

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

December 19, 2025

**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 December 3, 2025, makes reference to Bill 105 (2025), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.”

Bill 105’s purpose is to allow alternate members to fill mid-term vacancies on County boards and commissions on an interim basis.

Your Committee noted that several County boards and commissions already have alternate members, including the Hāna Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission.

Your Committee also noted that alternate members on the Hāna Advisory Committee may fill mid-term vacancies in accordance with Subsection 2.28.050(F), Maui County Code. Bill 105 would define an alternate’s status for other County boards and commissions with the same allowance.

Your Committee acknowledged the importance of expediting the process for filling vacant board and commission seats to ensure the County can continue its business.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend passage of Bill 105 (2025), on first reading. Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.”

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Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 105, CD1 (2025), approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill 105, CD1 (2025), attached, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of the Council.



NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. **105, CD1** (2025)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The Council finds that several boards and commissions have alternate members, also referred to as alternates. Alternates on the Hāna Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission may fill mid-term vacancies under procedures set in Section 2.28.050, Maui County Code. But alternates' status is not defined for other boards and commissions.

This Ordinance's purpose is to allow alternate members to fill mid-term vacancies on boards and commissions on an interim basis.

This Ordinance is intended to further the County's efforts to ensure boards and commissions have enough voting members to conduct business and to fulfill the Countywide Policy Plan's objective of promoting civic engagement.

SECTION 2. Section 2.28.050, Maui County Code, is amended by amending Subsection F to read as follows:

"F. Mid-term vacancies [in council-appointed seats will be filled by the council, and mid-term vacancies in mayor-appointed seats will be filled by the mayor; except that if an advisory committee has an alternate, the alternate] under charter section 13-2(18) will [fill] be filled by an alternate for the remainder of the departing member's term[;] until the council or mayor fills the vacancy on a permanent basis; and

if an advisory committee has two alternates, the advisory committee's chair will designate an alternate to fill the remainder of the departing member's term[.], until the council or mayor fills the vacancy on a permanent basis."


SECTION 3. Section 2.41.040, Maui County Code, is amended to read as follows:

"2.41.040 Notice of vacancy. The mayor must notify the council and chair of the board, commission, or committee in writing of any vacancy [due to] from death or resignation on a board, commission, or committee within [ten] 10 days of receipt of the notice of vacancy by the mayor's office. The chair of the board, commission, or committee will designate an alternate to fill the remainder of the departing member's term, until the council or mayor fills the vacancy on a permanent basis, if the board, commission, or committee has an alternate who meets requirements."

SECTION 4. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance, on approval, takes effect retroactive to July 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:



for THOMAS KOLBE
Department of the Corporation
Counsel
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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", written over a horizontal line.

ALICE L. LEE