

# BILINGUAL GOVERNMENT

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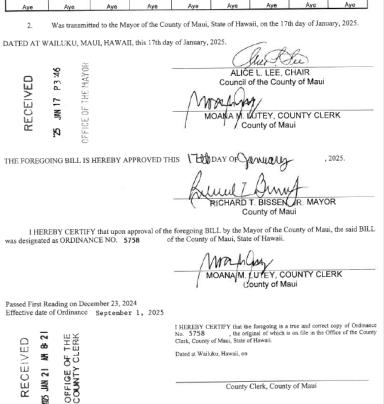
Introduction & Background Bill 127 CD1 (2024) Ordinance 5758

**Resource Manual** 

**Process & Expectations** 



WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing BILL NO. 127, CD1 (2024) Passed FINAL READING at the meeting of the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, held on the 17th day of January, 2025, by the following vote: latalie A KAMA PALTIN Keani N. W. RAWLINS-SINENCI Nohelani U'U-HODGINS Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA JOHNSON LEE COOK RNANDE Vice-Chair Δva Ave Aye Ave DATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, this 17th day of January, 2025. 8 ALICE L. LEE, CHAIR Council of the County of Maui



County Clerk, County of Maui

### Background

- Hawaiian Language used in government up until 1900s
- In 1978, Hawai'i State Constitutional Convention designated Hawaiian and English as both official languages of the State of Hawai'i
- In 2022, Maui County votes to establish the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, and starts to outline Bill 127
- In 2024, Bill 127, Bilingual Government, to publish all agendas in 'Olelo Hawai'i and English is passed unanimously by the Maui County Council



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, ARTICLE XV - STATE BOUNDARIES; CAPITAL; FLAG; LANGUAGE AND MOTTO

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Section 4. English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawaii, except that Hawaiian shall be required for public acts and transactions only as provided by law.

### MOTTO

Section 5. The motto of the State shall be, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono."

## BILL 127 ORDINANCE 5758

2.02.010 OFFICIAL WRITINGS. THIS CHAPTER IS INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT CHARTER SECTION 13-17, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE COUNTY MUST OPERATE AS A BILINGUAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO PROMOTE THE USE OF 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I. CHARTER SECTION 13-17 ALSO PROVIDES THAT OFFICIAL WRITINGS OF THE COUNTY MUST BE PREPARED AND MADE AVAILABLE IN BOTH OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGES, ENGLISH AND 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I, AS DETERMINED BY ORDINANCE. For: Mayor's Office ORDINANCE NO. 5758 Effective Date: September 1, 202

### RECEIVED

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BILL NO. 127, CD1 (2024)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT CHARTER SECTION 13-17 REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO OPERATE AS A BILINGUAL GOVERNMENT AND TO PUBLISH OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDAS IN ENGLISH AND 'OLELO HAWAI'I

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance's purpose is to implement the Charter amendment designated as Charter Commission Proposal 2, approved by the electorate at the 2022 General Election, to affirm that the County will operate as

a bilingual government.

SECTION 2. Title 2, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a new

chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"Chapter 2.02

#### BILINGUAL GOVERNMENT

Sections:

2.02.010 Official writings.2.02.020 Public meeting agendas.

**2.02.010 Official writings.** This chapter is intended to implement charter section 13-17, which provides that the County must operate as a bilingual government, and to promote the use of 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Charter section 13-17 also provides that official writings of the County must be prepared and made available in both official State languages, English and 'ōlelo Hawai'i, as determined by ordinance.

### BILL 127 ORDINANCE 5758

2.02.020 PUBLIC MEETING AGENDAS. ALL OFFICIAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDAS REQUIRED UNDER PART 1, CHAPTER 92, HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES, MUST BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I. **2.02.020** Public meeting agendas. All official public meeting agendas required under part I, chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, must be published in English and 'ölelo Hawai'i."

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SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect on September 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

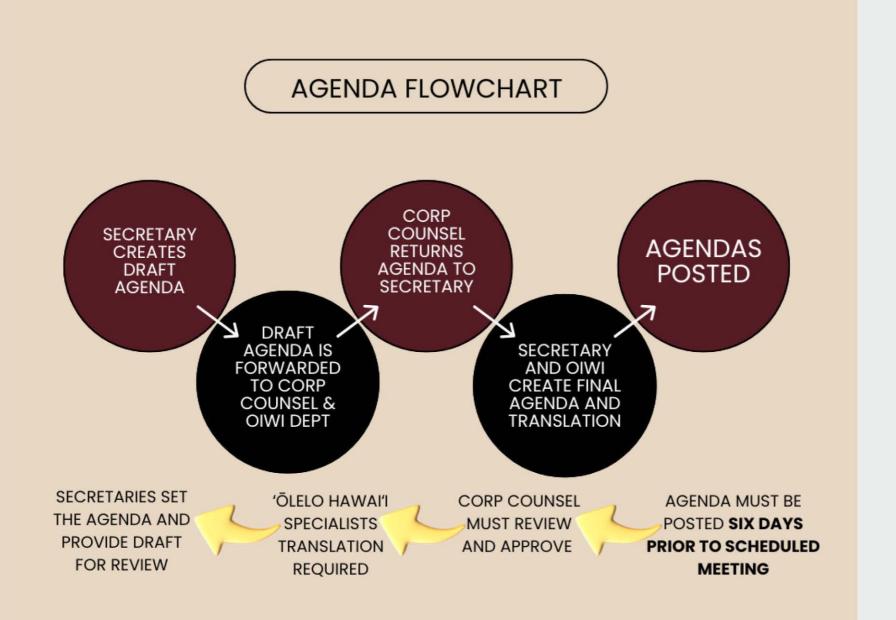
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## Nā Mea Nui

- > All official public meeting agendas must be posted in English AND 'Olelo Hawai'i
- In accordance with Sunshine Law, official public meeting agendas must be posted no later than six days in advance of the meeting
- > OIWI needs to be provided adequate time prior to meetings to provide translation
- OCS and OIWI will collaborate, OCS to continue Council agendas, OIWI will be responsible for the 40+ boards and commissions agendas
- Secretaries for boards and commissions must collaborate with OIWI specialists with adequate time for translation
- > Transition begins July 2025 with official commencement September 2025



#### PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 92, PART I, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF AN UPCOMING MEETING.

AGENDA AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL COUNTY OF MAUL February 15, 2019, 2:30 p.m. Kalana O Maui (County) Building, 6th Floor, DPS Conference Room 200 South High Street, Walluku, Hawaii 96793

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. Oral or written testimony on any agenda item will be accepted prior to the discussion of each agenda item. If written testimony is submitted at the meeting, 11 copies are requested. If you have special needs or require accommodation that would assist in your successful participation In the meeting, please call Ralph Thomas at 463-3168 at least five days prior to the meeting.

- CALL TO ORDER
- PUBLIC TESTIMONY N.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 4, 2018 MEETING ш.
- IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
- v. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. REVIEW THE SUNSHINE LAW
  - B. REVIEW 2019 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
  - C. PRESENT 2018 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNUAL REPORT
    - 1. TRAINING
    - 2. FEMALE EMPLOYMENT ACROSS THE COUNTY
    - NEW HIRE DASHBOARD
    - 4. COMPLAINTS
  - D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL LETTER TO THE MAYOR
- VII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
- VIII. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
- IX. ADJOURN

Members:

Anthony Edington - Chair (2019) Barbara Potopowitz - Vice Chair (2021) Kate Griffiths (2022) Lori Perreira (2022) Tapani Vuori (2023) Cynthia Sasada (2022) Janet Driggers (2020)

Sandy Baz, Managing Director/EEO Officer Department of Management Mimi Deslardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Department of the Corporation Counsel

David J. Underwood, Director, Department of Personnel Services (Ex-Officio Member) Ralph Thomas, EEO Specialist, Department of Management (Ex-Officio Member)

E LIKE ME KA MOKUNA 92, MAHELE 1, O KE KANAWAI 'AHA'OLELO HAWAI'L E LIKE ME KA LOLINA, E HO'OMAOPOPO 'IA KA 'AHA PONO KAULIKE NO KA HÁLÁWAI E HIKI MAI NEI.

#### KA PAPA HANA KUMUMANA'O O KA 'AHA PONO KAULIKE **KE KALANA O MAUI** . . . . . . . . . . . .

Pepeluali 15, 2019, 2:30 pm									
Kalana O Maui, Ka Papahele 6, Ka Lumi 'Aha Kūkā No DPS									
200 South High Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, 96793									

HIKI NÕ KE KÄPAE 'IA I NÄ 'IKAMU O KËIA PAPA HANA KUMUMANA'O. No ka 'õlelo hõ'ike i ha'i waha 'ia a i käkau 'ia, e 'ae 'ia nō ia e pili ana i kēlā me kēia mea i loko o ka papa hana kumumana'o m a mua o kona kūkā 'ia. Inā. i waiho 'ia maila ka 'õlelo hõ'ike käkau ma ka häläwai, he 11 ka huina i noi 'ia e loa'a mai. Inā, he kīnā 'oe a i 'ole i pono 'oe i kekahi 'ano kōkua no kou komo kūpono 'ana i loko o ka hālāwai, e 'olu'olu e kelepona aku 'oe iā Ralph Thomas ma ka helu 463-3168 he 'elima mau lā ma mua o ka hālāwai ma ka li'ili'i.

- E HO'OMALU .
- KA HA'I'ÖLELO A KA LEHULEHU н.
- KA HO'ĀPONO 'ANA O KA MO'O'ÕLELO I HO'OPA'A 'IA .
- KA NŨHOU NO NĂ LĂLĂ IV
- NĂ HANA KAHIKO v
- NÃ HANA HOU VI.

### **EXAMPLE**

### 2. KA HAI 'ANA O NĂ WĂHINE A PUNI KE AUPUNI

3. KA PAPA LIMAHANA HOU

B. E NĂNĂ HOU I KA HO'IHO'I KĂLĂ KALAIWA 2019

1. KA HO'OMA'A MĀKAU 'ANA

NĂ KUMU HO'OPI'I

A. E NĀNĀ HOU I KE KĀNĀWAI PĀ A KA LĀ

D. E NĀNĀ HOU A E HO'ĀPONO I KA LEKA 'AHA KALANA KŪMAKAHIKI O KA MEIA

C. E HŐ'IKE AKU I KA PALAPALA HŐ'IKE KÜMAKAHIKI HANA KAULIKE 2018

- E HO'OHOLO NO KA HĀLĀWAI A'E
- NÃ 'IKAMU HO'OLALE PAPA HANA KUMUMANA'O NO KA HĀLĀWAI A'E
- E HO'OKU'U I KA HĀLĀWAI IX.

#### Nā Lālā:

Anthony Edington – Luna (2019) Barbara Potopowitz – Hope Luna (2021) Kate Grimths (2022) Lori Perreira (2022) Tapani Vuori (2023) Cynthia Sasada (2022) Janet Driggers (2020) David J. Underwood, Po'o, Ka 'Olhana Limahana (Lâlâ Kûwaho)

Nā Limahana:

Sandy Baz, Po'o 'Olhana/EEO Mäka'l Hana Kaulike, Ka 'Olhana Ho'oponopono Mimi Deslardins, Hope Lolo, Ka 'Olhana Lolo

Ralph Thomas, EEO Leikahi Hana Kaulike, Ka 'Olhana Ho'oponopono (Lala Kuwaho)

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Staff:

# Nā Nīnau

What is the deadline for posting the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i translated agenda? How much lead time is needed? The translated 'Ōlelo Hawai'i agenda (including revisions, changes, and cancellations) carries the same requirements, deadlines, and consequences as the English agenda, and therefore, secretaries are asked to provide reasonable lead time for 'Ōlelo Hawai'i translation of the agenda.

Are other documents (like attachments, meeting minutes, etc.) required to be translated? As enacted by law, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i translations are required for official public meeting agendas only. At this time, it does not require that meeting attachments, meeting minutes, or other related public meeting documents be translated into 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

What kinds of support will the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources be providing to support this effort? The Department of 'Ōiwi Resources is developing a quicklook desktop reference, an online resource manual, and holding quarterly workshops specifically for Boards and Commissions secretaries and support staff.

# Resource Manual Development

- Online Resource Updated Regularly
- Live Links for Additional Information
- Printed Version for Quick Reference
- Topics of Interest and Focus for Boards & Commissions Secretaries
- Pai Ka Leo Division Support

# RESOURCE MANUAL

# FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



# Resource Manual Topics

- Historical Timeline and Background of Bill 127
- List of Common Vocabulary Words
- List of Common Phrases
- Numbers, Dates, Telling Time
- Diacritical Markings
- Setting Up Your Hawaiian Keyboard

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### TIMELINE HISTORY OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

### The Only Language of Hawai'i

prior to and through western contact. History, traditions, stories, instructions, genealogies, and other

kinds of important information were passed down

PRE 1800

#### Native Sons On The East Coast

Henry "ôpükhaha"ia, Thomas Hopu, and John Honoli" work with American missionaries to "reduce to system their own native tongue", and creating the first Hawaiian language grammar book, spelling book, and dictionary. Missionaries arrive in Hawai'in 1820 with a working knowledge of the language.

### 1850-1900

#### Immigrants Create Pidgen Creole

Hawaiian Creole English, known as Pidgen, is a rich linguistic tradition in Hawai'i born from the need for many diverse people of different cultures to converse in one common language. A mixture of expressions, it is still commonly heard in local communities to this day, unique in cadence and melodic In intonation - a bridge between Hawai's people.

### 950-2000

#### Hawaiian Language Revitalization

This time of the Hawaiian Renaissance ushers in a time of resurgence of Hawaiian cultural traditions, history and language. Hawaiian public, private, and charter schools are reestablished. Revitalization of Hawaiian dance, chant, navigation, arts, spirituality, farming and fishing, and other cultural pursuits flourish. over generations through songs, chants, and oral recollections. Community dilects varied across the islands, creating a rich variation in cultural content and expression. **1800-1850** A Legacy of Literacy in Hawai'i Literacy spreads rapidly, resulting in the translation of classic literature, academic and religious texts, the printing and circulation of nearly one hundred Hawaiian language newspapers, and the conducting

of government, legislation, and education in 'Ölelo Hawa'i. By mid 1800s, 75% of all people in the Kingdom are literate, rising to over 80% by 1900. Hawa'i becomes the most literate nation in the world and at Lahainaluna prints the first newspaper west of the Rocky Mountains.

### 1900-1950

#### Political Shifts & Subjugation

Subjugation of Hawai'i under the rule of the United States leads to English replacing Hawaiian as the official language in government, legislation, and education. Hawaiian culture and language is suppressed for nearly 100 years until the Hawai'i State Constitutional Convention in 1978, which mandates by law that the State of Hawai'i promote Hawaiian culture, history, and language. This convention also establishes Hawaiian and English as the two official languages of the State of Hawai'i.

2000-2025

## **Quarterly Touchpoints**

- ✓ To develop online workshops specifically for secretaries serving Maui County boards and commissions
- ✓ To support collaboration and cooperation between secretaries and OIWI
- ✓ To receive feedback from secretaries and provide relevant updates to the resource manual to support boards and commissions

### MAI KA HOʻOKUʻI A KA HĀLĀWAI, MAHALO Ā NUI

Mahalo to our Boards and Commissions Liasons, Jody Yoshida and Ryssa Tam Ho, Cory Vicens, and First Deputy Corporation Counsel Mimi Desjardins, to all the secretaries and support staff for their dedication to this effort.



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