

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

September 27, 2024

**Committee
Report No.** _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on September 12, 2024, makes reference to Resolution 24-117, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP, FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI 2024 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER BONDS."

Resolution 24-117's purpose is to authorize the retention of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, as bond and disclosure counsel, to represent the County of Maui during its 2024 General Obligation Bond Issuance and other bonds, for a total compensation not to exceed \$54,000.

By correspondence dated June 13, 2024, the Acting Director of Finance transmitted a copy of contract C8293, for professional services of the firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, as qualified bond and disclosure counsel for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

The Acting Director provided an overview of the firm's qualifications and explained why they were selected. The Deputy Director also explained that the selection of the firm was in conformance with the County's established procurement process.

Your Committee notes that the Council alone is authorized to retain or employ special counsel by resolution adopted by two-thirds vote in accordance with Section 3-6(6) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended.

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Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 24-117. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins and members Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair Paltin and member Kama were excused.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 24-117, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP, FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI 2024 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER BONDS," be ADOPTED.

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



NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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Resolution

No. 24-117

AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP, FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI
2024 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER BONDS

WHEREAS, the Council alone is authorized to retain or employ special counsel by resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that there is a real necessity to retain the firm of HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP to represent the County of Maui as bond counsel and disclosure counsel for the County's 2024 General Obligation Bond Issuance and other bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance issued a Request for Proposal for Qualified Bond and Disclosure Counsel; and

WHEREAS, HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP was selected by the Department of Finance; now, therefore,

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

1. That the Council hereby authorizes the employment of the firm HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP, as bond counsel and disclosure counsel to represent the County of Maui during its 2024 General Obligation Bond Issuance and other bonds; and


2. That the total compensation for the employment of the firm HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP, as bond counsel and disclosure counsel shall not exceed \$54,000; and

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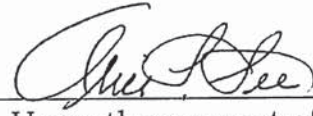
3. That the expenditures of additional funds shall require prior Council approval; and

4. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the Director of Finance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:


KRISTINA TOSNIKYTE
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
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2024-06-12 Reso 2024 Bond Issuance

INTRODUCED BY:

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Upon the request of the Mayor.