

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 21, 2020

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Economic Development and Budget Committee, having met on January 28, 2020, makes reference to County Communication 19-394, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, MOLOKAI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, DRAINAGE, BOND FUND, KAUNAKAKAI DRAINAGE SYSTEM B; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; AND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Budget by 1) increasing estimated revenues for Bond/Lapsed Bond by \$3,200,000; 2) amending Section 4.G., Department of Public Works, by adding "5. Molokai Community Plan Area, Drainage, Bond Fund," and an appropriation entitled "Kaunakakai Drainage System B," in the amount of \$3,200,000; and 3) adjusting the totals accordingly.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF

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PUBLIC WORKS (KAUNAKAKAI DRAINAGE SYSTEM B)”
 (“Appendix C bill”).

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the FY 2020 Budget, Appendix C, Capital Improvement Projects, by adding an appropriation for the Molokai Community Plan Area for a project entitled “Kaunakakai Drainage System B,” under the Department of Public Works, in the amount of \$3,200,000, and a description of the project.

3. A proposed bill entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4985, BILL NO. 34 (2019), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - KAUNAKAKAI DRAINAGE SYSTEM B).”

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the FY 2020 general obligation bond authorization ordinance by adding an appropriation for the Molokai Community Plan Area, Drainage, for a project entitled “Kaunakakai Drainage System B,” in the amount of \$3,200,000, under the Department of Public Works.

The County Communication explains that bond funding of \$2,000,000 was appropriated for the Kaunakakai Drainage System B project in 2019. However, the lowest bid for the project was \$3,200,000. The Department allowed their FY 2019 appropriation to lapse. By adding a \$3,200,000 appropriation to the FY 2020 Budget, the Department can proceed with the project.

Your Committee noted the Appendix C bill describes the Kaunakakai Drainage System B project as entailing “design and construction of drainage improvements to complete the last segment of the drainage system located in Kaunakakai, Molokai, which will outlet to an existing

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wetland.” The project also includes “preparation of construction documents, environmental permits, and construction management.”

Your Committee notes System A and a portion of System B of the Drainage Master Plan for Kaunakakai were completed in the early 2000s. The second phase of the System B project, which the community did not support, began after a final environmental assessment was published in 2017.

The Deputy Director of Public Works explained no Federal funding is associated with this project.

Your Committee noted the proposed project area will be under water because of sea-level rise projections.

Your Committee notes the existing wetlands are not healthy enough to properly filter debris, pollution, and chemicals which could be expedited into the ocean through this project. Consequently, your Committee prefers the project not proceed.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and members Hokama, Molina, Paltin, and Sinenci voted “aye.” Committee members Kama, Lee, and Sugimura were excused.

Your Economic Development and Budget Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication 19-394 be FILED.

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



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair

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