x)...oh, shoot, wait, wrong one. I'd like to amend B.12.c.(iv), Category B, to condition \$150,000, must be for a grant to Rising From the Ashes, LLC for film production.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin, second by Member Kama. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, as we heard...okay. Thanks. As we heard, you know, the film industry in the County of Maui, there's a lot going on. And I...I had the opportunity to watch this entity's premiere video that is one of my West District priorities, the Economic Fund priorities, called Lāhainā Rising. And when it comes out in theaters and film fests, go check it out. These guys are rising stars from Lāhainā. Some of them were vloggers through the...the fire and the aftermath, and others...it's a group of young men that came together, all from Lāhainā. And, you know, they're...they're transitioning to the big-time real deal. And actually, I was told to meet with them from our Film Commissioner, Brian Kohne. And I was initially thinking to condition out of his pot, but then he said, you know, it's all spoken for. So, this is what I consider economic diversification because it's telling our own story through our own lens, in our own way, by the people who were born and raised here, so... Making mo'olelos.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any more discussion? Seeing...oh, Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I...this...I rise in full support of this. I love filmmaking. I think we need more of this. If there's people out there watching this kind of TV, this is what we need. You know, like we want...we want people to produce more film and tell our stories. It can't only be, you know, Hollywood telling stories. So, I love the fact that this is a grassroots movement. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, at this time, if no other discussion, we're going to vote. Chair Lee? Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And just for the second and final, you know, Hollywood did look at their Lāhainā Rising film, and...and they wanted to emphasize, you know, all the headline grabs, like, oh, the blue cars, and the DEW, and whatever. And...and...and these kids, they know, they live and...they live here. And...and so, to me, when I watched it, it was...it was very respectful, but it...it was the real deal as well. You know, it...it didn't go off in that Hollywood tangent that wants to see conflict, that wants to see...you know, that wants to...to just grab the headlines. And so, I think that's the key part about our economic diversification, our being able to tell our own story. And in the process, you know, they're learning about coloring, and having the actual professional music match the...what you're seeing, and all the things. So, that's the difference of us being able to tell our own stories, rather than letting Hollywood, or the news say what they think happened. Now I'm ready for the vote.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. For Budget Director Milner. So, in the beginning, when we took up Office of the Mayor, we did...Member Paltin did a motion to condition the pots of money. And one of the pots of money was the Small Business Promotion. So, I just...I didn't calculate the amount that we conditioned versus the...you know, the 150 for this...for this one. I'm sure Member Paltin did, and then maybe, you know, the calculation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I don't know if it's okay with you guys, but I think I had it in Small Business Promotion. And as I was looking over everything, I felt it fit better in economic diversification and whatnot. So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- that's where I put it with the letters and numbers. But it isn't what I wrote down. So, if there's objection, I'm...I'm okay to --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no objection.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- leave it there.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to make sure that there was enough for your 150. So, that's going to be for the 600,000. And as I asked Budget Director Milner earlier, the 600,000 was solely competitive --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Competitive.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- open grants. So, there's...of course, there's enough there. Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo, Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So it's Economic Diversification and Development Initiative, where it's going to go, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct, where the 600,000 is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand. Aye. Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, all in favor raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's nine "ayes." The motion carries.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I’ve been asked...Staff said to go back to Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Countywide 2. Countywide 2, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Staff. Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. I move...oh, okay. Okay. Under c., Economic Development Program, number (2), Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology, 32, (xxxii), Workforce Development Programs, to increase the amount to...oh, shoot. Okay. Now I have to do math. 1,020,004...I move to...okay. Condition 450,000 for Maui Nui Resiliency Hui Workforce Development Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Did you say 450?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I did.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Not 350?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Typo.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do I have a second? Okay. Motion made by Member...oh, okay...Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and second by Chair Lee. Okay. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, as we continue to talk about the 600 vacancies, and then the Federal program under MEO, Displaced Workers Program funding got discontinued, this program would help to fill some of our vacancies, and...and build capacity within our workforce. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Staff, you got that as 400...okay.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 450. Okay. Any more...any more discussion? Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. So, what's the plan for them to partner with the County to help deal with our vacancies? Like what...because we had some monies before, and then we got notepads and...and some stuff downstairs. So, what...what can we see...what do you think is going to...with the 450, what's going to happen?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have my full notes, but I did not locate them at the moment, and I'm happy --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to...to go...to go grab them. But...but basically, we heard how it...it takes months sometimes, eight months sometimes, to wait until DPS contacts the applicant to let them know that, you know, they've either got the job or not got the job. And so, part of that time is to provide employment, and then also, training in that specific area that they've applied for to help the qualifications. There's a much more detailed explanation in my notes. I can go look for it, if you want.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I was just saying, I know one way to get rid of a bunch of vacancies...ask the Personnel Department to update their list. Because if you look at the list they gave us, there's like 20 vacancies in Council Services, when we know they're not. So, it's just some of them are abandoned positions as well. Similar to the Office of the Mayor, if you compare Personnel's list to the Office of the Mayor's vacancy list. So, getting an accurate count of our vacancies would be a good start. And then, you know, separating out the seasonal workers and the full-time workers. Because if you count seasonal folks as vacancies, it's possible our vacancies are like more like 400, or something. But that would be a good way to start to immediately lower the number.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got the job. Okay. Are you ready to vote?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You don't want to hear me talk some more?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Just checking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Just joking. Member Cook.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Okay. All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. This is nine “ayes.” Okay. And we have a suggestion from...motion carries, motion passes.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U’u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is a suggestion to go through the Personnel list. All right. So, now we have...where are we? Are we...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we did that. Okay. So, we went backwards, and coming back. So, this is...as you all know, when we went through the residency area meetings, we heard from many, many students who really love the MEDB programs for grants disbursements. I’ll do my motion. So, Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology, page 15-16, Bill 41, under 8, Maui Economic Development Board, \$975,000, add up to 12,000...up to 12,000 must be for science, technology, engineering, math, and automotive programs for Upcountry schools. I do

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notice that there's a separate item for Upcountry...for automotive, but I combined it into one. And if you want, I can split off the --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Upcountry...okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I guess motion made by Member Kama, and second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Any discussion? Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I support this proposal. We heard from many of the students, and...at the evening budget hearings in the different districts...oh, well, I guess it was Pukalani and Pā'ia particularly. And they raved about it, and they asked for better equipment, and we want them to be safe. And everyone benefits from this type of training. Everyone needs a mechanic in their family, for sure. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Really, yeah. They fixed cars, and they donated it to West Maui. I was so surprised, the automotive program. That was nice. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. And thank you for this condition. I think it's a fond memory I have of those long evenings with the little kids coming, and Councilmember Paltin trying to recruit every single person she could get. So, I think this is exactly how the budget should work. People come out of our...we meet them in community, and they tell us what they want, and here it is, we can...if we are able to fulfill it, and we are, and that's exactly how it should be. So, I rise in full support. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, I wonder if it would be okay...because there is a separate item, MEDB, Inc., Maui County Public Schools Auto Program Model. And I wonder...that was the King Kekaulike High School students who said that they needed to buy tools, and whatever. So, can I put a...I grouped it all in one, but can I...can I make a separate motion for that one, a separate condition, and put 1,200 for King K? Can?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Friendly amendment. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Chair, can I --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Wait.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- can I clarify?

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member U‘u-Hodgins, you wanted for clarify too?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. Because I’m pretty sure you said 1,200, but your notes say 12,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it’s 12,000...well, I can take off the 1,200 from the 12,000 in the first...first one...for all the schools, for STEM.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was going to be my question. Is it 1,200 --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- plus the 12,000?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well, to be fair, because I don’t want to overdo it, I actually had grouped the 12,000 in the 12...I’m sorry, 1,200 in the 12,000. So, you can do the math...can you do the math, and just take off the difference, and put one in automotive and one in the upper?

MR. KRUEGER: So...so...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then, so...but Chair, are you limiting it to only 1,200 to the automotive program?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For Upcountry schools.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Only 1,200? Or like...I guess my question was going to be, 12,000 is kind of a...how did you arrive at 12,000?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. So, Staff did it. And basically, we looked at the number of schools, and the testimony, and we just wanted to provide that opportunity.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For Upcountry schools.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- so the number of schools, like they’ll get like 1,200...1,200 each, or 1,000 each, or how is that going to work?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: If you need the answer right now, I’ll have to ask my Staff.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I just...I just want to make sure that your intention is captured in the condition.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then I think Mr. Krueger had a clarifying question.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh. Oh, no. Apologies. It's just...so, right now, our understanding, it would be...under the MEDB line item, it would be a condition up to \$10,800 must be for science, technology, engineering, and math programs for Upcountry schools, and then it would also be, under the MEDB for Maui County Public High Schools Auto Program Model, up to \$1,200 must be for automotive programs for Upcountry schools.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, it still keeps the integrity of the \$12,000. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I have a question. Okay. So, the intent is to put \$1,200 towards the automotive program, and that program is where the kids said that they need...they needed automotive equipment and supplies.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'm not a mechanic, but I know that automotive equipment and supplies is expensive. I mean, you know, you buy one of those screwdrivers and ratchet guys, and...you know, when you put in that little red container, right...oh, see? I see Mr. Hanano's laughing. So, I'm not sure if...I mean, I would be a lot more comfortable if we went 10,000 to STEM, and 2,000 to automotive program, if I could make a friendly amendment regarding that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Just based on what I said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm open to it remaining 12,000. So, however you want to split it up, I'm fine. And I hope Member U'u-Hodgins has a thought because that's also her...yeah? Okay. Her schools. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Two questions. I...I...I guess I don't know how MEDB divvies the 975,000 for schools. I'm...I'm...you know, I'm supportive of, you know, ensuring that they get the support that they need. And then I don't...I don't know if you have information on how the 10,000 would be, you know, divided amongst the schools for the things, all...all the different things because we



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heard what's...and what's not here is, we heard that they also...MEDB also has, for STEMworks, ag and healthcare.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, if you want, I can get more information. I mean, I'm looking at yours for Moloka'i, it's 95,000. So, I'm thinking, oh, maybe Upcountry, Nohe and I are too little. And you're making me think about that as we're having this discussion. So, I'm going to defer this, and come...revisit.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Nohe's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- hand is raised.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Nohe's hand is...go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thanks, Chair. I'm comfortable with whatever you're comfortable with, but I'd be excited to see it being raised. Last week, Saturday, I went to Kekaulike School for my son's track meet, and the kids were in the automotive building. That's where we have to park. So, they're even working on Saturdays. You know, these are dedicated students --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- and it's impressive. Like, who wants to go to school on a Saturday? And they were there. So, I'm happy to make all of their automotive dreams come true.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Yeah. Okay. I'm going to revisit this. And Petar was the teacher, and during the fires, amazing, he and his wife were there volunteering, and I saw them all dressed up, and they...they...they did that, you know, when it first happened. And then, of course, when I heard that he donated cars, I thought, that's...that's a natural. I'll take this back. Nohe, you and I will work on it. Oh, Member U'u-Hodgins, you and I will work on it. Revisit. Okay. Next...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I withdraw my second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Withdraw your...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I withdraw my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Withdraw, withdraw. Okay. Thank you. And next, we have Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Office of the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I guess I loaded all my priorities in the Office of the Mayor. E kala mai. Okay. This is under Economic Development Program, (2), Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology,

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(xv1...i), MEDB's Film Promotion. So, this is for Mr. Kohne, our...our Film Commissioner. I move to increase the County subsidy from 345,000 to 395,000 for Film Production and Promotion in Maui County, with the addition...additional \$50,000 to be conditioned for use on Moloka'i.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by...who was it, Member...oh, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, I...I did speak with Mr. Kohne, and I spoke with Mr. Yamashita, which...who you heard at the Moloka'i budget...district budget meeting. And I...I asked for this pilot program on Moloka'i, like what...what would make sense, and, you know, he estimated, you know, about 7 to 10,000 for about five, you know, filmmakers to try to get this program off the ground. And, you know, doing a small-scale pilot program on Moloka'i, you know, it gives us an opportunity to, you know, iron out any wrinkles. And then the hope is to expand it to all of Maui County because, as you heard, this is one way for us to support our filmmakers and our nonprofits by telling the stories of all the good work that our nonprofits are doing in the communities that we're helping, that then, in turn, help to bring in more money for those nonprofits. So, it has that multiplier effect. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? If not, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we have eight "ayes," one excused is Member Paltin.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**    **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Next page. Oh, it's you again, Member...Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, me? All right. Me again. Okay. So, this is for Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology, Sports and Events Promotion. And again, you heard from the students on Moloka'i, the wrestling team, and some of the students that participated in...in conferences and other events, as well as some of the students on Lāna'i, about how...well, everyone knows how expensive it is to get off our island because of our one airline. And so, this has made such a tremendous difference in their ability to participate beyond our island in the different programs, helping to promote their personal development. I move to increase the student budget for Hāna, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i from 200 to 400,000 with the condition, and I'm...I'm making this, 380,000 for Moloka'i and Lāna'i, and 20,000 for Hāna.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I gave some of my discussion earlier, but I just wanted to...Member Sinenci, I was going to double it, but I...I didn't hear if that 20,000...and I meant to follow-up with the Administration if that 20,000 that was reserved for Hāna was used. And so, I don't know if you know, and I know Budget Director's on, and I don't know if Budget Director knows, so if anyone has that answer.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I think this is a good thing. You all want to vote, or you want to wait for an answer?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Vote. Vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight “ayes.” Oh, Member U’u-Hodgins, seven “ayes,” two excused, Member U’u-Hodgins, as well as Member Paltin. Motion carries.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Now we have...oh, 'Ōiwi Resource. So, we're done, right? With the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sorry, Chair, I vote yes. I was grabbing myself some li hing mui from the refrigerator.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Making us jealous. Okay. Eight “ayes,” one excused.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U’u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**           **None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, that's it for the operations for the Mayor, but I believe there's some Revolving Funds for the Mayor. Oh, and there's also the OED grant conditions. Apologies. So, there is the OED grant conditions for operations in the Mayor.

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**DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 18. Okay. Oh, I see. Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, and this is who? Member Sinenci. Top of matrix, page 17.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, are we going to do the OED --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- district funds --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- now, or--because we're under Mayor--or you're going to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we're --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- go through?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- going to do it right next, after we finished with this, and then we'll take yours first.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci. Do you see it? It's under page 18. 'Ōiwi Resource Program.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, 18.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, 18.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: The drone, your drone.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Did we do the drone already last night?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, you now. It's now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did we do it --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Did we?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- last night? We did it already.

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MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We're done. I...I...thank you. Thank you, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Happy flying.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You know, one of my conditions was going to be in Economic Development, but we looked at that pot, and it's full, and I was going to transfer it over to 'Oiwī. So, should I do that now, or you want me to wait for when we...but it's...I think this is this pot I'd like to put it in, if that's okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. What is...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Let's go to OED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What is that considered, like a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is part of your \$200,000 allocation?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we haven't...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- for Cody guys.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, he wants to move it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, 200,000, we haven't taken it up yet, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, we're going to now do the...was 140, now 200,000, Member Cook question.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, could I revisit my Department of Management budget bill regarding a study for compensations that we discussed earlier, and we postponed because I didn't have a...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You didn't have the numbers.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It is --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, but you know what?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- Countywide number 1 replacement.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: We discussed it before lunch. I was questioned about the price, and we...we...I...we deferred it so that I could provide additional information.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I don't know if now's the time. You tell me when, but I want to let you know I don't want to forget about this.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got it? Okay. So, we'll put it on our revisit list tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we're trying to...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thanks for doing that homework. So, we are trying to get through all the departments, and then tomorrow we'll do all the revisits, whatever, that's outstanding there. Okay. So, now we're going to do Member Kama. So, you all have your lists, right, that the depart...the Staff gave to you, which has your consolidated --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- requests?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair, you got my...you got my list.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'm going to do mine. You can do yours after.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Member Kama --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you're on page 7.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Coming, coming, coming. Okay. Here we are. Okay. Here we are. So, up to \$50,000...oh, I move. I got to make a motion, yeah, on this?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You might as well do it all at once.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do all of them at one time?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And then...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is a wisdom, right, from Kirsten Szabo.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: You're wise . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, yes. So, what she suggested is--because these are all our priorities --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- right? So, review what everybody says, and then we'll give you like maybe a five-minute, ten-minute break, and we'll come back, and we'll make one mass motion, and accept all of this. Because I don't think any of us are going to say, oh, no, you know, Member Johnson, you cannot do that, because --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, I want him to give all of his.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- we don't know your island.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Except...yeah, but I...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You want to do that? Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I think you're right. I don't think we'd say no to anybody, but --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, I really don't.



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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- I think Mr. Johnson wanted to move something out of OED into 'Ōiwi, right? So, would you want to tell us what that is, so that when we review all of this stuff, we know where we're going to go with that?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Certainly. So, this is...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: What page are you on?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 3.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. For Mr. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, boy. Okay. I just had it.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Page 3. Lānaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, no, no.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you have a different...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, you have a different one.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. This is for Cody.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: His...so, basically, seeing that Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund exceeds the funds available, I kind of want to update and move it to...to the Department of 'Ōiwi. An updated funding amount of 200,000 reflects the most recent ask of the hui. The scope of this project makes it a good candidate for management by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources. And I was able to speak with Budget Director about this amendment, who conferred with Deputy Director Kekai Robinson. And they are supportive of this amendment as long as the funding is added, and does not condition the existing money for their grant subsidies. So, they have grants available, and I think that Economic Development and Cultural Programs one was, it seemed like a lot of folks wanted to use that fund. So, that's why I prefer to move it, and not compete with everybody else. I think that fund has been kind of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- tapped. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, make your motion.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, I move to...okay. Let me see. I move to add 200,000 to the Department of 'Ōiwi's Resource [sic] operations, and insert a new condition under B.13.a.(1) to read, up...up to...or must be used for...up to 200,000 for Mālama --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Kakanilua.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- Kakanilua --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Kakanilua.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- for Hui o 'Āinakulo'a.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Got it?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You do have it? Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion...motion made by Member Johnson. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that a second hand? Okay. Seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Please. You want to speak?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, I found it on our matrix. It's page 26, and it's a...it's a Revolving Fund. So, is...are...are you changing it from a Revolving Fund to a...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: A condition.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Where? Condition where? To what money?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, to the Department of 'Ōiwi Resource operations. And it is in...oh, I'm sorry. It's not a condition. It is a...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is it new money?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No. They have...they have a pot, but I could use my district priority, and just say that's South Maui District, if that's one...one route we can go. I only had one district priority. So, I do have an available district priority. If you'd like, I could just say, this is the South Maui District priority, and we can go that route.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see what you're saying.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're...it's --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you're not adding money, you're...you're conditioning the 1.1 million, and you're using that for 175?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm adding 200,000 to the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources operations, and insert, you know, all that language.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As his one...of the two, one district priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. I didn't use a district priority yet. So, I still had one available. I wanted to...I...I do not have a Revolving Fund priority, so I figured I could use this for the South Maui folks that do all that great work.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deviating a little bit from the guidelines. And I can be supportive of deviating from the guidelines, since we are supporting others deviating from the guidelines. Mahalo, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, man. Okay. Let's all deviate. Everybody can deviate one. Just kidding. Don't deviate more.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, technically...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, okay. I'm not going to...I --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, but...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- I'm just going to leave it at that. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a deadline.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That is true. That is true. But I didn't...it didn't say they had to be my district, it had to be a district. I'm going to use it to Councilmember Tom Cook's.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There was a deadline.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You're right, there was a deadline, but it's a moving target. So, I'm trying my best.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is this Cody?

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's Cody, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's Cody. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My district will accept it.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Twist his arm. But hey, if...okay. If my words don't sell you on this, look at what...the kind of work --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- that these guys are doing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Look, we're trying --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- to go to dinner, so...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right. All right. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We all heard him.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Then grumbling bellies will sell it better than I can.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Okay. Staff, can you...can you make sure we get this correct?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So, right now, our interpretation of the motion on the floor is, under the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources for the 'Ōiwi Resources Program, increase Category B by \$200,000, and insert a new condition that reads, up to \$200,000 must be for Mālama Kakanilua for Hui O Ainakukoa.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, exactly. Couldn't have said it better.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Chair, just for the record, I'm pretty sure it's Ainakuokoa [*sic*].

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you for that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You know what? Anything else? I'm going to move...yeah. I'm going to move to the...go back to...I'm going to take a recess.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I have a motion on the floor.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we didn't vote, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Great. Raising my hand for the vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The deviation of the rules. Remember, you owe me one. Just kidding.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought we all got a pass. I have...I still have a pass. . . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ha-ha, no way, no way.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye. . . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's...that's eight "ayes," one excused, Member Paltin.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee, you voted, yeah? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You voted already?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We’re getting...we’re getting tired with what’s happening, right? And...and we still have a long night ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think Gen A calls it delulu *(phonetic)*. . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So, I’m going to take a break, and all of you can check out your...your new pots. And...and we’ll come back, and we’ll make one mass motion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The OED. Well, it’s not really...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, your district funds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well, do you want to look at everybody else's? If you think you're all fine, and you don't need to review...Member Sinenci? We can move on. We can take a vote, and move on.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I...I did look at everyone, and it was...actually, it was kind of satisfying and hopeful that everybody's got all these plans of festivals and stuff in their different districts. So, it kind of shows your district values, your community, and all of that good stuff. So, that was nice to see, and supportive, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, all of you, you don't need to take a break, then, right? Did you all look at it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're all good? Okay. All right. Somebody make a motion and second. So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama, second by Member Cook.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think I was louder.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Jan ken po.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Anyone want to say anything? I...seeing none. Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I just want to say thank you. I appreciate the expedited process, and I love everybody's conditions, and I love our love for our own community and everybody else's. So, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, before we vote, I have one comment. I just observed something, Member Johnson. Your Lānaʻi Pineapple Festival...because you're using drones and not fireworks, it now is up to 60,000 because of the drones, and I see you have 45. You're going to be short, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I will be short, but I would hope that they would fundraise to reach up to there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And there's also other pots of money, remember, that would...I think they could go and apply for.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: But for my district, that's where it is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's what you want? Okay. I just noticed that. All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, I'm...I'm so sorry --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: -- to interject before the vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: We did receive a couple of requests for...from changes from Councilmember Kama and Council Chair Lee. I'm not sure if they...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, they didn't tell us.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, I just wanted to flag that. Should...if...if you want, Staff can just read what the changes are, and if the body's okay with it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I also see Deputy Corp. Counsel Toshikiyo.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, maybe she should go first then.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay. Here comes the law.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Hi, Chair. Thank you. This is for the residency area --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- priorities, correct? I'm sorry, I just looked at the list. And I just wanted to point out, a couple of Members have language that says consultation and approval by the district Councilmember must be achieved, or a similar language such as that. So, once the budget passes, and there are any amendments to these residency area funds, I believe that you can probably request notice and, you know, even consultation, but not approval. That approval process would happen in...if you're up or down vote during the amendment process.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?



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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I believe she's referring to me --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And me.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- and Kihei.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And me.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And someone else, too. I think . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: There's...there's a couple places.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Anyway, thank...thank you for clarifying that. I...and if...may I clarify the intent, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. I didn't want to line item to people for uses, and then them not use it. That happened last year. So, the two people that we are...have line-itemed, they have grants, they're qualified for grants, they're going to use the money. The balance of them, we had hoped that we would be consulted. It isn't...it isn't our authority to approve, but before the money is allocated--because we probably will direct people to go and apply for it--that that was the intent. Does that work?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo, can you...did you hear what Member Cook said?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I did. Thank you, Chair. And I think that if you just took out "and approval," then we would be okay. And then --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- I think Member Sinenci also has similar language.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Can you...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: So, it could be consultation. I believe...let's see, I think Member Paltin asked for notice. Sorry, I'm scrolling through, there...I think there were differences. Oh, no, sorry, she did not request that. But yes, it's the phrase "and approval" that should be removed.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, Chair, for clarification, requesting consultation is accepted, but not having the approval aspect of it?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And also, I found it, it's...it's Member...Chair Sugimura, who has notice must be provided to Council. So, that is the language she's using in her section.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And...and...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: We can live with that, if that's what the law says.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, what can we say, is that all right? Which one...can we just duplicate it?

MS. KAWASAKI: Notice. Notice is okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Notice must be provided to Council.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. And...and Chair Sugimura, that's the language you have, but I think the language that Member Cook and Member Sinenci, for consultation, that that would work, as long as we take out the approval language. I'm sorry, I need to check on something else.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I have an idea.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I should have printed this out.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I have an idea. What if, Ms. Toshikiyo, you figure out what it should be, and you let us know? Then we can all say the same thing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She said...Ms. Toshikiyo said that the language that you have on yours, notice must be provided to Council if funds are to be expended before Council notification, would be sufficient. So, if Member Sinenci...if all the Councilmembers that have that language, or some variation of it, on their...you know, on their district funds, then I think we'd be done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Oh, sorry. Thank you. I just was alerted that I think, Chair Sugimura, did you mean to say notice must be provided to the Councilmember if funds are to be expended before Council notification?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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MS. TOSHIKIYO: Because you have it right now is notice provided to Council before --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- Council notification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, add Member.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I think we could just tweak that a little bit as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. I'm going to tweak mine. Anybody else? Any...okay. So, like Member Cook, you're going to use the same phrase? Okay, Member Cook. And Member Sinenci, you want the same phrase? Okay. Okay. And so, Member Cook is going to change it. Member Johnson doesn't have that. And Member Paltin doesn't have that. And Chair Lee does not have that. All right. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Vote. Are we ready to vote?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, ready to vote.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, James is supposed to read out your new...your exchanges and mine.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh. Mine is just the number.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. James?

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Yes, sorry, Chair. So, real quickly, what we were notified of is for Chair Lee, her...the...her condition for Ka 'Upena Aloha, LLC, the new amount would be \$5,000. And then the...the appropriation for a Ke Kula O Pi'ilani--or the condition for it, sorry--the new number would be \$67,500. And then for Councilmember Kama, the changes would be as follows. It would be \$40,000 for Lae'ula O Kai.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Right.

MR. KRUEGER: We would change the name to the Maui Waena STEMworks one. It would be Friends of Maui Waena Intermediate School for Falcon Entertainment and Engineering for \$10,000. So, the amount's the same, just the name change. And then same thing for All Set Maui, removing the DBA Maui EVs. So, just up to 20,000 for All Set Maui, LLC.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yep. That's it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's it.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you all...you're all fine?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'm good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, that would be eight “ayes,” one excused, Member Paltin.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**           **None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:**           **None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay, this is done. Very good. So, we are done then with the Mayor?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, you still have the Revolving Funds to...to handle, the ones that relate to the Mayor's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 26 of the matrix.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Office of the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm on the top, sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: We're at the Mayor?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This, this.

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MR. KRUEGER: Chair, Staff will also note there's also two Revolving Fund items on the replacement priority page that we distributed the other day as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, this would be Member Sinenci; is that correct?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair. So, there's several Members, it's actually the funding question is the Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund. And so, Staff will note that there are...there are several Members with appropriations or with proposals for it, both on the...the main matrix, as well as the replacement page.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member Sinenci, this is the Kaahumanu Church exchange that you and I...I mean, that I did Kaahumanu Church, and you --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you did your Hāna Church. So, you can go first.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Mahalo, Chair. I move to insert a new condition under the Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund, up to \$132,894, to be used for the Wananalua Congregational Church Restoration Project.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, motion made by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And yeah, as you mentioned, we both had put in for the Kaahumanu Church, and so...but we also had a request for the Wananalua Congregational Church, and the name is of the Hāna ahupua'a, Wananalua. And...and this...the church was built in 1838, so it's an old, historic church. They used coral gathered from the ocean that was burned for lime, and used to make the mortar to...to form this...this historic church. The church and the hall, which would also be repaired, is named after the first woman ordained by the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, something Member Kama might appreciate, and...and the hall is...is utilized for community service, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, so we'd like to support them in that. They also have monthly food distribution with Feed My Sheep, and I believe the Mayor is going to be using, or has used it in the past, for his holomua tours to each district. And so, with the Hāna Community Center renovations also coming up, this space has continued to be available for continued community use. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. Ready to vote, Members? Let's see. So, it was Member...Member Kama made the second on this? Did I not take the motion, take the motion and...what?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'll second that.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, apologies, Chair. So, Staff notes main motion by Councilmember Sinenci, and second by Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Sorry about that, I didn't write it down. Thank you. Any more discussion? All right. All in favor, raise your...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So Q., which is the Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund, there's...there was four proposals, but Member Johnson removed his, and there's a projected total of 732,000, 100 of which must be for the appropriate reinterment of iwi kūpuna. So, this would be 350, so that would bring it down to about like 2...280, 270, or something like that, public math. And then, Chair, you have a proposal for...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 500,000.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How much? I thought it was 200,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, 500 for Kaahumanu Church renovations and...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Economic Development and Cultural Program, up to 100,000 must be for reinterment, and then 200,000 for four motor vehicles.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh no, what are you looking at?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. So, this is an error on the matrix, so sorry about that, for...for Chair Sugimura's Revolving Fund number one. So, on the replacement page, we...we included the correct --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- appropriation. So, sorry about that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, there is no...there is no proposal there?

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MR. KRUEGER: But we will note that her replacement proposal also pertains to the Economic Development Fund. So...so, the one on the matrix --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: -- RF number 1, that one is incorrect. The correct one is on the replacement priorities page.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I wasn't here for that. Do you know what Granicus number that one is? But...so, my point though, is that I have a proposal for 4, Member Sinenci has a proposal for 350, and whatever the replacement proposal is exceeds the projected amount for the balance of the Q. fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member...wait, let me...let me look at this. Member Sinenci's is 132,894; is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Huh?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What I'm looking at?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, that...yes, Chair. And that was the balance after the Kaahumanu Church. Because we had supported that one initially, and so we would just take the balance for the Wananalua Church.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. From the 732, is that what you're balancing from? Oh, 732.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And Mr. Krueger can...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, can you unsort this?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mr. Krueger made the...

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. Apologies, Chair. So, the Member priority proposal matrix, the replacement page is number 216 on Granicus. So, right? Staff's understanding is that the priorities that pertain to this particular fund, that...the ones that are...you know, removing the ones that were duplicated or that were incorrect. So, the ones at play now are Member Rawlins-Fernandez's Revolving Fund number 2 on the main matrix, page 26...that's \$400,000 for Mālama Kakanilua. Then on the...on the...oh, and then--I'm not sure if Chair Lee withdrew this, actually. There's one on the second page, page 27, up to \$75,000 for Ke Kula O Pi'ilani. And then on the replacement priority page, there's Councilmember Sinenci's 132,894 for Wananalua Congressional Church. That's the motion on the floor now. And then there's the corrected Chair Sugimura's revolving fund number 1, which is \$500,000 for Kaahumanu Church.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we have overspent.

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MR. KRUEGER: Well, the Members...when developing the priority matrix, the Members wouldn't have known what each other's proposals were.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: But...but yes, if all conditions were accepted as is, there would be more money appropriated than that...what is anticipated to be in the fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, you're saying there's...there's 500 for Kaahumanu Church from myself. There is that 132,894 from Member Sinenci.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And...

MR. KRUEGER: The other two are Member Rawlins-Fernandez's \$400,000, Mālama Kakanilua, and then Chair Lee's \$75,000, Ke Kula O Pi'ilani.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee. Okay. So, this is a problem. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. I haven't done all the math, and like maybe we can take a recess to try to figure it out if the 75,000, 400,000, 132, 350, and whatever your amount is, 380,000? I am checking with Budget Director to see if the condition that was under Open Space for my proposal could be reduced from Open Space, and moved to Economic Development. So, there's 500,000 under Open Space right now, and then it would be a transfer from Open Space for 400,000 instead to Economic Development and Cultural Revolving Programs. If the 400,000 is transferred from Open Space to Economic Development and Cultural Programs, then there would be a little bit more money, but I don't know if it's sufficient for all the proposals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's put this aside, and when we come back from dinner, right?--we'll take a dinner break at 5:30, and then we can figure out how to do this, and we'll work with Budget Director. She did not...she did not pop up. Okay. So, let's do that. Is there anything else that we need to take up before we break?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Staff...we're just double-checking right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: I believe with that, the...all of the Revolving Fund conditions under the Mayor pertain to this fund, so there shouldn't be anything else.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nothing else. Are we done with the Mayor? Office of the Mayor?

MR. KRUEGER: Yeah. Revisits aside, yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Revisits aside. Okay. All right. That's good. So, tonight, after dinner--so we can break at 5:30, which is now, we're a little bit early, and then the departments we have coming up would be Parks, Personnel, Police, Public Works, and Water Supply. Okay. And then we're done for the evening. Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you say Police?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I did say Police. So, is there anyone that you would want to take up now? Let me see how many Members' priorities there are. You guys want to do Parks in 15 minutes? No? Shall we adjourn for dinner? . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Look at us, hardly anybody left.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think we have bare quorum. . . .*(chuckling)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I know. Yeah, we have bare quorum. Okay. Let's hurry up and do all of this.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Bare, bare. Huh? What?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you had your hand up. Sorry, Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Did I hear you say Water? Because I thought we already did Water.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We did Water.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we did Water. We did it last night, you're right.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. I mean, we still have all the P's, which are all the big departments, but is that what we can prepare for when we come back?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Parks, Police --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- Public Works --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I think everybody's...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- Personnel.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know , the reason why Water is here because we had that revisit for Member Paltin. So, that...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You can do it for her? If...you can do it for her?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Then we can get rid of Parks [*sic*].

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Water.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, Water. Water, Water.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I think the Director was going to let us know --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- how we could change the fees in order to...okay. Great. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, let's take out Water. And Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Category [*sic*] B.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One moment. Okay. So, we are on Appendix B, Rates and Fees. And last night, the proposal to generate the funds necessary to add to Member Paltin's priority proposal for the watershed--I think that was Mauna Kahalawai for Pu'u Kukui? Pu'u Kukui?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. And they changed their name.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, I had asked Budget Director if she could check with the Water Department if instead of putting that cost on the residents by creating a fifth tier, that if we could see what the rate would need to be on Hotel/Resort

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classification to generate the funding necessary. And so, I move to set the hotel water...Hotel and Resort water rate to 14 point...\$14.15 to generate the additional 506,457 in revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, this would be a 90 cents increase. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. Oh, Member U'u-Hodgins? Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. All I really want to know is, where is it so I can make the change? What page are we looking at? Page...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Category [sic] B has rates and fees, and...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(inaudible). . . 54. Page 54.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 13.20.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: 13.20. Okay. I'll go look for it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It...it doesn't have bold, it's just like a paragraph, that's why it's a little tricky to find on the Appendix B, Rates and Fees.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Staff would just request a clarification. So, the per 1,000 gallons is at...raising it from 13.20 to 14.50 [sic], there's water shorted rates underneath, there's stage one, that's 13.20, would that also increase to 14.50 [sic]?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, 14.15.

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MR. KRUEGER: 14...oh, 14.15.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Sorry, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I know.

MR. KRUEGER: 14.15.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 50, 15. Okay. And then . . . *(inaudible)*. . .  
. . . *(silence)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What is it under again?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: It's on page 54 of the Appendix B.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: It's account number 3475. It's about halfway in the middle of the page. As Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez noted, there's not like a heading or anything, it's just a paragraph that says, water service charges to properties classified for real property tax purposes as Hotel and Resort in accordance with Section 3.48.305, Maui County Code, monthly, and then there's per 1,000 gallons, and then 13.20 is the current rate...or the proposed rate.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, Chair, we...we can...we can take a recess, and then we can find out from the...the Water Director what the recommendation would be for...so the stage one would...you know, it's the same-same, samesies *[sic]*. And then for stage two and three, perhaps we can get a recommendation instead of, you know, being arbitrary. Because I would just go 90 cents for each, but I don't think that's appropriate, so... Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll revisit this then, and check with Budget Director.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we can take a recess, and we can leave the motion on the floor.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Oh, there's Budget Director.

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MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I just spoke with the Director of Water Supply, and raising it 90 cents across the board for stage one, two, and three is acceptable to the Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, good. So, 90 cents for...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ninety cents. So, just add 90 cents to stage...the stage two, and 90 cents to the stage three.

MS. KAWASAKI: Can we clarify? Is it 90 cents or 95 cents, Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh...okay.

MS. KAWASAKI: Because the math is not math.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If that's the math, then that's what it would be.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, what did...what...what was the question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ninety-five.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Was it 90...95?

MS. KAWASAKI: 13.20 plus 90 cents is not \$14.50. We have to do 95 cents.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ninety-five cents across the board.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 95 cents. You got that? Yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So, we are ready to vote then on this? You got your answer? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm ready.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members...do we have enough people to vote? Oh, Member Sinenci's on, good. And Member U'u-Hodgins. Any questions? All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We have one, two, three, four, five, six, and three excused, that's Chair Lee, and Kama, and Paltin.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmembers Lee and Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yay. Okay. And...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member U‘u-Hodgins wanted to make the corresponding proposal...or we’re going to wait for Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, I...I thought you were going to do it, but whatever works. I can...you can do it, since you have the floor. Unless you want me to do it, but you’re good at that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: If you have it already.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, here, I have it. Okay. I move to condition 500,000...okay. This is...so, Administration Program, Water Fund, General. Condition 500,000 from General Category B, Operations and Equipment, as follows. Up to 500,000 for Aloha...Aloha Pu‘u Kukui for watershed management.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and second by Member U‘u-Hodgins. Any discussion? Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. Just...just a small clarification. So, the motion, we know to include the condition, but should it also be a corresponding increase to Category B?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. With the list of...

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it would increase Water Fund revenue by \$506,457, and additional 6,457 in Admin Operations account.

MR. KRUEGER: Could we get that from you later?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Perfect. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I hate to ask, but where is it? It's in...it's in Rates and Fees?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is on the budget bill for Administration Program, Water Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. And that's Mr. Crozier, who came to say that they're going through a transition, and --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- can apply, but then I saw this in the bill like...okay. I think it's self-explanatory. He's always done...or they have always...always done great work. So, thanks for doing that. Any other discussion? All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We have six "ayes" and three excused, Chair Lee, Member Paltin, and Member Kama.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmembers Lee and Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay, that’s great. Okay. Anything else for Water?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, no. That’s all the Water revisits that we had noted.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And I’m going to put this aside. Everything else, I think, is too big to finish in...in six minutes, so I think we will break for dinner, right? And we’ll come back at 6:30. Members, is that all right? Member U‘u-Hodgins, Member Sinenci, 6:30 is good? Okay. We are now on a break for dinner. This meeting is in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:        5:23 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:    6:36 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Parks, Economic Development...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Parks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, my God. Okay. Let’s...Let’s take over Parks. Let’s take over Parks. . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. And we are continuing this meeting is 8:36 [sic], it was 8:35 [sic] until I was disturbed. And...I think we...we’re having too many long days. Anyway, looking forward to the rest of the meeting, and I hope to finish --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 6:36.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the remainder...remaining Departments, and it is with Parks, Personnel, Police, and Public Works. We’re doing the P’s. So, at this time, then, Parks is in Bill 41, page 18. And does anybody have any amendments? Page 18 in Bill 41.



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**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Somebody else's voice. Oh, it's George. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.14.c.(1), Category B, \$40,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: B14...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, what?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: B.14.c.(1), Category B, \$40,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: \$40,000. Is that Parks Program salaries?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, you know what? I got to disclose that I have one adult male, George Vierra, two unnamed minor humans, and one unnamed minor canine. Hey, unnamed minor, can you go take that to your room, please? Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Proceed. So, motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member...Members, I need a second. Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. For my discussion...oh, are you ready for the discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In Fiscal Year '25, we cut 500,000 from the Admin Program, and only 40,000 was requested reinstated. In Fiscal Year '25, we requested...we cut 100,000 from the Parks Program, and none of it was requested to be reinstated. In Fiscal Year '25, we cut 950,000 from Recreation and Support Services Program, and only 45,000 was requested to be reinstated. So, I don't feel comfortable cutting anything more from salaries. I feel they've been running a tight ship. And so, I had to look at

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operations. Fiscal Year '24 carryover was \$819,976. This is an approximate 5 percent cut. And that's my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did you get that? You got it? Okay. Any discussion? Seeing none. Ready to vote, Members?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor, raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. This looks like eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Member Sinenci's there, and Member...okay. All right. Any more amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm ready to move on to CIPs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you...are you okay, Members?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. CIPs, proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut CBS-7895 and CBS-8931.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: CBS-7895 and CBS-789--what, 31?

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, what page?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 8931.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 8931. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, CIPs is...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could you ask the Member what pages that is in the CIP?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm sorry. I didn't write down the page, as I was working so hard into the midnight hour. It was beyond my abilities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We will pull it up.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. You got it?

MR. KRUEGER: 7895, that's the Lānaʻi Community Fieldhouse. That's on page 26.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Was there a second?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member...oh, Chair Lee.

MR. KRUEGER: The other one is Kula Gym, the one directly below it, same page.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You guys are hitting us hard. Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee; is that right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You ready for my discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This fiscal year, there are an additional ten CIP over last fiscal year. These are the bottom two priorities from the sheet that they gave us. And so, I'm just trying to keep things manageable within their capacity. They do expect to hire more planners, and more CIP program coordinators. But as of this time, right this minute, they don't have them. They hope to have them before the end of the fiscal year, like everybody else. But just trying to keep things manageable, and offset our 50 million adds. You're welcome.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's the spirit of how we have to do things. But not if you hit my department [sic]. Just kidding. My...my community.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee, you want to say anything?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That was my discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Here you go, Member Johnson. Did you raise your hand?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I didn't prioritize them, the Parks did. I'm just taking the bottom two.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I'll totally support this. I spoke with Director McCall as well, and he told me that Councilmember Paltin just called him. So, we were both trying to look for cuts, and we both agree that the bottom two should be cut, for...delayed, I should say, until next year. So, I'm totally here for that, and thank you. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: For the record, what are the bottom two?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it's Lāna'i Fieldhouse and the Kula Gym.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Waiakoa Gym. Okay. So, Members, the...the Kula Gym is, of course, in my community--it's down the street, actually, from my house. It's used pretty heavily. And just because it's my community, I'm going to vote no on that. But I know that there are a lot of greater needs, and we do have to make cuts. So, that's my vote. Roll call. Oh, anybody else? No? Go ahead.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excused.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. Okay.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have...oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, go ahead, sorry.

MR. PASCUAL: Apologies. Chair, you have seven “ayes,” one no, one excused, Member Kama.  
Motion passes.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin,  
                              Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       Chair Sugimura.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVED.**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Nobody else? Okay. I have...are you done, Member Paltin? For CIP?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I have, from the projects that we got from the Administration for the...for the Parks Department, CBS-5056, which is the Alfred "Flako" Boteilho, Sr. Gym improvements for 1 million, and CBS-8400 Kanaha Beach Park restroom replacement for 1 million, and to move this from cash to bond. I need somebody to make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You can make the motion. I can't.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I move to...whatever you said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Chair Lee. I need a second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, it's not eliminating the projects --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- it's just moving --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Cash to bond.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the...the funding from cash to bond --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- because we need that restroom in Kanaha.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Badly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this...the project's still proceeding, it's just changing the funding source. Okay. So, motion...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I'll second, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion made by Chair Lee, second by Member U'u-Hodgins. Would you like me to speak to it? We got this list from the Administration for projects that are possible to be changed from cash to bond, so that's...that's what this is. Okay. Member Paltin.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just wanted to mention that this will probably cost more in the long run, and it'll increase our bond cap...I mean, not increase our bond cap, but get us closer to the 50 million bond cap that we authorized. And now I kind of see why the Administration requested a 250 million bond cap. At the time, I was like, whoa, that's just crazy, but my eyes are open now. I understand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Anything else? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Excuse me, I really think there is a confusion on this matter, and I would like the Budget Director, Lesley Milner, to explain that ceiling. And that ceiling relates only to transfers...so in other words, advances prior to floating bonds. So, we often pay for things that are going to be paid eventually by bonds ahead of time. So, that's what the ceiling we talked about. And can we have that verification from the Director of Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We haven't floated a bond, and we're not sure we're going to because of the tax...nontax-exempt status and the rates. So, just saying.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think it's two different things.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Director Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. Yeah, the transfer loan ceiling is related to advances that we do for projects that will be bond-funded when we end up going out to bond, which we anticipate doing this August, as we discussed. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Members, ready to vote? Okay. This is going to be a voice vote. Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused is Member Kama.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Thank you. So, that’s that for CIPs. Next, we have Appendix A, Part I, Grants, which is page 44 in the...in the bill. Any amendments? Seeing none. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Grants. We have Ocean Recreation Activity Fund, page 50. Maui Interscholastic Leave Fund, page 55. And County Park Special Revolving Fund, also on page 55. Are there any amendments? So, I’m going to take up...before I ask you, I’m going to take up the item U., Maui Interscholastic Leave Fund, when we take that up in terms of our priorities. But nothing here. Anybody else, Members? Okay. We’re going to move on. Next, we’re going to have Appendix B, Rates and Fees, page 25 to 31. And...yeah. Any amendments? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I’d like to amend page 29, Rates and Fees, to create a new category, Visiting Swim Team Hawai‘i State Resident category, daily fee, \$5 per swimmer. Non-Hawai‘i State Resident category, \$15 per swimmer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, can you repeat that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I would like to amend page 29, Rates and Fees, to create a new category, Visiting Swim Teams Hawai‘i State Resident category, daily fees, \$5 per swimmer. Non-Resident category, \$15 per swimmer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- nothing for a Resident category...like County Resident, nothing there --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.



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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- for daily fees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Member Sinenci made the second, Member Paltin made the motion. And any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Ready for my discussion? Okay. For my discussion, I believe this rate hasn't been raised in a few years. And as we know, we've had many expenses over the years. I don't want to charge our County residents because who's the one that cleaned the pool, and got us all back to the pool, was our County residents volunteers. And, you know, when the visiting swim teams come, they just push the rest of us to the side, and we have less space. So, you know, these are paid for with our property tax dollars, and so they can help because they're pushing us to the side.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I have a question for you. Your kids, are they part of the swim...I don't have a kid that participating in this. So, if you had visitors from...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If only I were so lucky. They...they...I wanted them to be a part of the swim team. They protested, so there's football, volleyball, and paddling.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Pretty busy.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I wish they were a part of the swim team. If somebody could talk to them and tell them the benefits and importance of swimming, I would be so thankful, but --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sounds like a parent's --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- they refuse.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- sounds like a parent's job. Inspire them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I tried, I tried.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this is --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They were on it for like --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- this is my question before the --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- one year, then COVID.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- before the speeches, I just wondered what the experience is for...for Hawai'i visitors...or Hawai'i residents to come and visit Maui, and have to pay the \$5. I don't know if that's kind of a common thing, or would Maui seem kind of excessive.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They haven't done it in the past five years, I believe, was the answer in Parks-2 or -3 or something. I know we all read the answers because why are we asking questions if we're not reading the answers? She ate her food already.

MS. KAWASAKI: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Please proceed. Deputy Director Kawasaki.

MS. KAWASAKI: Thank you, Chair. This would apply to visiting swim teams, and the definition for that is, a swim team not from the County. So, it's not going to apply to just anybody that goes there. So, for residents, it's already zero. And then the proposal is for a visiting swim team, \$5 per swimmer, and a nonresident, \$15.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Any discussion? Seeing none. Ready to vote?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Any more discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody? Raise your hand --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No more discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're eight "ayes" and one excused, which is Member Kama.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:   APPROVED.**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any more amendments to rates and fees? Okay. Seeing none. So, next, we have Members' priorities from Cook.

**MEMBERS PRIORITIES**

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Revisiting my Countywide?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. This is for Parks, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Let's see, what number is it on the matrix?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I have a couple.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair? So --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: -- the Department of Parks, the priorities are on page 18 of the matrix.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Page 18.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Ta-da. Okay. For mine, Administrative Program, Parks and Recreation, I propose to increase Category B by 200,000 for a Summer Night's seven-week pilot program at Kalama Park for community engagement and rehabilitation of the park.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, great. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee. So, motion made by Member Cook, and second by Chair Lee. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Member...thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members. The Parks Department is planning to do this, and part of the process is going to be, they're going to be repainting the pavilions, and the restrooms, and putting up some lights, and it really is for...and...and music, live music to stimulate community engagement, and kind of revitalize the park for families in the evening.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All the good things you're doing for your park, that's great. Any other discussion?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Staff would just request a clarification. Is...is it just an increase to 200...to Category B, or should we also add a condition to restrict that funding specifically for the Summer Night's seven-week pilot program?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Addition to funding because that's specifically what it's for. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin, your hand is up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, is Member Cook finished with his discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes, I am.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Is there any need for overtime, night differential, for the...is it going to be volunteers, is there anyone supervising the painting?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes. This is all going to be performed by the Parks Department. They're going to...they --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- the Parks Department brought this to me, and is proposing it, and asked for my support. And they're going to be doing...the parks crew is going to be basically doing the painting, the cleaning, and all of that. And I assume--I did not ask about the overtime, I'm assuming that they've incorporated into this amount that they asked me to allocate.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Here's...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Looks like Ms. Milner has the...because that would be in Category A, probably.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin and Councilmember Cook. Yes, Parks will be doing the work, but I did just want to clarify for the record, they will be contracting out some of the work for security, and things like that. And the Parks Director did confirm no need for overtime, or any other premium pay related to this. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my second question is, are we going to take any advantage of this as an economic opportunity, like concessions? Because if I was at the park at night,

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and maybe I just came from work, I wouldn't mind to like, you know, stop off at a food truck, or something like that. Some drinks --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- buy some soda, water, whatever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I will run that by the Parks Director.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here's --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Director.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- pretty...pretty much their show. I wouldn't be opposed to that, but...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Director Milner? Maybe she can...proceed.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. The Department does not have plans at this time to do food trucks. There are a lot of food trucks in that area. This will be a concert series for people to participate in. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No alcohol, right? No smoking, no drugs?

MS. MILNER: Absolutely not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Drug-free event? . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. MILNER: Have to abide by the park rules.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: All right. Good thing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I like where Member Paltin is going. There is restaurants across the street from the park, so I assume in that way, they oversee some economic stimulation, but not probably directly, unless I'm miscommunicating. But there's like Pā'ia Fish Market in Kihei across the street from the park, too.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And good shave ice. Okay. Member Cook, Member U'u-Hodgins, Member Paltin...any more before we take the vote? Okay. All in favor, Members, raise your hand and say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We have eight “ayes,” one excused, which would be Member Kama. Yeah? Okay.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now, the next one would be mine, and as I said before, Maui Interscholastic League Fees Fund, which is U., and it is Chapter 3.39, Maui County Code, add a new condition. Up to 30,000 can be used for MIL travel to neighbor island special events or tournaments. Somebody needs to make the motion, and a second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Chair Lee and Member U‘u-Hodgins. And this fund has been sitting in...with us, and...and...and I’m trying to reply or respond to the...the students that came and talked about having to travel outer-island...or between the islands, and the cost of it. So, this fund was set up for that, and I think the Parks Department has been working on it. It’s been a little bit stuck, from what I understand from Director McCall, just trying to set up and do the framework for this, but I think he’s figured it out. So, Director Milner, do you have any comments on this? There’s \$134,000 in there right now, and some change. On page 55 of Special Purpose Revenues.

MS. MILNER: Mahalo, Chair. Yes. I believe Director McCall, they’re working on an application process for it to open up...to allow people to apply to use this 30,000. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. All right. Appreciate that. I know that he did say when he came before us that he was working on it. So, I have decided to condition it, and hopefully, you know, we can have student travel, and we'll see the success of it because it's going to be the first time that it'll get used. So, Members, all in favor, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama. Okay. So...

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, I don't think we saw Councilmember Paltin for that vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, she's not here. Okay. One excused then. So, that would be seven, one excused...two excused.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, Members. Appreciate that. Any more for Parks? Is that the end?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, our understanding is that's all the priorities for Parks.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SERVICES**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next. Now we have Personnel Services. This is page 19 of our budget book. Any amendments for Personnel? Top of page 19. Okay. No amendments. All right. And they have no CIPs. They don't have any grant. Appendix A1, Grants; Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Grants, none. Special Purpose Revenues, Appendix B, Rates and Fees, none, and no Member priorities. So, we are done with Personnel. Fast, yeah? Okay. Next...Police. So, with Police, they're also on page 19 of Bill 41. And are there any amendments? Member Paltin.

**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.19.b.(1), Category A...oh, sorry, 17.b.(1), Category A, 800,000 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second? 800,000 plus fringe, I need a second.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Member Rawlins-Fernandez second. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is an approximately 18 percent cut of Fiscal Year '24 carryover in this category.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion? All right. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's seven "ayes" and...oh, eight "ayes" and one excused, which is Member Kama.



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**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any more amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.17.d.(1), Category A, 600,000 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second? Okay. Second by Member Sinenci, motion made by Member Paltin. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is an approximate 18 percent cut of Fiscal Year '24 carryover in this category.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. No discussion. Any more? If not, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, that would be eight "ayes." Member Cook? Oh, eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I’m going to move forward. Thank you, Member Paltin. CIPs on page 27. Okay. I need an amendment for Police Radio...Radio System Facility Upgrades, to move from cash to bond, CBS-7879, 3...3,600,000...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 3.6 million. So, Member Sinenci, and second by Chair Lee. This is the list that we got from Administration of projects that can be moved to bond, and so this is one of them that’s listed. Thank you. Any more discussion?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, I forgot to chime in when we moved the Parks ones, but for this one...for those...for the Parks ones and this one, could we...would...would they also be included in the Bill 43, the bond bill?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, please. Please. Okay. I guess...any other discussion? All in favor...oh, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I’m just concerned we’re going to be paying more in the long run because of the interest rate that we don’t know. Hopefully we float a bond in August, but very uncertain.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we are seven “ayes”...eight “ayes,” one excused, Member Kama.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:     None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Now we have Appendix A, Part I, Grants, which is page 44 to 45 in Bill 41. Any amendments? Okay. I see none. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues, Alarm System Revolving Fund on page 54 is the only item. Are there any amendments? Seeing none. Move forward. Okay. Appendix B, Rates and Fees, page 36. Are there any amendments? Seeing none. We will move on. Okay. So, priorities...let’s see. Who has Police priorities? Do you have a list of the...the Police priorities, and what page on the matrix?

**MEMBERS PRIORITIES**

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. The Police priorities start on page 19 of the matrix. The first one is for Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oops, sorry. Page 19.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. This is for CIPs for Moloka‘i Police Station. I move to increase the CIP budget by 5 million for Moloka‘i Police Station relocation, modify Appendix C, and to...yes, maybe Bill 42?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member...I mean Chair...Chair Lee. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you need me to discuss this?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Members, when we were on Moloka'i, you heard from many in the community, about...almost half the testifiers sharing how the conditions at the Moloka'i Police Station have deteriorated over...over time. And the Police Chief has spoken with the General at the National Guard to use the armory to temporarily relocate the station until we get a permanent home for the police station. And...oh, and you did receive, when the Police Department was before us, the full budget, so the 5 million, of course, is...is not the full budget, but this is the first part to get the project moving. And because the armory is already a structure on its own, we're hoping that we'll be able to, you know, get the relocation happen within the next year-and-a-half to two years, or sooner.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is that cash or bond?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I put cash.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's not our facility, so it would be hard...we can't bond. It's...it's actually going to the National Guard, did you say?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct. And so, the lease with the...to use the...the facility would be for, you know, the...the period that it would take to pay the bond, so it could potentially be bonded because...but we don't have the lease yet. So...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are we planning on buying it? We have to own it to bond.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no, lease.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the length of the lease is for the time that it takes to pay the bond. We can call on the Budget Director.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait. Oh, we can call the Budget... Does...are these...is this lease in the works, and is it happening?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: I know we heard a lot from the community. We didn't hear anything from the Police Chief when he was here.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We did. I asked him.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You asked him if he supports it, but he never gave us details. So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We don't have a lease yet.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But you have a plan.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's in the works.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You have a plan.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And it sounds like you were involved in this plan with the community and with the Chief. So, when that was being discussed, more than...the Chief said he supports this for Moloka'i, yes, but I never heard details, or even more in-depth conversation until the night of the residency area meeting. So, I thought it was good. And I think the handout that we got from Wright...Michael Wright & Associates, which sounds like they're like the construction manager or...or project manager, was for a \$18 million renovation for the National Guard. That was...that was what was passed out that night.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The armory, correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The armory. So, that was the first I heard. So, I wonder, Director, can you enlighten us what the Police Department is...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The first you heard was not at the Moloka'i District meeting. The first you heard was when we had Police before us on April 2nd.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. And he said he supports it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, details of it, I am corrected. I just want to make sure the...the Administration is all in sync with this.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What details? You did get the architect's, the consultant's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- budget --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and the budget included the details and the phases of all the permitting, design, construction, what's planned for construction. Because as I stated, it is a structure that stands on its own.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Inside is kind of like an open space like this, and the plan is to construct a mezzanine floor to expand the footprint of the station so that there's more room, so that the plumbing works, so that the air conditioning works. But for this first part of it, it would...there...there isn't as much construction that would be needed to be able to move the administration, some of the officers that are there, up to the armory.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Here's Director Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, there is a similar contract on O'ahu with HPD, and it does have the Governor's approval to work with the National Guard on this facility. And as the Chief stated on the floor, he is supportive. And I...because it is a lease and it would not become a County asset, I...I would not recommend bonding at this point. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yeah, it was loud and clear, your community. Even the wives came, and, you know, community members, even doing community visits, and that impact too. So, anybody else have any questions on this?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So, Staff would just like to request clarification. So, right now, under Moloka'i, there's only the Pu'u Hoku [sic] Ranch site replacement. So, this would be another new appropriation right underneath it?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct. Mahalo, Mr. Krueger.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that would be General Fund, not bond.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to speak in support of this. It was not only from what I heard on Moloka'i at the community meeting, but also in a conversation with the Chief, in that evidence rooms, weapons...it's very, very chronic and extreme. And so, I understand the urgency and the importance to get this moving. So, it's not a small chunk of change, but they really need it, and I'm supportive of it. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Thank you very much. Is there any other discussion on this? Seeing none. All in favor...oh, Member Paltin? Are you going to...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I was telling my kids to wash the dishes and clean the oven because they...I cooked, so they got to clean.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(chuckling)*. . . Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this is eight "ayes," and one excused, Member Kama.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.</b>
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	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. I remember even we had...what is her name?...I don't know if her name is Debbie, but from...she's a Von Tempsky, who was the last testifier in support of a change. And she was...she was very, very impactful, talking about this police station. Okay. Anyway, next is Tom Cook.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. For my Countywide, page 19 d., Technical Support Services Program, I propose to increase Category B, Operations and Equipment, by...oh, no, wrong one. Countywide, page 19, b. Investigative Service Program. Increase Category B in the amount of \$650,000. Insert condition to read, up to \$650,000 must be used for the cost relating to artificial intelligence technology for cameras and license plate readers used in investigations. And...okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'll wait for...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, motion...motion, and I need a second.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Motion for my...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Cook, and second by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members. For my discussion, I would like to just basically relay that the Police had...this funding is needed because it was part of a Federal grant that was cut that affected the Department. And this program has basically the cameras, AI, that tracks and reads the license plates. I've been...I inquired about it, I was quite interested, and wanted to know why it was so important. But several break-ins, car thefts, and even a murder was solved. I asked if it would potentially help for some of these areas that are getting dumping...chronic, perennial car dumping and whatnot, and I was told by the deputy that it...it could be very influential in that. So, I think this is a good tool for the Police Department, and I'm hoping that the Members support my proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight "ayes," and oh...was Member Paltin there? She's not. So, seven "ayes," two excused, Member Paltin and Member Kama.



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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I guess the next one is Member Kama, we'll do a revisit. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to add category...7...B.17...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You want me to read it, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think I got it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: B.17.d.(1), Category B, by \$2 million for the following condition. Up to \$2 million must be for portable radios for the remaining half of the Department fleet of vehicles...Department fleet.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is it vehicles, or just the radios? Radios.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I thought it was just radios, but somebody put this on my matrix. I don't know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Portable radio...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I'm pretty sure it was for...yeah, I'm pretty sure that's what it was.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Other half of the radios.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was reading from the matrix.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. The portable radios for the remaining half of the Department fleet of vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Portable radios for the fleet of vehicles.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion? I think we heard the Chief when he came before us talking about these, and he showed it to us. They only had half, so this is for the other half.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, I guess the discussion would be that when Fire came back for their other half, like the prices increased dramatically, so, you know, in the state of the world today, you never know, might as well get them all. Because the ones they have are going to be obsolete, they said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. Could we just clarify who the second was?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Member Cook.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Cook, and Member Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ready to vote? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We are missing Member Kama, so eight "ayes," one...one excused.

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**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And we'll come back to Member Kama, yeah, when she comes back. Okay. Let me circle this. Next page, is there more? This is for Prosecuting Attorney. We're done with Police then, right? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Requesting a deviation from the rules. I had one unused priority for a grant, and I...oopsie...I would like to move to add a condition under Admin Account B to read Moloka'i Youth Leadership Program for \$30,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and second by Chair Lee. So, this is a new condition?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Requesting a deviation, hall pass, like everyone else.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't know about everyone else. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any discussion? I think we heard them --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- we heard them during your meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Well, yeah. So, it's an important academy, a leadership academy, and it helps to...it'll help to grow capacity within our community, to fill the vacancies in our police force, and strengthen our youth's confidence and self-discipline. And our officers, our community police officer, Manny Bello...oh, no, Manny . . .*(chuckling)*. . . has...has been doing a really good job. All the officers, including Officer Caparida in starting the program, as well as our Captain Winfrey.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion? If not, all in favor...

MR. KRUEGER: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. Could we just confirm the name of the condition one more time, or the...the condition language?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moloka'i Youth Leadership Program.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, could we confirm the amount, too? I'm so sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: \$30,000.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And if there's nothing else...is there's anything else, Staff? We are done.

MR. KRUEGER: We'll just need to take the vote on the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. On the new motion. Okay. Here we go. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, there's seven "ayes," and who...oh, Member Paltin's there, so it's eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVED.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are we at Public Works?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we are at Public Works. And then I have an adjourn note after.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Fast, yeah? Must be the Starbucks. Keep the momentum. Okay. Here we go, Public Works. So, I can just see Jordan Molina talking to Member...Director Milner. All right. So, Police...Public Works is on page 20 to 21. Anybody have amendments for Public Works? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.19.b.(1), Category A, 100,000 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 100...it's...it's A, column A.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. So, member made by...motion made by Member Paltin, and second by Chair Lee. Discussion.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is a reinstatement of Fiscal Year '25 Council cuts, which they said didn't prevent them from hiring anyone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Any other discussion? So, they didn't need the money. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. This is eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Any more?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut B.19.c.(1), Category A, by 100,000 plus fringe.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. Cut 100,000 fringe as stated. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Same as before.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Eight “ayes,” one excused, which is Member Kama.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U’u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:   None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more? No?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut 19.e.(1), Category A, 100,000 plus fringe, and reduce the supplemental transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. Can you give us the ID again?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shoot, my computer shut down. Let me type in my password. Apparently, there’s no school tomorrow. I don’t know if anyone knew. But it’s B.19.e.(1), Category A.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Discussion. Sorry. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Reinstatement of Fiscal Year ’25 Council cuts.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion? Okay. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here's Director Milner popping up. Would you like to say something before I...before we take the vote?

MS. MILNER: Apologies, Chair. I just wanted to confirm, I believe Councilmember Paltin said E., which would be Highways Administration Program, but the 100,000 last year was from the Road, Bridge, Drain Maintenance Program, which would be f.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, my bad.

MS. MILNER: Sorry, I just wanted to confirm. Okay. Mahalo, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, please don't touch highways.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Strike E. F.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry. Sorry, that's Chair Lee's special baby.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: F.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry. Okay. You got that correction? You got it? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: F, no U.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're getting cuckoo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. All in favor...any more discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.



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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I propose on page 20, a. number 20.a, Administrative Program, General Fund, add two Engineering Program Manager, EM-07 expansion positions with no funding for the management of County stormwater and flood programs for the management and delivery of CIP projects.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook, second by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I spoke with Director Molina, and my push to...for executing the CIP projects, basically asking him, what do you need, what are your biggest challenges? He explained that they have gotten engineers, and they have gotten the...some of the consultants that have helped, and they're moving forward. What he needs is supervisory engineer...supervisory personnel to basically be able to take care of the two different divisions so that the engineers could focus on their work, and not be doing as much, and...and being more focused. So, these two positions will not be funded because it's going to take time for him to do the Department of Personnel Services deal, but this is going to create the two positions at a very high level to enable the engineers to become much more effective at executing the CIP projects.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Thank you. We all need engineers. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did somebody have a discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I was just trying to confirm that that's Member Cook's priority, I do see it on the list. And if we're doing priorities now, then every...are we all doing priorities, or are we just going to --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Well, my...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- hop, skip, and jump around?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My apology if I'm doing the...the hula here.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. We've been doing priorities last for all week, but that's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. No wonder my colleague next door has a grin about ear to ear.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: That's okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was like, we're almost done . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: That's your one time you break the rules.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(chuckling)*. . . That was your one pass, Member Cook. . . *(chuckling)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'll save my Countywide until --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- you're telling me to do it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is your priority on page number 22.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My...one of my two priorities on page 22.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Anybody else?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page number 22. Wait. Okay. So, let's see. Where are we?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are with a live motion on the floor, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: We are, but he skipped the line. Okay. We'll just...we'll just vote that, and then we'll go next. Okay. Anybody...since we took the time to do this, all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah? Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair? Apologies, we don't see Member Paltin right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Paltin. So, that's seven and two.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks. Anything else? We'll do your next one soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Not...not unless you want me to continue to be online.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. All right. So, next, we got to do Appendix A, grant...Part I, Grants, which is bill 40...on page 45 on the bills. Any amendments? None? Okay. Okay. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues. Any amendment? Page 47, there's a Highway Fund, Highway Beautification, Abandoned Vehicle, Tourism-Related Traffic Congestion Revolving Fund. There's the Plan Review, Permit Processing, Inspection Revolving Fund on page 47. Okay. None. Appendix B, Rates and Fees. Any amendments? It's on page 37 to 51 on Appendix B. Okay. I see none. Oh, I see Member Paltin's hand. Member Paltin.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I'm on page 43, number 8. I move to increase the fees because, you know, Public Works is really overworked and stretched thin. And so, the correlation is that they take time out of restoring Lāhainā, restoring our roads and everything, and this is, you know, extra...extra work for them. So, I move to increase number 1, 2, 3, 4 in this item. The first one, 200, the second one, 200, the third one, 200, and the fourth one, 100.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shucks, I skipped the step. I did my discussion before the second. We're all skipping steps.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . We're all doing that as we talk story about what we're doing. So, can you give me the page number that you're on specifically?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 43.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because there's...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 43. 43, number 8.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I'm sorry, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, there, I got it.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Member Paltin, can you please restate the numbers? Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure. 43, number 8 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Swimming pool.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the first, second, and third, and fourth. The first three would be 200, and the last one would be 100.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The first two is...this is swimming pools, fountains, and similar...what is it?...installation; is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 43 and 8. Okay. The first one goes from 100 to 200; is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The first three go to 200, and the last one goes to 100.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. You got that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, that's the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second again.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you want me to say the discussion again, or you remember the discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think we hear your passion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The correlation to the work output.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other Members have anything?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Seeing none. All in favor say "aye."

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. Just from the adjustment of the fees, should Staff assume no revenue impact?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. How do we get the revenue impact?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ask Lesley.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Okay, Lesley, do you have the calculation? Or do you have that?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. We don't believe there will be...any revenue impact would be minimal, so there's no need to adjust the estimated revenues. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Negligible.

MR. KRUEGER: I see. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, maybe you should have made it higher. Just kidding. I will...

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Got to leave room for next year.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Okay. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We’re at eight “ayes”...Member Cook? Yeah, eight “ayes,” one excused, which is Member Kama.

**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, all night you’ve been swaying. Are you exercising on an exercise machine, and now you’re eating your dinner, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My butt’s so sore from sitting down this past month, I have to stand up, and somebody just gave me some ice cream.

**MEMBERS PRIORITIES**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Lucky. Okay. So...okay. Let’s now proceed with Member Cook on your priority. And what page number was that on?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Page 22.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That was on page 22. Go ahead. So, you did the first one, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Correct.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Which passed.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I did the first one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And now the second one.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: The second one is page 27, 1.a., and also (2) General Fund. Okay. Increase...okay. So, I propose to increase the General Fund in the amount of \$1 million for drainage master plan implementation, and to continue work relating to the flood mitigation measures for Waiakoa, Kūlanihākoʻi, and Waipuilani gulches. Amend Appendix C accordingly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I need a second. Yeah, great.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second. Is this...is this --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- Bond Fund?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, this would be General Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And so, if you want...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second...okay. Member Cook, and second by Chair Lee. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, Members, this is a continuation of what the engineer is doing in the Public Works regarding the South Maui flooding. And they are doing extensive...extensive grafting, and mapping, and research for all of the different...where the water's supposed to be going, and where it's going. So, it's really refreshing to have someone in the Public Works Department who is focused on this, and doing a great job.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Member Cook, did the Department ask you to make this amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. I mean, your neighborhood is...your...your community is crying for it.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Actually, Members, this is a continuation. We did \$1 million last year, and this is \$1 million this year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The reason why I ask is...because why didn't they put it in the budget? Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good that it's getting done. All right. And Members, anything else you would like to add for discussion? If not, all in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson? Eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Then...

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. I...I don't think we saw Councilmember Paltin for that vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry. Okay. So, seven "ayes," two excused, Member Paltin and Member Kama.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:     None.**

**EXC.:       Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She's eating her ice cream. Page 23 is Member U'u-Hodgins, both.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. On page 28, small b., Government Facilities, General Fund, (ii), Countywide Facilities Maintenance Program, I move to increase by 100,000 for lighting upgrades, including materials and construction in County-owned parking lots, and to amend Appendix C accordingly.



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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member U'u-Hodgins, second by Chair Lee. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. This is just to upgrade the lighting in our County-owned parking lots to ensure that we have adequate safety measures, especially for the one in Makawao. Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Great. And this is also the speed bumps when we went and we did our residency area meeting, we had...right? Yeah, the speed bump...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: That's my...that's my next one, but yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it's your next one. Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, yeah. But thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci, you have a question? Or discussion? Oh, you voting?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just for discussion. Yeah, we did hear testimony during our district visits, including from former member Molina, so happy to support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, good. Okay. All in favor, Members, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused...oh, seven, and two excused, Member Paltin and Member Kama.

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Members, for the last one, and future thanks for this next one, if you do support it. So, this one is Countywide again, small d., Road Improvements and Related Improvements, Highway Fund, County Traffic Safety Program, I move to increase by 50,000 for three traffic-calming devices fronting Pā‘ia Elementary School, and to upgrade existing crosswalks to speed tables at the T-intersection of Makawao Avenue and Mahola Street, at the T-intersection of Makawao Avenue and Maha Road, to increase the supplemental transfer to the Highway Fund accordingly, and to amend Appendix C accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good job. Oh, so motion made by Member U‘u-Hodgins, and second by Chair Lee. Okay. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you so much. FYI, I did talk to Public Works before I put these two in, they’re very supportive, and this is just for safety measures. Unfortunately, we had our first traffic fatality right in front of Pā‘ia School. That was a really traumatic moment for the kids, including my son. It was a Wednesday, so the body was still out when the kids were let out. I know I’ve said that before, but it still trips me out. And then for the intersection at Makawao Avenue, if you folks are familiar, every single day, it’s a sight to see, and I love it, but kids are walking to Makawao School, to Kalama School, and just walking all over Makawao Ave, and they need to be able to cross the street safely, and the drivers need to realize when the children are trying to cross the road. They’re little kids sometimes, so it makes me nervous. And thank you guys so much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Is this the one that Mr. Balthazar was talking about?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah? Okay. And so --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- he was requesting raised crosswalks, and I...I wonder...okay. I’m sure Public Works will figure it out, but since there is that level of detail in here, what I...I had asked him--I can’t remember if it was like in public or on the side after--was, you know, what does get the cars to slow down? If you go to the airport, those speed bumps are like...yeah, they’ll break your car if you don’t slow down. And so, those speed bumps, you know, before the crosswalk, you know, to have the cars slow down before the crosswalk...because he was asking for raised crosswalks. And so, if, you know, by the time they slow down for the speed table, they’re going to be at the kids already. So, I just wanted to...to add that. But I’m sure Public Works will, you know, do...do the right thing, whatever that is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah. Thank you so much. There are going to be flashing beacons too to help the drivers be aware that the children are crossing. But I hear you. Those are the best/worst speed bumps at the airport, they do their job almost too well. You have to come to a complete stop, which I can appreciate, but you’re right, I will work with Public Works to figure out whatever works best over there. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our children’s lives are definitely worth it. Mahalo --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Member U‘u-Hodgins. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Any more discussion? Seeing none. All right. Raise your hand, all those in favor.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we have Member Paltin and Member Kama, so seven and two excused.

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**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Sugimura and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmember Paltin.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVED.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next page. Is Member Paltin here? Oh, this...oh, wait, this is the Water Fund. Oh, we did this already? No, that's...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't think there's any more priorities for Public Works.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We're done, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. That should complete the priorities for Public Works.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're done for all the departments, right? Except for the revisits.

MR. KRUEGER: Right. There are some outstanding revisits, Chair, but...but yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good night.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, that's...that's what's going to happen. All right, Members. So, we have revisits, which we'll do tomorrow. A copy of the Excel spreadsheet, or whatever was transmitted from Real Property Tax, was sent to all the Members to get ready for our work tomorrow. And what else did Real Property Tax send over to us?

MR. KRUEGER: So, they provided the response to FN-14, which is the letter we sent with all of the tier breakouts that were requested by the Members. So, that letter contains that

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information. And then along with that, they provided a spreadsheet, which has like all of the tier breakouts, so that you can basically input your...your rate ideas and see what the projected revenue would be from that. So, the Members can use that to come up with proposals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For tomorrow?

MR. KRUEGER: Uh-huh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're done with all the departments, almost, right? And so, what we're going to take--revisits tomorrow, we have some bills to take up, and then we'll do the...the real property tax. And is there anything else?

MR. KRUEGER: No, Chair. That...that's it, in summary. Revisits, you'll need to discuss real property taxes, and then the body can start making recommendations to the Council. Yeah, that...that's what's on the table for tomorrow.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And when we start tomorrow, both of you, if you can come up with a...how much we have in the budget, what we've added, what we've cut, and what we started off with. Could you give us a, you know, summary?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then you'll do Exhibit 1. Okay. All right. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And so, in the...in the breakdown, will you please show what is the breakdown of General Fund? Because it's...that's what will determine what we...how we need to revise the real property tax rates.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other requests?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: BFED Staff the best.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I said our OCS Staff is the best. They deserve raises.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(chuckling)*. . . Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could I...could I request that the...the summary possibly be...can I borrow this for a second?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Small fee.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Abbreviated...and so, it's basically the adds, and the deletes, and the totals?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: A summary...you want a summary? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, it's a true summary. I respect and I see what they're doing, but now --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- that we're at the point where we're kind of at the end, and tomorrow --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- we're going to be making decisions --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- if it was more aggregated...is that the word?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. They got it. And the Exhibit B...Exhibit 1 is wonderful, but it's hard to read, so thanks for the large expanded version of it that all of you got. Okay. Members, we are at the end of our agenda. I'm going to defer this discussion.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (excused: TK, TP).**

**ACTION: DEFER.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And it is now 7:48, and this meeting is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN: 7:48 p.m.**

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CERTIFICATION

I, Daniel Schoenbeck, hereby certify that pages 1 through 214 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 4th day of June 2025, in Wailuku, Hawai'i

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel Schoenbeck", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Schoenbeck