

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

July 28, 2017

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, having met on July 17, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-7, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on July 7, 2017, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAAKEA POEPOE TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION," along with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Laakea Poepoe to the Molokai Planning Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Marshall Racine.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code ("MCC").

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Molokai Planning Commission are located in Section 2.28.020, MCC, and Charter Section 8-8.4.

The Council must approve or disapprove Mr. Poepoe's nomination to the Molokai Planning Commission by September 5, 2017, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee did not request to interview the nominee.

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A representative of the Mayor said Mr. Poepoe has expressed an interest in serving the Molokai community, especially in the area of planning, and offers a dual perspective as both a resident and a firefighter.

Your Committee noted Mr. Poepoe has experience as a member of Hui Malama O Mo`omomi, advocating for natural resource management and conservation. Your Committee also noted Mr. Poepoe would offer a fresh perspective on the Commission.

Your Committee noted a recent amendment to Section 2.28.070, MCC, requires at least one member of each planning commission have “demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.” Your Committee expressed concern whether the nominee fulfills the requirement.

The representative of the Mayor said the nominee appeared to meet the criterion because of his background and experience.

Your Committee requested the Mayor consider the requirement under Section 2.28.070, MCC, when evaluating future candidates for planning commission vacancies.

Your Committee was satisfied with Mr. Poepoe’s application and recommended his nomination be approved.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, and King voted “aye.” Committee members Guzman, Hokama, and White were excused.


Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled “RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAAKEA POEPOE TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION,” be ADOPTED.

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



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAAKEA POEPOE
TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated July 7, 2017, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council he nominated Laakea Poepoe to the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy replacing Marshall Racine, pursuant to Section 2.28.020, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

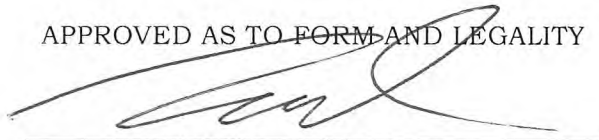
WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8-8.4 contains specific provisions relating to the Molokai Planning Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it approves the appointment of Laakea Poepoe to serve on the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2019;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Laakea Poepoe for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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