

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

**HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, AND
TRANSPORTATION 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 Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee, having met on March 23, 2017, and July 6, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-119, from Councilmember Stacy Crivello, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONTRACT FOR A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Council Chair to contract for a performance audit of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, which authorizes the Council to conduct investigations of the operation of any department or function of the County.

By correspondence dated June 21, 2017, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a revised proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONTRACT FOR PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."

The purpose of the revised proposed resolution is to authorize the Council Chair to contract for performance and fiscal audits of the Department of Transportation. The audits would review the Department's current processes and procedures, with the goal of identifying gains in cost effectiveness, operational efficiency, and quality and reliability of service that would benefit the Department and the public.

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The Chair of your Committee said two audits, one covering public transit and commuter service transit programs, and the other covering paratransit and human services' transit programs, would be conducted because of the magnitude of the work.

The audits may also help to determine whether additional public transit routes are feasible for the County, and whether current fares are adequate to cover the services provided.

Your Committee did not recommend the filing of County Communication 17-119 to allow a copy of the audits to be reviewed by your Committee, once the audits are completed.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution. Committee Chair Crivello, Vice-Chair Carroll, and members Guzman, King, and White voted "aye." Committee members Atay and Hokama were excused.

Your Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONTRACT FOR PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," be ADOPTED.

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



STACY CRIVELLO, Chair

Resolution

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AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO CONTRACT FOR PERFORMANCE AND FISCAL AUDITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), the Council has the authority to conduct investigations of the operation of any department or function of the County and any subject upon which the Council may legislate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-14.3 of the Charter, the County Department of Transportation is responsible for planning and developing an efficient program to facilitate the rapid, safe, and economical movement of people and goods in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to public transit and commuter service transit contracts with Roberts Hawaii, the Department oversees the Americans with Disabilities Act paratransit and human services’ transit programs through grant agreements awarded to Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Department’s paratransit program provides transportation services for persons with disabilities who are unable to use the public transit service; and

WHEREAS, the Department’s human services’ transit program provides transportation services for youth, the elderly, the disadvantaged, disabled persons, persons in rural areas, and non-emergency transportation services for kidney dialysis patients and the general public; and

WHEREAS, gains in cost effectiveness, operational efficiency, and quality and reliability of service that would benefit the Department and the public could be identified through third-party performance and fiscal audits, to be funded through the Council Services Program budget for audits; now, therefore,

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

1. That it hereby authorizes the Council Chair to contract for a performance and fiscal audit of the Department of Transportation as it relates to public transit and commuter service transit programs; and
2. That it hereby authorizes the Council Chair to contract for a performance and fiscal audit of the Department of Transportation as it relates to paratransit and human services' transit programs; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Transportation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Deputy Corporation Counsel
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