

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

# **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

March 23, 2018

**Committee  
Report No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on February 27, 2018, makes reference to County Communication 17-377, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to the matter of Category VII refuse disposal fees at the Central Maui Landfill.

The Deputy Director of Environmental Management said approximately \$32,500 per month is collected at the Central Maui Landfill ("Landfill") from the \$3 fee for residential refuse hauling, which was implemented on July 1, 2017. He said over \$200,000 has been collected to date.

The Deputy said additional manpower was required at the Landfill to implement the fee. He said the Department uses contract personnel to collect and process the fee. He noted the slowdown at the Landfill is caused by actual dumping of refuse into the bins and not the processing of payments.

He said the amount of residential trash hauled to the Landfill did not change much since the implementation of the fee. He said residents have become accustomed to paying the fee and they have made the necessary adjustments to dispose of their trash at the Landfill. He noted although residents are making less trips to the Landfill, they are increasing the volume of trash per trip. The Deputy said the Landfill processes trash from about 11,000 vehicles per month, with an average load of 350 pounds per vehicle.

Your Committee expressed concern that more trash would be left on Pulehu Road because of the fee. The Deputy said initially there was an increase in the amount of trash left along the roadway, but now items left along the road are appliances and abandoned vehicles. Both items are not

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Page 2

**Committee  
Report No. \_\_\_\_\_**

accepted at the Landfill. Therefore, the appliances and abandoned vehicles left along the roadway should not be attributed to the \$3 fee.


The Deputy informed your Committee the average of 300 pounds of refuse per vehicle at the current rate of \$90 per ton, equates to a cost of \$12 per vehicle for municipal solid waste taken to the Landfill. He said with the implementation of the \$3 fee, the County subsidizes each residential refuse haul by \$9.

The Deputy added the Solid Waste Division incurred increased labor hours for tracking and balancing cash receipts with the number of residential hauling units. He said the residential hauling units are tracked by an automated counting system that counts the number of vehicles entering the Landfill.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair White, and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, Guzman, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member King was excused.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication 17-377 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RIKI HOKAMA, Chair