

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-09-24 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 09-24-24 13:30

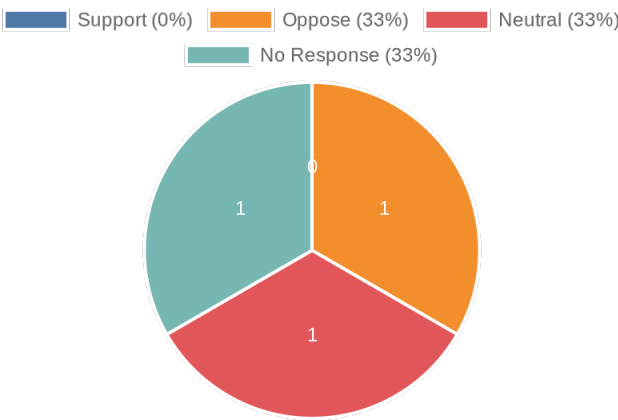
eComments Report

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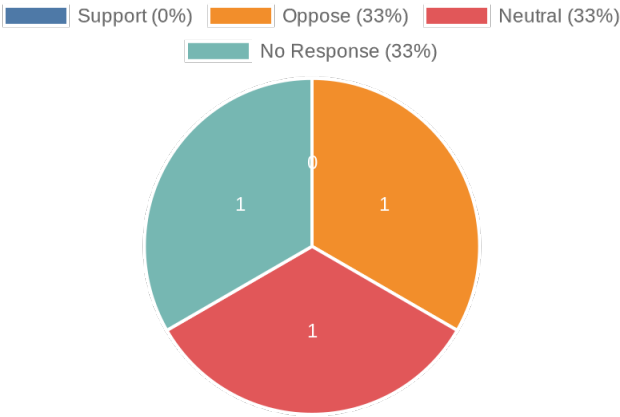


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GREAT-5(8) COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (GREAT-5(8))	1	0	0	1
GREAT-29 Bill 116 (2024) BILL 116 (2024), RELATING TO A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.36, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE MAUI COUNTY GRANTS PROGRAM, AND CHAPTER 3.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO CONCESSION AWARDS AND RENTAL OR LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (GREAT-29)	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

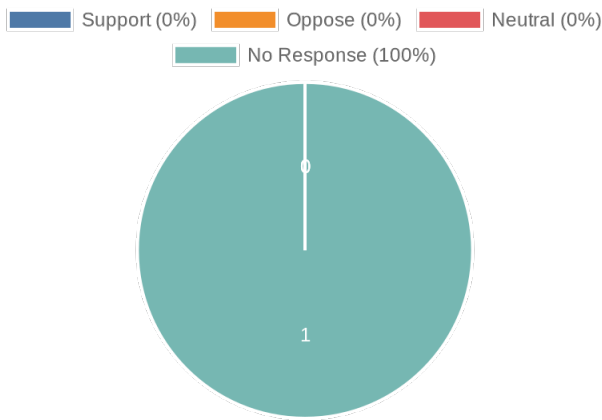
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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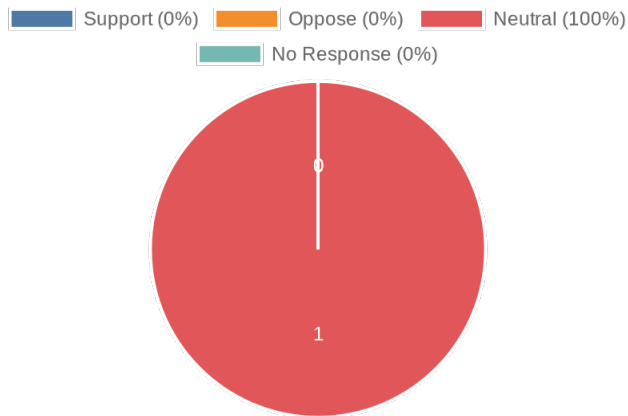
Location:
Submitted At: 1:23pm 09-24-24

Please find attached my written testimony on behalf of the Cost of Government Commission as authorized by the Commission.

Evan Dust
Interim Chair
Cost of Government Commission

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-5(8) COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (GREAT-5(8))

Overall Sentiment



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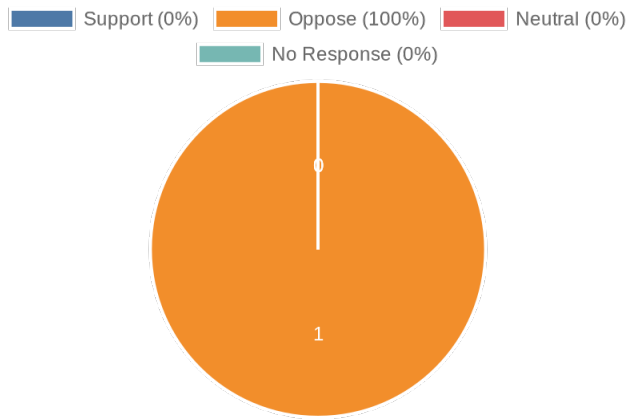
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Submitted At: 1:12pm 09-24-24

On behalf of the Cost of Government Commission, please find attached my testimony as Interim Chair.

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Overall Sentiment



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Location:
Submitted At: 3:17pm 09-24-24

Have the property managers come in and give an update as well as any other 3rd parties involved
You have Kapuna on wait lists for housing run by the county

Testimony to GREAT Committee

September 24, 2024

Aloha Chair U'u-Hodgins and Members of the GREAT Committee:

For the record, I am Evan Dust, the current Interim Chair of the Cost of Government Commission. The Commission has authorized me to address this Committee of Council on the issue of Boards and Commissions and the terms of appointment to those bodies. I am here on my own time and this testimony has not been coordinated in any way with Council Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Kama, for whom I am a part-time executive assistant.

On the issue of the number of boards and commissions, I understand the Cost of Government Commission for the 2010-2011 term reviewed the number of boards and commissions in existence at that time. That review recommended the dissolution of several boards and commissions. Comparing those recommendations to the current list of boards and commissions, most of those recommendations were not implemented by the Council. The only recommendation that was implemented was combining the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities, the Outdoor Lighting Standards Committee, and the Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee into the Public Works Commission.

Of particular interest, since the 2011 report from the Cost of Government Commission, the Council has created even more boards and commissions – all of the local advisory boards, the Commission on Healing Solutions and the East Maui Water Authority Board.

The Cost of Government Commission welcomes a request from the Council to again review the number and duties of the various boards and commissions with the hope of reducing the cost of operating the County.

In addition, as noted in our 2023-2024 Annual Report, the Cost of Government Commission is deeply concerned with the current terms of appointment for it and other boards and commissions. As it stands now, 4 of 9 members of the Cost of Government Commission will complete their terms of appointment at the end of March 2028 and the balance, 5 members, will term out the following year. The loss of institutional memory on an investigative body such as the Cost of Government has disproportionate impacts. It would be similar to if a majority of Council were prohibited from serving after a single election. While for Council, the loss of institutional memory is buffered by the capable staff at the Office of Council Services, the Cost of Government Commission only has a single contract employee.

In addition, recently amended Charter section 13-2 now provides that each new board or commission will have five members whose terms expire in one year,

and four whose terms expire the following year, which will put new boards and commissions in essentially the same predicament the Cost of Government Commission currently faces — that is, potentially losing all 9 members within a single year.

The Cost of Government Commission respectfully requests that Council consider a legislative amendment to provide greater staggering of terms – such that boards and commissions would not lose more than 3 members of a 9-member body in any given year. The Cost of Government Commission is willing to work with the Council’s legislative and legal staff to develop any such amendments.

On behalf of the Cost of Government Commission, as Interim Chair, I thank you for your public service and the opportunity to testify on this matter.