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Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair  
and Members of the Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION BETWEEN STATE  
OF HAWAII ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND  
COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHOPO CASE M-  
2022-021; IA/PSO IA 22-0011**

**RE: AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

Dear Chair Lee and Council Members:

Please find attached separately a proposed resolution "AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FROM THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION BETWEEN STATE OF HAWAII ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHOPO CASE M-2022-021; IA/PSO IA 22-0011" The purpose of the proposed resolution is to designate the County of Hawaii, Office of the Corporation Counsel as special counsel in the above-referenced grievance action to avoid the presence or appearance of a conflict of interest.

May I request that the proposed resolution be scheduled for discussion and action, or referral to the appropriate standing committee as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2026.

It is anticipated that an executive session may be necessary to discuss questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and/or the Committee. Due to this matter pertaining to confidential grievance arbitration of an employee, the Department will not present the grievance documents until the matter can be discussed in executive session.

Chair Lee and Council  
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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your anticipated assistance in this matter

Sincerely,

/s/ Kristin K. Tarnstrom  
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Attachments