

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**September 1, 2023
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via BlueJeans <https://maui.bluejeans.com/295235670>.

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

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
Tasha Kama	√			
Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			Excused 9:00 - 9:15 am
Tamara Paltin	√			
Gabe Johnson	√			
Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Excused 9:00 - 9:55 am
Tom Cook	√			
Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	9			

B. OPENING REMARKS – Councilmember Gabe Johnson

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

D. TESTIMONY ON CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

E. CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Reso 23-198 "EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT 'BOB' WARNER HOBDY"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:09 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:09 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	9:18 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

F. CONSENT CALENDAR – none

G. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY

H. MINUTES – none

I. ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR - none

J. COMMUNICATIONS

CC 23-33 COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, relating to Councilmembers' report on the Kula community meeting held on August 24, 2023.

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:46 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:46 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	9:48 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR 23-72 Recommending FILING of Resolution 23-184, relating to a proposed State bill on firearms for inclusion in the 2024 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

CR 23-73 Recommending FILING of Resolution 23-185, relating to a proposed State bill on commercial use ocean permits for inclusion in the 2024 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

CR 23-74 Recommending FILING of Resolution 23-183, relating to a proposed State bill on motorized watercrafts for inclusion in the 2024 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

CR 23-75 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-176, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to establish paid parental and family leave to enable State and County employees to access leave benefits when providing care for a family member.

CR 23-76 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-175, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to ensure counties may appropriately respond to local economic conditions by authorizing counties to establish a minimum wage by ordinance.

CR 23-77 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-171, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Maui County Council Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to remove the maximum rate at which each county may establish a transient accommodations tax.

CR 23-78 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-173, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Maui County Council Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to establish paid parental and family leave to enable State and County employees to access leave benefits when providing care for a family member.

CR 23-79 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-182, CD1, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Maui County Council Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to give the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation discretion with issuing commercial ocean use permits and permit renewals to lessen the impacts of commercial use ocean vessels and activities.

CR 23-80 Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 23-180, CD1, approving for inclusion in the 2024 Maui County Council Legislative Package, a proposed State bill to modernize the definition of “thrill craft,” as used in the State Boating Law, and include within the term “surfboard using a motorized hydrofoil,” also known as an “e-foil.”.

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:50 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:52 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT recommendations in CR 23-72 through 23-80
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	9:55 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

L. RESOLUTIONS

Reso 23-196 "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARLA M. NAKATA AS LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:57 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:57 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:59 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 23-197 "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:00 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:00 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	WAIVE RULE 7G
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:00 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:00 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:01 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:05 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:01 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:01 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:01 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

M. ORDINANCES

Bill 82 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4405 (2017) RELATING TO GRANTING HO‘OKAHI PALAMA ALI‘I, LLC A CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT LIMITED SPECIAL EVENTS, HISTORICAL AND BOTANICAL TOURS, PHOTO SHOOTS, WORKSHOPS, RETREATS, WELLNESS AND EXERCISE CLASSES, AND TO ALLOW A BRIDAL LOUNGE AND EVENT PREPARATION SPACE IN AN EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WITHIN THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT 250 HAIKU ROAD AND IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NUMBER (2) 2-7-003:006, HAIKU, MAUI, HAWAII"

Referred to the Housing and Land Use Committee without objection.

Bill 83 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.47.070, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO WETLANDS OVERLAY MAPPING"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:06 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:07 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:07 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Bill 84 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITORS INDUSTRY, TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:22 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:23 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	RECONSIDER referral to Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:29 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:23 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:29 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:41 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES – SECOND AND FINAL READING

Bill 28, CD1, FD1 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4998 (2019) RELATING TO THE CHANGE IN ZONING (CONDITIONAL ZONING) TO WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN (WCT) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:08 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:09 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS ON SECOND READING
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	10:11 am
CM Cook	√				

CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8	1			MOTION PASSED

Bill 29 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.96, MAUI COUNTY CODE, MODIFYING THE WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN DISTRICT CONTROLLING PLAN AND PERMITTING EDUCATIONAL USES IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:12 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:12 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS ON SECOND READING
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:12 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9				MOTION PASSED

Bill 79 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF HAWAII"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:13 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:13 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS ON SECOND READING
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:14 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9				MOTION PASSED

Bill 81, FD1 (2023) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.03, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A FARE FREE BUS PASS PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:14 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:14 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS ON SECOND READING, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:22 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:17 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:19 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:20 am
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:21 am
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:21 am
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	WAIVE RULE 19C
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:22 am
CM Cook	√				

CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:46 am

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2023-09-01 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

[GAVEL] >> WILL THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023, PLEASE COME TO ORDER. GOOD MORNING COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER, AND MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA, CHAIR, AND HAPPY PRAYER DAY TO EVERYONE. >> ALOHA.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> EXCUSED FOR NOW. SHE WILL BE HERE LATER. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. >> ALOHA. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON?\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANA'I DISTRICT OFFICE, AND I'M HERE AND READY TO WORK. MAHALO. >> ALOHA. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> WILL BE HERE SHORTLY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> ALOHA. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS. >> HAPPY ALOHA FRIDAY EVERYONE. >> ALOHA. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA AND GOOD MORNING.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA. >> AND COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> ALOHA KAKOU. >> CHAIR YOU HAVE SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT, YOU HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL. FOR THE RECORD, I'M THE COUNTY CLERK, MOANA LUTEY AND PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK ARE LEGISLATIVE STAFF JOYCE MURASHIGE, LAUREN SALDANA, AND DELL YOSHIDA AND JOINING THE MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ AND REMI MITCHELL. >> YES. AND ALSO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL IS CORPORATION COUNSEL VICTORIA TAKAYESU.\r\n\r\n>> BEFORE WE CALL ON MEMBER JOHNSON FOR OPENING REMARKS, MEMBERS, I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A VISITING COUNCIL MEMBER FROM O'AHU, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND HE IS HERE TO OFFER HER -- SHE IS HERE TO OFFER HER ASSISTANCE TO ALL OF YOU, ALL OF US AND HER NAME IS VAL AQUINO OKIMOTO, IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAND AND SAY HELLO. WELCOME. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. AND NOW FOR OPENING REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE LOST IN THE LAHAINA FIRES.\r\n\r\n(MOMENT OF SILENCE TAKEN) MAHALO. AS MANY OF YOU MO I LIVE ON THE ISLAND OF LANA'I. HOWEVER, WHEN I CAME TO MAUI FOR MANY YEARS OF CAMPAIGNING AND NOW WORK ON OTHER REASONS, I WOULD OFFER STAY WITH MY COUSIN, JERRY WITH AND LIKE MANY OF YOUR FAMILY'S HOMES HIS HOUSE WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO ME AND EVEN MY DOG HOKU AND HIS DOG WAS ENTERING TO THE TERRACE PARK, I WOULD WORK HOKU THERE AND WE COULD SIT ON THE BLEACHERS AND WATCH THE KIDS PLAY SOFTBALL. THE PARK ALWAYS SMELLED OF FRESH CUT GRASS AND SOUNDS OF WORKING-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD COULD BE HEARD ABOVE THE PINGING OF HOME RUN HIT. I REMEMBER GETTING THE GAMES I WOULD SEE THE KIDS WITH WALK BETWEEN CARS PARKED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND FELT CONCERN FOR THEIR SAFETY. A PEW YEARS BACK, DURING MY FIRST BUDGET SEASON, I ASKED COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN MAY WE COULD PUSH FOR SPEED TABLES TO BE INSTALLED ON THAT STREET. SHE AGREED WITH ME. NOW MY COUSIN'S HOME IS LEVELED, THE PARK'S GRASS IS BROWN, THE SHELLS OF BURNED CARS LAY ALONGSIDE THE ROAD.\r\n\r\nWE CAN'T GO IN THERE. NO ONE CAN GO IN THERE. IT'S ALL GONE. MY HEART HURTS. MY HEAD SWIRLS WITH EMOTION, RAGE, SADNESS, EMPATHY, I WANT TO GO BACK DO THOSE HOT LAHAINA NIGHTS AND SAVOR WHAT I NOW KNOW IS NO MORE, BUT THE REALITY SETS IN, GRIEVING COMES IN MANY STAGES. AND WHATEVER STAGE YOU'RE IN, IT'S THE CORRECT ONE. FOR ME, I'M HERE TO HELP I KNOW THIS BODY IS HERE TO HELP, TOO.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE WORK TO DO, MEMBERS. WHAT HAPPENED IS BEYOND DEVASTATING, AND FROM DAY ONE, WE HAVE BEEN HELPING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES. I HAVE HOPE. I HAVE SEEN HOPE, I HAVE SEEN US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY. I HOPE WE COME TOGETHER AS A BODY. I HOPE WE ALL HAVE EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR PUAMANA, LAHAINA, KULA, AND EVERYONE ELSE AFFECTED BY THESE DEVASTATING FIRES. I HOPE MAHALO CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI YIELD THE FLOOR. >> THANK YOU FOR THOSE BEAUTIFUL WORDS.

NOW MEMBERS, AND EVERYONE, PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. >> BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA, MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTE, UNLESS IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. ORAL OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING AND PRIOR TO COUNCIL'S DELIBERATION ON EACH SECTION OF THE AGENDA.\r\n\r\nTESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. WHEN TESTIFYING, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL, AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER, OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. DECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. ANY PERSON WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS, DISTURBS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY COUNCIL CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER, OR A MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF, OR GENERAL PUBLIC. AS A REMINDER, THE CHAT SHALL BE USED ONLY TO SIGN UP FOR TESTIMONY, AND NOT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON THE MEETING.\r\n\r\nIT WILL BE CONSIDERED A BREACH OF DECORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO USE THE CHAT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TESTIMONY SIGN-UP. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE'LL BEGIN WITH TESTIMONY ON OUR CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS. AT THIS TIME WE'RE LIMITING TESTIMONY SOLELY TO THE CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION. CHAIR, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO ONE SIGNED UP, BUT I SEE MR.\r\n\r\nLAU COMING TO THE PODIUM. >> J.C. LAU, ALOHA KAKOU. ON BEHALF OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND KING'S CATHEDRAL, SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. >> THANK YOU. ANY MORE TESTIFIERS? CHAIR, QUICK COUNT DOWN, 3, 2, 1, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING TESTIMONY ON CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS?\r\n\r\n>> NO OBJECTIONS. SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 23-198, EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT "BOB" WARNER HOBODY. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-198. >> MOVED BY MEMBER JOHNSON AND SECOND BY PRO TEM KAMA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-198, DISCUSSION, MEMBER JOHNSON.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO CAN REQUEST THAT THE CLERK READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. >> MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU. EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROBERT "BOB" WARNER HOBODY. WHEREAS, ROBERT "BOB" WARNER HOBODY PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 4, 2023 IN MAKAWAO AT THE AGE OF 81; AND WHEREAS, BOB IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOREEN, HIS SONS BRYON AND NATHAN, AND GRANDCHILDREN KEKOA, ELENA AND MALIA; AND WHEREAS, BOB WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1942 IN HONOLULU HAWAII TO WILLIAM WARNER HOBODY AND RUTH MARGARET BOYE HOBODY; AND WHEREAS, BOB ALONG WITH HIS ELDER BROTHER BILL BOYE HOBODY AND HIS YOUNGER SISTER ELIZABETH BETTY HOBODY MOVED TO LANA'I IN THE SUMMER OF 1950 WHEN THEIR FATHER TRANSFERRED FROM HONOLULU AS THE OFFICE MANAGER AND LATER SUMMIT WITH THE DOLE COMPANY; AND WHEREAS, BOB GREW UP SURROUNDED BY NATURE, AND EXPRESSED HIS KEEN INTEREST IN PLANTS AND BOTANY, STARTING AT THE AGE OF 15, WHICH LED TO OVER 40 YEAR'S OF WORK PROTECTING NATIVE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THEIR HAWAIIAN HABITATS AND WHEREAS, BOB RECEIVED HIS DEGREE IN FORESTRY AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY AND WENT ON TO HAVE A CAREER IN THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DLNR, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, SPANNING MORE THAN 37 YEARS; AND WHEREAS, BOB MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE RANKS AT DLNR, BEFORE RETIRING AS DISTRICT MANAGER OF MAUI COUNTY AND WENT ON TO BE ONE OF HAWAII'S LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS IN FLORA AND FAUNA, WETLAND AND WATERS IN THE UNITED STATES; AND WHEREAS, BETWEEN 2005 AND 2006, BOB HELPED TO CREATE A MABOF LANA'I FOR THE BOOK "STORY OF LANA'I" BY GEORGE C. MUNRO, CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF ALL KNOWN LANA'I PLACE NAMES THAT HAVE BEEN RECORDED DURING THE PAST 150 YEARS INTENDED TO

PROVIDE A WINDOW INTO THE ISLAND'S CULTURE AND LINK THAT CULTURE TO THE LAND, THE SEA AND THE HEAVENS WHICH IT IS SO INTIMATELY CONNECTED; AND WHEREAS, BOB HOPED THAT UPDATING OF THE MAP WOULD STIMULATE RENEWED INTEREST IN LANA'S MANY PLACE NAMES AND ENCOURAGE THE THEIR USAGE AS DESCRIPTORS OF THESE SPECIAL PLACES; AND WHEREAS, BOB FREELY AND HUMBLLY SHARED HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE OF CONSERVATION ISSUES, HISTORY OF LAND MANAGEMENT, HIS ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM TO EXPLORE AND LOCATE UNIQUE SPECIES INSPIRING HEARTS AND MINDS OF MANY PROFESSIONALS, INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO TAKE ACTION AND STEWARD HAWAII'S PRECIOUS SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEMS; AND WHEREAS, BOB LIVED ON MAUI FOR OVER 50 YEARS WHERE HE SERVED THE COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING ON MANY BOARDS AS A MEMBER OR AN IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY INCLUDING THE MAUI COUNTY ARBORIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MAUI INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE, MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS, MAUNA-KAHALAWAI WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LAND TRUST, HILT AND FEDERAL WEED RISK ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE; AND WHEREAS, BOB WAS A NATURALIST AND CREDITED FOR DISCOVERING 12 SPECIES OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS, FIVE OF WHICH ARE NAMED AFTER HIM BY OTHER BOTANISTS; AND WHEREAS, BOB WAS HONORED BY HILT IN 2020 AS "CHAMPION OF CHANGE OF THE LAND" FOR HIS SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY AND AS A WAY TO EXPRESS HAWAII'S INDEBTEDNESS TO THE WAY HE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO PROTECT WHAT IS SO UNIQUE TO HAWAII; AND WHEREAS, BOB DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO STUDY AND PROTECT HAWAII'S NATIVE ECOSYSTEM AND BECAME A DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY CONSERVATION LEADER; AND WHEREAS, BOB IS REVERED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S UNDERSTANDING NATIVE PLANTS; AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1, THAT THE COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE FOR THE LATE ROBERT "BOB" WARNER HOBODY'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION FOR CARING FOR MAUI COUNTY'S LAND AND WILDLIFE AND 2, THAT THE COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LATE ROBERT "BOB" WARNER HOBODY AND 3, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF HIS RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED TO HIS WIFE DOREEN HOBODY, HIS SONS BYRON HOBODY, AND NATHAN HOBODY; CHRIS BROSIUS, PROGRAM MANAGER, MAUNA-KAHALAWAI WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP; DAWN N.S. CHANG, CHAIRPERSON DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER JOHNSON, DISCUSSION. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. MEMBERS, LIKE I MENTIONED IN MY OPENING REMARKS I KNOW THIS IS A TIME THAT WE'RE EXTENDING OUR CONDOLENCES TO SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT TRAGEDY, IT MAY SEEM LIKE ENOUGH TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY -- IT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE ENOUGH TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO JUST ONE MAN, BUT IN TIMES OF CALAMITY, UNCERTAINTY AND RECOVERY, AS WE COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, I HAVE SEEN HOW MEANINGFUL TO HAVE A SENSE OF PURPOSE. KNOWING OUR PURPOSE INFORMS HOW WE BEST CAN HELP, IT KEEPS US MOVING FORWARD, EVEN IN TIMES OF HARDSHIP AND DESPAIR. WE CAN BE ENSURED TO DEEPEN OUR SENSE OF PURPOSE BY HONORING THE LIVES OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST AND THOSE WHO HAVE MADE LASTING IMPACTS ON OUR COUNTY THROUGH SERVICE. BOB HOBODY IS ONE SUCH MAN THAT LIFE HAS SERVED AS INSPIRATION, HE WAS INFLUENCED BY THE NATURE WHICH SURROUNDED HIM AND PURSUED A CAREER AS A NATURALIST WHICH SPANNED MORE THAN 40 YEARS.\r\n\r\nBOB RETIRED AS MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT MANAGER AS THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES OUT OF HIS WORK HE WAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, NATURALIST, AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER. BOB IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS PASSION FOR THIS LAND AND PLACE, AND FOR LIVING A LIFE DEDICATED TO CARING FOR IT. HE IS REMEMBERED FOR SHARING THIS PASSION AND KNOWLEDGE WITH OTHERS, HELPING TO CULTIVATE THE NEXT-GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS. MEMBERS, BOB HOBODY'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY ARE LONG-LASTING. I HOPE THAT IN OUR WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, WE CAN ALSO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME, AND I HOPE THE COMMUNITY CAN TAKE SOMETHING FROM THE MODEL OF BOB HOBODY'S LIFE AND DEEPEN OUR APPRECIATION AND CONNECTION TO THIS LAND AND THE NATURE WHICH MAKES THIS PLACE SPECIAL. I BELIEVE BOB WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. I EXTEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO DOREEN HOBODY, BOB'S WIFE, AND THE REST OF BOB'S

FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HIM IN HIS WORK, AND FOR SHARING HIM WITH OUR COMMUNITY. I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> THANK YOU, ANY MORE DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR -- LET THE RECORD SHOW VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA IS PRESENT, AND YOU HAVE DISCUSSION? >> YES. THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND MY WHOLE HEARTED CONDOLENCES TO THIS FAMILY FOR SUCH A SPECIAL PERSON. I WILL TELL YOU WHEN I WORKED FOR JAMES KY PANA, I WORKED ON A PROJECT AND GOT TO MEET HIM AND REMEMBER HIS KINDNESS AND THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT WE WERE WORKING ON WAS RELATED TO HANA. IT WAS RELATED TO, I THINK IT WAS THE BRIDGES, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT, AND OF COURSE, HIS CONTRIBUTION WAS GREATER THAN THAT, BUT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS KINDNESS, AND I CAN SEE HIS FACE. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBER JOHNSON, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY FOR SUCH A GREAT MAN. THANK YOU FOR ALL HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO US. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOS, RAISE YOUR HAND AND SAY AYE?

>> AYE. >> I SEE EIGHT AYES. ZERO NOS. ONE EXCUSED. MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. NOW >> CHAIR? >> YES. MEMBER JOHNSON. >> WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE ATTENDEES TO THE PODIUM TO SAY A FEW WORDS, IF POSSIBLE? >> OF COURSE. >> I'M HEARING THEY MIGHT SING A SONG. >> YES. AND FEEL FREE TO COME UP, AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO SAY SOMETHING TO THE MEMBERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. AND WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SING A SONG FOR US, WHICH WE ARE SO MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING. ALOHA EVERYONE. >> GOOD MORNING. MY FATHER -- >> COULD YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC, PLEASE. >> SURE. >> JUST RAISE IT. >> THIS IS MY FATHER ROBERT WARNER HOBODY. AND HE LOVED NATURE. HE JUST WAS ALWAYS A MAN FOR IT. HE LOVED BEING OUTDOORS. HE LOVED BEING IN THE WOODS, THE TREES; HE HIKED ME AND MY BROTHER THROUGH EVERY SINGLE TRAIL ON THIS ISLAND THAT YOU CAN IMAGINE. I THINK THE ONLY ONE WE WERE NEVER ON WAS THE ONE THAT GOES FROM ALL THE WAY TO LAHAINA THROUGH THE WEST TRAIL. WE HAVE BEEN ALL OVER THIS ISLAND AND MY DAD WAS THE ONE WHO JUST DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THIS ISLAND. HE LOVED IT SO MUCH. AND HE ALWAYS HAD THAT HAPPY GO LUCKY JUST SPIRIT, WHERE HE JUST SHOWED HIS COMPASSION AND HIS STRENGTH TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT WAS ALWAYS HIS GOAL IN LIFE. THANK YOU. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A PRAYER ON BEHALF OF MAUI COUNTY AND THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH. I WILL OFFER IT FIRST IN ENGLISH AND IN HAWAII. >> YOUR NAME? >> I AM BRYON HOBODY, SON OF ROBERT HOBODY. I WILL FINISH WITH IT IN A SMALL OLE, AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF OUR FAMILY COULD SING A PRAYER AFTER THAT AS WELL. PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD. IS IN ANY REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES, SAY GOD? PRAISE BE GOD. HE IS GOD. ALL ARE HIS SERVANTS AND ALL ABIDE BY HIS (HAWAIIAN PRAYER) [APPLAUSE] >> MY GOODNESS, THAT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE THEM? NO? NO. DID YOU WANT US TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH THEM? YOU DO? CAN YOU COME BACK DOWN, PLEASE? MEMBERS, PLEASE. Q. F CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD, THERE'S NO BUSINESS, G, PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME INDIVIDUALS MAY TESTIFY ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. THE FIRST PERSON TO TESTIFY IS CALLING FROM THE PHONE NUMBER ENDING IN 6621. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. IF YOU COULD PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT SUBJECT YOU WILL BE TESTIFYING ON. >> ALOHA, I WILL BE TESTIFYING ON BILL 83. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? >> YES. YOUR NAME? >> THANK YOU. MY NAME IS NAPUA, THE ADMINISTRATOR AND COORDINATOR FOR HANA HIGHWAY, AHUPUA'A COUNCIL OF MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHO FIRMLY OPPOSE THE ATTEMPT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET TO DELETE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE STATING THE TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND MA NOT BE USED FOR MARKETING AND PROMOTION BUT FOR EDUCATION EFFORTS. VISITOR MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT ON FIRST AND HANA HIGHWAY REGULATION OBJECTS TO ANY FUNDS BEING AWARDED TO THE MAUI CONVENTION BUREAU AS THEY HAVE FAIL THE COMMUNITY TIME AND TIME AGAINST. THERE'S BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP THROUGH OF THE EAST TOURISM MAUI PROGRAM, WHICH IS CONSIDERED A FAILURE AS ITS BEING LEAD WITH EXECUTIVES WITH NO HISTORICAL CONTEXT AND -- VISITOR MANAGEMENT FUNDS IN THE FORMS OF CONTRACTS TO PERSONAL FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OVER COMMUNITY RELEVANT SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS. VISITOR

FUNDS TO DATE HAVE BEEN EXPENDED ON ACTUAL METHODS OF VISITOR MANAGEMENT, AND VISITOR EDUCATION, WE WOULD HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE TO TRACK THAT INFLUX OF TOURISM WOULD BE DELEGATED PROPERLY, INSTEAD WE'RE CONTINUALLY LEFT WITH NO SUPPORT FOR RESIDENT-LED OR MANAGED TOURISM. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR ORGANIZATION HAS DESCRIBED A SOLUTION THAT HAS PROVEN ITS EFFICACY SINCE 2018. ONE HAS TO ASK, WHERE HAS ALL THE VISITOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION FUNDS GONE? SO WE ASK FORMALLY AND YET TO-DATE HAWAIIAN TOURISM AUTHORITY AND MCDC HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY OUR ORGANIZATION IN A TIMELY MANNER AND WOULD REVEAL PLAIT AN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MANY HOW GOVERNMENT MONIES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFIRM THAT THE CONTINUED RELIANCE ON INFORMATION MARKETING STRATEGIES DISADVANTAGES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VISITOR MANAGEMENT, AND CONTINUES TO POSE HARM TO VISITORS IN THE FORM OF LACK OF VISITOR EDUCATION WHICH LEADS TO VISITOR INJURIES AND FATALITIES. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN PROVIDING FORMAL NOTICE REGARDING THE LOOMING LIABILITIES OF HAVING NO SOUND VISITOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PLACE. TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BE REQUESTED IT WOULD DETAIL THE FUNDING OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO NONPROFITS WHOSE BOARD MEMBERS CONSIST OF EMPLOYEES AND HTA STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nTHE REQUESTED INFORMATION WOULD REVEAL THAT THOSE VISITOR INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES WHO ARE SETTING THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES AT THE TOP ARE ALSO POSITIONING THEMSELVES AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDING PRIORITIES AT THE BOTTOM. MAYI DOESN'T NEED FURTHER COMMOTION AND MARKETS ITSELF. MAUI DOES HOWEVER NEEDS INJURY AND FATAL INJURY INTERVENTION AND AS A LACK OF VISITOR MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION WILL CONTINUE TO ERODE MAUI AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS ARE MARKETING MAUI AS RECKLESS. >> THREE MINUTES. >> CAN YOU PLEASE CONCLUDE. >> SURE. AND ALSO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR LAST SIX YEARS HAVE BEEN CARRYING THAT NARRATIVE OF THE NEED FOR VISITOR MANAGEMENT AND VISITOR EDUCATION.\r\n\r\nSO I WOULD PLEASE ASK THERE BE NO MONEYS EXPENDED ESPECIALLY TO MCDC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARKETING MAUI. OPEN TO QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY. MAHALO. >> QUESTIONS? WE'LL START WITH PRO TEM KAMA AND MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, I WANTED TO CLARIFY, THAT YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON BILL 83, WHICH IS THE ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.47 OF THE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO WETLANDS AND OER LANDS MAPPING. BUT I THINK YOU WERE TESTIFYING ON BILL 84. THE BILLS THAT AMENDS THE BUDGET FOR GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITOR INDUSTRY, IS THAT CORRECT?\r\n\r\n>> CORRECT. I APOLOGIZE IF I GOT THE BIG NUMBER INCORRECT. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THAT WAS MY SAME CLARIFICATION.\r\n\r\nTHANKS. >> MET ME ADD ANOTHER ONE, THE CHAIR MYSELF WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND NO FLOOR ACTION TODAY AND REFERRAL TO. MEMBER PALTIN. >> >> I HAD THE SAME CLARIFICATION AS KAMA AND SUGIMURA. >> ANYONE ELSE? THANK YOU. >> MAHALO.\r\n\r\nNEXT TESTIFIER? >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JENN MATHER TESTIFYING ON BILL 84. >> ALOHA, COUNCIL CHAIR LEE AND HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> EXCUSE ME, MS. MATHER, THE OTHER MICROPHONE IS NOT WORKING. THAT IS WHY THEY GAVE YOU THAT ONE. >> MAHALO. SO MANY NAME IS JENN MATHER, TESTIFYING ON AGENDA ITEM BILL 84. I OPPOSE THE AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET FOR THE TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND OF \$550,000 OF WHICH \$300,000 IS FOR MOLOKA'I LEAVING THE AMENDMENT -- ASK FOR THE REMAINING \$250,000. UNLIKE AUTUMN NES SAID LAST COUNCIL MEETING I'M NOT ANG CONSPIRACY THEORIST EITHER, BUT I SEE THE MERITS IN WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING WHAT B WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CHAMBERS, AT THE CAPITOL AND IN MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT THE PAI'AINA AND IT APPEARS ORCHESTRATED TO ROLL BACK THE GROWING WE HAVE MADE AS LARGE HUI AND COMMUNITY AND WONDERING WHY WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE THE OMBUDSMEN WATCHDOGS OF GOVERNMENT AND AFTER FOUGHT SO HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY FIRST DEVELOPERS LIKE PAUL CHANG AND -- WHEN WE FINALLY HAD WATER PROTECTION THROUGH ENFORCED WATER MANAGEMENT DESIGNATION FOR LAHAINA, AND NOW THIS, ROLL BACK THE MEASURES FOR TOURISM MANAGEMENT WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR AND MOVING BACK TO WHAT IS MARKETING A GRIEVING COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nIT SHOULD NOT BE MAUI COUNTY'S TAX MONEY THAT

GOES TO MARKETING AND SHOULD BE THE RESORTS THAT DO THE HEAVY LIFTING RECOGNIZE THEIR CORPORATE DOLLARS AND REACH HAVE MORE CAPABILITY ABILITIES CAPACITY DO THIS RIGHT NOW FOR YOU. IF YOU FOLKS STILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO BE A SINGLE-ENGINE ECONOMY DRIVEN BY TOURISM, I THINK YOU SHOULD MANDATE THAT THE CORPORATE ENTITIES THAT ARE GETTING THOUSANDS OF DISASTER DOLLARS RIGHT FROM YOU FROM RESPONDERS STAYING WITH THEM BE PART OF THE TOURISM SOLUTION AND NOT THE MONEY EARMARKED FOR TOURISM MANAGEMENT. I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT FEDERAL FEMA MONEY. WHEN WE ASK FOR ROOMS THAT CAME AS PART OF THE NONPROFIT, TOLD YOU CAN, BUT YOU HAVE TO PAY \$650 A NIGHT PLUS FEES AND TAXES AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE CRYING POOR WHEN THEY ARE HERE TO HELP ASSIST. FOR THE MONEY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT FUND, WITH NEED THAT MONEY RIGHT NOW FOR THAT PURPOSE MORE NOW THAN EVER; RIGHT? WEST MAUI NEEDS ADVOCATES FOR PROTECTION, FOR HEALING AND REBUILDING. SO WE NEED TO USE THAT MONEY AS INTENDED TO TELL VISITORS TO STAY OUT.\r\n\r\nLAHAINA HAS ALWAYS BEEN SACRED, BUT NOW SHE IS JUST A MASS BURIAL GROUND, TOO. THAT MESSAGING IS IMPERATIVE AND NEEDS MONEY TO GET OUT THERE. THAT MONEY IS ALREADY EARMARKED IN THAT PURPOSE, NOT FOR INVITING PEOPLE TO TELL THEM HOW TO BE GOOD HUMANS WHEN HERE. YOU HOPE THAT WOULDN'T BE NECESSARY, BUT DISPATCH ERA DARK TOURISM HAS BEEN A REAL THING SINCE MOUNT VESUVIUS AND ASK YOU TO DO THE HUMANE THING AND OPPOSE THIS BILL, EVEN IN COMMITTEE. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, MS. MATHER.\r\n\r\nANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TESTIFYING ON COUNTY COMMUNICATION 23-33. AGAIN. >> MS. PCOLA-DAVIS, ITS YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY. CHAIR MOVING TO THE NEXT TESTIFIER THAT IS CURRENTLY LAST TO HAVE SIGNED UP IS J.C. LAU, TESTIFYING ON COUNTY COMMUNICATION 23-33. >> J.C. LAU KULA OKA. COMMUNICATIONS 23-33. I WOULD LIKE TO BE THE FIRST TO VOTE FOR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA AS STATE SENATOR, BECAUSE SHE DOES A GOOD JOB HERDING CATS, CHICKENS, AXIS DEER AND ROWDY HULA MONKEYS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> CHAIR, WE'LL GO BACK ONE MORE TIME AND SEE IF MS. PCOLA-DAVIS IS. I CAN SEE HER ON THE SCREEN, BUT LOOKS LIKE SHE IS MUTED ON HER END. MS. PCOLA-DAVIS. >> HI.\r\n\r\nI THINK YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW? >> YES. >> CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? >> YES, WE CAN. >> THANK YOU. I AM -- TESTIFYING ON CC 2023-KULA COMMUNITY. AND I'M TESTIFYING BECAUSE I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS REPORT BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.\r\n\r\nHOWEVER, I DO UNDERSTAND IT'S PREPARED ALREADY. THE REASON I AM SAYING THIS IS BECAUSE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY. I DID SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY, AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK ARE REALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW IS THE WATER QUALITY AND TESTIFYING FOR HYDROCARBON LEVELS. I HAVE WATCHED THE LAB RESULTS FROM THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, AND I'M WATCHING THE LABS ONLY BECAUSE MY BACKGROUND IS FOLLOWING RESEARCHING THE FUEL TANK STORAGE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND VERY FAMILIAR WITH READING THE LAB REPORTS. THE AIR QUALITY ARE WHAT CONTAMINANTS ARE TESTING FOR. YOU SHOULD GO BACK HOME AND CHECK YOUR AIR CONDITIONER FILTERS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS. IF YOU HAVE SPLIT AIR, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE COME OUT AND CHECK IF THEY NEED CLEANING?\r\n\r\nI WAS ON MAUI D MAYBE IT WAS YESTERDAY? WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEETING. I HAD TO USE MY INHALER FOUR TIMES. NEVER HAPPENED TO ME IN MY LIFE. I HAVE GOTTEN FROM O'AHU AND STILL USING MY INHALER, BECAUSE OF MY LUNGS. I CAN BARELY BREATHE. MY EYE CLASSES WERE SO COATED WITH SOME KIND OF FILM AT THE KAHULUI AIRPORT, I HAD TO GO INTO THE BATHROOM AND WASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER.\r\n\r\nSO THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON OVER THERE. AS YOU KNOW, SOIL QUALITY, THE DIOXINS NEED TO BE TESTED FOR AND I HEARD THEY ARE BEING TESTED FOR AND SENT TO THE MAINLAND AND MAY TAKE A WHILE TO GET BACK DUE TO THE TYPE OF TESTING. I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYBODY TALK ABOUT THE STATUS OF AQUIFER AND, IN FACT, YOUR WATER SOURCES WATER FLOWS UNDERGROUND AND GROUNDWATER NEEDS TO BE TESTIFIED, TOO. WHAT IS IN THE AIR? I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD RAISE AWARENESS BY AIR QUALITY. MASKS AND OTHER PPE ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR FREE. WE JUST CAN'T GIVE THEM AWAY THOUGH.\r\n\r\nWHEN I WAS THERE, I WAS PERSONALLY TRYING TO HAND OUT FREE PPES, BECAUSE I WAS STANDING IN LINE TO GET INTO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT THE MAC. AND ALMOST EVERYBODY JUST SHOOK THEIR HEAD, AND

SAID NO, AND IT WAS SO SAD TO SEE THIS. IT WAS, LIKE, I'M TRYING TO CONVINCING YOU NEED TO BE WEARING A MASK RIGHT NOW. >> THREE MINUTES. >> PLEASE CONCLUDE. CAN YOU CONCLUDE, PLEASE? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> CAN YOU FINISH? THANK YOU. >> I'M JUST GOING TO STAND ON MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, MS. PCOLA-DAVIS. I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PPE YOU WERE HANDING OUT? N-95 OR P-100? >> WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE P-100S YET. PART OF OUR HUI ON MAUI, THAT IS WHY I'M FLYING BACK AND FORTH, ALSO TO TESTIFY, BUT THE PPE RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ARE N-95S AND WE HAVE K-N95S FOR KEIKI, WHICH IS WHY WE WERE HANDING THEM OUT AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS, KIND OF LIKE THE PARENTS, THE TEACHERS, FOR SOME KIND OF AWARENESS. THE AIR QUALITY IS NOT REALLY BEING TALKED ABOUT. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, ANY MORE QUESTIONS? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. FOR CLARIFICATION, AT THAT KULA WATER MEETING WE DID PASS OUT PPE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANTED IT, AS WELL AS WATER. SO WE DID BOTH. >> THANK YOU. >> NO MORE QUESTIONS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR THERE'S NO ONE ELSE CONCURRENTLY SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. I WILL DO A LAST CALL FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. 3, 2, 1. CHAIR -- >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD. >> MONTH OBJECTIONS. NO OBJECTIONS. >> MS.\r\n\r\n\r\nCLERK SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> MOVING TO MINUTES NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN. I, LIKEWISE NOTHING, J COMMUNICATION CC 23-33, COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA RELATING TO COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT ON THE KULA COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2023. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MANY OF TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 23-33. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 23-33. DISCUSSION VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBERS UU-HODGINS, COOK, JOHNSON AND I ATTENDED THE KULA COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2023 AT THE KULA COMMUNITY CENTER ALSO KNOWN AS THE VAN TEMPSKY COMMUNITY CENTER. I'M MAKING THIS REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 92-2.5 (C) HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, WHICH RELATES TO PERMITTED INTERACTIONS OF MEMBERS UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW. THIS COMMUNITY MEETING WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AND EXCLUSIVELY ORGANIZED FOR OR DIRECTED TOWARDS THE COUNTY OF MAUI COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE MEETING WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE UP COUNTRY RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THOSE IMPACTED BY RECENT FIRES. ALSO IN ACCORDANCE -- ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, MAYOR BISSEN, LITT GOVERNOR SYLVIA LUKE, STATE SENATOR DECOITE, STATE REPRESENTATIVES YAM ASHITA WITH UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SAFE DRINKING WATER BRANCH, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING TO A VOTE ON ANY COUNCIL BUSINESS WAS MADE OR SOUGHT AT THE MEETING. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.\r\n\r\n\r\nWE DID GIVE OUT PPE FOR THOSE WHO WANTED IT. IT WAS OPTIONAL AND GAVE OUT WATER FOR THOSE WHEN WANTED. THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> SO WE HAVE EIGHT AYES.\r\n\r\n\r\nZERO NOS. ONE EXCUSED MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. MOTION CARRIED. >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS. >> CHAIR, AS A TECHNICALITY, WE NEED TO CLOSE THE TESTIMONY ON THE COUNTY COMMUNICATION. >> OKAY. I THOUGHT WE DID.\r\n\r\n\r\nANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING TESTIMONY ON THE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS? >> NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR. >> SO ORDERED. ONE NOTE, PRO TEM KAMA. THE PAPER I GAVE YOU IS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE END OF THE MEETING. THANK YOU. MADAM CLERK.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, MOVING ON TO COMMITTEE REPORTS, WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS. BUT IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN NOW. I WILL DO A BRIEF COUNT DOWN, 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE TO TESTIFY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS IN SECTION K? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, FROM THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU CR23-73 RECOMMENDING FILING OF RESOLUTION -- 23-72 RECOMMENDING FILING OF RESOLUTION 23-184, RELATING TO

PROPOSE STATE BILL ON FIREARMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. IF I COULD ASK THE CLERK TO CALL UP 23-73 TO 23-80, PLEASE. THANK YOU. >> ANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS? >> NO OBJECTIONS.\r\n\r\n>> SO ORDERED MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, YOU BEFORE YOU CR23-73 RECOMMENDING FILING OF RESOLUTION 23-185 RELATING TO A PROPOSED STATE BILL ON COMMERCIAL USE OCEAN PERMITS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. CR23-74 RECOMMENDING FILING OF RESOLUTION 23-183 RELATING TO A PROPOSED STATE BILL ON MOTORIZED WATERCRAFTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. CR23-75 REPRESENTING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-176, APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL AND FAMILY LEAVE TO ENABLE STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ACCESS LEAVE BENEFITS WHEN PROVIDING CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER, CR23-74 RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-175 APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PROPOSED STATE BILL TO ENSURE COUNTIES MAY APPROPRIATELY RESPOND TO LOCAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BY AUTHORIZING TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE BY ORDINANCE CR23-77, RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-171, APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO REMOVE THE MAXIMUM RATE AT WHICH EACH COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX. R23-78 RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-173 FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO ESTABLISH PAID PARENTAL AND FAMILY LEAVE TO ENABLE STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ACCESS LEAVE BENEFITS WHICH PROVIDING CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER. CR23-79 RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-182 CD 1 APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2024 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PROPOSED STATE BILL TO GIVE THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF BOATING AND RECREATION DISCRETION WITH ISSUING COMMERCIAL OCEAN USE PERMITS AND PERMIT RENEWALS TO LESSEN THE IMPACTS OF COMMERCIAL USE OCEAN VESSELS AND ACTIVITIES THE CR23-80, RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-10, CD 1 APPROVING THE INCLUSION IN THE 2024 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO MODERNIZE THE DEFINITION OF "THRILL CRAFT." AS USED IN STATE BOATING LAW AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE TERM SURFBOARD AND USING MOTORIZED HYDROFOIL ALSO KNOWN AS E-FOIL.\r\n\r\n>> MOVED. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS, SECOND BY MEMBER SINENCI TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN COMMITTEE REPORTS 23-72 THROUGH 23-80. DISCUSSION, MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU. YOUR GREAT COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 1ST, 2023 AND RECONVENED ON AUGUST 2, 2023 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION 23-184 TO INCLUDE THE HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSED STATE BILL PROHIBITING FELONS FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING AIR OR REPLICAS GUNS AND MAKING IT A FELONY OR FELON TO POSSESS OR PURCHASE AN AIR OR REPLICAS GUN. RESOLUTION 23-185 AND 23-182 TO INCLUDE IN THE HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE RESPECTIVELY, A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO GIVE DLNR DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION DISCRETION WITH ISSUING COMMERCIAL OCEAN PERMITS AND PERMIT RENEWALS. RESOLUTION 23-183 AND RESOLUTION 23-180 TO INCLUDE IN THE HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE AND MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE RESPECTIVELY A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO MODERNIZE THE DEFINITION OF "THRILL CRAFT." AND INCLUDE WITHIN THE TERM "SURFBOARD USING A MOTORIZED HYDROFOIL." ALSO KNOWN AS E-FOIL.\r\n\r\nRESOLUTION 23-176 AND RESOLUTION 23-173 TO INCLUDE IN THE HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE AND MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE RESPECTIVELY A PROPOSE STATE BILL TO ESTABLISH PAID PARENTAL AND FAMILY LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES. RESOLUTION 23-175 TO INCLUDE IN THE HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM WAGE, AND RESOLUTION 23-171, TO INCLUDE IN MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, A PROPOSED STATE BILL TO REMOVE THE MAXIMUM RATE THAT EACH COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX. YOUR COMMITTEE ULTIMATELY DECIDED RECOMMENDING FILING RESOLUTION 23-184, BASED ON THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S

SUGGESTION TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY -- THE HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT COALITION AND RECOMMENDED FILING OF RESOLUTION 23-185, AND RESOLUTION 23-183 AS THESE MEASURES MAY NOT BE RELEVANT TO THE OTHER COUNTIES AND INSTEAD, CAN WE MOVE FORWARD TO THE MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. OUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE REMAINING RESOLUTIONS BE ADOPTED IN LIGHT OF THE BENEFITS IT WOULD HAVE FOR THE COUNTY AND STATE AS A WHOLE. I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' FULL SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. THANK YOU, CHAIR.

>> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. MOTION CARRIES, MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, MOVING ON TO RESOLUTIONS, UNDER SECTION L. AT THIS TIME, THERE'S NO ONE CURRENTLY SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. HOWEVER, IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN. I WILL DO A QUICK COUNTDOWN. 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, I WOULD JUST NOTE THAT IT LOOKS LIKE MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ HAS JOINED US. >> OKAY. I DON'T SEE HER, BUT >> ALOHA. KAKAHIKA. I AM HERE IN MY HOTEL ROOM, ALONE. >> OKAY. THANK YOU, AND WELCOME.

MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTIONS? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> MS. CLERK. SO ORDERED. >> CHAIR BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION 23-196 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARLA M. NAKATA AS LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA THANK CHAIRING I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-196. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION 23-196. -- TO TURN OFF THIS PHONE, BUT I CAN'T -- VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THE ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE LAST YEARS, AND OCS STAFF AND MANAGEMENT IS THRILLED THAT SHE IS RETURNING TO MAUI COUNTY, AND HER PRIOR -- AS HER PRIOR -- AND HER PRIOR ROLE AS A LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL, CARLA IS A UC SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL HAS PRACTICED LAW AT FIRMS IN BOTH CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII, AND IS AN EXPERT ON LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING LAND USE LAWS AND THE BUDGET PROCESS. I ASK FOR YOUR RESOUNDING APPROVAL TO WELCOME CARLA BACK TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES, BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. I WILL TELL YOU, I HAVE ALREADY ASKED IF SHE DOES COME BACK TO BE MY BUDGET LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. ANY MORE DISCUSSION?

MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WAS WONDERING IF SHE IS MOVING BACK TO MAUI? >> YES. >> YES, SHE IS. >> AND SHE'S HERE NOW? >> I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S HERE NOW, BUT I KNOW DEFINITELY SHE IS MOVING BACK TO MAUI. >> OKAY. >> BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO LOOK FOR A HOUSE FOR HER CURRENT TENANT. >> OKAY. >> WE HAVE ROOM FOR HIM. >> I THINK I ONLY HAVE ONE BEDROOM. >> OKAY. WE CAN PUT HIM AT NAPILI PARK, OR SOMETHING. MEMBER SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. HAPPY TO WELCOME MS. NAKATA BACK. CHAIR, SHE WAS OUR FIRST OCS ATTORNEY. >> ANYBODY ELSE? DID NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. >> CHAIR? >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU, MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES, AND WELCOMING MS. NAKATA BACK. I'M SO EXCITED AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DID TO GET HER BACK, BUT WHATEVER IT TOOK TO GET HER BACK, I'M ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. I THINK WE ALL FEEL THAT WAY. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RAISE YOUR SAND, SAY AYE. >> RESOUNDING YES. >> NINE AYES, ZERO YES, MOTION CARRIES, IT'S UNANIMOUS. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION 23-197 AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI. >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 7G OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS. SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO WAIVE THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING RESOLUTION 23-197. DISCUSSION, MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THE ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING SWIFT ACTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII, SO THEY MAY BEGIN PROVIDING SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION ON THE WAIVER? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS. MOTION CARRIES. MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-197. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY

MEMBER UU-HODGINS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-197. DISCUSSION, MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I ALSO MOVE TO AMEND THE THIRD WHEREAS, AND FIX THE FIRST AND SIXTH BE IT RESOLVED CLAUSES WHERE ALL INSTANCES OF OCTOBER 21, 2022 TO READ OCTOBER 21ST, 2023. THAT WAS A SMALL OVERSIGHT. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MOVED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS ON THE AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA. AND YOU ALREADY DISCUSSED IT, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE DISCUSSION? >> I DO NOT. THIS JUST AN INACCURATE DATE. YES. >> ALL IN FAVOR OF APPROVING THE AMENDMENT, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> MOTION CARRIES. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU. THIS RESOLUTION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII, USING FEDERAL TITLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN TO THE ELDERLY AND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION PURPOSES, COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON AGING, ROWENA DAGDAG-ANDAYA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS IS AVAILABLE FOR THE MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, MEMBER PALTIN. I JUST WAS WONDERING IS THIS JUST GENERAL? WE HAD IT BEFORE, AND NOW THE CONTRACT EXPIRED AND WE'RE EXTENDING IT OR SOMETHING? >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> CAN WE CHECK IF MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA IS ON THE LINE? >> HI ROWENA.\r\n\r\nDID YOU HEAR THE QUESTION? >> ALOHA, YES. I BELIEVE THE QUESTION WAS WHEN WE CONTRACTED BEFORE LEGAL AID SOCIETY HAWAII AND IF THIS WAS AN EXTENSION OF THEIR CONTRACT? THIS IS TO ENTER INTO THE NEXT CONTRACT PERIOD STARTING OCTOBER 1ST, 2023. TO ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. >> SO WE HAD IT PREVIOUS TO THIS AND THIS IS THE NEXT CONTRACT PERIOD? SAME ENTITY? >> YES, THAT IS CORRECT. COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\nWE'RE CURRENTLY IN A CONTRACT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES FOR KUPUNA. THAT CONTRACT ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023, AND THEN WE'RE GOING INTO THE NEXT CONTRACT PERIOD WITH THEM. >> THANK YOU. I JUST HAD ONE MORE QUESTION. WOULD THIS BE SOMETHING, LIKE, SO IT'S FOR KUPUNA, BUT LIKE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S PLENTY OF SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WOULD THEY -- IF THERE WERE KUPUNA THAT LOST THEIR HOUSES IN THE FIRE, THEY COULD WORK WITH LEGAL AID AS WELL? >> YES, COUNCIL MEMBER. THAT'S CORRECT.\r\n\r\nWE ALSO CONTACT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII TO ASSIST THOSE FACING EVICTION OR HAVE LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO HOUSING. >> OKAY. SO HOUSING EVICTION, LOST THEIR HOME IN THE FIRE, IS THERE MORE? >> YES. COUNCIL MEMBER, THEY ALSO ASSIST WITH PROVIDING OR WORKING ON HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, AND ALSO GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS INVOLVING GRANDCHILDREN. THERE'S A LOT OF KUPUNA, WHO ARE NOW RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, AND SO WE ALSO CONTRACT WITH THEM TO ASSIST WITH THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\nI'M NOT SURE IF EVERYONE KNEW THE TOTALITY OF SERVICES THAT THEY OFFERED. SO I JUST WANTED TO ARTICULATE IT. THANK YOU. >> MY MORE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? ANY MORE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES IT'S UNANIMOUS.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, MOVING ON TO SECTION M, ORDINANCES. WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. HOWEVER, IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON ORDINANCES, PLEASE LET US KNOW. I WILL DO A QUICK COUNTDOWN. 3, 2, 1 MEMBERS ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON THE BILLS IN SECTION M? >> NO OBJECTIONS.\r\n\r\n>> SO ORDERED, MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR FIREWORK FOR REFERRAL TO THE HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE IS BILL 82 (2023) ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4 405 (2017) RELATING TO GRANTING HO'OKAHI PALAMA AL'I, LLC. A CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT LIMITED SPECIAL EVENTS HISTORICAL AND BOTANICAL TOURS, PHOTO SHOOTS WORKSHOPS RETREATS AND WELLNESS AND EXERCISE CLASSES AND TO ALLOW BRIDAL AND EVENT PREPARATION SPACE EXISTING IN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WITHIN THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT 250 HAIKU ROAD AND IDENTIFYING AS TAX MAP KEY NUMBER 2-2-7-003:006 HAIKU, MAUI, HAWAII. >> ANY OBJECTIONS? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> BILL 83 (2023) ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.47.070 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO WETLANDS OVERLAY MAP. >> MEMBER KAMA I THINK YOU WERE GOING TO REQUEST FILING OF THE MEMO,

FILING OF THIS ITEM, BECAUSE OF A MEMO FROM KATHLEEN AOKI. ANYBODY HAVE THAT IN THEIR NOTES? DAVID, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US THE BACK STORY ON THIS ONE. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nTHE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THIS MATTER BE FILED. THEY WILL RESUBMIT AT A LATER DATE. THANK YOU. >> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? ON THE FILING OF THIS MATTER? MEMBER PALTIN >> I MOVE TO FILE THIS BILL 83. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER PALTAN, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO FILE BILL 83. DISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN? \r\n\r\n>> JUST FOLLOWING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S GUIDANCE, AND MR. RAATZ. >> ANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO FILE, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS. MOTION CARRIES.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> CHAIR FOR REFERRAL TO YOUR BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS BILL 84 (2023) ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITORS INDUSTRY, TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND. >> MEMBERS ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING TO BFED COMMITTEE. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED P MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> MOVING TO BILLS FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING, BILL 28, CD 1, FD 1 (2023) ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE A AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 499 (2019) RELATING TO THE CHANGE IN ZONING CONDITIONAL ZONING TO WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN WCT DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY SITUATED ALT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. MAY I ASK THE CLERK TO PLEASE CALL UP BILL 29 (2023) PLEASE? >> ANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS? SO ORDER, MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> I OBJECT. SORRY. OKAY. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> SEPARATELY, PLEASE. >> YOU JUST WANT IT SEPARATED. OKAY.\r\n\r\nANY OBJECTIONS, MECHANICS, IF WE JUST TAKE THIS SEPARATELY? OKAY >> READY. >> SO ORDERED. PRO TEM KAMA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 28 CD 1, FD 1 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY PRO TEM KAMA, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO PASS BILL 28, CD 1, FD 1 (2023) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.\r\n\r\nDISCUSSION, PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. PASSING THIS BILL WILL ALLOW WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN TO PROCEED WITH THEIR PROJECT TO DELIVER THE FIRST PHASE OF OUR MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN AGREE TO BRING IT TO CONCLUSION, SO WE CAN START TO ADDRESS OUR HOUSING EMERGENCY. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI AM GOING TO VOTE NO ON THE MOTION. I SUPPORT THE PROJECT OVERALL. WE HAVE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE DEED RESTRICTIONS AND AFFORDABILITY PERIODS AND WE TRIED IN COMMITTEE AND WE TRY TO FIRST READING AND JUST NOT ABLE TO GET FIVE VOTES. SO I &%FO EVERYONE'S SUPPORT IN MOVING FORWARD I APPRECIATE MR. ATHERTON'S TEAM CONTACTING ME AND EXPLAINING SITUATION. SO I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING MOVING FORWARD AT DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY PRESENT ITSELF AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I AT THIS TIME WILL STANDBY BY VOTE, MY NO-VOTE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MR.\r\n\r\nATHER TON AND HIS TEAM, AND MY GRATITUDE TO ALL OF THEM FOR CONTINUING TO PURSUE THIS PROJECT ON BEHALF WITH THE COMMUNITY, IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY. SO MAHALO FOR ALL OF THAT. WE APPRECIATE YOU. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MEMBERS, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> ROLL-CALL VOTE, PLEASE. >> I'M SORRY. ROLL CALL. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE KAMA? >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? \r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL CHAIR LEE? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> EIGHT AYES, ONE NO, MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU, NEXT BILL. >> CHAIR YOU BEFORE YOU BILL 29 (2023) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.96 MAUI COUNTY CODE MODIFYING THE WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN DISTRICT COLLING PLAN AND PERMITTING EDUCATIONAL USES IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, I MOVE TO PASS ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY KAMA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\nDISCUSSION, PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. PASSING THIS PARTICULAR BILL WILL ALLOW WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT, AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THE SCHOOL IN WHICH IS PROMISED TO OUR RESIDENTS. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ROLL CALL. >> NO, I'M SORRY, CHAIR. NO NEED FOR ROLL

CALL. YOU CAN DO VOICE-VOTE. I SUPPORT. >> OKAY. YOU CAUGHT ME ON A GOOD DAY. [LAUGHTER] ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> VERY GOOD. MOTION CARRIES, NINE AYES, ZERO NOS. >> CHAIR YOU BEFORE YOU BILL 79 (2023) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE THORSING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF HAWAII. >> MEMBER COOK >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 79 (2023) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER COOK. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO PASS BILL 79 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ANY DISCUSSION? MEMBER COOK? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. BILL 79 ESTABLISHES AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE THAT WILL GRANT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS TO MAINTAIN, OPERATE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL HARDWARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND CHURCH STREET IN WAILUKU, MAUI. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, OKAY. MOTION CARRIES. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR YOU BEFORE YOU BILL 81, FD 1 (2023) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.03 MAK MID-ATLANTIC CODE ESTABLISHING A FARE FREE BUS PASS PROGRAM. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, I MOVE TO PASS BILL 81, FD 1 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER JOHNSON AND SECOND BY MEMBER KAMA TO PASS BILL 81, FD 1 (2023) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THIS COUNCIL APPROVED MY BUDGET REQUEST TO APPLY FARE FREE BUS FOR ANY 55 YEARS OR OLDER, PARATRANSIT ELIGIBLE, AND VALID STUDENT CARD AND 24 YEARS OR YOUNGER OR DEMONSTRATING FINANCIAL NEED. THIS IS ALREADY IN THE BUDGET. BILL 81 ADDS LANGUAGE SAYING THAT A PERSON CAN DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED SHOWING THAT THEY ARE MAUI COUNTY RESIDENT WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS EQUAL OR LESS TO 200% OF THE POVERTY THRESHOLD AND ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE THIRD-PARTY TO VERIFY INFORMATION. THIS BILL IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE OF LIMITED MEANS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IS A SAFE WAY TO TRAVEL AND CONNECT OUR COMMUNITIES. ACCORDING TO A 2021 STUDY BY HUL PONO INITIATIVE THE COST TO ENON A VEHICLE ON HAWAII IS \$1800 ANNUALLY WHEN FACTORING GAS, MAINTENANCE AND INSURANCE, IT'S NOT CHEAP AND THE FARE FREE BUS PASS WILL HELP THOSE WITH CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION TO GO TO WORK, SHOP, MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. PLUS WE AS A COMMUNITY ALL BENEFIT FROM LESS CARS ON THE ROAD, THE MORE PEOPLE THAT ACCESS THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VIA THIS FARE FREE BUS PASS, THE LESS CARS CLOGGING OUR ROADS FILLING OUR PLATFORMS AND EMITTING GREENHOUSE GAS AND HAS BEEN SIGNED OFF BY CORPORATION COUNSEL AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. I ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, THIS IS SO CRITICAL, AND NEEDED. BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS LOST THEIR TRANSPORTATION ALTHOUGH OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO STEP UP FOR OUR RESIDENTS SHELTERING AT THE HOTELS, I WANTED TO SEND A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO CHRIS FROM HAWAII TOURS, WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING DAILY SHUTTLES, I THINK TWICE ON THE HOUR FROM MANY OF THE HOTELS TO MANY OF THE HUBS, AND OTHER PLACES FOR FREE. YOU KNOW, I WOULD STRIVE FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE -- TO FOLLOW THAT KIND OF MODEL OF SERVICE, BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN A GODSEND TO MANY OF US ON THE WEST SIDE. THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? >> CHAIR. >> MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. SORRY. I HAD TO CLEAR MY THROAT. I HOPE THAT THIS ISN'T THE MOTION, BUT I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET SOME KIND OF GRANT FUNDING TO CHRIS' FOLKS BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB OVER THERE. SORRY. OKAY. SO IT'S SMALL, LIKE, IS THERE A REASON WE DIDN'T PUT A HYPHEN BETWEEN "FARE" AND "FREE"? I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A HYPHEN THERE. >> ALL RIGHT. OKAY. RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU ARE AN ENGLISH TEACHER? DAVID? DO WE NEED A HYPHEN? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. IT'S THE BODY'S DISCRETION. I THINK COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ RAISES A GOOD GRAMMATICAL POINT. BUT I THINK THE INTENT IS PROBABLY CLEAR, EVEN WITHOUT THE HYPHEN. THANK YOU. >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, WHAT DOES THE HYPHEN REPRESENT IF WE PUT THAT IN? >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MEMBER

KAMA, FOR THE QUESTION. I THINK IT MORE APPROPRIATELY ADDS A -- ATTACHES THE DESCRIPTION TO WHAT IS FREE, LIKE FARE-FREE, LIKE I CAN'T THINK OF ANY EXAMPLES.\r\n\r\nLIKE, NONPROFIT, I KNOW SOME PEOPLE DON'T PUT A HYPHEN. IN-PERSON, YOU PUT THE HYPHEN FOR IN-PERSON. I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE ARE THE BEST EXAMPLES. I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE EXAMPLES LINES UP FOR YOU. >> ONLINE. MEMBER SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nIF I COULD OFFER SOME HELP. IT'S USED TO JOIN WORDS TO INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE A COMBINED MEANING. >> THANK YOU, MEMBER SINENCI. >> VERY GOOD. >> OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. >> YES. HE GOOGLED THAT, TOO.\r\n\r\n>> YES! [LAUGHTER]. >> SO ANY MORE COMMENTS? >> HOW HARD COULD IT BE TO PUT THE HYPHEN IN? >> CAN WE PUT THE HYPHEN? >> THAT IS WHAT I JUST ASKED. >> IS THAT AN AMENDMENT? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER KAMA, SECONDED BY MEMBER -- >> GIVE IT TO KEANI. >> YOU WANT TO SECOND IT? THANK YOU. >> IT'S MY MOTION, MEMBER KAMA SECONDS. >> GIVE IT TO HER. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nYOU MADE THE MOTION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. OKAY. WE WANT TO GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR THIS INCREDIBLY -- >> IT'S SIGNIFICANT >> THE MOTION. AND SECONDED BY MEMBER KAMA TO ADD A HYPHEN BETWEEN THE WORDS "FARE AND FREE." CORRECT? >> YES. >> WE ALREADY KNOW WHY. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. NOW WE'RE READY FOR THE MOTION - YOU HAVE ANOTHER MOTION? >> NO OTHER MOTION. I JUST WANTED TO MAHALO MEMBER JOHNSON FOR EXPEDITIOUSLY GETTING THE BUDGET ITEM, AND THEN FOLLOWING UP WITH THE LEGISLATION. SO THAT THIS CAN GO INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND THEN ALSO, MAHALO, MR.\r\n\r\nLAU FOR HIS TESTIMONY LAST COUNCIL MEETING TO ADD IN THE FARE-FREE PART. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS MADE THE BUSES FREE PRESENTLY, BECAUSE OF THE DISASTER. SO THAT IS ALSO GOOD NEWS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER IMPORTANT GRAMMATICAL CHANGES? >> EXCUSE ME, CHAIR? >> YES. >> STAFF WOULD JUST POINT OUT THIS IS AN AMENDMENT AT FINAL READING. SO RULE 19C WOULD NEED TO BE WAIVED IN ORDER FOR FINAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN TODAY.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR? I MOVE TO WAIVE RULE 19C OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL, SO THAT WE CAN TAKE ACTION AFTER AMENDING THE BILL. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER KAMA TO WAIVE THE RULES OF COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS HYPHEN ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. OKAY? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. AND SO WE DID TAKE THE VOTE; RIGHT? ALREADY? SHOULD WE TAKE IT AGAIN? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AS AMEND, AMENDED RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. WHAT WOULD WE EVER DO WITHOUT YOU, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS. >> YOU WOULD HAVE NO HYPHENS [LAUGHTER] CHAIR? >> WE WOULD BE HYPHENLESS. >> CHAIR? >> YOU PUT A MAJOR SCARE INTO MEMBER JOHNSON WHO WORKED SO HARD ON THIS BILL AND WE'RE HERE TOSSING AROUND HYPHENS, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nI FEEL SORRY FOR HIM. OKAY. EVERYBODY -- MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION ON BILL 84. BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR VISITOR INDUSTRY TOURISM MANAGEMENT GRANT FUND. I MOVE TO FILE BILL 84 (2023) AND I WILL EXPLAIN WHY, IF I GET A SECOND. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE ON THE RECONSIDERATION. >> IT WAS REFERRED, CHAIR. THERE WASN'T ANY ACTION. >> DAVID? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD DEFER TO THE COUNTY CLERK, IF SHE HAS A DIFFERENT IDEA? WE WOULD NORMALLY REGARD THE REFERRAL AS A FORM OF ACTION.\r\n\r\nSO RECONSIDERATION WOULD BE IN ORDER. THANK YOU. >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> I MOVE FOR A RECONSIDERATION ON BILL 84. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECOND BY MEMBER PALTIN TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON BILL 84. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. SO NEW INFORMATION WAS JUST SHARED WITH ME FROM OUR OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR THAT HAWAIIAN TOURISM AUTHORITY RELEASED \$2.6 MILLION YESTERDAY TO HELP WITH MARKETING -- OH, OKAY.\r\n\r\nDID YOU SAY DIFFERENT NUMBER? 2.6 MILLION. MORE? OH, OKAY. >> THAT'S

CORRECT. I WATCHED TV LAST NIGHT. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE GETTING THUMB'S UP. GOOD. SO THERE IS FUNDING FOR THE HELP WITH MARKETING THAT THE PUBLIC BUSINESS OWNERS, AND OTHER PARTS OF MAUI ARE ASKING FOR. YOU KNOW, I ALSO WANT TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE ALSO HEAR THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN WORKING TOWARDS MANAGEMENT. I EMAILED THE MAUI VISITOR'S BUREAU TO ASK WHAT IS THEIR PLAN, THE NEW BUDGET ON DETAILS OF PAID MEDIA? SO PAID ADVERTISING WHICH IS THE INTENT FOR THE MARKETING PROGRAM. AS OUR TESTIFIER STATED WE ALSO DO NEED MANAGEMENT.\r\n\r\nLIKE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO JUST SAY COME HERE. WE'RE NOT DOING BRAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW. HAWAII HAS A -- -- MAUI SPECIFICALLY HAS A STRONG BRAND. SO IT'S NOT BRAND DEVELOPMENT. IT'S MORE EDUCATING TOURISTS THAT THEY CAN COME TO OTHER PARTS OF MAUI. DON'T GO TO WEST MAUI AND WHEN YOU DO COME, PLEASE BE SENSITIVE. SO I THINK THERE'S A NECESSARY COMPONENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION IN THE PAID MEDIA PAID ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION.\r\n\r\nMAHALO,? >> AYE. LIKE I SAID, YOU CAUGHT ME ON A GOOD DAY. WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THE RECONSIDERATION AND NOT DISCUSSION OF THE ENTIRE ITEM. BUT NOW EVERYBODY KNOWS WHY SHE IS MAKING THE MOTION. SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A VOTE ON THE RECONSIDERATION. RIGHT? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER PALTIN ON THE RECONSIDERATION. >> YES. SORRY, I WAS ABLE TO WATCH TELEVISION LAST NIGHT AND I DID HEAR THAT ON THE NEWS AS WELL. BUT I DIDN'T CONNECT THE DOTS IN TIME ON THE REFERRAL. SO I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE RECONSIDERATION. >> DID YOU SAY, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, THAT THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOTIFIED YOU. >> IS ON.\r\n\r\n>> THAT -- >> YES. >> THAT THEY NO LONGER ARE SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT FOR BILL 84? >> I DIDN'T ASK -- -- OH, NO. DIRECTOR MAHI IS ON. SHE DID NOT ASK ME TO FILE. >> OKAY. >> I SAID THAT \$2.6 MILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY AND \$75,000 CAN CONTINUE TO BE FOR MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE PROMOTION WOULD STILL REQUIRE EDUCATION, AND MANAGEMENT. SO I STILL THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S RELEVANT, AND THE BUDGET AMENDMENT WOULDN'T BE NECESSARY.\r\n\r\nBUT DIRECTOR MAHI IS ON, IF YOU WANT TO ASK HER. >> DIRECTOR MAHI. >> GOOD MORNING. >> WELCOME. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS? >> JUST ONE. I'M ABSOLUTELY -- WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THE EDUCATIONAL ASPECT AND COMPONENT OF DESTINATION MANAGEMENT IS STILL VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.\r\n\r\nHOWEVER, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PROMOTE IS THE IMPORTANCE OF STIMULATING OUR ECONOMY, AND GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK WE NEED THE JOBS, ABSOLUTELY. THAT IS OUR FIRST GOAL. >> AND THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION FROM MEMBER SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST A QUESTION FOR DIRECTOR MAHI. WE DID HAVE AN EAST MAUI RESIDENT COME ON AND TESTIFY. I WAS WONDERING AND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SOME NONPROFITS FOR TOURISM MANAGEMENT ON THE EASTSIDE.\r\n\r\nHAVE THEY BEEN GRANTED ANY OF THESE FUNDING ALREADY? >> I'M NOT SURE, UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T LOG IN EARLY ENOUGH TO HEAR PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. ANYBODY CAN FILL ME IN? I DON'T KNOW WHAT ORGANIZATION THAT THEY WERE WITH. >> THIS WAS HANA HIGHWAYS REGULATIONS. >> OH, I AM NOT SURE, BUT I CAN CHECK INTO THAT. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> ANYBODY ELSE? WE'RE ONLY ON THE RECONSIDERATION PART. ALL RIGHT? ROLL CALL. >> MEMBER PRO TEMPORE KAMA? >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN? >> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI? >> AYE. >> CHAIR LEE?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> CHAIR, IT'S UNANIMOUS. >> YES, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO FILE BILL 84 (2023) . >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO FILE THE BILL. BILL 84. AND DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ?\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. I THINK I HAVE MADE ALL OF THE POINTS IN THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER, BUT I DO SEE MEMBER PALTIN'S HAND UP. IF THERE'S ANYTHING NEW TO ADD, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT YOU KNOW, WITH THE MONEY GOING TO HTA, THE \$2.6 MILLION, I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING FOR US AT MAUI COUNTY IS TO WORKING ON THAT MESSAGE, IF THE IMPORTANT THING IS JOBS. AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO MANAGE IT, PART OF THE REASON TOURISM SLOWED DOWN ON ALL OF MAUI IS SOME OF OUR INFLUENCERS SEEING WHAT HAPPENED THREE DAYS AFTER THE FIRE.\r\n\r\nSO IF OED, OR THE CHAMBER, OR

WHOMEVER WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY ON THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE NEED FOR JOBS, AND TOURISM IN AREAS THAT CAN HANDLE IT, I THINK WE CAN WORK WITH THE INFLUENCERS TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT AS WELL, AND KEEP THAT \$75,000 TO MANAGE THE TOURISTS WHEN THEY COME, BECAUSE NOT ALL OF THEM FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. >> I GUESS I JUST HAVE TO GO ON THE ROAD AGAIN. DO YOU KNOW I DID 26 INTERVIEWS AND MOST OF THEM WERE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL? I KNOW PEOPLE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY. MEMBER SINENCI. >> MAHALO, CHAIR FOR MY OPPORTUNITY AND MAHALO TO MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ FOR THE MOTION. I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE MS.\r\n\r\nSWAIOL'S TESTIMONY THAT EAST MAUI, WE WANT TO BE VISITOR- -- VISITOR SAFETY IS ONE OF OUR ISSUES AND PART OF THE MESSAGING SHOULD BE THAT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES, FOR EMT PERSONNEL, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR VISITORS ARE VISITING THOSE PLACES THAT HAVE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES ALREADY IN PLACE. SO HAPPY TO SUPPORT MORE MANAGEMENT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. I DID SPEAK WITH MEMBER -- NOT MEMBER, BUT DIRECTOR MAHI ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY. AND SHE DID ASSURE ME THAT THE MONIES THAT MVB WERE DISCUSSING HAD MOG NOTHING TO DO WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS OR ANOTHER FOLKS THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR FUNDING. AM I CORRECT, DIRECTOR MAHI?\r\n\r\nDO YOU WANT TO EXPAND ON THAT? >> YES, THEIR GRANT WAS FOR A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE, AND DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ONE, AND ALSO, WE AGREED TO PAY FOR THEIR BROCHURES THAT WERE CREATED THAT COVERED SPECIFICALLY LANA'I, MOLOKA'I, AND EAST MAUI. >> OKAY. >> WHEN I MENTIONED EARLIER, FOLKS, I WAS ON THE ROAD, ON SEVERAL NATIONAL TV STATIONS, I TALKED ABOUT MAUI IS NOT ON FIRE. FOR SOME REASON, THEY WANT TO SAY MAUI IS ON FIRE. THAT NEEDED CLARIFICATION AND ME AND OTHER PEOPLE TRIED TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION. MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> I KIND OF WAS REFERRING TO OTHER INFLUENCERS THAT -- [LAUGHTER] THAT HAVE A BROADER FOLLOWING. >> OKAY. I WENT ON ABC, CNN, EVERY SINGLE MAJOR STATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. OKAY? PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SOME INFLUENCE IN THIS CHAMBER.\r\n\r\nBUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I THANK DIRECTOR MAHI FOR WHAT SHE SAID, BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS VERY IMPORTANT. WHILE LAHAINA IS OUR GREATEST CONCERN, BUT BEYOND LAHAINA, ALSO ARE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE SUFFERING, AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DIRECTION FROM US, AND WHAT IS THAT MESSAGE GOING TO BE? THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MESSAGING? THAT HTA IS GOING TO SEND OUT? SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVERYBODY BEYOND LAHAINA DOESN'T GET TO ENJOY THEIR BUSINESSES, OR THE TOURISTS THAT USED TO GO TO MAYBE THE KANA AREA OR BEYOND THAT? >> IS THAT A QUESTION FOR DIRECTOR MAHI? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. >> DIRECTOR MAHI, DID YOU HEAR THE QUESTION? >> YES. IN REGARDS TO MARKETING OR IN REGARDS TO THE PLANS FOR THE BUSINESSES THAT WERE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IMPACTED? >> YES. >> BOTH. >> SO WE DO HAVE A PLAN THAT I'M WORKING ON WITH A COUPLE OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE'RE HOPING TO GET ALL OF THAT FINALIZED TODAY.\r\n\r\nSO WE CAN ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE FOR OUR BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. AND THEY WILL HAVE A PLACE TO GO FOR SPECIFICALLY GRANT FUNDING. KNOWING THAT MANY OF THEM DURING COVID HAD TAKEN ON COVID LOANS, OR EID L LOANS MANY DON'T QUALIFY FOR ANOTHER SBA LOAN. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT PRIMARILY GRANT FUNDING FOR THEM. >> WHAT WOULD THE MESSAGING BE TO THEM, IF THE MESSAGE TO THE TOURISTS IS DON'T GO TO THE WEST SIDE, BUT STAY ON CENTRAL AND SOUTHSIDE? >> WELL, LIKE I MENTIONED, THE IMPORTANCE IS TO BRING OUR VISITORS BACK IN A RESPECTFUL AND SENSITIVE WAY. SO THAT THEY CAN PUT OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK.\r\n\r\nI THINK THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRE, WE HAD, I BELIEVE 121 PEOPLE ON UNEMPLOYMENT, AND AS OF LAST WEEK FRIDAY, OVER 4,000 HAVE APPLIED. I WILL BE GETTING AN UPDATE ON THAT TODAY. SO I KNOW THAT WITH MY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CREW THAT HAS BEEN AT HYATT REGENCY AND UH MAUI HUB, THEY HAVE A WAITING LIST OF PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP AND SERVICES WITH NOT JUST UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, OR DOA, WHICH IS IN PLACE OF PUA DURING COVID. BUT WITH SNAP BENEFITS, GENERAL ASSISTANCE. SO OUR OFFICE IS TRYING TO BRING THEM ALL OF THE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN TO HELP EVERYBODY. >> I'M JUST HOPING THAT THE PEOPLE ON THAT SIDE WITH THEIR BUSINESSES WILL BE OKAY. THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> DON'T FORGET WE'RE ON THE RECONSIDERATION -- NOT THE RECONSIDERATION, BUT THE FILING OF BILL 84. MEMBER

JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD SUPPORT THE FILING. YOU KNOW, I'M A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR BETTER PAYING JOBS, QUALITY OVER QUANTITY, I USED TO WORK IN THE RESORTS. I KNOW THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE MAKES A DECENT LIVING, BUT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE DOESN'T; RIGHT? WE OFTEN HEAR THE UNIONS SAY ONE JOB SHOULD BE ENOUGH, AND THAT IS A LOT OF REASON WHY OUR UNEMPLOYMENT IS SO LOW, BECAUSE WE'RE WORKING TWO JOBS. I SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE ALICE, YOU KNOW, ALICE HOUSEHOLDS ARING, ING WORKING, BUT NOT MAKING GOOD MONEY AND THIS DISASTER UNFORTUNATELY MAYBE FORCES OUR HAND TO PIVOT TO BETTER-PAYING JOBS, OTHER WAYS, HAVING A MORE DIVERSE ECONOMY.\r\n\r\nAND I THINK THAT IS KIND OF WHY I WANT TO LOOK THROUGH THIS LENS, THROUGH THIS WITH THE LENS OF OKAY, IN TIMES OF DISASTER, WE HAVE TO BE NIMBLE, AND MAYBE LOOK AT OTHER WAYS, OTHER CAREERS THAT ACTUALLY COULD END UP HELPING OUR COMMUNITY. SO I SUPPORT THE FILING. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANYBODY ELSE? MEMBER COOK. >> I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LAID-OFF IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.\r\n\r\nGETTING RESERVATIONS AT RESTAURANTS IS DIFFICULT, BECAUSE THEY ARE CUTTING BACK ON HOURS. THERE IS FEAR AND CONCERN ABOUT BEING ABLE TO PAY RENT, BILLS, UTILITIES, AND WE DO NEED TO EDUCATE OUR TOURISTS AND VISITORS, AND ADVOCATE THAT THEY COME BACK, WITH SENSITIVITY. BUT WE NEED THEM BACK, OTHERWISE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT WITH VIRTUALLY NO OTHER SUPPORT. THANK YOU. >> ANYBODY ELSE? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> MYSELF AND TAMARA PALTIN ARE LIVING DAILY, MINUTE-BY-MINUTE, THIS DISASTER.\r\n\r\nI WILL TELL YOU THAT WE DO NEED OUR MAIN ECONOMIC DRIVER BACK TO COME AND HELP SUPPORT AND LIFT THE COMMUNITY. VERY SENSITIVELY, I THINK THEY KNOW THE PAIN, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GETTING EMAIL MESSAGES FROM OUR NACO COUNTERPARTS, FINANCIAL DONATIONS, I MEAN, AMAZING, COMING FORWARD TO SUPPORT US. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I DO FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE NEED OUR VISITOR COMPONENT TO HELP US TO GET JOBS BACK, TO GET FAMILIES BACK SECURE. THERE'S SO MUCH NEED. IT'S ALMOST LIKE A COVID EXPERIENCE, WHICH WE ALL REMEMBER, EXCEPT THIS TIME, THE REST OF THE NATION IS NOT IN COVID. SO THE SUPPORT WE'RE GETTING IS UNIQUE, BECAUSE IT'S MAUI-CENTRIC, BUT SO NEEDED.\r\n\r\nSO I SUPPORT THIS BY FILING IT. I DID SPEAK TO DIRECTOR MAHI BEFORE THE MEETING, AND WAS AWARE OF THE ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT HTA IS DOING, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. IT WILL BE MANAGED. IT WILL NOT BE HELTER-SKELTER BECAUSE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE CHAOS WE'RE IN AND TAMARA AND MYSELF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE, IF THEY WANT TO ABOUT WHAT STEPS FORWARD? I BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGES ARE LOUD AND CLEAR. THANK YOU. >> ANYONE ELSE?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO FILE BILL 84 RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS. MOTION CARRIES. THIS BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR. MY LITTLE CHICKADEES. WE HAVE A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR PRO TEM KAMA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO THIS AFTERNOON, AND YOU KNOW, IT'S AT 11:30 ON THE UP CAMPUS ON THE GREAT LAWN, AND THE TITLE OF THE EVENT IS CALLED "KUPUNI OU O MAUI." MEANING EMBRACE BELOVED MAUI A STATEWIDE DAY LONG VIGIL BEGINNING TODAY. AND THEY ACTUALLY SAID OOLA KAKOU HAWAII. MAY OUR HAWAII HEAL AS ONE. SO THEY ARE INVITING PEOPLE TO COME TODAY TO THE UP CAMPUS AND A LOT OF KUMU AND FAITH LEADERS WILL BE THERE TO LIFT OUR COMMUNITY IN PRAYER. OFFER AT THE KA'ANAPALI GOLF COURSE IS AN ARRIVAL AND TRADITIONAL HEALING OF LOMI LOMI FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED NOT JUST SPIRITUAL HEALING, BUT PHYSICAL HEALING OF THEIR BODIES AND 5:00 P.M. THE PROGRAM STARTS THERE. THEY JUST WANT PEOPLE TO COME, AND JUST TO LIFT UP ONE ANOTHER. ALSO, THEY ARE ASKING PEOPLE, IF YOU COULD HOLD VIGILS OF OUR OWN, IN OUR OWN HOME AND OWN FAMILIES WE CONTINUOUSLY DO THAT DAILY, BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO LIFT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVE THEM HOPE.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO TODAY. SO THANK YOU, CHAIR. IF EVERYONE IS AVAILABLE AT 11:30 AT UP MAUI COLLEGE. >> MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I WANT TO LET MY COMMUNITY, WHICH IS UP COUNTRY, TOMORROW 9:00, 10:00, 12:00, ARE THE GATHERING TIMES VOLUNTEERS ARE GREEN WASTE DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM OUR GULCHES.\r\n\r\nI SEE THIS PHENOMENON HAPPENING AND THRILLED TO SEE THE FORCE OF THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER. SO AT KULA LODGE IS THE MEETING PLACE. AND THEY ARE ENERGIZED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. THE MEETING --

THE GULCH AREA THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FIRES THAT GOT IGNITED DURING THE UP COUNTRY WILDFIRE INCIDENT, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT NOT ONLY ARE THEY FOCUSING ON THIS, BUT THERE'S A WHOLE OTHER GROUP AND COMMUNITY FOCUSING ON 6,000 ACRES OF LAND THAT BURNED PU'UELO AND THAT IT DOESN'T CREATE A MUDSLIDE TO MY NEIGHBOR MEMBER COOK'S COMMUNITY IN KIHEI AND THERE'S A WHOLE EFFORT ABOUT FIRE BREAKS AND HOW CATTLE -- THERE'S A WHOLE SCIENCE GOING ON. I VALUE THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, EVERYBODY WHO IS COMING TOGETHER, THE NRCS, THE SOIL WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE STRIDES. EVERY DAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU, MEMBERS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE I WAS ON A PANEL WITH ED SNIFFEN LAST NIGHT, AND HE WAS SAYING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WAS GOING TO START TO BE PROACTIVE ABOUT THOSE -- ABOUT BRUSH ABATEMENT AS WELL. SO I THINK THAT IS THE CHANGE THAT WE NEED TO SEE, AND JUST ENCOURAGE ANY LANDOWNER TO FOCUS ON BRUSH ABATEMENT, BECAUSE IT'S THE FUELS, YOU KNOW, THAT -- IT'S THE FUELS THAT DRIVE THE FIRES. THE FUEL ISN'T THERE, THERE WOULDN'T BE SO MUCH FIRE. SO IF THE COUNTY COULD FOLLOW SUIT ON THEIR LANDS, THAT WOULD BE A BIG PREVENTION MEASURE AS WELL.\r\n\r\n>> YES, WHOSE COMMITTEE WOULD THAT BE IN? YOURS? RIGHT? FIRE. MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO UPDATE EVERYONE FOR THE RECORD, AND THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE UPDATED BUS ROUTES.\r\n\r\nSO THE MAUI BUS WILL IMPLEMENT A NEW WEST MAUI EXPRESS ROUTE NO. 29, AND THAT STARTED THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2023. THE NEW BUS ROUTE COMBINES LAHAINA ISLANDER, NO. 20 AND WEST MAUI ISLANDER HE, WHICH IS 28. SO YOU MODIFICATIONS WITH HOURLY SERVICE FROM KAPALUA TO KA'ANAPALI TO THE KA'AHUMANU THROUGH KA'ANAPALI TO KAPALUA, 35:00 A.M. RUNNING DAILY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THAT IS STRAIGHT OFF THE WEBSITE, JUST TO BE CLEAR WITH THAT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS?\r\n\r\nNO? OKAY. WELL, THEN, THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023 IS NOW ADJOURNED. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. [GAVEL] THANK YOU. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT UH AT 11:30.