

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**MAY 13, 2025
11:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama			√	
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook			√	Arr: 11:05 a.m.
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			Exc: 11:28 a.m.
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	7		2	

Resolution 25-88, FD1 "ADOPTING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:34 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama			√	Time Motion Made	12:02 p.m.
VC Sugimura		√		Motion	ADOPT

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Johnson
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:09 p.m.
CM Cook		√			
CM U'u-Hodgins		√			
CM Sinenci			√		
Chair Lee		√			
TOTAL VOTES	3	4	2	MOTION FAILED	

12:10 p.m. Resolution was tabled.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:10 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-05-13 11:00 AM - Public Hearing (RPT Reconvene)

>> OKAY. WILL THE MAUI PUBLIC COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING OF MAY 13, 2025 PLEASE COME TO ORDER? IT IS 1101. ROLL CALL. >> GOOD MORNING CHAIR. PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL, MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTE LOCATIONS SHOULD STAY ACCEPT MINERS ARE PRESENT WITH THEM. COUNCIL MEMBER- >> EXCUSED. [INDISCERNIBLE] ALOHA, I'M STREAMING LIVE AND DIRECT IN ROUTE TO THE COUNCIL BUILDING.\r\n\r\nTHERE IS ROADWORK OR NOT ROADWORK, BUT THERE IS A TRAFFIC [INDISCERNIBLE] ON THE ROUTE INTO THE OFFICE OR I WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE. SORRY. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. NO PROBLEM. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> ALOHA CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, [INDISCERNIBLE] LANAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND I'M ALONE ON MY SIDE OF THE OFFICE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> ALOHA. I'M STILL AT MY PRIVATE RESIDENTS. STILL ALONE AND THERE ARE NO TESTIFIERS AT THE MOMENT IN DISTRICT OFFICE. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK.\r\n\r\n>> EXCUSED. >> COUNCIL MEMBER U-HODGINS. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA. HERE AT MY HOME OFFICE BY MYSELF AND NO TESTIFIERS. >> CHAIR ALICE LEE.\r\n\r\n>> MORNING AGAIN. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE 7 MEMBERS PRESENT, 2 EXCUSED, WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE A QUORUM TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL. FOR THE RECORD, I AM THE COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND PRESENT FROM THE STAFF ARE LAUREN SALDANA, [INDISCERNIBLE] AND CHRIS MENFORD. PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL SERVICES ARE DAVID ROTS AND [INDISCERNIBLE] DEBARMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL WE ARE JOINED BY DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL CHRISTINA. >> THANK YOU. ON APRIL 22, 2025 THE COUNCIL CONVENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. SO, THIS IS WHY I'M RECONVENING THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE INTENT OF FIXING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026. SO, AGAIN, BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH A PUBLIC HEARING, MAY I PLEASE REQUEST EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTED UNLESS IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK.\r\n\r\nAS REMINDER, TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARK TUESDAY THE COUNCIL AND NOT INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIER LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG. DE QUORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED. ANY PERSON THAT BEHAVE IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPT CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE OBJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING.\r\n\r\nEXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. LET THE RECORD SHOW MEMBER TOM COOK IS HERE. >> ALOHA AND CAN GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR. >> ALOHA. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> CHAIR, THE FIRST TESTIFIER IS FAY TAYLOR FOLLOWED BY JOHN-- >> SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC.\r\n\r\nSAY YOUR NAME. >> RIGHT HERE. OKAY. >> PUSH IT DOWN. CLOSER-YEAH. GOOD. VERY GOOD.\r\n\r\nYOUR NAME? >> MY NAME IS FAY TAYLOR AND I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW HOW THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY TAX RATES IMPACT TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS LIKE ME. WHEN I RETIRED 10 YEARS AGO AT AGE 69, I DECIDED TO MOVE TO MAUI. I PURCHASED A CONDO IN A COMPLEX THAT ALLOWED SHORT-TERM RENTALS BECAUSE MY PLAN WAS TO RENT OUT MY CONDO IN THE HIGH SEASON, SO I COULD AFFORD TO LIVE IN MAUI THE REST OF THE YEAR. MY PLAN WORKED FOR A WHILE. IT ISN'T WORKING ANYMORE, BECAUSE THE MAUI PROPERTY RATES HAVE BECOME FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR. LAST YEAR MY NEIGHBOR WHO IS MUCH MORE FLUENT THEN ME AND NEVER HAD TO RENT OUT HIS UNIT, HE PAID LESS THEN

\$2500 ON HIS 3 BEDROOM CONDO THAT IS ADJACENT TO MY 1 BEDROOM CONDO AND I PAID OVER 16. NEXT YEAR, BASED ON THE PROPOSED RATES, I WILL BE PAYING 8 TIMES MORE THEN MY NEIGHBOR.\r\n\r\nWHY AM I BEING REQUIRED TO PAY SO MUCH MORE THEN MY NEIGHBOR? I'M NOT A INVESTOR, I'M A HOME OWNER, AND I SHOULD BE PAYING THE SAME RATES AS OTHER HOME OWNERS. IF I WERE AN INVESTOR I WOULDN'T BE OCCUPYING MY CONDO FOR MORE THEN 14 DAYS, BECAUSE UNDER THE TAX LAWS, YOU LOSE ALL-MOST OF THE BENEFITS THAT FLOW TO OWNERS OR RENTAL PROPERTY IF YOU OCCUPY YOUR RESIDENTS OR THE CONDO FOR MORE THEN 14 DAYS. NINE YEARS AGO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN WAS ARGUABLY MUCH FAIRER THEN IT IS TODAY. SHORT-TERM RENTALS WERE TAXED AT THE SAME RATES AS HOTELS AND RE-SORTS. I PAID \$4 THOUSAND IN PROPERTY TAXES 9 YEARS AGO. THIS YEAR I WILL BE PAYING 5 TIMES MORE.\r\n\r\nARE HOTELS AND RE-SORTS ALSO GOING TO PAY 5 TIMES MORE THEN THEY DID 9 YEARS AGO? IF NOT, SOMETHING HAS GONE TERRIBLY WRONG AND NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. PLEASE LOOK AT THE RATES 9 YEARS AGO AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE PROPOSED RATES AND ASK YOURSELVES, WHAT DID WE GET RIGHT AND WHAT DID WE GET WRONG? SHOULD WE BE PUNISHING ALL OWNERS OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS? ARE HOTELS AND RESORTS PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE? SHOULD EXEMPTIONS IN PROPERTY TAX RATES BE BASED ON WHETHER YOU OCCUPY YOUR HOME FOR 270 DAYS, OR SHOULD TAX EXEMPTIONS AND/OR LOW RATES BE RESERVED TO SENIORS, THE DISABLED, AND LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS? >> CAN YOU COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?\r\n\r\n>> AS MOST STATES. MAHALO. >> VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ONE QUESTION FROM MEMBER JOHNSON. OKAY.\r\n\r\nHE'S NOT THERE. HE'S ON TV. LOOK AT THE MONITOR. THERE YOU GO. SEE HIM WAIVING? GO AHEAD MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.\r\n\r\nWHEN DO YOU LIVE WHEN YOU RENT OUT THE PLACE? >> I STAY WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN OREGON. >> SO, HOW LONG DO YOU LIVE IN MAUI COUNTY? >> MOST OF THE YEAR. MOST OF THE YEAR I'M HERE. >> SIX MONTHS, 9 MONTHS? >> IT VARIES.\r\n\r\nIT DEPENDS ON WHAT MY HEALTH IS. I HAD A DOUBLE MASTECTOMY AND THE YEAR I DISCOVERED BREAST CANCER I SPENT MORE TIME IN OREGON WITH MY DOCTORS, I HAD TO HAVE THREE SURGERIES. IT VARIES AND CAN'T TELL EXACTLY HOW MANY DAYS I WAS IN MAUI VERSES IN OREGON WHERE MY TWO DAUGHTERS LIVE. >> OKAY. THANKS FOR CLARIFYING THAT. THANK YOU CHAIR. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION FROM MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MY CLARIFYING QUESTION, SO BESIDES PROPERTY TAX, YOU ALSO PAY THE TRANSIENT VACATION TAX? >> ABSOLUTELY. I READ AN ARTICLE THIS MORNING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE LISTED ON VRBO AND AIR BNB AND NOT PAYING IT.\r\n\r\nI COULDN'T LIST MY PROPERTY. I'M REQUIRED TO SHOW MY TAX NUMBER AND IDENTIFICATION AND I HAVE TO PAY MONTHLY, REGARDLESS WHETHER I RENTED IT OUT OR NOT, I HAVE TO FILE THAT RETURN. IT IS SORT OF LIKE HAVING YOUR PERIOD I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE. EVERY MONTH THAT IS WHAT I HAVE TO DO. >> MY FINAL CLARIFYING ASPECT THAT, APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH A YEAR, AND I KNOW IT VARIES, DO YOU PAY IN TRANSIENT VACATION TAX? JUST BALL PARK. >> I DON'T KNOW, IT IS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.\r\n\r\nIT REALLY IS A LOT. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. >> THANK YOU. ANYMORE QUESTIONS? I SEE NONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JOHN PELY AND FOLLOWED BY AMY RAMOS. >> MORNING CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. JOHN PELY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM MAUI HOTEL LODGING ASSOCIATION AND I REFLECT ON MY APRIL 22 TESTIMONY, WHICH WE WOULD SUPPORT MAYOR'S PROPOSED 20S 26 TAX RATES AS A FLAT RATE AS IT WAS SHOWING. I DID ACTUALLY PROVIDE WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON THE MATERIAL THAT WAS PRESENTED TODAY, AND I'LL JUST STAND ON THAT WRITTEN TESTIMONY. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? I ARE SEE NONE. THANK YOU. >> HAVE A GREAT DAY GUYS. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS AMY RAMOS FOLLOWED BY JONATHAN HELTEN.\r\n\r\n>> COULD YOU BRING YOUR MIC DOWN, PLEASE? >> HELLO, GOOD MORNING. >> BRING THE MIC FURTHER DOWN. >> OKAY, GOOD. >>

HELLO, GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS AMY RAMOS, I'M TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND I DO OWN A PERMANENT LEGAL VACATION RENTAL CALLED [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE JUNE 2013. THIS IS MY SON PEERS.\r\n\r\nI BROUGHT HIM OUT OF SCHOOL TODAY SO HE COULD ACTUALLY SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN COUNTY COUNCIL. HIS CLASSROOM IS WATCHING TODAY, SO--I HAVE A FEW FOLKS AT THE SCHOOL THAT ALSO OWN VACATION RENTALS AND BNB'S AS WELL. SORRY, ONE SECOND. SO, I AM HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL RATE FOR YEAR 2025. I WATCHED THE BUDGET REAL TAX ASSESSMENT AND SADDENED SEE HIGH RATES OVER THE MAYOR EXISTING RATES. GLAD TO SEE THE RATES WERE SET AT THE TIERS WITH TIER 3 BEING RAISED. I WANTED TO COME AND TESTIFY BECAUSE I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW THE RATES EFFECT ME PERSONALLY. BEING A PERMANENT LEGAL VACATION RENTAL MY HOUSE IS 1485 SQUARE FEET.\r\n\r\nTHREE BEDROOM, 2 BATH. THE ONLY STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY SO CAN'T LIVE THERE AS A BNB. I HAVE ONLY-I CAN RENT TO 6 GUESTS, 2 PER BEDROOM. THE PERMIT DOESN'T TRANSFER IF I SELL THE HOUSE, I CANT ALLOW PARTIES. I MANAGE AND CHECK FOLKS IN AND TAKE CARE OF THE SWIMMING POOL TWICE A WEEK AND SERVE AS [INDISCERNIBLE] ANOTHER THING I DO. VERY HANDS ON. NO COMPLAINTS FROM MY NEIGHBORS IN 13 YEARS.\r\n\r\nI AM ONE OF THE 20 PERCENT OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT OWN AND OPERATE A SHORT-TERM RENTAL ON THE ISLAND. SO, IN 2023, MY TAX WAS \$16.757.09. 2024, IT WENT UP TO \$21.261.50. THIS YEAR IT IS WITH THE NEW RATES STILL PROPOSED NOW, IT IS \$28.147.50. 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH HOUSE. THAT IS ANOTHER \$6886 WHICH IS MY SON'S TUITION AT EMANUEL LUTHERAN. ONE OF THEM. I HAVE TWO THAT GO THERE. I'M NOT OPPOSED TO PAYING TAX- >> THREE MINUTES. >> I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT IN ALL FAIRNESS, THINGS NEED TO BE FAIRER.\r\n\r\nI WAS THINKING MAYBE IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD TAKE THE HOUSE, MY HOUSE IS ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY IS WORTH \$410 THOUSAND. THE LAND IS WORTH 1.6. I CAN'T RENT THE LAND, SO THE BULK OF MY TAX IS THE LAND. JUST FOOD FOR THOUGHT. I ALSO JUST WANTED TO ADD ONE LAST THING. MY OCCUPANCY IS ABOUT 40 PERCENT. WE ARE IN RECESSION. PEOPLE ARE NOT COMING HERE LIKE THEY WERE.\r\n\r\nI HAVE A UNICORN AS FAR AS VACATION RENTALS. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE. IF YOU TAKE THE TIME AND GOOGLE IT, YOU'LL SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. >> THANK YOU. >> I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DID. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM MEMBER JOHNSON. LOOK AT THE MONITOR IN FRONT OF YOU. >> HI. >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. >> HI, MR. JOHNSON. >> HI.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SO, WITH THESE NEW RATES, DO YOU PLAN TO SELL OR CONTINUE TO OPERATE? >> I AM GOING TO TRY AND OPERATE BECAUSE I AM COMMITTED WITH THIS TAX RATE FOR THIS YEAR. IF IT DOESN'T GO WELL FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE I'LL HAVE TO PROBABLY SELL THE HOUSE. >> OKAY. THANKS FOR THE CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> ANYMORE QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT MEMBER PALTIN IS HERE IN THE CHAMBERS. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> [INDISCERNIBLE] JONATHAN HELTEN AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY [INDISCERNIBLE] OF HAWAII. >> ONLINE?\r\n\r\nOKAY. >> JONATHAN HILTON, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. >> I DON'T SEE HIM. HE IS? OKAY. >> HIS HAND IS RAISED. >> YOU HAVE TO UNMUTE.\r\n\r\nOF COURSE, I DON'T SEE HIM ON MY SCREEN. >> YOU WANT ME TO GO BACK TO HIM? >> YEAH. MAYBE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE AND WE'LL GO BACK TO THAT ONE. >> MR. HELTEN, WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU. THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAII.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA. YOU CAN HEAR? >> YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. >> OKAY, PERFECT. OKAY. ALOHA, I AM TESTIFYING ABOUT THE REAL PROPERTY TAXES. I'M PRETTY SURE IT IS THE ACTUALLY ROYAL [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT [DIFFICULTY HEARING SPEAKER] THAT WERE FROM THE-- WHICH THE LAWS ARE STILL IN TACT AND STILL IN USE TODAY.\r\n\r\nAND I'M JUST WONDERING WHO'S THE REAL ONES GETTING UP THE BID? IS IT THE--THAT WERE ON THE ROYAL PATENTS AND GOT ILLEGALLY EVICTED BY GUN POINT EITHER LEFT THEIR VALLEY

BECAUSE THEY WATER WAS TOOK AND [INDISCERNIBLE] COULD BE DONE WITHOUT THE WATER. I'M WONDERING IF YOU GUYS CAUGHT UP THE [INDISCERNIBLE] AS YOU SHOULD BY LAW. IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT WAS BEING PASSED OR DONE AND WHAT ABOUT THE CROWN LANDS OF OVER HERE MAUI? [INDISCERNIBLE] THE BOTTOM PART THAT AREA. WHAT ABOUT THOSE PLACES? ARE THOSE PEOPLE-ARE WE EXEMPT FROM LIKE ANY PAY, BECAUSE THAT IS BY LAW?\r\n\r\n[INDISCERNIBLE] I JUST WONDERING IF YOU GUYS-DUE DILIGENCE TO CALL DESCENDANTS HEIRS OR [INDISCERNIBLE] AND, YEAH. IF I CAN GET A RESPONSE-IF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAII CAN GET RESPONSE FROM MY PAST TESTIMONIES, YEAH, THEY ARE TRYING TO BUILD ON MY GRANDMA'S CAVE RIGHT NOW. THEY HAVEN'T CALLED ANY OF US BENEFICIARIES AND THEY BUILT A WHOLE ENTIRE HOTEL AND FOR THE CROWN LANDS OF THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL IT SAYS IT IS HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD, BUT IT ISN'T. I'M LOOKING AROUND AND I DON'T KNOW. PLEASE COME TO THE BENEFICIARIES AND ALL THE DESCENDANTS AGAIN. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS MEMBERS?\r\n\r\n>> IF YOU GUYS CALLED QUESTIONS AND IF YOU GUYS ANY DESCENDANTS OR [INDISCERNIBLE] >> OKAY, THANK YOU. NO QUESTIONS. >> CIRCLE BACK TO JONATHAN HELTEN. MR. HELTEN, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE TESTIFY AND FOLLOWED BY DAVID JORGENSEN, WHO IS CURRENTLY OUR LAST TESTIFIER. JONATHAN HELTEN. CHAIR, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE ON TO MR.\r\n\r\nJORGENSEN? >> YES. >> DAVE JORGENSEN, THIS IS YOUR TESTIMONY TO TESTIFY AND MR. HELTEN, WE'LL CIRCLE BACK TO YOU. DAVE JORGENSEN. >> CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> OH. OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. I THOUGHT I WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY UNMUTED. I'M TRYING TO TURN MYCAMERA ON, BUT IT IS NOT WORKING, SO-- I APOLOGIZE. I'LL PROCEED IF THAT'S OKAY. >> THAT'S FINE.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO CHAIR LEE, VICE CHAIR SUGIMURA AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL. MY NAME IS DAVE JORGENSEN AND ARE HERE ON BEHALF OF ART OF HAWAII, WHICH REPRESENTS THE TIME SHARE INDUSTRY IN OUR STATE. I'M A REGISTERED LOBBYIST. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER TESTIMONY UNDER THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE. WRITTEN TESTIMONY WAS PREVIOUSLY [AUDIO CUTTING IN AND OUT] OPPOSES THE PROPOSED \$2 INCREASE FOR TIME SHARES, WHICH ALREADY CARRY THE HIGHEST RATE IN MAUI COUNTY AT \$14.60 PER \$1 THOUSAND. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPACTFUL AS THE LEGISLATURE JUST RECENTLY PASSED A INCREASE TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX AS WELL, WHICH WILL ALSO EFFECT TIME SHARE OWNERS. OUR INDUSTRY UNDERSTANDS THE COUNTY FINANCIAL NEEDS AND ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT CHALLENGES ORIGINATING FROM THE WILD FIRE.\r\n\r\nAT THE SAME TIME WE HOPE CONSIDERATION COULD BE TAKEN TO BROADER ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL. THE TIME SHARE INDUSTRY IS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO MAUI ECONOMY [INDISCERNIBLE] ACCOUNTING FOR 9500 JOBS FOR MAUI RESIDENTS AND SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TAX REVENUE. THIS INCREASE WHILE MAYBE WELL INTENDED WILL BE SIGNIFICANT FOR TIME SHARE OWNERS, MANY LONG TIME RELIABLE VISITORS WITH DEEP CONNECTION TO MAUI. TIME SHARE OWNERS TEND TO RETURN YEAR AFTER YEAR CONTRIBUTING CONSISTENTLY TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN OUR OWNERSHIP COST COULD EFFECT OUR ABILITY OR DECISION TO DO SO, POTENTIALLY IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS WHO WE RELY ON THAT ACTIVITY. FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED \$2 INCREASE IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THEN FOR OTHER CATEGORIES. RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT FAIRNESS, HOW THE BURDEN IS SHARED AND THE ARBITRARY MANNER IN WHICH THE INCREASE WAS MADE.\r\n\r\nTHE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTED OVER \$2 MILLION TO WILD FIRE RECOVERY AND PROVIDED MORE THEN \$25 THOUSAND ROOM NIGHTS AT TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR DISPLACED WILD FIRE VICTIMS, INDUSTRY TEAM MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FIRST RESPONDERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WILD FIRE. THESE ACTIONS REFLECT DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ALL THIS. THE TAX HIKE THREATENS TO DRIVE AWAY CONSISTENT VISITOR SPENDING AND JEOPARDIZE LOCAL JOBS AT A TIME MAUI NEEDS STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE TIME SHARE INDUSTRY REMAINS COMMITTED BEING SUPPORTIVE ENGAGED PARTNER IN MAUI'S RECOVERY AND GROWTH. VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE

CONVERSATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERING THE BROADER IMPACT ON MAUI'S FAMILIES AND WORKFORCE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU MR. JORGENSEN FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD CLARIFY-I DIDN'T TRACK THE LEGISLATURE INCREASE THAT YOU SPOKE OF.\r\n\r\n\r\nWHAT WAS THAT ABOUT? >> THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX WAS ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE. >> HOW MUCH WAS IT? >> I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW. >> OH, OKAY. >> BUT I CAN CERTAINLY GET THAT TO YOU. >> I CAN PROBABLY SEARCH IT UP.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> ANYMORE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? OKAY. YOU DON'T SEE ANY HANDS? THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER? >> THE LAST TESTIFIER IS JONATHAN HELTEN.\r\n\r\n\r\nMR. HELTEN, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY AND YOU JUST NEED TO UNMUTE ON YOUR END. >> OKAY. LET'S COME BACK TO HIM. OKAY, HE UNMUTED. >> SORRY. HOPEFULLY YOU ALL CAN HEAR ME.\r\n\r\n\r\nI APPEAR TO BE HAVING ISSUES WITH MY CAMERA AND AUDIO. I APOLOGIZE ABOUT THAT. >> WE CAN HEAR YOU. >> OKAY. I'LL BEGIN MY TESTIMONY. MY NAME IS JONATHAN HELTEN, I REPRESENT THE GRASS ROOT INSTITUTE OF HAWAII. I'M A REGISTERED LOBBYIST GRASS ROOT.\r\n\r\n\r\nI JUST WANTED TO OFFER COMMENTS ON THE PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED. FIRST, GRASS ROOT BELIEVES THAT THE RATES PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR'S BUDGET WERE PROBABLY GOING TO BE LITTLE BETTER FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI. YOU LOOK AT REPORTS THAT HAS COME OUT RECENTLY PROJECTING WITH ALL OF THE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL MAUI IS LIKELY HEADED TOWARDS MILD RECESSION AND THEY PROJECT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE FEWER VISITORS COMING TO THE STATE, AND BECAUSE THE STATE ECONOMY IS SO DEPENDENT ON TOURISM REVENUES, ANY SORT OF RECESSION WHERE FEWER PEOPLE COME VISIT CAN HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON SMALL BUSINESSES, AND LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SO, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ADDING ADDITIONAL COSTS TO OPERATING AS A VISITOR ESTABLISHMENT IN MAUI COULD BE BAD FOR THE COUNTY ECONOMY. THE SECOND THING WE ENCOURAGE IS THE COUNCIL CONSIDER ADJUSTING THE LONG-TERM RENTAL OR OWNER OCCUPIED HOME EXEMPTION AFTER THE BUDGET SEASON IS OVER. IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE THOSE WERE LAST ADJUSTED, AND IF THEY HAD KEPT UP WITH THE CHANGES IN ASSESSMENTS, THEY WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, SO WE WOULD BE OPEN TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNCIL ABOUT FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX CODE ONCE BUDGET SEASON IS OVER AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS I TRIED TO FIGURE OUT MY TECH ISSUES. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OTHER TESTIFIERS SIGNED UP. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND IN TEAMS OR MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM AND I SEE MR.\r\n\r\n\r\nLAW ON HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM. >> YES. >> ALOHA. ALOHA BROTHER CHRIS IN THE LOBBY. JC LAW, SERVANT OF [INDISCERNIBLE] I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS ONE. THIS IS ONE I WANTED TO SPEAK OF, IF I CAN TAKE A CHOICE OF ALL THREE OF THEM. [INDISCERNIBLE] LAND IS CHIEF, MAN IS SERVANT.\r\n\r\n\r\nI WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WHO IS TYPING OF THE AGENDA SEPARATE THE PROPERTY FROM THE LAND, BECAUSE THE PROPERTY-THE HOUSES AND BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE LAND, YOU CAN'T OWN THAT. I THINK IT IS LIKE IN THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. MANY YEARS I PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC GOVERNMENT MEETINGS I LEARNED, IF YOU DON'T USE YOUR THREE MINUTES YOU LOSE THEM FOREVER. AS YOU KNOW, PROPERTY TAX IS ONE OF MY FREQUENT TOPICS, SO I DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE. MOST OF YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT NEXT, THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE CHURCHES." CHURCHES". HOW MUCH REVENUE HAVE WE LOST OVER THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES RELIGIOUS TAX EXEMPTIONS? THE REST OF MY TIME IS SAVED FOR THE HAWAIIANS.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. NO QUESTIONS? MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THERE IS NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. THIS IS LAST CALL. IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM OR RAISE YOUR HAND IN

TEAMS.\r\n\r\nTHE COUNTDOWN IS 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE IS NO ONE INDICATING DESIRE TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, ARE THERE OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. RESOLUTION 25-88. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-88. ADOPTING REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS A RECESSED FROM APRIL 22, SO WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY IS THE RESOLUTION AND WE HAVE THREE CHOICES ESSENTIALLY. TO VOTE IT UP, DOWN, OR TABLE. SO, WHICH WOULD BE MY PREFERENCE, BUT, THE FLOOR IS OPEN RIGHT NOW FOR ANY MOTIONS. MEMBER PALTIN. >> CHAIR, CAN WE GET SOME CLARIFICATION SO WE ARE MAKING THE INFORMED DECISIONS? >> OF COURSE. WE CAN ASK DAVID ROTS, WHO IS HERE.\r\n\r\nOR, DEPENDING WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS, WE COULD HAVE CHRISTINA ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. ROTS, ON THE MAY 16 AGENDA, THERE'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RPT RATES, AND I WAS WONDERING HOW THAT WORKS WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS. IF THE RATES WERE TO BE CHANGED ON MAY 16, WOULD WE HAVE TO POST AND CHANGE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND I THINK JUNE 20 IS THE DEADLINE, SO IF WE COULD GO OVER THE LOGISTICS IF THAT WERE TO OCCUR. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE QUESTION.\r\n\r\nSO, AS NOTED ON PAGE 1 OF TODAY'S AGENDA, THE COUNCIL CONVENED TODAY UNDER 3.48.565B. THIS IS THE SECOND STEP IN A TWO MEETING PROCESS UNDER THE CODE TO ESTABLISH REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. UNDER SUBSECTION A, THE FIRST MEETING WAS ON APRIL 22. SO, WHAT'S ENVISIONED AS CHAIR LEE MENTIONED IS, EITHER ACTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TODAY WITH A PARTICULAR RATES AND TIERS, OR IF THE BODY IS NOT COMFORTABLE DOING SO OR ANTICIPATES WANTING TO MAKE CHANGES, WE WOULD LOOK TO SUBSECTION C OF MAUI COUNTY CODE SECTION 3.48.565, WHICH WOULD DICTATE THE COUNCIL GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING AND HAVE SUBSECTION A MEETING AND SUBSECTION B MEETING. THAT WOULD BE THE OUTCOME COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN IF FOR INSTANCE THERE ARE CHANGES TO BILL 41, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 26 ON FRIDAY FOR FIRST READING AND APPENDIX B WHICH IS WHERE RATES AND FEES ARE INCLUDED. AS AN ASIDE, REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY ARE IN TWO PLACES, THE RESOLUTION AND IN APPENDIX B, SO AGAIN, BACK TO YOUR QUESTION, IF APPENDIX B IS AMENDED FRIDAY THAT WOULD SEND US BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS. THE SUBSECTION A MEETING FOLLOWED BY SUBSECTION B MEETING TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU CHAIR. >> IF I COULD JUST CLARIFY, IS THE SUBSECTION A AND B MEETING REQUIRED TO BE THREE WEEKS APART, OR JUST AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOTICED IN MEDIA PUBLICATION OR SOMETHING?\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBER. GOOD QUESTION. SO, AGAIN, WE ARE OPERATING UNDER THE CODE SECTION 3.48.565 AND SUBSECTION A TELLS US THAT THAT FIRST MEETING IS TO ANNOUNCE THE RATES AND FEES CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL, AND THAT MEETING HAS TO BE NOT LESS THEN 10 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC NOTICE, SO THAT IS THE FIRST TIME CONSTRAINTS. NOT LESS THEN 10 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC NOTICE. AND THEN THE SECOND MEETING, THE SUBSECTION B MEETING, THE TYPE OF MEETING WE ARE HAVING TODAY HAS TO BE WITHIN THREE WEEKS AFTER THE SUBSECTION A MEETING, SO THERE IS NO MINIMUM DURATION BUT THERE IS MAXIMUM. SO, YOU HAVE PROBABLY FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, 10 DAYS FOR THE SUBSECTION A MEETING AND THEN BASED ON THE SUNSHINE LAW REQUIREMENT, AT LEAST 6 DAYS FOR THE SUBSECTION B MEETING. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. THANKS. I WILL CHECK OUT MY CALENDAR. >> WE ANTICIPATED THIS, SO DAVID MAYBE YOU CAN MENTION, DEPENDING WHAT HAPPENS TODAY, THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE-WAS IT THE 27 OR 28? WHICH ONE? >> THANK YOU CHAIR. SO, UNDER ONE SCENARIO YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT, IT IS-THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR A SUBSECTION A MEETING THE FIRST MEETING ON MAY 27, THEN THE SUBSECTION B MEETING WHERE THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE ADOPTED, FOLLOWING THAT ON JUNE 3, WHICH IS AT THE CONVENIENCE OF TAKING PLACE AT THE-THE SAME MEETING WHERE THE OVERALL BUDGET IS SCHEDULED FOR SECOND AND FINAL

READING. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, DID YOU CONSULT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE PROPOSALS THAT YOU HAVE IF THEY WERE IN SUPPORT? >> ALL ACCEPT ONE. >> HOUSING? >> YEAH. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. I'LL YIELD TO MY COLLEAGUES.\r\n\r\n>> OTHER QUESTIONS? MEMBERS? MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. I'M CURIOUS, CHAIR LEE IF YOU REACHED OUT TO THE MAUI UNITED WAY AS WELL AS THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS? >> NO, I DIDN'T. I JUST WENT OFF OF YOUR TESTIMONY. >> OKAY, WELL--JUST FOR MY TWO CENTS, I CERTAINLY OBJECT TO THE CUT THAT-MY PRIORITY FOR MAUI UNITED WAY AND THE ALICE FOLKS.\r\n\r\nI ALSO WON'T BE HERE FOR FIRST READING- >> WE SHOULDN'T DISCUSS THIS. WE ARE ONLY ON THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS POSTED. >> OKAY, I PREFER TO PASS IT TODAY. >> YOU PREFER TO PASS IT TODAY? OKAY. THAT'S ONE. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION?\r\n\r\nUP TO YOU. OTHERWISE MY RECOMMENDATION IS GOING TO BE- >> SURE. I MOVE- >> BEFORE YOU DO THAT, WE HAVE A QUESTION. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION? >> MAHALO CHAIR. IT WASN'T A QUESTION.\r\n\r\nI SAW OTHER HANDS SO WAS THINKING PERHAPS BEFORE WE TAKE THE MOTION WE CAN EXHAUST ALL THE QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE OPTIONS BEFORE AND THE IMPLICATIONS. >> OKAY, THANK YOU. THE ONLY HAND I SAW WAS YOURS. WHO ELSE- >> OKAY. I THOUGHT I SAW MEMBER U-HODGINS WITH HER HANDS UP AT THE SAME TIME. >> OKAY, MEMBER U-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. I JUST WANTED MORE CLARIFICATION FROM THE DISCUSSION WE HAD WITH MEMBER PALTIN AND DIRECTOR ROTS. SO, I MEAN, GRANTED, PERHAPS WE MAY HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT IF WE TABLE IT, THE PLAN IS TO HAVE SUBSECTION A DISCUSSION PUBLIC HEARING AGAIN ON MAY 27 AND SUBSECTION B THEN ON JUNE 3? IS THAT WHAT I HEARD CORRECTLY? OR CAN YOU PLEASE-IF I HAVE THAT WRONG. JUST TRYING TO TAKE NOTES SO I CAN PLAN MY LIFE. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. YES, THAT IS ONE POSSIBLE SCENARIO.\r\n\r\nWITH JUST ONE TECHNICAL CORRECTION, PUBLIC HEARING WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE REQUIRED. THE COUNCIL ACTUALLY AMENDED THE RELEVANT CODE PROVISION EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CHANGE THE REFERENCES FROM PUBLIC HEARING TO PUBLIC MEETING. WE ARE IN A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS TODAY, BUT IT ALSO DOUBLES AS PUBLIC MEETING SO YOU ARE SATISFYING BOTH THE PRIOR VERSION AND CURRENT VERSION OF THE CODE. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. AND THEN THAT WOULD OBVIOUSLY GIVE US THE TIME WE NEED TO INSURE OUR BUDGET IS MET ON TIME? WE DON'T MESS ANYTHING UP, YES?\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. JUST TO CLARIFY UNDER THE CHARTER, COUNCIL DEADLINE TO PASS THE ORDINANCE IS JUNE 10. >> THANK YOU. JUNE 10. OKAY. THANK YOU DIRECTOR ROTS. AND THANKS CHAIR. I'M HAPPY TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION IF THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO TODAY. I AM IN FAVOR OF KEEPING PROPERTY TAXES FOR EVERYONE AS MOST REASONABLE AS POSSIBLE.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. ONE MORE QUESTION. I THINK FOR MR. ROTS. I SAW THE POSTED I THINK IT IS IN ASF [INDISCERNIBLE] OR WHATEVER IT IS.\r\n\r\nCAN THAT BE AMENDED AS WELL? ON FRIDAY? >> MR. ROTS. >> THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN. YES, AMENDMENTS TO BILL 41 INCORPORATING THE POSTED SUGGEST AMENDMENTS OR INTENDED AMENDMENTS CAN BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT MAY BE BROUGHT UP DURING DELIBERATIONS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> OKAY, THANK YOU. >> ANYBODY ELSE? ANYBODY ELSE WITH A QUESTION? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO CHAIR. I HAVE A QUESTION.\r\n\r\nOKAY. ALRIGHT. PROCESS QUESTIONS. SO, FIRST QUESTION, WHEN WOULD THE RANGE OF RATES RESO BE POSTED? THE POSTING DEADLINE? >> MR. ROTS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. SO, THE RANGE OF RATES NOTICE IS WHAT HAPPENED ON APRIL 22. THAT IS THE SUBSECTION A MEETING, THE FIRST OF THE TWO REQUIRED MEETINGS. TECHNICALLY THE CODE DOESN'T SAY RANGE OF RATES. THAT'S BEEN THE COUNCIL'S PRACTICE. THE CODE SAYS, THE NOTICE HAS TO REFERENCE THE TAX RATES AND TIERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL, SO FOR INSTANCE IF THERE'S MAJORITY VOTE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES AND TIERS IN APPENDIX B, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE WHAT WOULD BE INCLUDED AND UPDATED

RESOLUTION FOR THE NEXT SUBSECTION A MEETING AS OPPOSED TO A RANGE OF RATES, AND AGAIN, THE CODE UNDER SUBSECTION A SAYS THE FIRST MEETING HAS TO HAPPEN AT LEAST 10 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE. UNDER THIS POTENTIAL ACCELERATED TIMELINE, IS WHAT I WOULD CALL IT, IF THAT ACTION HAPPENS MAY 16TH, THE NOTICE WOULD HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED ON MAY 17TH WHICH IS UNUSUAL BECAUSE THAT'S A WEEKEND, BUT WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK AND THEY'VE ADVISED THAT THAT'S THE BODY'S WILL, THEN IT WOULD BE TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO DO THAT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> OKAY. SO, IF-TODAY'S RESOLUTION WOULD THAT BE THEN FILED AND NOT TABLED? >> MR. ROTS. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. WELL, WHATEVER THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO DO WITH THE RESOLUTION TODAY WOULD BE THE OUTCOME.\r\n\r\nIF THERE IS NOT CONSENSUS ON THE RATES THAT ARE POSTED IN THE RESOLUTION FOR TODAY'S MEETING, PERHAPS TABLING WOULD HAVE SOME BENEFITS OVER FILING, JUST BECAUSE IF THE RESOLUTION IS TABLED WE STILL HAVE THIS RESOLUTION 25-88 AS THE VEHICLE MOVING FORWARD, AND WE ALREADY HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT'S REQUIRED UNDER THE CHARTER OF THREE MEMBERS HAPPEN TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING, SO JUST PLAYING THINGS OUT. IF TODAY'S RESOLUTION WERE FILED AND A NEW RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES, THAT NEW RESOLUTION CAN BE SUBJECT TO A THREE MEMBER PUBLIC HEARING WHICH COULD SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS AND PERHAPS TAKE THE COUNCIL CLOSER TO THE DEADLINES THEN THE COUNCIL MIGHT PREFER. THANK YOU. >> ALRIGHT. SO, THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF OPTIONS ON THIS CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE SCENARIO HERE. OKAY, SO WE WOULD POTENTIALLY IF THERE'S MAJORITY WOULD CONSIDER TABLING THIS AND THIS WOULD STAY ON THE CLERK'S DESK? AND THEN IF THERE ISN'T AN INTEREST IN AMENDING IT ON THE 16TH AND THEREFORE IT WOULDN'T NEED TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS AGAIN, THEN WE WOULD JUST FIND ANOTHER TIME TO SCHEDULE THIS SPECIFIC RESO AND ADOPT IT AT THAT NEXT PUBLIC HEARING?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> CHAIR, IF I MAY INTERJECT REAL QUICKLY, SORRY. COUNCIL MEMBER, ACTUALLY I THINK IF THE RESOLUTION TODAY IS NOT ADOPTED, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A REINITIATION OF THE TWO STEP PROCESS, BECAUSE SUBSECTION B REQUIRES ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION WITHIN THREE WEEKS. AFTER THAT SUBSECTION A NOTICE AND TODAY IS THE THREE WEEK DEADLINE. THANK YOU. >> RIGHT. OKAY.\r\n\r\nMAHALO FOR THE CLARIFICATION. OKAY. SO, THERE REALLY WOULDN'T BE THE BENEFIT OF TIME SAVING, BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE TO-EITHER-WHETHER-SO IF WE DON'T ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TODAY, EITHER WAY WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TWO STEP PROCESS AGAIN WITH THIS RESOLUTION OR AMENDED RESOLUTION, YEAH? >> THANK YOU CHAIR. THAT IS CORRECT COUNCIL MEMBER. >> OKAY. AND THEN ON FRIDAY, IF WE DON'TS ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TODAY, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO AMEND THOSE RATES AND THEN WHATEVER THE RATES ARE THAT THE MAJORITY CHOOSES WOULD BE POSTED FOR SUBSECTION A RESOLUTION ON THE 27 AND THEN IT WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY BE TAKEN UP WITH WHEN WE TAKE UP BILL-THE BUDGET BILL ON JUNE 3? >> THANK YOU CHAIR, YES COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT APPEARS TO BE A POTENTIAL SCENARIO.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. AND THEN LAST QUESTION. IS THERE A SCENARIO WHERE WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO MAKE OUR CLERKS WORK ON A SATURDAY? COULD WE TAKE LIKE A LONGER RECESS SO THAT IF WE DON'T ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TODAY THAT THE RESOLUTION COULD BE POSTED ON FRIDAY IF WE TOOK UP THE BUDGET FIRST? I DON'TS WANT TO MAKE THE CLERKS WORK ON SATURDAY. >> DAVID. >> THANK YOU CHAIR.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. IF THE BODY WERE WILLING TO ADOPT THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RESOLUTION UNTIL AFTER SECOND READING AND I CAN UNDERSTAND PERHAPS DISCOMFORT WITH THAT OPTION, THAT WOULD WIDEN THE TIMELINE AND THE CODE DOES ALLOW FOR THE RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED UP THROUGH JUNE 20, SO IT IS A LATER DEADLINE THEN THE CHARTER ESTABLISHED DEADLINE FOR THE BUDGET BILL ITSELF. THANK YOU. >> MAHALO CHAIR. MAHALO DIRECTOR. >> BELIEVE ME MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, WE SPENT HOURS, LITERALLY HOURS TRYING TO WORK OUT THE TIMELINE AND NOT TO INCONVENIENCE THE WORK OFFICE. WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT.\r\n\r\nMEMBER--YES, VICE CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> MAYBE

THIS IS QUESTION FOR DIRECTOR ROTS ABOUT TABLING TODAY. WE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO MEET THE DEADLINES AS REQUIRED IN THE B SECTION? >> DAVID. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU VICE CHAIR FOR THE QUESTION. YES, JUST AGAIN, WITH THE NOTE THAT WE HAVE GO BACK TO SUBSECTION A IF THE POSTED RESOLUTION IS NOT ADOPTED TODAY, WHETHER IT'S TABLED OR FILED OR ANY OTHER ACTION OTHER THEN ADOPTION. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. THANK YOU. KEEP IN MIND, I POSTED MY ASF ALREADY SHOWING REAL PROPERTY TAX CHANGES. THAT'S ALREADY-THAT SHIP HAS SAILED. MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. FROM EVERYTHING I HEARD I'M SUPPORT OF TABLING IT TODAY.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WAS WONDERING IF THE JUNE 3 SECOND READING COULD BE PUSHED BACK SO WE CAN DO IT AT THE SAME TIME IF JUNE 20TH IS THE DEADLINE? >> LET ME TAKE THAT AND THEN YOU-LET ME GIVE YOU MY OPINION FIRST. THE MAYOR HAS UNTIL JUNE 10TH AND SO THIS IS ONE REASON WHY AFTER-THIS SESSION, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REAL PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE FORMED, BECAUSE THERE IS SO MANY ISSUES WITHIN THE CODE THAT ARE CONFLICTING AND INCONVENIENT, DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HAVE THE MAYOR HAVE A DEADLINE AND THEN WE CAN GO BEYOND THAT MAYOR'S DEADLINE TO THE 20TH TO PASS RPT. IT IS VERY VERY RISKY, BECAUSE IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THEN WE END UP DEFAULTING TO THE MAYOR'S BUDGET AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WANT TO DO THAT. SO, DAVID, YOU CAN ANSWER MEMBER PALTIN'S QUESTION. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER.\r\n\r\nI MISSPOKE WHEN I SAID SECOND READING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30. THAT IS THE PLANNED CALENDAR, BUT THAT IS NOT ON A MEETING AGENDA OR NOTHING FINALIZED, SO IF THE BODY HAS THE WILL AND COUNCIL CHAIR DICTATES THE MEETING DATES IN JUNE COULD BE CHANGED. THANK YOU CHAIR. >> I JUST WILL SAY THAT, I HAVE SEVERAL DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS ON THE 27 THAT I ALREADY PUSHED BACK BECAUSE OF THIS BUDGET PROCESS AND LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I DON'T TELL THEM WHEN I WANT TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, THEY TELL ME WHEN I CAN GO TO THE DOCTOR, SO I'M GOING TO GO TO THE DOCTOR TO THE TWO APPOINTMENTS I PUSHED BACK BECAUSE OF THIS ALL THE NONSENSE BUDGET STUFF. >> WE'LL TRY OUR BEST TO TRY AND MAKE IT SO YOU CAN PARTICIPATE. DAVID-NEVER MIND. SOMEBODY ELSE HAD QUESTIONS? MR.\r\n\r\nJOHNSON. >> OKAY. I'M HEARING THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE BODY DOESN'T HAVE THE MOOD TO ADOPT THIS. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU [INDISCERNIBLE] WHEN THE ECONOMIST SAID THE WAY TO GET OUT OF TROUBLES IS TIERING OF TAXES AND TAXING THE RICH AND THOUGHT THE BODY DID A GOOD JOB ON THAT. I WONT BE HERE FOR FIRST READING. I THINK THE IDEA WE WILL CUT ONE OF MY PRIORITIES IS DISHEARTENING. AT LEAST IF I CAN GET A CALL OR CALL THE UNITED WAY BEFORE WE DO THIS.\r\n\r\nTHE TESTIFIER TODAY THAT SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEND HER CHILD TO PRIVATE SCHOOL AND THE MAUI UNITED WAY IS TRYING TO HELP FEED KIDS. THAT'S WHY I STAND AGAINST IT, AGAINST CUTTING THAT PRIORITY THAT I PUT IN AND DID ALL THE RESEARCH ON AND WORKED WITH THEMFOR. SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU ARE RIGHT, THIS WAS A TOUGH PROCESS. THIS IS NOT-IF WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT, OKAY, BUT IN THE MEAN TIME, OUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AND I THINK WE SHOULD JUST PASS IT. THANK YOU CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE?\r\n\r\nDID MEMBER SINENCI LEAVE? OH. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO CHAIR. I WANTED TO TALK THROUGH ONE MORE SCENARIO AND THAT IS, ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION TODAY AND THEN IF THE RESOLUTION-SORRY, IF THE ASF IS PASSED TO INCORPORATE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OR SOME OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, WOULD THAT THEN INITIATE THE TWO STEP PROCESS TO AMEND THE RPT RATES? >> YES. AND DAVID YOU CAN CONFIRM.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT IS CORRECT. THE MECHANISM IF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED AND THERE IS LATER A DESIRE TO CHANGE THE RATES WOULD BE A NEW RESOLUTION THAT WOULD IN EFFECT AMEND THE RESOLUTION TODAY. THANK YOU. >> OKAY, SO, WOULD THERE BE ANY DOWN SIDE TO ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION TODAY? THE ASF IS ALREADY POSTED ON THE AGENDA SO WE TAKE IT UP THEN. IF WE ADOPT IT TODAY AND YOU KNOW, WE DONT COME TO SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS ON THE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, THEN WE WOULDN'T NEED TO DO THE TWO STEP PROCESS BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THE RPT RATES, BUT IF WE DON'T ADOPT IT TODAY, THEN NO MATTER WHAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TWO STEP PROCESS, SO IS THERE A DOWNSIDE TO ADOPTING IT TODAY?\r\n\r\n>> YOU CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION, THEN I MIGHT COMMENT. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. AND THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER. OF COURSE, THIS IS A POLICY MATTER BEFORE THE BODY, SO I WOULDN'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE ANY POLICY CHOICES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS. I THINK EACH COUNCIL MEMBER HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU WANT TO VOTE TO APPROVE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IF IT IS BEFORE YOU, BUT I THINK YOU ARE ASKING NOT ABOUT THE POLICY DOWNSIDE OR UPSIDE, BUT PROCEDURAL AND ON THAT FRONT, WE WOULD JUST AGAIN NOTE THAT THE NEED FOR A SECOND RESOLUTION LATER, A NEW RESOLUTION WITH A NEW NUMBER COULD TRIGGER THE THREE MEMBER PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT, WHICH COULD SLOW THE BODY DOWN. THANK YOU. >> SO, ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION TODAY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER ACTION AMENDING THE RPT RATES VIA ASF POSTED ON THE AGENDA THIS FRIDAY.\r\n\r\nI'M OPEN TO DISCUSSING THE ASF AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, BUT IF THERE ISN'T CONSENSUS ON THAT DATE, I WOULD LOVE TO NOT HAVE TO DO THE TWO STEP PROCESS AGAIN. I WOULD ACTUALLY LIKE TO ADOPT IT TODAY AND THEN HAVE THE DISCUSSION AND THEN IF WE ARE GOING TO AMEND IT, THEN WE WILL GO THROUGH THE TWO STEP PROCESS. >> MEMBERS, ANYMORE QUESTIONS, BECAUSE OTHERWISE I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ TO MAKE A MOTION, EVEN THOUGH I'M GOING TO STAY WITH MY PREFERENCE TO HAVE IT TABLED. ANYMORE QUESTIONS? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-28? >> 25-88. >> 25-88. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> BEEN MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MEMBER JOHNSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-88. ANYMORE DISCUSSION? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, >> MAHALO CHAIR. AGAIN, AS I STATED, I AM NOT OPPOSED TO DISCUSSING CHAIR LEE'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON FRIDAY, AND YOU KNOW, POTENTIALLY AMENDING THE RATES. THERE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT I WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTIVE OF REDUCING, LIKE MEMBER JOHNSON'S PRIORITY PROPOSAL AND SO, SINCE WE HAVE THE OPTION TO BE ABLE TO AMEND THE RATES NOT THAT IS POSTED AS THE ASF AND NOT HAVE TO STICK WHAT IS POSTED AS A ASF SO WE COULD ACCOMMODATE FUNDING FOR THE PRIORITY PROPOSAL, THEN I COULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF AMENDING THE RATES FRIDAY AND GOING THROUGH THE TWO STEP PROCESS. BUT FOR TODAY, IF WE DON'T HAVE CONSENSUS I RATHER TO SAVE TIME AND HAVE THIS IN OUR BACK POCKET. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THAT'S RIGHT.\r\n\r\nIF YOU TABLE IT YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR BACK POCKET. ANYMORE DISCUSSION SO WE CAN TAKE THE VOTE? MEMBER PALTIN. >> I GUESS FOR MY DISCUSSION IS, THIS IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL. I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING DONE THIS IN MY MEMORY BEFORE AND I JUST NOT TRYING TO HURT ANYONE'S FEELINGS OR ANYTHING, BUT THIS WAS A VERY FRUSTRATING CONFUSING PROCESS THAT LACKED CLEAR COMMUNICATION. IT LACKED A CLEAR VISION AND GOALS AND I REALLY THINK THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GO ON PAST OUR REGULAR TIMEFRAMES, I AM NOT SURE WHY THIS WASN'T BROUGHT UP WHEN WE CAME IN ON A SUNDAY, YOU KNOW? AND IF PEOPLE CAN'T DO THE WORK I THINK THEY SHOULD STEP ASIDE, BECAUSE THE WAY THAT WE ARE HANDLING \$1.6 BILLION PLUS BUDGET IS EMBARRASSING.\r\n\r\nTHERE IS SO MANY THINGS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A PERFECTLY GOOD PROCESS 5 YEARS AGO DOESN'T MEAN IT IS THE SAME GOOD PROCESS TODAY. MANY THINGS CHANGE, AND OFTEN TIMES IT FEELS THERE ISN'T A GOOD COMPREHENSION OF NUMBERS AND ALL THOSE THINGS. THAT ADDS TO THE FRUSTRATION. PEOPLE NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY ATTENTION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND LISTEN. PEOPLE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND REGULARLY. ALL OF IT ADDS TO THE FRUSTRATION, AND I JUST PRAY FOR BETTER LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE WITH COMMENTS? SO, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, ARE YOU MAKING THAT MOTION? YOU MADE THE MOTION? OR- >> I DID AND MEMBER JOHNSON SECONDED. >> OKAY. SO, EVERYBODY READY FOR THE VOTE?\r\n\r\n>> I SEE MEMBER U-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU CHAIR AND THANKS MEMBER

RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO GET A UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPTIONS WE WERE PRESENTED BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOT OF OPTIONS DISCUSSED. THE CURRENT MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS TO PASS THIS RESO, WHATEVER RESO IT IS, 25-88 AND IF NECESSARY COME FRIDAY, YOUR CHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN POSTED AND THEN THAT WOULD BE IN ASF TO THIS WE ARE DISCUSSING TODAY? >> THE ASF IS TO BILL 41. >> BILL 41. >> BILL 41, WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE TAX RATES AS WELL, SO IF ANY ONE OF MY TAX PROPOSALS PASSES, THEN WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO SQUARE 1. YEAH. >> GOT IT. >> IF YOU WANTED TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO SOMETHING LIKE-TO THIS TODAY, OR FRIDAY, WE GO BACK TO SQUARE 1. WHICH WE ALREADY ANTICIPATED AND THAT'S WHY WE ALREADY FIGURED IF THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO MAKE CHANGES. ANY ONE OF YOU CAN MAKE CHANGES, SO THAT MEANS WE WOULD START FROM STEP A AND HAVE-WE HAVE TO HAVE TWO HEARINGS, TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND WE ALREADY SCHEDULED THAT FOR MAY 27 AND JUNE 3, IF THAT HAPPENED.\r\n\r\nSO, IT IS COVERED, IF THAT HAPPENED. >> OKAY. >> SO, IF BY TABLING THIS TODAY, MAINLY MEANS THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AND IF NOTHING CHANGES ON FRIDAY- >> THEN WE ARE NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH? >> WE ARE NOT STARTING FROM SCRATCH, WE JUST NEED ONE MORE I THINK, SO NOTHING EARTH SHATTERING IS GOING TO HAPPEN TODAY NO MATTER HOW YOU VOTE, BUT THE POINT IS, MORE THEN LIKELY THERE WILL BE CHANGES ON FRIDAY. >> OKAY. >> AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I ANTICIPATE THAT AND I AM ASKING IF YOU WILL TABLE IT, BUT IF YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR THE MOTION, DO WHATEVER YOU FOLKS WANT TO DO. >> SURE.\r\n\r\nOKAY. THANK YOU. THERE IS JUST A LOT OF MOVING PARTS SO I WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND THE POTENTIAL COURSE OF ACTION. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE IS. THANKS CHAIR. >> OKAY, ANYMORE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? OTHERWISE, ROLL CALL.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR PRECEDING WITH ROLL CALL. COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEM [INDISCERNIBLE] >> EXCUSED. >> VICE CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN. >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK. >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER U-HODGINS. >> NO.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> EXCUSED. >> AND COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> NO. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE 4 NO'S, 3 AYES. MOTION FAILS. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> TWO EXCUSED. SORRY. >> TWO EXCUSED. MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO TABLING THIS MATTER? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> OKAY. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.\r\n\r\nSO, THIS BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS, THIS PUBLIC MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED. [MEETING ADJOURNED]