

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 23, 2026
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

| Councilmember | Pres. | Abs. | Exc. | Time(s) In/Out (during meeting) |
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| CM Kauanoë Batangan | √ | | | Exc.: 4:02 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. |
| Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura | √ | | | |
| CM Tamara Paltin | √ | | | |
| CM Gabe Johnson | √ | | | |
| CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | |
| CM Tom Cook | √ | | | |
| CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins | √ | | | Left meeting: 3:49 p.m. |
| CM Shane Sinenci | √ | | | |
| Chair Alice L. Lee | √ | | | |
| TOTAL PRESENT | 9 | | | |

Reso 26-6 "CONGRATULATING WEHIWA ALOY FOR WINNING THE 2025 GOLDEN SPIKES AWARD AND THE 2025 BOBBY BRAGAN NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SLUGGER AWARD"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 9:31 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 9:31 a.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT |

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| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | Johnson |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 9:38 a.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-7 "CONGRATULATING MAUI COUNTY HEALTHCARE HONOREES AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 2025 HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP GALA"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 9:50 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 9:51 a.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sugimura |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 9:57 a.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

RESOLUTIONS:

Reso 26-8 "UPDATING THE VOTING-MEMBER ROSTER FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 11:12 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 11:12 a.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | Sinenci |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 11:13 a.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |

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| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-9 "APPROVING A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION TO TRANSMIT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SOUTH MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL UNDER SUBSECTION 2.80B.090(C), MAUI COUNTY CODE"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 11:13 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 11:13 a.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Paltin |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 11:16 a.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-10 "APPOINTING FAITH CHASE TO THE POLICE COMMISSION"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 11:16 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 11:17 a.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | | √ | | Motion | ADOPT |
| CM Cook | | √ | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 11:51 a.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | | √ | | | |
| CM Batangan | | √ | | | |
| Chair Lee | | √ | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 4 | 5 | | MOTION FAILED | |

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
| CM Sinenci | | √ | | Time Motion Made | 1:35 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | FILE |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | U'u-Hodgins |

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| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | | √ | | Seconders | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 1:38 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | | √ | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 6 | 3 | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-11 "PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, ON COUNTY COUNCIL VACANCIES IN OFFICE"

1:56 p.m.: Referred to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee.

Reso 26-12 "ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF FAITH CHASE, SHAROL ANN LAY, AND BAILEY JUNE SPRY TO THE HĀNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION, UNDER CHAPTER 2.28, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 11:27 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:39 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT, as amended |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconders | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 1:50 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:40 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconders | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 1:49 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |

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| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-13 "ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF ZACH MATHERS TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS, UNDER CHAPTER 2.31, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 1:56 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:56 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT, as amended |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 2:03 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:57 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 2:01 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Reso 26-14 "ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF FAITH CHASE, VERALYN LATHAM, NORMAN "BUSH" MARTIN, JR., AND LURLYN SCOTT TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD, UNDER SECTION 8-19.2, REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 11:28 a.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:51 p.m. |

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| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | ADOPT, as amended |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 1:55 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 1:52 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sinenci |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 1:54 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

ORDINANCES

Bill 12 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.48.410, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON DEADLINES FOR FILING CLAIMS FOR REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 2:09 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 2:09 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | PASS on first reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 2:15 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |

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| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 13 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.02, MAUI 2:15 p.m.: Referred to the Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, & Public Transportation Committee.

Bill 14 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 2.96.090(D), MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON THE SELECTION PRIORITY FOR RESIDENTIAL WORKFORCE HOUSING OWNERSHIP UNITS" 2:16 p.m.: Referred to the Housing and Land Use Committee.

Bill 15 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE LAHAINA BURN ZONE"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 2:16 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 2:16 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | PASS on first reading, as amended |
| CM Cook | | √ | | Maker | Paltin |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 3:48 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | | √ | | | |
| CM Batangan | | √ | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 6 | 3 | | MOTION PASSED | |

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 2:51 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 2:52 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

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| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 2:52 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 3:14 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 9 | | | MOTION PASSED | |

| | AYE | NO | EXC | | |
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| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 3:14 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | √ | | | Motion | AMEND |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | U'u-Hodgins |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Batangan |
| CM Johnson | | √ | | Time Vote Taken | 3:33 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | 1 | | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 16 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.52, MAUI COUNTY CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION REGULATING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES"

3:50 p.m.: Referred to the Water and Infrastructure Committee.

Bill 17 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 9.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON SOCIAL HOST LIABILITY"

3:50 p.m. – Lay on Clerk's table until 2/6/2026 Council Meeting.

Bill 18 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR, STATE OF HAWAII FOR AUDITING SERVICES"

Bill 19 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES,

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE), NEW APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000"

Bill 20 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER MUNICIPAL GRANT (OSG), NEW APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 3:51 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 3:52 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS Bills 18, 19, 20 on first reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sugimura |
| CM Rawlins- Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 3:57 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

ORDINANCES - SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Bill 158, CD1, FD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY WATER CODE AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE ON WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL OF WATER USE"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 3:57 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 3:57 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Cook |
| CM Rawlins- Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 3:59 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 161, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING INTERIM RESTRICTIONS ON NEW PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS IN THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 3:59 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 3:59 p.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | | √ | | Maker | Paltin |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Sinenci |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:01 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | | √ | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 6 | 2 | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 168, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH A REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION TO INCREASE AND MAINTAIN ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:02 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:02 p.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Rawlins-Fernandez |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:03 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | | | √ | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 7 | | 2 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 177 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5820 (2025) RELATING TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING

FUND FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER PROJECTS, FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE"

Bill 178 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BY \$22,409,000, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, NEW AND INCREASED APPROPRIATION FOR \$22,409,000 FOR LAHAINA WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY RETURNED ACTIVATED SLUDGE (RAS)/DEWATERING UPGRADES"

Bill 6 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, CARRYOVER/SAVINGS, GENERAL FUND, BY \$162,500, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS, HUMAN CONCERNS PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR HOUSELESS PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNTY OF \$162,500"

Bill 7 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART I, EAST MAUI WATER AUTHORITY, HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FRESH WATER INITIATIVE, NEW APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000"

Bill 11 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, KEHALANI AFFORDABLE LLC, TO UPDATE THE UNIT DISTRIBUTION"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:03 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:05 p.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS Bills 177, 178, 6, 7, and 11 on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Sugimura |
| CM Rawlins- Fernandez | √ | | | Seconder | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:06 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |

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| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 3 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, OTHER PROJECTS, HOUSING, INTERIM FINANCING, AND BUY-BACK REVOLVING FUND, KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:06 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:06 p.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Paltin |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Secunder | Cook |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:08 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 4 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, CARRYOVER/SAVINGS, GENERAL FUND, BY \$5,000,000, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, HOUSING PROGRAM, INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR GRANT TO LAHAINA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST BY \$5,000,000, APPENDIX A, PART II, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND, DELETE THE CONDITION FOR LAHAINA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:08 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:08 p.m. |
| CM U‘u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Paltin |

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| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:10 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 5 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, MAKAWAO-PĀ'IA-HA'IKŪ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, REMOVING THE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR KAIZEN GROUP INC. AND INSERTING CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR NĀ MAKA O MĀLIKO"

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:10 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:10 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Paltin |
| CM Rawlins-Fernandez | √ | | | Second | Sugimura |
| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:11 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | 1 | MOTION PASSED | |

Bill 8 (2026) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY PROGRAM, ADDING NEW CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR FESTIVALS OF ALOHA, INC."

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| | AYE | NO | EXC | Time Deliberations Began | 4:12 p.m. |
| CM Sinenci | √ | | | Time Motion Made | 4:12 p.m. |
| CM U'u-Hodgins | | | √ | Motion | PASS on second and final reading |
| CM Cook | √ | | | Maker | Paltin |

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| CM Johnson | √ | | | Time Vote Taken | 4:13 p.m. |
| CM Paltin | √ | | | | |
| VC Sugimura | √ | | | | |
| CM Batangan | √ | | | | |
| Chair Lee | √ | | | | |
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TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:15 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2026-01-23 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

[GAVEL] >> Will the Council meeting of January 23rd, 2026 please come to order. It's now 9:12 a.m. Good morning and Aloha everyone. Roll call, Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, proceeding with roll call. Council Member Shane Sinenci? >> Aloha Kakahiaka, and Ohio gas mass.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Noelani Uu-Hodgins. >> Aloha, Chair. Aloha everyone. >> Council Member Tom Cook? >> Aloha Friday. There's -- we have people in Kihei office on standby if anybody wants to give testimony. Really happy to be here this morning and greet our friends from Japan and also to honor our student.\r\n\r\nThank you. >> Council Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Aloha Kakahiaka and Lono Kamaka hiki. There's currently no testifiers or Staff at the Moloka'i District Office, because Staff is helping with Kalele for Makahiki. So anyone on Moloka'i, just call in. Mahalo, Chair. >> Council Member Gabe Johnson?\r\n\r\n>> Aloha, Chair, Council Member, communities, there's no testifiers at the Lana'i District Office and I'm here and ready to work. Thank you. >> Council Member Tamara Paltin. >> Aloha Kakahiaka Kakou, live and direct from the Council Chambers. >> Vice-Chair Yukilei Sugimura. >> Good morning everybody. gozaimasu and I really appreciate the Council welcoming our guests from Izumi Sano City.\r\n\r\nLooking forward to a productive meeting, Chair. >> Council Member Kauanoe Batangan. >> Aloha Kakahiaka Kakou and special good morning to the Hamana from Kamehameha Schools Maui. >> And Council Chair Alice Lee. >> Good morning. >> All Members are present, which means you have a quorum to conduct the business of the Council. For the record, my name is Moana Lutey and I'm the Clerk, seated next to me is Richelle Thomson, Deputy Clerk and join using from the legislative division is Joyce Murashige, Lauren Saldana, Del Yoshida and Arthur Suyama.\r\n\r\nAssisting the Council with order and decorum is Ambassador Ryan Martins, joining from the meeting from the Office of Counsel services is Deputy Director Richelle Kawasaki and Legislative Attorney Peter Hanano. >> This morning's remarks will be provided by Council Member Shane Sinenci. >> Mahalo, Chair and Members. Members, this month of January is national human trafficking prevention month. There are more than 27 million people around the world that are subject to human trafficking. And we have learned that the traffickers often take advantage of unstable environments around the world, caused by natural disasters, conflicts, and pandemics to exploit both adults and children. This month we thank and we celebrate the collective work of foreign governments, international organizations, law enforcement officials, survivor advocates, and private citizens who continue to fight against and to increase awareness about human trafficking.\r\n\r\nThe Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 is a landmark U.S. law that made human trafficking a federal crime. It established a comprehensive framework of prevention, protection, and prosecution. It creates tools, like Visas for survivors, established anti-trafficking offices, defined sex and labor trafficking, and strengthened protections for victims. And also increased penalties for those traffickers. Chair, please join us this Monday in the Wassap Committee as we meet with the Representatives from Ho Kaki partnership and with parents and children together to review data on child abuse and neglect. Domestic violence and human trafficking in Maui County. Malama pono Kekahi, Kekahi, mahalo.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. Thank you very much. May I now ask that everyone join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for

all. Before we proceed with today's agenda, may I please request that everyone keep their microphones muted, unless it's your turn to speak. As a reminder, testimony must pertain to items on the meeting agenda. When testifying please direct your remarks to the Council and not to any individual Council Member, or Member of the public.

Each testifier will be allowed to speak for up to three minute on each item. For individuals wishing to testify on teams, please click the raise your hand button to be added to the log. If you are calling in, please follow phone prompts to be added to this testifier log. If you wish to testify anonymously, please sign in as anonymous and you will be given a testifier number. Decorum shall be maintained at all times. Any person who behaves in a manner that disrupts, disturbs or impedes the orderly conduct of any Council Meeting can at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, or a majority of present Council Members, be ejected or banned from Council meetings, or if participating remotely, muted or dropped from the meeting. Examples of disruptive behavior include, but not limited to heckling, shouting, use of profanity, threatening or slanderous remarks made to any Member of the Council, Staff, or general public.

And for those who are here for the first time, these things happen from time to time unfortunately. All meetings attendees whether online or in-person are expected to wear clothing which should not display profanity, obscenity, or any message that could be considered discriminatory, harassing, or inappropriate for these proceedings. Ms. Clerk, please proceed. >> Thank you, Chair. At this time, we don't have anyone signed up to testify on the Ceremonial Resolution, but the first one that we'll be taking up is 26-6. This is last call if there's anyone who would like to testify on the Ceremonial Resolution and countdown is 3, 2, 1. Well, we have a taker. This is Wehiwa's mom, Napua.

>> Aloha everyone, Aloha Council, my name is Napua Aloy, Wehiwa's mother. We're just so honored for this opportunity and the recognition Maui has just paid a significant role in upbringing in bringing this culture of Aloha bring our own excellence and recognizing their excellence that we've here on our island, not just recognized for our beauty, but for our people. So we definitely grateful as a parent, Wehiwa was a good boy and we recognize that after we had our second boy, but he as always responsible, very serious, but you could see the Joy if his eyes on the field and the fields that he played on here on this island. It was just a little seed that become a dream and as parents what we do is we water that seed and we help it grow in all that means we are -- whether it's love, with respect, with time, time is super important with your children. And just being present for them all-times. So it's just amazing to watch the seed blossom and continuing to grow for sure, but it's our parents' Joy to see is their child Joy coming through and dreams to be able to. And it wouldn't be possible without our Lui and without our beautiful people here on Maui and so definitely wanted to just say how honored we are how grate elf we are and proud her.

>> Thank you. That was so beautiful. >> Thank you. >> Do we have any other speakers? >> I'm staring at his family, Chair. I see his grandpa the back, too and his Uncle. >> Aloha Kakahiaka everybody.

I'm Jamie Aloy, Wehiwa's dad. I'm just so grateful for everything that our island has done and our community. Grateful for you guys the Maui County Council in recognizing not only Wehiwa's accomplishments, but everybody that has come before him has set the example for Wehiwa, his brother, and all of the other children in this community. So very grateful. I had a friend tell me that with what my sons have accomplished so far is like a .135% playing the same sport at the SEC-level. And it's just been an amazing journey like my wife said. Still cannot belief it's like living in a movie, you know?

Things just happening so fast.

Sometimes it's hard to enjoy, but we have been trying to enjoy it. And yeah, just feel so very grateful for this. Mahalo. >> Thank you, dad. [APPLAUSE] Any more speakers? Like to recognize in the back of the room Mr. \r\n\r\nKapahulehua. Would you like to say a few words? Old family friend. >> Aloha, Alice and Council Members. As you know we always promoted Aloha for Maui, as a grandparent, it to see my grandson, both my grandsons out in Arkansas and having them to have 10,000 fans wearing the long shirt in the game and making Aloha Friday out there. For a grandparent, so proud that he has taken Aloha to the United States of America, and we're so proud of him, of sharing Aloha. And really, serving Maui, the County of Maui, and we're so proud of him what he has done porous and nobody could do it better than Wehiwa and Kuhi'o Aloy in Arkansas and now he is playing for the Baltimore Orioles. \r\n\r\nSo we're really proud of that and I thank him and thank all you, and for his grandson Wehiwa. >> Thank you so much, mahalo. >> Mahalo. >> Ms. Clerk. >> I would think there's one more, that is his Uncle Russell Kapahulehua. >> Is this the Police Officer? \r\n\r\n>> He is a retired Officer. So we know each other very well. >> Yeah. >> Well, unreal Wehiwa. Congratulations for your accomplishment and all you that have done up to now. I have watched a lot of his games online and it's true, not just the Aloha shirts, but the palm trees and the leis and the flower leaves and what not. So he looks like he was a true Ambassador, him and his brother of Aloha there in Arkansas. \r\n\r\nI was a Police Officer here for almost 30 years. So super busy, but I got to see from the outside all of the effort that Jaime and Napua put into the boys and of course, so inspired and awed by the commitment and their dedication, and their fanaticism, I should say as I remember when they were super young. Interesting sorry, when they were super young. I remember asking Wehiwa, walking in the House, what are you doing here? >> Game console. And I lose playing videogames. So right-on he is not Fully concentrating on baseball, but he is playing some kind of videogame and it was a MLB, of course. \r\n\r\nSo I was like that is kind of interesting, but congratulations Wehiwa and thank you so much for this honor and best honor upon him and truly took a Village and I was able to witness that. Small part of that, but Congratulations! >> Thank you. >> Chair, the only other person I met in that group is Uncle Mike. I don't know if he wants to say something, but the others I didn't get to meet. It's the last of his crew I will call down. >> Aloha. \r\n\r\nThank you, County Council for recognizing my nephew. You know, to watch this boy grow up like this and work as hard as he did to get where he is at is truly amazing. This should be inspiring to all these young kids here today not only these young kids, but throughout the island and throughout Hawai'i to know a boy from Maui can make it to the best. To the very best. He is recognized as the best College baseball player in all of College. That is such an accomplishment. It's unbelievable. \r\n\r\nBut to see the unbelievable talent of him and his brother did not come easily. His parents have nurtured him. His parents have guided him. His parents have been there all the time. Jaime was going to be -- his father was going to be a professional baseball player until he got hurt and he played for the University of Hawai'i. So this has instilled into them and to be able to watch him grow has been truly amazing. I'm so proud of you Wehiwa. You are such a good boy and a good man and a good heart. \r\n\r\nI can't wait to see your future, because people like you deserve what you have today, and what you have gotten. And it's really, truly amazing. I love you. >> Thank you. [APPLAUSE] Ms. Clerk. >> That will be last call. \r\n\r\nThank you, Uncle Mike. Now you are making me cry. If there's anyone else from the family, or otherwise who would like to testify on this Ceremonial Resolution, this is your opportunity.

Again, this is last call. And the countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, seeing no one who is indicating a desire to testify at this time. >> Members, any objections to closing public testimony on ceremony -- on this Ceremonial Resolution? Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Resolution 26-6 congratulating Wehiwa Aloy for winning the 2025 Golden Spikes Award and the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award. >> Vice-Chair. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> I'm sorry. Member Uu-Hodgins. >> That is okay. >> Anybody could have done it, but I move to adopt Resolution 26-6. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Uu-Hodgins, seconded by Member Johnson to adopt this Resolution. Discussion, Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Thank you. May I please ask the Clerk to read the Resolution in its entirety. >> Ms. Clerk. >> Resolution No. 26-6, congratulating Wehiwa Aloy for winning the 2025 Golden Spikes Award and the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award. Whereas, Wailuku native and 2022 Baldwin High School graduate Wehiwa Kapahulehua Aloy a shortstop for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks received the 2025 Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top amateur baseball player and the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award as best hitter in Division I baseball; and whereas, the 47th annual Golden Spikes Award based on athletic excellence, sportsmanship, character and overall contribution to the sport was presented by the USA baseball on June 21, 2025 to Wehiwa, the first recipient from outside the Continental United States; and whereas, Wehiwa received the 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award on July 3, 2025 from SR Bats which recognized him as the nation's top College hitter based on his batting performance, academics, leadership, sportsmanship, and personal integrity; and whereas, Wehiwa was also named 2025 SEC baseball player of the year; and whereas, Wehiwa led the Razorbacks in nearly every major category including: Slugging percentage .673, on-base plus slugging percentage, 1.107, hits 93, runs 8, doubles 19, home runs 21, extra base hits 42, multi-hit games 30 and total bases 179; and whereas Wehiwa started all 65 games last season at shortstop and displayed exceptional defensive and offensive excellence capping the season by leading the Razorbacks to the men's College World Series semifinal and becoming the first Arkansas shortstop to every hit a home run during the series; and whereas, Wehiwa was recognized as an all American by four major Publications, affirming his standing among the nation's elite collegiate athlete; and whereas, Wehiwa credits his younger brother Kuhi'o Aloy, a 2023 Baldwin High School graduate and an award-winning star player for the Razorbacks in his own right with helping to push him to achieve success; and whereas, to follow his remarkable College career has signed a professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles after being drafted in the first-round on July 13, 2025 marking the start of the next Chapter of his journey; and whereas, the Council of the County of Maui takes this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Wehiwa Aloy for his extraordinary dedication, discipline and perseverance and for serving as an exemplary role-model for his student-athlete of Maui and the State of Hawai'i. Now, therefore it resolved by the Council of the County of Maui: 1, that it congratulates Wehiwa Aloy for winning the 2025 Golden Spikes Award and 2025 Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award; and 2, that certified copies this of Resolution be transmitted to Wehiwa Aloy; his parents Jaime and Napua Aloy; his brother Kuhio Aloy; Hunter Yurachek, Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics, University of Arkansas; Paul Seiler, Executive Director/CEO, U.S. Baseball; Tracy Taylor, Executive Director, Bobby Bragan Collegiate Slugger Award; the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; Keoni Wilhelm, Principal, H.P. Baldwin High School; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui. My Staff, Kainoa and Susan for working with Aloy 'Ohana to

make that possible. I don't know Wehiwa personally, but think highly of him -- to follow in his footsteps he continued with his character is even more impressive than his baseball accomplishments and his family is so awesome and that is why he ended up the way he did earning the Golden Spikes Award and Bobby Bragan National Collegiate Slugger Award, which is a whole mouthful to becoming one of the nation's top collegiate players where he will have set an extraordinary standard of excellence beyond awards he represents the community and the pride of where he comes from. We thank Wehiwa and his family for being a positive Maui role-model to the keiki of Maui and Hawai'i and for showing them what is possible through dedication and perseverance and as he begins his professional journey in baseball. Let's congratulate all that he has accomplished and look forward to what he is ahead.

We will be cheering for you and your little brother and we're so excited to see you flourish in this role. Thank you so much for being with us. Thank you, Chair and thank you everyone for supporting this Resolution. >> Thank you. Do we have any more discussion? Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you.

I, too, would like to congratulate the family as you see from their testimony, the whole family endeavor and the rewards are beaming. I would also like to ask when he comes up, if I could get his autograph? Oh, you do. You have a ball? We got a request from the mainland, if we could have his auto graph on a ball. Like oh, we don't know where to buy a ball. So I had this paper- you found the ball.

Okay. Thank you. Anyway, congratulations ! >> We over 1.6 billion budget and you couldn't find a baseball. [Laughter] >> No Sports Authority here. >> Okay. All right. Any more discussion I mean, on behalf of our family, who is close to both sides the Kapahulehua and Aloy family and we want to congratulate you Wehiwa and everyone who has had a part in your growth, and you becoming such an outstanding person.

So that would be the families, thank you for all you have done, all of you. Anybody else? Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Before we vote, I wanted to know if we could add -- to get a certified copy of the Resolution and I think his Uncle should get one, too, or the speakers. >> Who? >> His Uncle. >> All the speakers.

Any objections, Members? Ms. Clerk, can you add those names on? >> Yes, Chair. >> Anyone else, if not, all in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Very good.

At this time, we have Wehiwa, could you come and say a few words and then we'd like to take a picture with you. [APPLAUSE] And your whole family. >> I just want to thank the Maui Council for having this Resolution, and just thank my family being able to do this. I mean, took many people for me and my brother growing up to kind of create this dream we had of playing College baseball. I just truly blessed, and grateful to be able to grow up on this Island of Maui, because I don't think it would happen without us being born and raised over here. Just looking back, growing up, just all those times we had growing up around the House, doing a lot of chores, and just playing around in the streets is taking me back, you know, how this all happened. Just truly blessed and grateful for this.

Mahalo everybody. >> Thank you. [APPLAUSE] Any final words from anyone? If not at this time I would like the family and friends to come down and take a picture with the Council Members. it's amazing how you grow up and watch your nieces and nephews have children and you see these little munchkins running around and they turn out to be super stars like him. It's amazing. Ms.

Clerk. >> Thank you, Madam Chair. We're moving to the second Ceremonial Resolution for testimony on the Resolution congratulating the Maui County Healthcare Honorees. If anyone wishes to testify on that Resolution, please, go ahead and make your way to the podium. And just let us know your name, when you get down there. >> Can you

start. Good morning.\r\n\r\n>> Madam Chair, thank you. Council Members, Wes Lo. I'm here first representing Healthcare Association of Hawai'i. I am on the Board of the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i. I did want to make one comment to the Clerk. I'm actually related to the Aloys, my French bulldog is an Aloy. So anyway, I'm here and I'm super proud and thank you for recognizing a couple of really important people here. These two people were picked across the State of Hawai'i and so they were voted for by their peers and one is actually getting a scholarship. What is really good about this thing is that these guys are the new part about Healthcare.\r\n\r\nWe have Richard Coloma, a community health worker and won the award for public health and he actually goes out in community and helps people transition in care. Some amazing stories you should one day sit down and talk to him and just what he see what he does. And Eliza Sanado who won a scholarship from the Healthcare Association as she continues on her Masters in social work, which I think is going to be the future of our Healthcare as we transition, you know, our whole Healthcare delivery system. So first of all, I wanted to say as the Healthcare association, and secondly, Hale Makua Health Services, go Maui. These guys are across the State. Both Hale Makua employees and you know, we're trying to do best we can for community and we'll continue to do that. Thank you all for recognizing my Staff.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. >> Thank you. >> As you used to be a student-athlete. >> Is there anyone else who would like to testify on this Resolution at this it time? >> One more. >> Okay. >> Aloha Madam Chair, and thank you to the Maui County Council.\r\n\r\nMy name is Bethany Geiger and I work for Hale Makua Health Services and 'Ohana Pacific Health. I'm just really honored to be here today to celebrate our Healthcare heroes as Wes mentioned they have within chosen I thought the State to recognize public health and we're so proud of Eliza as well for her scholarship and going on to get her Masters in social work. I definitely want to point out Richard Coloma community health worker Hale Makua and Richard just honestly demonstrates everything that we love about our island and about Maui and that humility and that care for our Kupuna and their family members just going out and really bringing humor and making people feel seen and making people feel like they have that support, which a lot of times is lacking in our fragmented system. So I just want to congratulate Richard particularly. He is sitting back there with his Manager, Aaron Salez who is also a licensed clinical social worker and amazing. I'm just so honored to know them and would with them and to be able to celebrate all the work that he this do with caring for our Kupuna and their caregivers across Maui and other islands across Hawai'i. As well because it's really you know bridging gaps in care that we face and ensuring that people feel supported through their care journey. And Richard is the embodiment of Aloha.\r\n\r\nSo thank you very much. >> Thank you. Any more speakers? >> Anyone else wishing to testify on this Resolution? One more making their way. >> If not? >> One more person.\r\n\r\n>> Are the students here for this? Sorry, we didn't have a chance to recognize you. Member Batangan. >> Thank you, Chair. They were just dropping in. >> Oh, okay. Thank you for dropping in.\r\n\r\n>> So they are here as part of a fieldtrip to get to know their local government. So they are bouncing between 9th Floor, 8th floor and working their way through the different Departments of our County. >> I see, thank you. >> So we only had them for a short time. >> Okay. >> Hi Madam Chair and County Council. Anna Liza Casabay who won the professional heart award at the awards ceremony we attended in O'ahu.\r\n\r\nShe has been with Kula Hospital over 32 years. So she is definitely one of those hard-working people that I have looked up to my entire life, and her dedication and her role in what she does as a nurse up there as a registered nurse,

actually working with special needs patients has been crucial and critical, and we have been honored and blessed to her in our live and for her patients as well. She has been working with them since they were like really small, kindergarten to now when they are 50. So we just want to thank you guys for recognizing her for her hard work all these years. We just wanted to thank you and just thank you so much for everything. >> Thank you for your testimony. [APPLAUSE] Ms. Clerk.\r\n\r\n>> Is there anyone else wishing to testify on this Resolution? Chair, no one else is indicating they wish to testify. >> Members, any objections to closing public testimony on this Resolution, and accepting written testimony? >> No objections. >> So ordered. Ms. Clerk.\r\n\r\n>> Chair, before you is Resolution 26-7, congratulating Maui County Healthcare Honoree and scholarship recipients recognized at the 2025 Healthcare Association of Hawai'i wards and scholarship gala. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you, Chair. I move to adopt Resolution 26-7. >> Moved by Vice-Chair Sugimura, seconded by Member Cook to adopt Resolution 26-7. Discussion, Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you. May I request that the Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety? >> Ms.\r\n\r\nClerk. >> Thank you. Resolution 26-7 congratulating Maui County Healthcare Honoree and scholarship recipients recognized at the 2025 Healthcare Association of Hawai'i awards authentic scholarship gala. Whereas, the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i established in 1939, supports Healthcare providers by advancing quality and cost-effective care, Workforce Development, and education across the Healthcare system; and whereas, qualified Healthcare professionals provide a critical service to our community, while the Healthcare industry offers diverse employment opportunity for the local workforce; and whereas, the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i held its annual award and scholarship Balau on October 25, 2025 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel; and whereas, the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i's annual gala is part of its annual Healthcare heroes celebration, highlighting individuals whose behind-the-scenes efforts made a meaningful impact on Hawai'i's Healthcare community; and whereas, Anna Liza Casabay, a registered nurse at Kula Hospital received the professional with heart Healthcare Hero Award for exceptional dedication to compassionate high-quality care; and whereas, Ms. Casabay has spent the majority of her 32 years caring for individuals in the hospital's intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability; and whereas, Cindy Garcia, lead intake coordinator at Hospice Maui Inc., received the distinguished award for non-critical support Staff in recognition of dedication, innovation and service; and whereas, throughout Garcia's 25 years with Hospice Maui, Inc., Garcia provided a calm, reassuring voice as the first point of contact for many patients and families facing serious illness; and whereas, Richard Lester Coloma of Kalele Care Services in partnership with Hale Makua Health Services received the peer award in in recognition of tireless advocacy for patient; and whereas, for three years Coloma has helped patients transition safely from Hale Makua Health Services back to their home; and whereas, Marie Eliza Sanado social services Assistant with Hale Makua Health Services was awarded a scholarship to pursue a master of social work degree; and whereas, Kiara Bell of 'Ohana care Maui and Mary Jane Baldevieso of Maui Memorial Medical Center were also awarded Scholarships. Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of the County of Maui: 1, that the Council congratulates all Maui County Honorees and scholarship recipients recognized at the 2025 Healthcare Association of Hawai'i awards and scholarship gala; and 2, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Anna Liza Casabay; Cindy Garcia; Richard Lester Coloma; Marie Eliza Sanado; Kiara Bell, Maria Jane Baldevieso, Nicole Apoliona, M.D. Chair 2025 Maui County Healthcare

Stakeholders Summit; Lynn Fulton, Maui Health Services, Chief Executive Officer; Wes Lo, Hale Makua Health Services, Chief Executive Officer; Melani Dwyer, Hospice Maui, Inc., Chief Executive Officer; Jessika Galvez, 'Ohana Care Maui Chief Executive Officer; the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui.\r\n\r\n>> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you, Chair. Thank you for bringing up this Resolution and I will tell you the reason what inspired me to do this by attending Nicole Apoliona's Maui County Healthcare Stakeholders' Summit that was held at the Mac and I realized how important getting like minds together in the Healthcare industry to talk about and solve problems. And then this award announcement came soon thereafter and thought we should recognize these people from Maui County who won statewide recognition. So thank you for allowing me to do this Resolution. Besides Hale Makua I'm glad that we have Kula Hospital, as well as Kalele Hospice Maui and Maui Memorial Medical Center were some of the organizations that were part of these recognitions for this awards. So thank you very much.\r\n\r\nMembers, I hope you support this Resolution. >> Any more discussion? Member Cook? >> Thank you, Chair. I would like to say congratulation and issue my gratitude to these awardees, to the people who are being acknowledged and I personally in the last couple of years, or several years my kids grandma violet Figueroa was Hale Makua for several years. And the Aloha and the care that they Healthcare professionals provides is overwhelming, very emotional. My mother-in-law was served by Hospice Maui for a year and the passing this.\r\n\r\nAnd they were just like a knock of Angels. So I have so much respect, gratitude and Aloha for all of these people in the Healthcare industry. They are the Foundation, not real flashy and we count on them every day. I just want to tell them congratulations and thank you. >> Thank you. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye?\r\n\r\n>> Aye. >> Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Ms. Clerk >> Thank you, Madam Chair. Would you like to invite the Honorees to come up and take pictures? >> And say a few words. >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. >> Please come up. Your supporters are also welcomed, family members, Wes. >> Thank you, our Staff already gave them the leis for the Honorees, so they can come up. >> Would you like to say a few words. >> Bargain everyone. I'm Eliza.\r\n\r\nFirst of all I just want to say thank you for having me here. It's an honor to be here with all of you. I also want to thank the Healthcare Association of Maui for the scholarship, and it brings me a step closer to my vision, which is seeing Maui County, or just an environment where everyone can live and thrive, especially those at-risk populations. And one step closer to achieving my MSW degree at UH Manoa. Thankyou. >> Thank you. >> Good morning everyone.\r\n\r\nMy name is Anna Casabay and I work at Hula Hospital, it will be 33 years this year. I want to thank everyone, my family, my friends, and my mom who pushed me to become a nurse. Because I wasn't sure of becoming a nurse, but it sure helped to have good friends, the community support to get me there. I think everyone who has been part of this journey for all of Kula Hospital, who helped and my family and friends who helped make me the person I am today. Maui health, who continue to be part of this journey to who I am. I'm not fully retired yet. I'm not there.\r\n\r\nI know everybody thinks I'm retired, but I can't be because my years of service are there, but not my age. There is more yet to do in Healthcare. So I thank everybody for this opportunity and for the recognition. Thank you very much. >> Thank you. [APPLAUSE] >> Hi my name is Kiara. I work with 'Ohana care Maui.\r\n\r\nI graduated in 2024 and then I started working with 'Ohana care Maui right after. I would like to thank Jessika, my boss, and my mom. I wouldn't where I

am without them. 'Ohana care is a really good company. They took me in from right after High School and they really trained me to be where I am, and to be the CNE that I am today. I wanted it thank the Healthcare association for giving me this scholarship. I attend University of Hawai'i - Maui College and this will help me with my dream of becoming a registered nurse.\r\n\r\nThank you. [APPLAUSE] >> Thank you. >> Aloha folks my name is Richard Lester Coloma, from here, born and raised in Maui. I didn't realize I was going to say a speech, but I work for Hale Makua. So I didn't realize in Healthcare, I will be honest with you, it's very difficult. These real resources is kind of low and to get to help Seniors which is our Kupuna. And get to help them out because you know, when you go to your Doctor's office, they ask you questions and then for some reason you don't get the answers.\r\n\r\nThey don't say it truthfully. And I get to the patient's home and then I realize that they need services. They need transportation. They need food. They need housing because I'm not there to grill them on what is going on. I'm just there to help them out. I get the opportunity to help Kupuna to see them at the Hospital, their journey to Hale mauka and to get them to their homes is kind of like preventative maintenance prevent from going back to the hospital, prevent them from go back home.\r\n\r\nSo for me, when I was young Kupuna once said, when they used to come to our classroom, our Kupuna had a wealth of knowledge of books they last known to know everything. They build the foundation for us so we could fly. I am that kind that grew up that basically wanted to help our Kupuna not realizing that everybody in here will be Kupuna. And he hope there's more people like you guys like myself that take the opportunity to help them out because man, they don't want to be a burden. And they see it, but they need the resources and we need to convey in a way where we get that. So you guys can feel comfortable to get the resources that is needed. That is what I wanted to say.\r\n\r\nThank you. >> Thank you. Anyone else? Okay, could everybody come up to the center and take a photo with us, please? Members, we're going to take a five-minute break until 10:07. Thank you. Meeting in recess. [GAVEL] >> Will the Council meeting of January 23rd, 2026, please resume.\r\n\r\nMs. Clerk. >> Thank you, Madam Chair. Just for the record, we have closed public testimony on the Ceremonial Resolutions, so we're moving onto testimony on any of the remaining items on today's agenda. The first testifier is Lesley Mellner, testing on bills 19 and 20, and she is followed by Joey Medeiros. >> Aloha, Chair. Aloha Council Members.\r\n\r\nYes, I'm here to testify on bills 19 and 20. These are both Budget Amendments to recognize new Grant Funding. So I would just like it take a second to commend our Departments for going out and getting these funds throughout the year. They have been doing a really good job. Bill 19 is amending Appendix A, Part 1 the Department of 'Oiwi Resources to add \$2 million from the U.S. National Parks Service Historic Preservation Fund. These funds will be used to support restoration planning and early activity for the Lahaina Royal Complex. >> And the second Bill is -- >> Any questions, Members? Any clarifying questions on the first item?\r\n\r\nWere these funds anticipated in the budget? >> Thank you, Chair. No, they did not know they would be getting these funds when the budget was done. >> Oh, okay. So they have a spare \$2 million. Okay. Next item.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. >> I'm sorry, somebody had a hand up. Vice-Chair. >> I just wanted her to clarify that she wants us to pass this on the floor today? >> Is this a time-sensitive issue here? >> Thank you, Chair. Yes, if we could get these passed on the floor today would allow execution of these agreements and access to the funds sooner rather than later.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. >> Member Paltin. >> I had a question. Was this, like, they applied for it and it was competitive? >> Thank you,

Chair. Thank you, Council Member Paltin. Yes, they submitted an application and I believe it was a competitive process and their project was selected for these funds.\r\n\r\n>> Wow. Is there going to be a press release on this? Because that is something to brag about? >> Yes, I will talk to the Comms team about it and work with the Department. >> Thank you. >> Any more questions on this item? The next one.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. Bill 20 is also amending Appendix A, Part 1, this is for the Department of Management. These are Environmental Protection Agency fund for sewer overflow and stormwater. It's a municipal grant for instrument development to reduce land-based water polluting in near-shore waters. This is under the Department of Management, rather than DEM, because management will be doing the work for this specific project. Thank you, Chair. Whose budget was this in?\r\n\r\n>> These are new funds that we're receiving from the EPA. >> Okay, unanticipated. >> Member Paltin. >> The same question, were these applied for and competitive? >> Thank you, Chair. I believe this will be a subaward from the Department of Health, but they worked with them on the application in order to get selected for the EPA funds. >> The State Department of Health award from the federal went to the State and we got sub-awarded the federal money?\r\n\r\n>> Yes, that's correct. >> Okay. Thank you. >> Any more questions? All right. Thank you. >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nThank you, Council Members. >> Chair, next testifier is Joey Medeiros, testifying on Bill 161 and he will be followed by Alan Lloyd. >> Good morning everyone. >> Good morning. >> My name is Joey Medeiros. I'm eye local pool and water feature builder here on Maui. And I would like to testify on the pool ban.\r\n\r\nJust based on the basic data of water losses of a pool, according to the head of the Department of Water sup Mr. I says the average pool in Lahaina loses about 56 gallons a day of water, or uses for evaporative losses. I agree with that. In my experience of finding leaks, and testing pools and doing repairs and building the average pool that we build may be 15x30. An acceptable water loss evaporation on a really hot day is about a quarter of an inch, which equates to about 70 gallons. So 15x30 is a pretty good sized pool. So 70 gallons as a day of water for evaporative losses. If you take that same footprint of 15x30 and you plant grass, well, in order to plant grass, it requires a one inch irrigation valve, at a rate of about 15 gallons a minute and you can Google that.\r\n\r\nTypical water sprinkler system you would have about eight heads, if you use low-volume nozzles is 2 gallon a minute, which is about 16 gallons total a minute. So for simple math, let's call it valve running wide open 15 gallons a minute, times however long you water your grass? It's usually about 15 minutes. That comes to 225 gallons to water per day. So you are looking at 225 gallons versus 70 gallons for the same footprint. Now most pools aren't surrounded by grass. They're surrounded by concrete, which means you're eliminating even more grass.\r\n\r\nSo to say that you are going to ban pools to save water, grass uses double to triple the amount of water that a pool does to replace the evaporative water. So in our profession, it look like if you want to save water, you build a pool and you keep your losses that you can monitor down at 56-70. Like what we calculated. That's about all I have. >> Members, any questions? Clarifying questions? I did have a question myself after you, Mr. Cook.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, sir. How often do you change the water in a pool? Once it's filled up? >> Typically, we don't change it at all. Some people do it every, you know, 10-12 years, if you have to. But if you're maintaining your water properly, you don't ever swap out the water. It's the same water.\r\n\r\nIt's refiltered and you just replacing evaporative losses. One thing I did want to mention is there's a talk about okay, what about the initial fill up? Okay. How many thousands of gallons you

are taking plenty of water. I'm all for saving water. I'm a local boy. I grew up here.\r\n\r\nWater is precious to what we do. So I don't want to waste water. That is why they took the liberty of running these numbers. Let's say you want to have a pool, okay, you can have a pool, but you can only use the water that you have already been using, your sprinkler. You take your sprinkler valve, that is your fill-up and you don't get any more water than that. Okay? So you chop off your sprinklers take that pipe and drop it in the pool and run your 225 gallons for the day.\r\n\r\nSo how long would that take? Well, a pool 15x30, from 4-5' deep is 15,000 gallons. Do the math, that sprinkler valve running every single day would take 66 days to fill up the pool. On day 67, you turn that thing off, you're not running -- it's regular amounts only running just to top off the evaporation. So after 66 days you're now saving water instead of using extra water. >> Thank you for really calculating it and filling this in. Thank you, sir.\r\n\r\n>> I just had a question on the efficiency of a pool cover? What does that do? >> Actually, you can stop a lot of evaporative losses with a pool cover. It actual it heats the water when you do want it heated and it stop a lot of evaporation. So I build pools and I would say if anything, require pool covers, not don't build it. Because if you don't build a pool, the people who can afford pools are going to put grass. >> Okay.\r\n\r\nAnybody else? Member Paltin. >> I just wanted to clarify, do you know how much a pool with the cement around recharges the aquifer? >> No, I don't. >> Okay, thank you. >> No more questions? Thank you very much. >> Thank you.\r\n\r\n>> Chair, next testifier is Alan Lloyd, who is testifying on Bill 168 and he will be followed by Rick Collins. >> Good morning. Aloha Council. Thank you for that magnificent recognition of the achievements of Maui residents. I was moved myself by that. So I appreciate this body doing that. I'm here to testify on Bill 168. My name is Alan Lloyd, I'm a resident of Wailuku.\r\n\r\nSpeaking for myself, and the Maui tenants and workers Association and the Maui Democratic socialists. Something need to be done about high rents in Maui. I've handed out previous data about how high the rents are. For example, between July and November 2025, rents in Central Maui went up from a mean of 1800 to a mean of \$2652. That is for one bedroom. Here are my concerns about Bill 68 and thank you for improving Bill 168 from its original version to its new version. So one of the things that I noticed is that local homeowners that rent to our Maui residents get the same exemption, \$400,000 exemption as those owners who live out-of-state. I know this body wants to stimulate local homeownership and so if a local person can't afford to buy a house here and has an 'Ohana attached, they could rent it.\r\n\r\nSo I think they deserve a higher exemption than someone who is living out-of-state. At a minimum, the property owner who lives on the property should be offered an exemption, not just \$400,000 and realistically \$400,000 exemption is not enough to incentivize landlords to participate in this program, because they can make more money without using the exemption. But a quick example owner-occupied takes the affordable long-term rental exemption their home is valued at \$1 million, minus \$400,000 exemption, the owners save \$660 a year. If the other doesn't take the exemption, rent out their one bedroom 'Ohana the advertised market price right now for one bedroom is \$3133 a month, times 12 months they're over 37,000 a year. So they make more than \$37,000 versus only \$660 a year. Second, the property tax-exemption is voluntary for landlords and needs to be required. They must be required to participate or not enough will because they can make 33,000 versus 660 in savings.\r\n\r\nAnd lastly, Council Member Kama had a similar proposed legislation and in that legislation there were two things -- I have got about ten more seconds. >> Okay, that is fine. >> Two

things that is not included in this Bill. One is certification that the Director of Housing with the rent the landlord charging meets the Bill's requirement. That is not in this Bill. Second, that there be a deadline when landlords can state the rent amount to get the exemption, which is not in this Bill. Thank you for your time.

>> Thank you. Questions? If not, thank you very much. >> Thank you. >> Chair, next testifier is Rick Collins testifying on Bill 17. He will be followed by Mark Clemente. >> Good morning, Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Council. My name is Rick Collins. I serve as the Director for the Maui Coalition for drug-free youth a program under the Hawai'i public health institute. Our mission is to prevent and reduce substance-abuse and the harms associated with that. We're testifying today to respectfully request that the Council -- I'm testifying on Bill 17. And what we'd like to do is request that the Council not repeal the social host Ordinance, but instead move Bill 17 to the Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning County. So that the legal implementation concerns that have surfaced around this Ordinance can be fully addressed. The Maui Coalition for drug-free youth is currently work directly with Chief Pelletier on several legal and practical issues he autoed in the Ordinance. We appreciate the Chief's thoughtful review and collaboration, and we're hopeful that these concerns can be resolved through Committee-level discussion and refinement of the Bill. I met in-person with the Chief yesterday. We left meeting with a shared goal that was clear for both of us. Be support the int tent of the social host Ordinance, which is to prevent and reduce the harms of underaged drinking particularly in the highest risk setting that we know of you which is unsupervised house parties. These gatherings are strongly associated with alcohol poisoning impaired driving, narcotic and other drug consumption, violence, sexual assault and long-term alcohol related harm along our young people. We also want to acknowledge and thank the Council and the Maui Police Department for their efforts to make this Ordinance more enforceable. Local levels tools such as Ordinance have the potential to be more prevail lent than the State law because they are easier to enforce and they have clearer accountability for adult and provides stronger deterrents which reduces the likelihood of underage drinking happening in the first place. Our Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with Chief Pelletier and the Council to strengthen this Ordinance so it can meet its intended purpose while addressing legal and enforcement concerns. We remain hopeful that workable solution can be developed that can preserve the Ordinance and improve its effectively.

As a preventing tool mahalo for allowing me opportunity to provide testimony and I'm here for my questions. >> Members, questions? Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Collins for your testimony. I do remember what a heavy lift it was for you guys to pass it. I just was wondering after it was passed did you folks follow-up or see it implemented or have any effects? >> So we met with the Chief at least on one occasion, and we knew that the Chief had had some concerns. The Police Commission at the time had some concerns as well, that weren't being addressed. I do not believe the Chief has wanted to implement it thus far, but we're hopeful that we can actually work on it together. >> So between all of that time, did you come up with a solution? Or -- >> We did not, and then one of the things that got in the way were the Fire and we just felt like it was just not as relevant as some other things that the Chief was dealing with. So we essentially tabled it for the time.

>> Okay. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you. Thank you, Rick, for being here. So when I read this, I thought, okay, we're doing some clean up here. What is the impact of the State -- because that is what is guiding this; right? The State law which is already

there, and the question do we need this County Ordinance, or does the State preempt what we're trying to do?\r\n\r\nI think that was the question. >> Are you asking me to try to answer that? Council Member? Sure, thank you for the question. So the intent of this law is to essentially make it easy for law enforcement when they show up where underage-drinking is occurring. The current State Law on the books is a council offense, which has to prove a level of knowledge and recklessness. And that is harder for law enforcement to prove, and it takes more of their time.\r\n\r\nAnd so this was set up as a civil infraction. So it doesn't criminalize the behavior per se and gives them an additional tool, if they show up. They clearly see that underage drinks is occurring and they hold the host accountable. That host then is cited and have 30 days essentially to either pay it or appeal it. So it has more of a deterrent effect than what the State law would have. >> Thank you. >> Any more questions?\r\n\r\nIf not, thank you very much. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, next testifier is Mark Clemente. Please let us know which item or items you are testifying on. He will be followed by the Reverend Dennis Barger. >> Aloha, Chair, Vice-Chair, Mark Clemente, Bill 15. Can you hear me?\r\n\r\n>> Yes, we can. >> Sorry, I'm leaving my camera off because I'm having bandwidth issues with my Internet today. testifying on Bill 15 on behalf of the Hawai'i Regional Council carpenters that we have about 600 members in Maui Nui. Lahaina families who lost their home deserve to return housing that is safe, durably protected under the law. We do support the use of factory-built and modular housing as part of that wildfire recovery, especially when it can help residents rebuild more quickly. But the concern is that speed must not come at the expense of consumer protection. So from a homeowner's perspective and from the perspective of several of our members, who have been affected by the wildfire, there are several critical safeguards that we feel must be in place: The first thing is clear inspection authority and that homeowners need assurance that County Building officials retain full authority to inspect factory-built components, require corrections, and approve final occupancy.\r\n\r\nBased on Layne's unique Fire, wind, environment and conditions. The second thing is clear liability. So if a defect arises in one of these units whether it's structural, electrical, plumbing Fire-related, homeowners must know who is exactly responsible and how to enforce their rights? So that responsibility can't be fragmented, you know manufacturers are responsible for this, installers are responsible for that, certifiers. So this really leaves families without a clear recourse, if something is wrong with the product. Third is equal safety standards. So factory-built homes should meet the same life-safety and Building Code requirement as site-built homes.\r\n\r\nI think consumers should not receive a different or lesser level of protection, simply because their home was built off-site. And the fourth thing is warranties and long-term protection. So wildfire survivors who have these types of homes must have enforceable warranties, access to repairs and protections that remain in place, even if the factory or the manufacturer or supplier leaves the market. So those are questions that hang in the air. So for families rebuilding after the tragedy, a home is often their largest investment and their only source of stability, and we feel that the County has a responsibility to ensure that recovery housing strengthens and not weakens consumer protections. And with these clear safeguards, factory-built housing can be part of that responsible recovery for Lahaina and without them, the risk has shifted onto the very people we're trying to help. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. Questions, Members? If not, thank you very much. Next testifier. >> Chair, -- >> Mahalo . The next testifier is Reverend Dennis Barger testifying on Bill 17, to be followed by Lori Tanner. >> Aloha, and

greetings to Council Members, and Chairperson and Staff. My name is Dennis Barger.

I am a retired Presbyterian minister and served churches in California, Oregon, and Michigan, as well as Maui. I have been a 13-year resident of Kihei. And most of that time I spent working with the Maui Coalition for drug-free youth. And even my former career I spent working half my time with youth, and the other half with adults to make good decisions about their future and about their own behavior. In addition to obtaining ministerial degrees I also attained a master's in public health, and worked for about six years for the Public Health Department in Mono County, California. I served them as a certified prevention specialist. So when I came here to Maui, it was sort of a natural thing to possibly get on the Health Department Staff, but that didn't work out because there was a hiring freeze.

I did volunteer work with the Coalition. I'm here to testify before you for one reason, and one reason only, I care about people. I try to live the golden rules, so to speak and love others, as much as I love other. In other words, take care of others, as much as I want to take care of myself. I'm deeply committed to reducing the harms to young people as they grow, and try to become adults, and make all the mistakes that youth do, as they try. And as they learn how to be adults. So I want to tell you about an incident that happened when I was a teenager, in High School.

I was part of the drama club and we did play productions and after one of those productions, actually it was the first production I was in, there was a cast party and it was on a Sunday night. And I was disturbed by the activities, some of the activities I saw there. I was at that time, I think around 17 going on 18. There was food and dancing and music and beverages that were alcoholic, and some non-alcoholic, but no adults present to supervise what was going on. This is a High School party. I observed a young lady, a young woman, a girl, who was hanging on our football quarterback, because she was not able to stand very ably. Eventually he took her in plain view of everybody into the bedroom and closed the door. I was concerned that something might happen.

>> All done? >> Can you conclude in the next few seconds? >> Sure. Well, he ended up taking advantage of her, and they broke up what pronounced in the class as a tried to continue. Well, I think you should pass -- not pass the Ordinance to repeal, because it holds people accountable, provide alcohol for teenagers, or those who allow it to be consumed on their premises, or should have known that is being provided. It's a stair-step approach, and we need this Ordinance in order to give an opportunity for the Police to not criminalize the behavior, but at least enforce it and let people know that there's not -- it's not allowed, or not possible to serve alcohol to young adults.

>> Thank you.

Members, questions? Member Paltin. >> I just wanted to clarify what you said about Police not criminalizing the behavior. It's my understanding that Police deal with criminal matters and lawyers deal with civil matters. Can you clarify? >> I think Rick Collins could probably better responding to that question, but to my understanding, the Police would be involved in both cases, the civil infractions, as well as what I call the criminal, which is misdemeanor or felony convictions, or arrests. So the Police would be involved in all of those enforcement activities.

>> Okay, that wasn't what was explained to me, but thank you. >> Any more questions? If not, thank you very much. Next. >> Mahalo. >> Chair, the next testifier is Lori Tanner, testifying on Bill 17, who will be followed by Autumn Ness. >> Aloha, Council.

So good to see you again. I am a child advocate and have been former Hawai'i public school teacher, California teacher, published author, as celebrated on the Oprah Winfrey show one of our part-time residents and Whoopi Goldberg gave a blurb as my advocacy book, because I know all about alcohol,

drugs and babies and along with alcohol and other drug use, which is the medical term, there is sexual irresponsibility. So as public servants we all get to choose. Are we going to do the nurture with supporting, enforcing what is right and good for children, or are we going to leave it to nature, or who you happen to have as a guardian or as adults do what is easy, short-term and convenient for us? I feel a moral obligation to keiki, all keiki. Our professional duty also many people are paid. We have this zero-tolerance here in Hawai'i for drunk-driving for anyone, but especially for minors.

I take any my leadership community citizenship very seriously for the stability that Shane had mentioned earlier. Seriously addressing underaged drinking by maintaining the social host Ordinance. It shows that homeowners are going to recognize they do have a responsibility to who is on their property, what is happening on their property, and it should not be used for young people's drinking parties, and if there are incidentally drinking parties aren't real safe for adults either. Our beautiful middle school High School, College students also on Lana'i and Moloka'i tell us house parties are the No. 1 place that underage-drinking occurs, along with those destructive consequences, physical fights, sexual assaults, legal problems, alcohol poisoning, drunk-driving and we do have these wonderful programs that are working with the Coalition to ameliorate these problems, but life is hard and getting harder for our youth, with this pressure with the alcohol advertising and the need to prove their worth. I'm going to shoot to what I think is the most important thing. We have families actually this is what the Aloy family understands, and knows: That the biggest fact that teens don't know is majority of young people do not drink here.

Hawai'i teens have reported 85% -- >> Time. >> They get their alcohol from home, you can -- 75% of teens do not drink at all. >> Can you conclude, please? >> I can. And families that allow or provide alcohol or other drugs is usually for the adults' needs and they are not thinking of the need of their children and the Social Host Ordinance would allow a simple citation \$250 to begin with fine that would help families take responsibility, which is pono for monitoring what is happening on their property. Thanks for your time. >> Thank you.

Questions? No questions. Thank you. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, the next testifier is Autumn Ness, and Ms. Ness, please let us know which items or item you are testifying on, followed by +Kona.

Autumn Ness and Carol Alvoila with the Lana'i Community Land Trust here sorry we're doing a planting day Mauka. So I don't -- we have said everything we need to tell you folks. Thank you, Yuki, for having us in your Committee -- was that last week? >> Yes. >> I think we said everything that we inside to say, but we're here for questions if you have any around the Bill. >> Mahalo. >> Members, assuming you don't have any questions now?

Maybe later? Next testifier. >> Chair, the next testifier is Kai Kona, and he will be followed by Noel Patel, who is currently our last testifier. >> Hello, can you guys hear me? Yes, Aloha. >> Okay. Yes, I will be testifying on Bill 161. Aloha, Chair.

Aloha Members of the Council. My name is Pa'ele Kai Kona, obviously testifying in support of Bill 161 for multiple reasons. But we obviously need to start prioritizing what is truly important especially in this recovery effort, given that we're still in stage 2 water shortage in West Maui and according to the Department of Water Supply West Maui's water system is exceeding its reliable capacity by over 40%. I believe it's 41.8% to be exact. The situation is so serious that we had to halt new meter approval and even homes to be rebuilt. As we all know that, but we're still considering looking at, you know, allowing swimming pools to still be built, and just to be clear, given the language of the Bill itself, it is a temporary something that is temporary, so that

we can put ourselves in a better position down the line. But you know, people have pointed to water Director's Stufflebean's data of swimming pools used 50-56 gallons of water or less per day, but this number is 100% being misused to downplay the real impact of swimming pools. So when we break this down, County uses 300 gallons per day as standard to approve a new home so that means one swimming pool consumes nearly 20% of what a home would need daily.

Every five pools built would basically spell that is one less home that can be built. You build 25 pools that is water we need for five homes; right? That is not small. That is a choice we're all making to prioritize luxury amenities over what is truly important and keeping our people home. That is just the daily use. Before you can even swim in a pool, you have to fill it and often sometimes that equates to 15,000 to 30,000 gallons to get the swimming pool swim-ready. So that is basically 2-3 months of water to supply a single home.

So in this pace of recovery, housing shortages long-term drought using thousands of gallons to fill swimming pool and continually fill them, it's -- I just see it as wasteful. Again, it's something that is temporary, as we address these issues. I cannot regardless if it only loses 50 gallons a day, or 100-300 gallons every single little bit is that much more important when you look at the situation here in West Maui. So you know, I 100% support this measure and this effort, and again, pointing to the fact that it's something put in place temporarily. So that we can fix the issues that we need to fix. That concludes my testimony. Mahalo.

>> Thank you. Any clarifying questions? None. Thank you. Next testifier. >> Chair, next testifier is Noel Patel on Bill 15. >> Good morning, Chair, Council Members, my name is Noel Patel to testify on Bill 15. And before I start sharing some things I just want to be clear that you know I'm all in support for housing especially for Lahaina. I just have a couple of call for concern on the longevity of these factory-built homes.

So I fully support housing for Lahaina,, but I want to make sure that it's safe for everybody, for the community. Not just in Lahaina, but for everybody in general. So I just have a few questions. You know on factory-built housing, the transportation aspect, now, I understand that there's no factories here that mass-produce factory-built housing, but is there going to be somebody here in Maui, or wherever it lands to also inspect the safety of it, as well as when it gets transported to these individual sites? I agree this is a good thing to do for temporary support, but for longevity, I just have some concerns about it. You know, things that are built in place, it doesn't have the ability to tweak, move, twist while it's been transported. There's a tunneling on Na'Pali that would have to fit through to get to Lahaina.

So anything that goes to Lahaina will have to be the size of the tunnel or smaller. And then you are talking about traffic things and what not when they transport it in the middle of the night, however that looks. I'm curious to know what the insurance looks like? I understand as homes are being rebuilt in that community, it's difficult already -- we know that the people were underinsured. It's difficult to get insurance for those homes right now. What is the insurance look like for a factory-built house being shipped from wherever it might be being shipped from to Maui County or Hawai'i? And then the other thing is when it comes down to warranties. I know, I have a little bit of experience, not much in building, and I know that there are many nailing patterns.

There's structural things that need to be in place that's cohesive with Maui County. And so if it's built somewhere else, it might not be as cohesive, but when it comes here, how long is that thing going to last then? If we're AAA trying to make something for community, for families, for generations to come, I think built in place housing is good for this generation and next. I'm not exactly

sure if the transportation of factory-built housing you know has the longevity for this generation and the next. >> Questions? Member Johnson? >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nThank you for your testimony. Just going to clarify some of your concerns that you mentioned maybe have you reached out to HPM? Who has been doing factory housing over the 40 years on the Big Island and providing homes for them that long they seem to have figured out the concerns that you have. Have you spoken to them? >> Yes, I have spoken to them a few times, but just my concern is even if they are building on the Big Island, it still has to be transported here. Sure, and there's a couple extra steps and processes that have to be put in place. But I do think that structurally safe wise.\r\n\r\nBuilt in place is the only way if you look at the two comparisons between built in place and something that travels here from wherever it might be built in place home that are lasting 60 years. >> Have you looking at the cost of those homes in comparison with the factory-built? >> Yeah. I cost understand is a big issue there. There's gotta be -- I mean the biggest probably the issue; right? People want to get back to their community to their hometown and they do whatever it takes? >> INSTRUCTOR: Understand.\r\n\r\n>> You clarified my thank you for that. >> thank you. Member Paltin. >> I just wanted to clarify are you aware that hundreds of these have already been transported to Lahaina with no negative incidents? >> Yes, I'm aware of that. But I'm -- >> That is all I asked. >> Okay.\r\n\r\n>> Yes, thank you. for the question. >> Has your house burned down? >> It hasn't. >> Do you have a place to sleep tonight? >> I do. >> Thank you. >> Members, any more clarifying questions?\r\n\r\nIf not, thank you very much. >> Thank you. >> Chair, next testifier is James Langford. >> Aloha, testifying on 161 and 15. Echoing. Hello to you all. May your hearts be filled with Joy and relief from external pressure. So 15 -- on the Housing aspects of the built in place versus the -- so there's [INAUDIBLE] According to meeting with Councilperson Cook who informed me that we have 100 years of Basalt, which is a key ingredient for home.\r\n\r\nSo it's possible that 3-D print and I submitted two years ago, about two weeks after the wildfire a plan about 800 pages, to the Governor and to you guys about this. It's about \$0.20 on the dollar to use 3-D prints homes, and it wouldn't affect the union guys too much because you're going find the supply side chain on the wood. You know, it's going to be difficult to acquire. So you could conceivably start with pre-built homes that are sent over here, like you folks have in place that is very logical to house people. You know, I still haven't gotten my housing yet from the wildfires in a reasonable way. I had to go through some corruption over in Kihei at the Haggai Institute. It's funnily it lined up when I was talking trash about you guys on Facebook.\r\n\r\nIs so really cool coincident, but so the build in place problems are as follows: Corruption, cocaine trafficking, money-laundering, but that is just how the construction industry is known worldwide. So denying that happens here is a felony. So the reason that we can't use a lot of construction folks because they are tied to folks that are doing cocaine whether they are trafficking or not, I don't care. But that is the problem with the built in place so far as 15 goes. That is where all the delays come in, all the catch-up from all the time that has been taken from the people with the -- you know giving the permits? Because of corruption. It's written.\r\n\r\nIn writing Hawai'i is the most corrupt state in the nation. So in order for us -- >> That is time on the first item. >> Yes, ma'am. 15 the mobile house. 161. >> That was three minutes on your first item. >> Yes, ma'am. >> Do you want to going on to next item?\r\n\r\nCan you go onto the next item. >> Briefly, yes, ma'am, 161. >> Yes. Still clarifying for me -- so 161, water. I have been providing a lot of information on atmosphere water solutions that

work in favor of development. If you localize it per house or your neighborhood basis, you can generate enough water with solar, University of Berkeley even has a personal home solar that is very cost-effective. Filling the pools up with tens of thousands of gallons offsets the evaporation testimony we heard today. Growing grass.

Anyway, those guys got in trouble too. I know those guys. So anyway, I really want to invoke H.R.S. 92 brought to light, so that is what needs to happen for us folks in order to go ahead as uncomfortable as that is, it's the facts. Like my dear good friend, Jack Smith, I have to regrets on truth that I bring up and I hope you folks can avoid prosecution and tell the truth. >> Thank you. Members, any clarifying questions? No questions.

Thank you very much. May we have the next testifier, please. >> Chair, there's currently no one else signed up to testify at the beginning of the meeting. So we'll go ahead and give last call. I see Pa'ele Kai Kona is raising his hand? Are you testifying on a different item than Bill 161? >> Aloha, yes. I will keep it quick.

Yes, sorry one more Bill I forget to mention that I wanted to testify on. I just wanted to support -- show my support for Bill 15, testifying on Bill 15. Right now we are definitely seeing struggle with a lot of people trying to obviously build their housing without enough resources and money to do so. And a lot of the reason, which me and my family are dealing with right now is just a lot of the processes that are required for us to start building. When you look at SMA areas, and all of these new environmental restrictions, especially right now given that the FEMA housing is about to run out and there's that fear of people not being able to go back to their property. One of the biggest obstacles is all of the processes, but also the costs. So much of the reason people can't even get to that place is because of some of things imposed on them because of the County, and I'm not pointing blame to that. There's these processes.

But if we are not actively trying to transition and help in these areas that we know we can help, then that does fall upon the County. So I see this as a huge opportunity for people to be able to get back to their property, in way that is affordable, quickly, and not have this looming threat over your head of being uprooted from your FEMA housing. And this helps to alleviate some of those pressures and some of those obstacles that these families are facing. So that is it for me. Mahalo. >> Thank you. Any clarifying questions?

If not, thank you very much. Next testifier Chair, we currently have no one else signed up to testify. So we'll give last call for testimony at the beginning of the meeting. Chair, seeing no one indicating that they wish to testify. Countdown, 3, 2, 1, no one else has indicate they wish to testify at the beginning of the meeting. >> Members, any objections to closing public testimony at beginning of the meeting and accepting written testimony? So ordered.

Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, we're moving on to Resolutions. We currently have no one signed up to testify on Resolution. So it will be last call for anyone who would like to testify on any of the Resolutions. And the countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, there's no one indicating a desire to testify. >> Members, any objections to closing public testimony on Resolutions, and accepting written testimony?

So ordered. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you Resolution 26-8 updating the voting Member roster for the Special Committee on Real Property Tax Reform. >> Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I wish to adopt Resolution 26-8. >> Moved by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Member Sinenci to adopt Resolution 26-8. Of course this is to add our new Member Mr. Batangan to the Real Property Tax Committee. Any more -- any discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Okay. Mahalo, Chair. Resolution 26-8 updates the voting Member roster for the Special Committee on Real Property Tax Reform and replaces late Council Member Tasha Kama with Council

Member Kauanoe Batangan as a voting Member. All other provisions remain in effect and the Committee term remains extended through March 27, 2026. I look forward to having you join in the fun, Member Batangan.\r\n\r\nMahalo, Chair. >> Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Resolution 26-9 approving a time extension for the Maui Planning Commission to transmit its findings and representations for South Maui Community Plan update to the Council under subsection 2.80 b.090 Community Media Access Collaborative code.\r\n\r\n>> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. I move to adopt Resolution 26-9. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Paltin, second by Member Cook to adopt resolution 26-9, Discussion, Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. You know, I have read the testimony in opposition, but I don't think the individual understands that the Council adopted Resolution 24-184 to extend the Maui Planning Commission's deadline to submit the South Maui Community Plan by May 14, 2025. The Commission finished its review in March, but in discussing the South Maui Community Plan with the Administration, the plan was not yet ready for the Council's review. On December 18, 2025, Council Chair returned the Planning Director's transmittal with a proposal to approve the South Maui Community Plan update for further review.\r\n\r\nThis extension follows Corp. Counsel's recommendation, and the time extension is until June 30, 2026. But the Commission can always transmit their findings and recommendations on the South Maui Community Plan update earlier, if they finish earlier. I respectfully ask for the Members' support of my motion. Thank you. >> Any more discussion? Member Cook. >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nI support this, and also, I would like the community to understand that this -- it's the process, and we're listening to Corp. Counsel, and the Planning Department, and we will do this as expeditiously as possible. Thank you. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you, Chair. I will be supporting this today, but I do have a question. So in kind of Planning for this year, at the end of last, we were thinking we were going to have it this month.\r\n\r\nAnd so Member Paltin, do you know if it extends until June? Are we going to take it up later this year, and we're going to still do your month long plan, where we plan to all of us give up our Committees and hammer this out? >> I would love to do that, and that is kind of why we selected June, because we figure end of March, April, mid- May is budget and then we're hosting the WIR 5-8th. I didn't want to jump right into a month of that. >> Thank you. >> So that is why June was selected. If it does get transmitted to us earlier than that, it will give our Staff a good time to review.\r\n\r\nSo that when we take it up, we can rely on them a little bit more heavier, maybe? Because we can be what page or whatever? So that is the plan. So hoping possibly June, July, I'll have to work it out amongst everyone when they have time that they could give to us for our budget type version of CPAC. >> Okay, thank you. Just trying to mentally prepare for that time. Thanks.\r\n\r\n>> Any more questions or comments? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is resolution 26-10 appointing Faith Chase to the Police Commission. >> Member Sinenci.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. I move to adopt Resolution 26-10. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez to adopt Resolution 26-10. Discussion, Member Sinenci? >> Mahalo, Chair. The Council's deadline to approve or disapprove the individual from the independent nomination Board's list is January 29th, 2026. And if adopted Resolution 26-10 would appoint Faith Chase to the Police Commission for a term expiring March 31st, 2028. We received Ms. Chase's name from the INB and the last name to choose from the list for Council's consideration. As you know, we currently,

the Police Commission does not have any East Maui representation.\r\n\r\nAnd so having her would help us kind of address some of the issues that we have been experiencing on the Hana Highway lately. Faith, everybody knows faith. She has been very active in our Maui County issues. She has been watching meetings, watching the Commission meetings, and legislative hearings to stay current during all of our issues. And she has since served on the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness. I believe she is online, if Members had any questions of her. I ask the Members' full support of my motion.\r\n\r\nThank you. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you. Is Ms. Chase, she is online? >> Ms. Chase?\r\n\r\nHello. >> Aloha. >> Okay. >> Thank you for being with us today. Can I ask her about things also not only on this one, but the one that are going to come up? Because she is on three of these proposed commissions. >> I think that made sense.\r\n\r\n>> I had questions, too, because I remember at one point, the Administration only allowed one, but I don't know about that was like their own choice or that is the policy? So I did have a question for Corp. Counsel. >> Maybe you ask your question first then, if you don't mind. Because that was going to be part of my questions, but since you brought it up, Member Paltin. >> Sorry, West Maui resident that had sat on the CPAC applied for the Board of Ethics and they were told that even though CPAC was over, they couldn't apply for Board of Ethics until the West Maui CPAC had passed. So I wanted to clarify, is that the previous Administration's policy, or is that a policy, or is that nothing they just lied to the guy?\r\n\r\n>> Corp. Counsel? >> Thank you. I believe that is current policy, but I have Yukari from great, and maybe she can come down and provide us more subject-matter expertise. >> Chair? >> Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair.\r\n\r\nIn the meantime, did you want to designate Ms. Chase for later? >> Members, would you like to designate Ms. Chase as resource? So if you could hang on there, Ms. Chase, we're waiting for comments from Corp. Counsel.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. I need to look at the Ordinance and see if there's a limitation off and on the Ordinance. Because I know some Board and commissions it's limited like Independent Nominating Board that they it only serve Independent Nominating Board and not any other Board. So I don't know if that was a limitation of that sort or if it was a policy that they wanted to have someone in one Board only. So I have to look into that particular Board of Ethics. >> Sorry, I'm not asking about that. The guy doesn't want to do it anymore.\r\n\r\nI was asking if Ms. Chase can serve on multiple boards, because previously, we were told that a West Maui individual couldn't serve on multiple boards at the same time. So that is my question. If legally she can only serve on one Board at a time, we need to ask her what is her No. 1 desire to serve on? But the legal question I'm asking is because it happened to a West Maui resident in the past, is it allowed for a Member of the public to serve on multiple boards at a time? That is the question.\r\n\r\n>> Oh, okay. I Think it depends on the Board or Commission. Like the Independent Nominating Board was specific and I have to look into each Board if there's such a requirement. >> I think in this case it's the Police Commission and the Hana Advisory Committee. So if you could let us know before we vote, that would be great. >> I think there's a third one. >> And the East Maui Water Authority.\r\n\r\nSo those three. I got no problems supporting her to all three, but I just don't want to have to come back and redo things. >> Okay. >> Can you answer that, Corp. Counsel? You need some time. >> While we look for the -- whether or not that is legally required, I believe that is our policy.\r\n\r\nBut we'll substantiate that by checking whether or not the Charter provides for that. >> You mean it's your policy to only let them sit on one Board . >> It's not my individual

policy, no. >> The County's policy? >> I believe it's the County's policy. >> Member Rawlins-Fernandez and Member Sinenci. >> I know it's kind of a long time ago, but in the beginning of the term this Administration's term we had multiple people serving on at least two boards or commissions. So I don't understand how it's the policy now when it wasn't the policy at that time.\r\n\r\n>> We're checking. Don't see anything in the Charter that prohibits that. So the policy is just a suggestion. It doesn't mean that you cannot. >> Okay. >> We have Mr. Sinenci and Mr.\r\n\r\nBatangan. >> Thank you, Chair. Ms. Chase did apply for all of these Boards and Commissions and if she has the support for the Police Commission, then I would move to remove her off the other commissions that she has applied for. >> Okay. >> Mr. Batangan.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. I think OCS attorneys might be able to verify this, but it's my understanding that the policy for only serving on one Board was limited to the Independent Nominating Board since they make recommendations for the other boards, they were the only ones conflicted out. But I think OCS attorneys might be able to speak to that as well. If Corp. Counsel is having trouble looking it up, we might be able to ask our other attorneys. >> Ms. Kawasaki.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you,, Chair. That is our understanding this is only applicable to the INB. It would be a policy decision as to having somebody serve. Our understanding is that in prior Administrations, they did have the internal policy of having people serve on one Board or Commission at a time. To my understanding there is no legal prohibition against it. So it would be up to the body. >> Okay.\r\n\r\nSo we're going to take each one separately. One by one. Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. So I just want to clarify, then what I'm understanding, because policy is a bit stronger than like preference. Aside from INB, if that is -- the Administration's preference to have someone serve on only one Board at a time, that is understandable. I think that -- the Council's preference usually as well.\r\n\r\nBut it's not our policy that there's a prohibition except for the ones that explicitly prohibit it, which is the INB, and I don't know if I heard about the CPAC as well? I'm not sure. I don't need you to look that up right now, because what we have right now are none -- neither of those. And I'm supportive of all three. Mahalo, Chair. I'm sorry, Corp. Counsel Takahashi?\r\n\r\n>> I was agreeing with you. INB is specifically mentioned in the Charter. Instead of "policy" we can use "preference." >> Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair. >> Mechanics, getting back to the item at-hand, Resolution 26-10, appointing Faith Chase to the Police Commission. Any more discussion on that? Member Johnson?\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. And I know Council Member Sinenci mentioned that this would -- if she were to choose, this would be her one she would chaos on. I support that. I'm wondering if there's -- you know, moving forward if she can do two out of three or all three and maybe I should wait in I don't know how we do this to find out on each one? Is that what you want to do every time she come up we ask her? I would kind of prefer, what is your favorite, you know? >> To her yes.\r\n\r\n>> Members, do you want to ask that question of her? It sounds like her preference is the Police Commission. >> Right. >> If that doesn't go, then we move on to the other two. >> I'm okay with calling all the three things up at the same time. So we're not limited in our questions to the resource. >> Members, any objections to calling up all three at the same time?\r\n\r\nMs. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Resolution 26-12 acting on the nominations of Faith Chase, Sharol Ann Lay and Bailey June Spry to the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maki Planning Commission under Chapter 2.28 Maui County Code and Resolution 2 -13 acting on the nomination of Zach Mathers -- oh, you don't need him; right? Member Sinenci -- Chair, before you is Resolution 26-14 acting on the nominations of Faith Chase,

Veralyn Latham Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr., and Lurlyn Scott to the East Maui Regional Community Board Under Section 8-19.2 revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983) as amend. >> Member Johnson. >> Thank you, Chair. Ms. Faith Chase, if you are on the call, I'm curious, which one you would rank as your top preference? Your second preference and your third preference? >> Aloha, Council Member Johnson. The Police Commission has risen to the top after speaking with some of my local community members, and understanding sort of global positioning of the East Maui Water Authority and the items that they are working on. I know all of these individuals that was at one time my first selection. I have since changed, because I understand once you get that sort of breadth of depth of the work that it's good to have that continuum. So I'm happy to see those other individuals move forward. As far as the Hana Advisory Committee. I would appreciate being maybe an alternate, if that is needed? And I did look at the different days of the meetings times that I could do it and I have got permission from my employer as well to take the time to serve on this Commission. Thank you. >> Thank you for that clarification. You know, just for me personally, I'm only going to speak for myself. First off, I think you would be great on the Police Commission. But when we have three of them on your table and let's say you get sick or go off-island, it's hard to spin all the plates. That is why I just wanted to see if you had a first choice, second choice? But thanks for your clarification, Ms. Chase. Thank you, Chair. >> I have no further questions. >> Mahalo, Chair. >> Mahalo, Chair. Ms. Chase, mahalo for being with us today. So to Member Johnson's question, you said that your employer would let you off for the Police Commission. I know for the Hana advisory, I don't even know -- I don't know if Member Sinenci knows how many time they met in 2025? I doubt it was more than five times. Maybe even once? So that is not big plate that would be spinning there. And then for the East Maui Water Authority, valley Ke'anae, that is a once a month meeting, Member Sinenci? Okay. And then the Police Commission, I believe is also once a month. So we have like the Planning Commission, that meets twice a month, for example. So we have other commissions. That would likely be about twice a month, and maybe one more depending if the Maui Planning Commission ever sends the Hana Advisory Committee anything to review, and provide recommendation. So do you think that would be too much for you, Ms. Chase? >> I thought about this at length before my interview with the Independent Nominating Board. And I moved home on purpose to dig into my community. You all know how tenacious my testimonies are. So this is my effort to serve my home community, and do the best I can. Instead of rolling up on you after the fact and saying what I feel. I feel like I'm trying to get ahead of it by making a commitment to these Boards and commissions. I hope that answers your questions. Tch I think I heard your answer as yes, this would not be too much for you. I guess that was attendance, and she has shared her vision for the Board. Is there anything else you would like to add about your experience with any of these commissions? I know you have a lot of experience with the Planning Commissions and the East Maui water and all of the water things and the Police Commission. So if you could like to share anything else with us? >> Thank you. Thank you, Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I guess I just want to say that there's been a vacancy for the last two years. I know that you all used to see me with the exception of Council Member Batangan. In fact,, congratulations. Haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet. Two years away from Maui 13:30:55 on O'ahu the job I had was helping to build a huge workforce development component at the nonprofit and really opened my eyes to the power and the possibilities of you know, changed people, if you will? Those who

have you know been formerly maybe involved and so I this that I lens really helps me in a different way that I wasn't aware of and I can sort of look through a different cultural lens with this new experience.\r\n\r\nAnd so that is something about me that you guys might have been unaware of and of course, being a Commissioner on the Healing Solutions for Homelessness, give me another perspective and my advocacy for our fellow residents that have having struggling seasons of their lives, and what I often refer to as rough sleepers. >> Thank you for the question. >> Mahalo, I appreciate the response I am looking at your application and it says residency Hana. Is that your current residency? >> Yes, I got to move home three months ago. Thank you. >> Awesome.\r\n\r\nWelcome home mahalo Ms. Chase. >> I support you. to all three Boards and commissions. Mahalo, Chair. >> Thank you, Ms. Chase for being with us.\r\n\r\n>> What you do you think for all three of these boards, answering whatever order you choose to what would you bring to each of these commissions and why do they interest you? >> Yes, starting with the Police Commission, just my reply to Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez, I think it does Justice and I have actually been reviewing the past meetings just to catch-up and see what I was embarking on and I'm actually am very interested and would like that to be in that space, not to mention that you know the Chair is the only Wahine that I see. So that would be a nice balance for the Police Commission. The East Maui Water Authority I have been going to meetings since 198 5 and since I was a Junior in High School I was on the first Memorial Pono Kola Hui sign-up sheet and it has been sadly life's work. So I feel like I can contribute in space. Nonetheless, should I not be appointed to that Commission, I'm a frequent visitor to the meetings and often share my testimony. So I don't really worry about that and like I said before, I know most of the individuals on the West Maui Water Authority.\r\n\r\nThe Hana Advisory Committee, I have been trying to go to every meeting since I have being home and doing a listening tour and seeing the global positioning of my town and my home, and what the concerns are so as well I will probably be at every meeting. But I think I can contribute, because the time away and actually the time with you all, a small towns tend to not know the policies that affect them. So I think that is another nice bridge, a nice meeting of the middle having taken everything that I have learned from watching you all, and listening to my home community and seeing where we can reposition thing and strengthen and make sure there's health and safety. I hope that answers your question. >> It did. Thank you very much. >> Anybody else?\r\n\r\n>> Chair, I have a clarifying question? >> Yes. >> Because of the geographic, I guess restrictions that are for this Board, can we ask what town -- >> Your residence? If Ms. Chase can tell us what your license area you are in? >> I'm in Hana. I'm on the outskirts and closest one is Nahiku.\r\n\r\n>> Why are you asking that question? >> Chair, perhaps we can ask Member Sinenci, if Member Sinenci was the one that nominated Ms. Chase to the East Maui Water Authority Board, which seat were you filling for Ms. Chase? Which seat did you intend for her to fill? Ms. Chase applied herself to all.\r\n\r\nBoards. So her name is just -- it wasn't forwarded by the INB. She was just part of the list to choose from. Because she applied. >> But it make a difference where exactly she lives. >> So I'm sorry, the INB vetted this list and then recommended this list to us, and there's a potential that one of the names is not -- does not qualify? >> I think so.\r\n\r\n>> The INB sent us a name of someone who doesn't qualify for the Board that we would be filling? >> At this time, I think what the INB does -- >> Who advises the INB? I don't understand why we're doing this right now? >> Because it has to be in a certain license area? >> Correct. INB even if they don't qualify for a certain license area, if that person -- if the

person is already vetted by INB and when there's a future vacancy for that license area, then that person can be on that list. >> Right, it's more specific.\r\n\r\n>> Are you saying that Hana does not have a license area? I'm trying to look it up right now. >> All of the areas, they are listed on the Board, all fall within the Hana Community Plan Area. So everybody is -- . I know, but each Board is different. The East Maui Water Authority Board is different. >> The lease area remember when we drafted? So it's not Community Plan Area.\r\n\r\nIt's the water lease area. >> Right. So the two that is that are up for re-appoint is Ke'anae and Huelo and the other was Nahiku, but that is the Mayor's purview to approve. >> So her name should be taken off and that should have gone to the Mayor instead. >> Yeah. It appears like it should not have been forwarded to us. >> It wasn't forwarded from the INB.\r\n\r\nIt was just that she had her application on there, and that is why her name is included in the Resolution. >> Well, the point is somebody made a mistake, and we need to get that cleared up. Corp. Counsel, what is your conclusion with regard to this -- does she qualify or not? >> The openings that we have it sounds like the closest license area would be Nahiku, which has already been filled. So I don't believe that she meets the qualifications of a license area at this time. >> Questions, Vice-Chair Sugimura?\r\n\r\n>> So if we reject the applicant, then how many day and who does the filling of the vacancy? >> So I think we're only talking about Ms. Chase right now. The other two Members that are currently serving in Ke'anae/Haiku license area seats are -- did submit their names to reappoint, as they can be re-appointed for full five years term. So this Council would consider if they are will be going forward will be approved for those positions. If not, then we have those two seat. The list you will have to notify the INB and INB will have 75 days I believe.\r\n\r\n>> I don't think Member Sugimura was talking about the other two seats. >> It's not available? >> So you don't have to worry about this one. If we reject let's say Police Commission, we reject Faith Chase for Police Commission, then what would happen? Go ahead. >> Sorry. Then the notification that the disapproval was done, disapproved by the Council and goes back to the Mayor.\r\n\r\nThe Mayor will then notify INB, since there's no more names and INB will have 75 days. 50 days sorry. It's 50 days to submit the news list to the Mayor and the Mayor picks from the list and comes back to the Council for approval. >> Thank you. >> Thank you. >> Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Member Sugimura has a question.\r\n\r\n>> Was confusing because we're talking about the East Maui Water Authority and rejecting names, but there's a list of four names. I'm looking at who this Resolution was introduced by and it was Member Sinenci. So my question is who put forward the four names? Who put this list together and sent it to us? >> Thank you, Chair. Our Staff had received the INB's nomination list from the INB dated 12/31. And so under -- are you specifically asking for the East Maui Water Authority? >> Correct.\r\n\r\nthere's a list of four folks. And now if one of the applicants does not qualify for the seat that is vacant, that we're voting to fill, I'm wondering -- I heard Corp. Counsel, Deputy Corp. Counsel say at least one of them qualifies for the license area. And I guess the question is do the other two? >> Chair. >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> So the list that was forwarded to us had four names on it. So that is why the four names are on the Resolution. The first one is to the Mayor's appointment, not to ours. The second re-appointment, second and third re-appointments are for us to choose from. And then Ms. Chase's name was added because she had applied and sent in her application to be part of this. But she didn't come as the nominee from the INB.\r\n\r\nWe just had received an application from her. So that is why we had four names on the Resolution. >> Understand this

process -- I'm trying really hard to understand. The INB recommended this to Member Sinenci's office? >> No. No. Let's have a clarification from the Chair of that Committee.\r\n\r\nMember Uu-Hodgins can you explain? >> Thank you, former Chair. >> Former Chair. >> Sorry it was sent from OCS. >> This is the mass list of vacancies, but even for me to understand. So I don't know if Ms. Chase from Hana, is that the residency unfortunately falls in front of the license area.\r\n\r\nBut to go to Veralyn, Norman Bush and Lauren Scott, they are already on it and reupping the term for three years, because we allow that. Py question is for Mr. Martin and Ms. Scot, those were Council appointees, so we can probably continue to do that. And then for Ms. Latham, Veralyn from Nahiku, currently she fills the Mayor's slot. >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> So we do that, then can we do that? >> No, that is the thing. The name must be submitted -- so we apologize for that error. >> So we cannot. We cannot consider Ms. Chase and Ms. Latham because this is Mayor's appointee.\r\n\r\nSo we are only allowed to consider Mr. Martin and Ms. Scott for continuation to serve on this Board for another five years for term end in 2031. >> Well, if Chase Faith is in one of those -- -she lives in Hana. She lives outside, unfortunately. I would love to see her on here. But she does live outside of that. Okay, so we can then for my clarification, we can appoint Mr.\r\n\r\nMartin and Ms. Scott to continue on this okay. So my next question for is for the Hana Advisory Committee currently the vacant spot is under the Mayor spot for a regular non-alternate position. Of the seven, it's the Mayor's spot. Thank you, Shane, for letting me take your stuff. So if we put her in as alternative, an alternate, considering the current space is vacant, would she be able to participate? How does this work considering we're not obviously the Mayor?\r\n\r\n>> So I think this is for mass nomination. >> And there's I see two seats that are expiring on Hana advisory on my list. Is this considered to be a mass nomination? >> This is 3/4 specific ones. So this is considered mass nomination? >> Yes, because this is only direct Council appointee. >> So we don't have to go through -- the Mayor doesn't have to submit the names in that 70-60-day period.\r\n\r\n>> So this is the old mass nominations that we miss a few years back? >> No, this is new, not mass nomination for 2026 by direct Council appointment. >> So how can we doing any other ones then; right? >> Because this is going from this is only because INB has 90 days to provide a list appointing authority. Okay >> No the vacant position that is currently available for the Mayor, but that expires in this year, March 31st, and Ms. Becky Lind that expires March 31st. >> So she wouldn't necessarily be considered an alternate no, unless it's wants to be on, it's up to the Board if you want to move her to alternate and yes, those are two that are expiring.\r\n\r\n>> Okay, Members. Well, this is very interesting and however it's getting close to lunchtime and our OCS Staff would like to meet with Corp. Counsel. So straighten out some of the details going forward and would highly recommend that the new great Chair consider repealing the version. It has been a headache migraine, you know? And it's just a mess every time, it's a mess. >> Okay, Members, any objections?\r\n\r\nYes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair. Since Ms. Chase is with us now, I know we have to straighten out the East Maui Water Authority. So what ends you being decided there for East Maui Water Authority is not contingent upon my support for the Police Commission and Hana advisory. Can we, I mean, there's been no motion for either of these two. We only have a motion for the Police Commission and I'd hate for Ms.\r\n\r\nChase to have to stick around because of our internal strickening out that needs to happen. So can I ask my colleagues to ask Ms. Chase whatever they need to for a police, and we take a vote on that before we go to lunch? >> Here comes our bosses. They are the ones that

will straighten this out. Members, do I have any objections to moving forward on the motion on the one item, which is the Police Commission? Okay.\r\n\r\nAnd then we'll take a break until what time? Lunch. You have flights, whatever. Is like 1:00 okay? Or what? Okay. 1:00. After we take the vote.\r\n\r\nAll right. Member Sinenci? >> Thank you, Chair. For my last and final, I don't know if a lot of people heard on the news recently, but we did have some incidents on the Hana Highway. And we have been trying to get additional Police presence on the Hana Highway. Unfortunately, because we're a rural community our small numbers doesn't always constitute another Officer. However, we do host 600 to a thousand visitors a day in East Maui, which we're happy to do.\r\n\r\nBut without the necessary tools we're going to continue to see these challenges that we recently saw this week on the Hana Highway. And so I'm just asking that we have representation on this Commission so that we can help to advocate for more help on the East Maui. >> Any more discussion? Roll call. >> Chair, proceeding with roll call. Council Member Shane Sinenci? >> Aye.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Nohelani Uu-Hodgins? >> No. >> Council Member Tom Cook? >> No. >> Council Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Aye. >> Council Member Gabe Johnson? \r\n\r\n>> Aye. >> Council Member Tamara Paltin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? >> Council Member Batangan? >> No. >> And Chair Lee? \r\n\r\n>> No. >> Chair, you have four ayes, five nos, motion fails. >> So we'll continue our agenda after lunch at 1:00. Thank you Ms. Chase for hanging in there. >> Just to clarify. we're releasing Ms. Chase? \r\n\r\n>> Yes, we're releasing Ms. Chase. >> We can release Ms. Chase. >> It's an hour break and we're going to ask her to stick around if anyone else has questions. They should ask her now before we take a break. >> She is not being paid to stay here, you know? \r\n\r\n>> No, I think the idea is that we're going to consider her for other one. We would have to bring it up another one. >> The other one. We would bring it up at another time. Okay. Chair. >> May I request that we take that up right now because we need to let her know. \r\n\r\nIt's just the East Maui Water Authority. Who is that that we're voting for? >> Who qualifies? >> Members, any objections to taking up the vote on the Hana Advisory Committee? >> No. >> Because she is not the only applicant for that one. >> Yes, exactly. \r\n\r\nWe have Ms. Chase, Ms. Lay and Ms. Spry. >> You know what? Maybe we do need clarification. Sorry. \r\n\r\n>> Okay, we have our Staff from OCS right behind you. Kasie. >> How many seats are we filling for East Maui advisory? >> Two. >> Two alternates. >> Two regular seats and two alternate seats are open right now for Council appointment. >> I don't know that we should be taking now because we have other people to consider. \r\n\r\nAll right. So we'll come back at 1:00, meeting in recess. [GAVEL] >> Will the Council Meeting of January 23rd, 2026 please reconvene. It's 1:30 p.m. Ms. Clerk, let's pick up where we left off. >> Thank you, Chair. We have something to just tie up on. \r\n\r\nResolution 26-10 and I believe Corp. Counsel will provide some information on that. >> Corp. Counsel. >> Yes, thank you, Chair. Just to clarify, I believe now that there was a motion taken that failed to appoint Ms. Chase to the Police Commission, this Resolution will now be filed by someone here? \r\n\r\n>> Okay. >> By one of the Council Members, I'm not sure. >> Okay, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> The other two names. >> Uu-Hodgins. >> It needs a lot of attention, we know. >> The other drama Queen. \r\n\r\nOkay, we got that covered. Anything else? >> And it's because this Resolution specific to appointing that what the language of the Resolution. We believe that you don't need to now disapprove this Resolution. But you can send a transmittal to the Independent Nominating Board that action was taken and she was in the approved for appointment. >> Wait a minute, why would we do that? Why don't we just withdraw the

motion?\r\n\r\n>> I'm going to file. >> File the motion. >> Motion to file Resolution 26-10. >> We'll file that one. >> And I think -- >> The third one. >> That will take care of transmittal to INB to notify them, so their clock of 60 days will start when they receive the letter of the action that was taken. >> Okay. Yes.\r\n\r\nAll right. We got that. Anything else that we should cover? >> Not to this. >> Ms. Clerk. just mention -- repeat where we're at?\r\n\r\n>> Sure. So we're on Resolution 26-10. Which was the Resolution appointing Faith Chase to the Police Commission. And my understanding is Member Uu-Hodgins is going to make a motion to file. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you, Chair. I move to file Resolution 26-10. >> Okay. Any discussion?\r\n\r\n>> No. >> No discussion. All those in favor of the motion to file -- roll call. >> Discussion. >> Discussion, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I guess it kind of caught me off-guard a little bit, because there wasn't any indication there wasn't going to be support of this appointment and there wasn't any explanation as to why, and if I was the nominee, I would appreciate understanding the posting Council Members that voted against my appointment for a specific position.\r\n\r\nI know, like, Member Johnson asked about whether she had the capacity and time to serve on multiple Boards and Commissions? And so if you had voted no, that was kind of like his explanation as to why. But I think when Members of the Public apply to serve on different Boards and Commissions and if we vote no, I feel like we should explain why. Mahalo, Chair. >> I would be happy to give my opinion. My opinion is that this person has been a frequent testifier over the years. Probably eight years that I have been here, and I have always found her to be very strident in her positions. And sometimes that is good and sometimes that is not.\r\n\r\nI think when you are a decision-maker, a policymaker you need to be objective, you need to be calm, you need to weigh both sides of an issue. I didn't see that characteristic in her. That is my -- that is my explanation. Anybody else want to go? >> I appreciate that, Chair. >> Okay nobody else. Roll call -- yes, Member Sinenci?\r\n\r\n>> Mahalo Chair and mahalo for the support of my nomination, but with that said, we'll consider Ms. Chase at the next Council Meeting for an alternate at the Hana advisory. Thank you. >> Member Cook. >> Thank you, Chair. I think that Ms. Chase has in Human Services and a lot of things she is very engaged in and Advisory Committee I'm supportive of it.\r\n\r\nI just felt the Police Commission is a different arena. So it's just my opinion okay? No criticism about her, and I know she wants to serve the community. She has the capacity and willingness and I am welcome for her in other positions just not on the Police Commission. Thank you. >> Mahalo, Member Cook. >> Anybody else?\r\n\r\nIf not, roll call. >> Council Member Sinenci? Council Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Yes. >> Council Member Cook? >> Yes. >> Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez?\r\n\r\n>> No. >> Council Member Johnson? >> Yes. >> Council Member Paltin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? >> No.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Batangan? >> Aye. >> And Chair Lee? >> This is to file; right? >> Correct. >> Sorry. Sorry I thought we were voting on her.\r\n\r\n>> To file. >> Okay. So we have five ayes, Chair and four nos. Motion carries to file. >> What did you folks eat for lunch? [Laughter]. >> I know, it was the miso. >> Blame the miso.\r\n\r\nNext item. >> We're now on Resolution 26-12, which has been called up. I don't know if you want me to restate it? >> Yes. >> So Resolution 26-12 acting on the nominations of Faith Chase, Sharol Ann Lay and Bailey June try to the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission under Chapter 2.28 Maui County Code. >> Chair? >> Member Sinenci, didn't you just ask about this being brought up?\r\n\r\n>> We got -- yes. >> What is that? >> We'll continue with this one. >> Okay. >> All right. >> We'll try again. >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nMove to adopt

Resolution 26-12. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Cook to adopt Resolution 26-12. And do we have discussion, Member Sinenci? >> Thank you, Chair. I have an Amendment to Resolution 26-12. The Clerk has already distributed it. >> Okay. Yes Member Johnson? >> I'm sorry, before we get too far in the weeds something is on my mind.\r\n\r\nI think Clerk was the numbers off on the aye and nays? >> Yes. >> I'm sorry. >> Correct, under 26-12, I'm sorry, 26-10, it was six ayes, and three nos. But the motion carries. >> To file. >> Sure it was seven?\r\n\r\n>> I have for ayes I have got Member Uu-Hodgins, Member Cook, you, Member Paltin, Member Batangan, and Chair Lee. >> Thank you. >> What happened to me? >> You voted no >> You voted no. >> That is when I had the miso problem. That is okay. It's done.\r\n\r\nIt's filed. >> Right. Getting back to the present item. Now we're talking about you want to make your motion? >> Yes. Thank you, Chair. Move to amend Resolution 26-12 by inserting the nominations of Sharol Ann Lay and Bailey June Spry with term expirations of March 31st, 2031 on exhibit B for approval and move Faith Chase to exhibit C for disapproval.\r\n\r\n>> Second? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, you have a question? >> Sure. I can second. I just was asking if there was a main motion to amend? >> Yes. It was just brought up Reso 26-12. >> We don't have a motion to adopt yet.\r\n\r\n>> Second. >> So this is the ASF, the Amendment. Everybody got that? Explanation, discussion, Member Sinenci? >> Thank you, Chair. Yes, Chair, please refer to my ASF, the Council is the appointing authority for two upcoming vacancies on the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission when the existing terms expire on March 31st, 2026. The Council's deadline to approve or disapprove the Independent Nominating Board's three nominations in Resolution 26-12 is January 30, 2026, so action must be taken at today's meeting. I'm not sure, Chair, if Ms.\r\n\r\nSpry is on the line? We did not contact Ms. Lay, should any of the Members have any questions for the nominees? I respectfully ask for the members' full support. Thank you. >> Just to clarify something real quick? We have the motion to amend.\r\n\r\nCan I just clarify that it also includes a motion to adopt ? yes >> Thank you. >> Any more discussion? Member Batangan. >> Thank you, Chair. I am happy to speak in support of Bailey. She and I were in the same Kukui class and I got to know her over the course of the year that we were in the program together. I found her to be somebody of high character, high competence and somebody who loves East Maui community.\r\n\r\nShe is dedicating her professional career to serving as grants Manager for Maka Hana ike and through this capacity does a lot of work to help the youth of. To be able to empower themselves and live more fulfilling live and I'm happy to speak and on her behalf I would like to ask the rest of the body to support her nomination as well. >> Thank you. Any more discussion? Member Sinenci. >> Thank you, Chair. I would wanted to add that Ms.\r\n\r\nSharol Ann Lay would fill the cultural practitioner position she is currently the Pellika of the CAFO Manu society Hana Chapter and would like to express our gratitude to outgoing members, Ms. Kahana and Ms. Lin. Thank you. >> Any more discussion? If not, roll call. >> Sorry, Chair.\r\n\r\nI was just advised to move to amend to add the cultural practitioner to Ms. Lay's appointment. >> Second that. >> All right. You moved to move the cultural practitioner? >> To Ms. Sharol Ann Lay.\r\n\r\n>> And June Spry doesn't need any particular designation? As a Member, that is just open seat. >> Yes, correct. >> All right. Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> So I'm assuming that is just like one motion and not like another motion to amend the motion to amend. >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> We're not treating that as a second Amendment >> Yes. My question is about how that is being indicated in the Resolution? Because I think it should be documented. So that it's easy to

find. I have done this by adding it in a clause under be it resolved. So I don't know if it's-- >> Chair? >> Go ahead.\r\n\r\n>> Member Sinenci? >> I suggest putting it in parenthesis next to Ms. Lay's name. Friendly Amendment. >> Is that good enough everybody? >> How will it appear when it's certified? It needs to be documented.\r\n\r\nSo that when it's researched, it's found; right? Because if it's not put into the Resolution itself, where be it resolved and that is why I'm suggesting it be in the be it resolved, Member Sinenci. Be it resolved that it designates the name, or something. >> Okay, he was just advised by our Staff, maybe you can share that? Whatever they said? >> We were going to do it the same as the Commission on Healing solutions, which is the next one coming up. >> Chair, if I could assist with that?\r\n\r\n>> Yes. >> Showed me basically a hard copy on the approval it will have Ms. Lay's name and next to it in parenthesis it will say cultural practitioner. >> When it's certified? >> Yes, and that way it will be nice and clean -- cleaner. >> Okay. >> Mahalo.\r\n\r\n>> Chair? >> Who said that? >> Richelle? >> Okay. >> Just to clarify, that is going to appear on exhibit B of this Resolution. >> Yes. I understand that.\r\n\r\nBecause right now the names are listed in the nominated members, and terms. And the motion is to move two of the names to the approved members and term and so their names would be listed here on the certified copy, and when the names are moved of Ms. Lay and Ms. Spry that were on the side of Ms. Lay's name it will say "cultural practitioner." Correct? >> Yes. >> So under approved mechanics and terms Hana Advisory Commission to the Planning Commission will have two names with Ms.\r\n\r\nLay with cultural practitioner on the side of her name. >> Any more discussion? Anybody? Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Sinenci for this substitution. So I think what else needs to be discussed for No.\r\n\r\n2 in the motion for Faith Chase's name to exhibit C that is a temporary hold. She asked to be an alternate, but we cannot put her as an alternate. So I think until next month or so we should prepare for that when it comes down. >> Member Raburn. >> Mahalo, Chair. Question for Member Sinenci. Is part of your motion to amend to move Ms.\r\n\r\nChase's name to the disapproved Members exhibit C? It's on the ASF. Mahalo. >> Any more discussion? Okay. Roll call. >> Council Member Sinenci? >> Aye.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Aye. >> Council Member Cook? >> Aye. >> Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Aye. >> Council Member Johnson?\r\n\r\n>> Yes. >> Council Member Paltin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? >> Aye. >> Council Member Batangan? >> Aye.\r\n\r\n>> And Chair Lee? >> Aye. >> Chair, you have a unanimous vote, motion passes. >> So the main motion as amended at this. >> Yes. Chair, that included the amounts, correct? yes.\r\n\r\n>> So what are you saying? >> Member Sinenci made a motion, and clarified that we started talking about Amendment first to move the names around. So we clarified that it was a motion to adopt and amend combined. >> Adopt, okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. When I asked if there was a main motion, it was confirm that Mr.\r\n\r\nSinenci made the motion and Member Cook seconded it. So when he was making the motion to amend it was a separate motion to amend and not a motion to a main motion with a motion to amend together. >> So now we should do that? >> Yes, mahalo, Chair. >> Okay. So anymore discussion on the main motion as amended? Do we need roll call?\r\n\r\nAll those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Next. >> And now we're onto Resolution 26-14. Ing and this is acting on the nominations of -- well, I have removed from this, although originally it said Faith Chase, Veralyn Latham, Norman Bush Martin, Jr. and Lurlyn Scott to East Maui Regional Community Board under the Section 8-19.2 revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983) as amended. >> Member

Rawlins-Fernandez. >> We were intentionally skipping 26-13 for now?\r\n\r\nThis is, nor Commission on Healing solutions. >> We just called up the ones, Members Rawlins-Fernandez that had Faith Chase in them. So we put all three up. >> So that is what we're taking up right now? >> Yes. >> Okay. You are calling up 26-14. Member Sinenci.\r\n\r\n>> Mahalo, Chair. Move to amend resolution 26-14. >> Adopt first, please. >> Adopt and amend. >> Move to adopt. >> Second. >> This is the first -- the first motion; right? To adopt.\r\n\r\n>> Correct. >> Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. To adopt Resolution 26-14. Discussion? Member Sinenci? >> Mahalo, Chair. I move to amend resolution 26-14 by inserting the nominations of Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr. and Lurlyn Scott with terms expiring March 31st, 2031 on exhibit B for approval and Faith Chase and Veralyn Latham on exhibit C for disapproval.\r\n\r\n>> Second. >> Moved by Member Sinenci and seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez to amend the main motion as stated by him in his ASF. Discussion Member Sinenci. >> Mahalo, Chair. Please refer to my ASF, the Council is at the pointing authority for two vacancies on the board. When Norman and Lurlyn's terms expire March 31st, 2026, I'm proposing that we re-appoint them because their initial terms did not exceed three years. So they are eligible to serve for an additional term.\r\n\r\nVeralyn Latham's term also expires March 31st, 2026. But she was appointed by the Mayor on June 30th, 2023. And because the Mayor is the appointing authority for her upcoming vacancy, I will leave the decision to re-appoint her with him. The Council's deadline to approve or disapprove the Independent Nominating Board is January 30, 2026, so action must be taken at today meeting, Chair. I respectfully ask the Members for their full support of my motion. Thank you. >> Any further discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair.\r\n\r\nI think it might be helpful to add the seat, just as we do with cultural practitioner for both Mr. Martin and Ms. Scott for the license area. What are the license areas? >> Friendly? >> Bush, Mr. Martin was -- I have the paper in front of me.\r\n\r\nMr. Martin is Ke'anae and Ms. Scot is Haiku. >> Friendly addition to the ASF. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye? >> Aye.\r\n\r\n>> Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Now the main motion as amended. Any more discussion, Mr. Sinenci? >> Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to commend the O Hui Maui 'okina since its inception they have been hitting the road running. They have had a very short time to -- a small window to learn all of the different private and public agencies, and since then, they have been able to meet with all of the stakeholders to attend a lot of state Commission Meetings, as well as create program s to manage the East Maui watershed.\r\n\r\nSo I certainly commend them and all the work that they have been doing so far. Thank you, Chair. >> Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. All right. >> Chair, we have just two more matters to take care of in Resolutions.\r\n\r\nThe first is for referral to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee. Resolution 26-11 proposing an Amendment to the revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983) as amended on County Council vacancies in office. >> Which Reso is that now? >> That is Resolution 26-11 for referral to great. >> Okay. Members, any objections to referring this to the Great Committee. So ordered.\r\n\r\nMs. Clerk. >> The last in Resolutions is Resolution 26-13 acting on the nomination of Zach Mathers to the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness under Chapter 2.31 Maui County Code. >> Member Sinenci. >> Mahalo, Chair, move to adopt resolution 26-13. >> Moved by Member Sinenci and seconded by Member Uu-Hodgins to adopt Resolution 26-13. Discussion, Member Sinenci? >> Mahalo, Members. You received the ASF, Resolution 26-13. And I

move to amend Resolution 26-13 by inserting the nomination of Zach Mathers, designated as faith-based leader and a term expiration of March 31st, 2029 on exhibit B for approval.\r\n\r\n>> Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Uu-Hodgins to amend the motion on Resolution 26-13 by inserting the nomination of Zach Mathers with the designation of faith-based leader and a term expiration of March 31st, 2029 in exhibit B for approval. Discussion, Member Sinenci? >> Thank you, Chair. The Council is the appointing authority for five vacancies that will be created on the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness. When existing terms expire March 31st, 2026. Our deadline, Chair, to approve or disapprove the Independent Nominating Board's nomination of Mr. Mathers is January 30th, 2026. Action must be taken at today's meeting. Mr.\r\n\r\nMather is the Senior Pastor of New Hope Maui. He is also trauma trained and trust-based relational intervention. He has worked in the foster care system for over 15 years and is co-founder of Village of Hope, which works with foster children in Maui County. I respectfully ask the Members for your full support of my motion. Thank you. >> Member Paltin. Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nThank you, Member Sinenci. I just wanted to have a clarification. I think last time we put Mr. Andrien in the faith-based position. Can we clarify how many and what are the seats? Likes, was it that we needed someone from the Districts, and if we have a faith-based person, should we put him from South Maui or was it supposed to be two faith-based positions? >> I can refer to OCS.\r\n\r\n>> Corp. Counsel? >> You're correct, Member Paltin, there was someone else already appointed. I don't think there was a limit. I think the code said at least one Member. So it's not a maximum. >> Was there a requirement that someone be from South Maui? Because I mean, I don't mind more than one faith-based person, but if we can check another box, let's check it?\r\n\r\n>> I don't know if there was a residence? >> Staff, do you know? >> If you can check multiple boxes, I'm okay with that as well. >> You guys come up with hard questions. >> I try my best. I do have a reputation to uphold. [Laughter] Okay >> All right, we don't need to hear your biography.\r\n\r\nCorp. Counsel, ready? >> I have the answer. >> Okay, very good, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Section 2.31.020, section B, nine Members must be appointed by the Council, each Member must demonstrate experience relevant to the Commission. One Member must be a full-time resident of Moloka'i, one Member must be a full-time resident of Lana'i and one Member must be a full-time resident of east Maui. Two Members by the Mayor, yeah, so it doesn't have for each District.\r\n\r\n>> Okay. Member Batangan, are you listening? This is all what you are going to be in charge of. >> Thank you, yes. I am paying attention and I'm understanding that the person who is currently designated faith-based leader is terming out next year. So while there's no upper limit on how many people we have with that designation, there's a lower limit, and I think having a second person on the Commission now is helpful for the future. Thank you.\r\n\r\n>> Good point. Any more comments on this? All those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zeros nos, motion carries. Was the ASF; right? The Amendment? No?\r\n\r\nMember Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair. Yes, that was the motion to amend. Since this -- there was just one person and now we have moved the name from nomination list to approval list and there's no one on exhibit C, the disapproval list. I don't know what our practice is, but I think it looks silly, you know, to have be it resolved clause that says that it disapproves the nomination list exhibit C for all of the members, all the people this and there's no one. So like, I think it would look cleaner if we just strike No. 2, and then delete exhibit C. I don't know what the certified copy looks like?\r\n\r\nBut if that doesn't happen, I would

like this to happen what I just said, if that doesn't happen at the certified-level.
>> Can we count that as non-substantive. >> Can we count that as non-substantive, Madam Clerk? >> Yes. >> Thank you for pointing that out. >> Mahalo, Chair. So important.\r\n\r\nI know. >> All those in favor of the main motion as amended raise your hand say a nine ayes zero nos, motion carries. Thank you, next. >> Thank you, Madam Clerk, moving on to Ordinance as you currently we have no one signed up to testify on the Ordinances. I see Tom Croly has raised his hand. Please, go ahead, Mr. Croly.\r\n\r\n>> Sorry, my microphone was disabled there. Tom Croly, with some comments on Bill 14. I support this, the intent of this Bill to try to make sure that the resident workforce housing that is built goes to residents. That is -- that is always the goal. And it's been long been my concern that some of the low-income housing projects that we put together our Mayor -- Ma may be occupied by long time Maui residents and may be occupied by new Maui residents. That is the concern and that is the ongoing and I like this Bill strengthens the idea that these workforce housing units will be Fully Integrated Recovery Services Team preference given to residents and I support all efforts to do thing like that. This will go to Committee and I'm pleased to see it's already signed for legality from Corp. Counsel.\r\n\r\nSo I hope that can be implemented. I also have comments on Bill 161, which is for second and final reading, but if I'm right, I should save those comments until the next Section. So I will hold those comments unless I'm told to do it now. I see head shaking. So do do it now? >> Yes, thank you. >> Thank you.\r\n\r\nSo Bill 168 which was establishing Real Property Tax exemption to increase affordable housing. I had comments on this in Committee. And my comments in Committee were similar to the testimony that you heard earlier today from someone that this doesn't do enough. There's not enough in adding an extra 100,000 dollars to an exemption to really encourage someone to lower their rent, or create affordable housing. But I understand that this is not going to take place for another year and we have more time to refine this. I hope, I really hope that the Real Property Tax Committee will continue on, and we can refine things like this. And one of the thoughts that I had that I just want to share with you right now is currently we link the exemptions that we're granting with the tax rate, the tax classification that you go into.\r\n\r\nAnd I think that we can do a whole lot more good with granting these greater exemptions if we delink those things. If we would not give the lower tax rate and the exemption automatically. There should be a different set of criteria for the lower tax rate than there is for the exemption. That is something that you can't do in budget. You can't do it when you are working out rates and so forth. But we can discuss different ways to do this and perhaps make the goal of this Ordinance work better. Where someone looks at and goes wow, if I give someone a lower rent, my taxes will go down by a much greater amount than if I just rent long-term.\r\n\r\nI just want to express one more thing that bugs me about these every time I see it and it says, "it excludes all of the commercialized residential properties, which are the owner-occupied Bed & Breakfast." Which just drive me crazy. What you are saying if you have a Bed & Breakfast that allows you to rent out one room in your house and then you decide to rent your cottage out to someone long-term, we give you no credit for that, none whatsoever. So that is just a personal thing that bugs me about it, because I do know some Bed & Breakfast operators that have long-term rental on their properties and they are specifically excluded from this. So that is wrong. You can't change it today, but that is just another thing that is on this. But the other part of this is on the other extreme. Which is the very high-end.\r\n\r\nWe have 53 properties that are worth more than \$3

million that take advantage of long-term rental exemption. I'm just wondering should we about subsidizing luxury properties because they have a rental on them? And we can do that in a better way by changing the exemption by separating the exemption from the tax rate. Because as I looked at there's one property owner who gets a \$56,000 property tax reduction, because he rents out the 'Ohana part of his property to a resident. So these are things that I think we can talk about in Committee, if the Real Property Tax Committee continues on. And I think we can make this Bill specifically much better before its implementation in another year. Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity.

Again, nothing against passing it today. I think you can. It's not going to take, effect for the next tax year, but it's going to take, Esq. for the following tax year. But there's more that we can make this better. Thank you. >> Thank you, Members, do you have any questions?

If in the, thank you again >> Ms. Clerk Chair, there's currently no one to testify on Ordinances on today's agenda. So we'll go ahead and give last call, counting down, 3, 2, 1, Chair, there's no one else to testify on Ordinances. >> Any objections to closing public testimony on Ordinances and accepting written testimony? >> So ordered. Ms. Clerk.

Chair, before you is Bill 12 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending Section 3.28.410 Maui County Code for deadlines on filing claims for real property exempting Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I move to pass Bill 12 (2026) on first reading. >> Moved by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 12 on first reading. Discussion, Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair. Bill 12 (2026) makes a technical fix to Chapter 3.48. It restores the subsection and a missing cross-reference in Section 3.48.410 that were inadvertently removed that were inadvertently left off when Ordinance 58-69 took effect on October 13, 2025. The purpose is to fix an unintended change, and some confusion about what the law says.

So I looked up -- so this is not my Bill. I think this came from the Administration. >> Yes. It came from Finance. >> Yes. So I looked up the Bill from October. And saw in it it was Section B2 and 3.48.410 or actually it was 59. Anyway, it doesn't matter.

Anyway, these two -- the citation to the code, and the language to subsection B2 were left off the Bill. But they were not bracketed for deletion. So my question for Corp. Counsel is if it's not affirmatively removed through legislation, and is just passively left-off, does that result in deletion of that language? >> Corp. Counsel? >> Yes.

I think it should be left in. I think leaving it out would conclude in it being removed from the Bill. >> So even if it's not bracketed, and it's not part of the Bill, it's not addressed in the Bill itself. Perhaps I can ask our OCS attorneys the same question? Because if it's not given clear instruction, if the legislation itself is not adding language through underlining or bracketing, to strike language from the code, and it's just not included, -- I don't feel like that was us taking affirmative action to remove that language. That is my question and statement. >> Corp.

Counsel? >> No, no, sorry, I asked the OCS attorneys as our Legislative Attorneys. >> Thank you, Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez. So the -- I understand what you are saying, and what happened was basically exactly as you said, the brackets weren't actually put in the Ordinance. And under the Hawai'i legislative drafting manual, even if you fail to do that, that is considered like repeal by implication basically. >> So writing a Bill and you don't include a subsection, than that is implying it's being deleted? >> Yes, under the rules of the Hawai'i legislative drafting manual.

So if depends. If you are amending just a subsection, that is one thing. But even with that, if you don't put brackets, or if you don't include the language, and you just include the new language in that

Amendment, then technically you are repealing the language that you don't include in the Bill. So it's very important that you look at what the existing law is, and draft your Amendment according to the principles on the Ramseyer and include the current law, as well as the new law. And usually we underline the parts that we're going to add. Again, that is according to the Hawai'i legislative drafting manual. Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\n>> Mahalo, Mr. Hanano and Corp. Counsel Takayesu. I don't know if I agree with that position, but I feel like when we, like, to amend our laws, that it should be intentional, and not, like, an accidental, like, language, like left off. Like, it should be intentionally either adding language, or bracketing to delete language. I support Bill 12. So that everything will be corrected. I don't agree with that position.\r\n\r\nAnd I guess we could create our own rules. This is the first time it's happened. So mahalo for this opportunity. >> Okay. Anybody else, comments? Where were we? >> Call for the main motion to pass Bill 12 on first reading.\r\n\r\n>> No further discussion, all those in favor of the main motion, raise your hand. Say aye. Nine ayes, zero no, motion carries. Ms. Clerk. >> Thank you, Madam Chair. For referral to the Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee is Bill 13 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending Chapter 11.02 Maui County Code on advertising inside County transit buses.\r\n\r\n>> Members, any objections to referring this matter to the Adept Committee? >> No objections. >> So ordered. Next. >> Chair, for referral to the Housing and Land Use Committee is Bill 14 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending subsection 2.96.090D Maui County Code on the selection priority for Residential Workforce Housing ownership units. >> Any objections to referring this matter to the HLU Committee? So ordered.\r\n\r\n>> Chair, before you is Bill 15 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending chapter 16.25 Maui County Code on factory-built housing and other structures in the Lahaina burn zone. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. I move to pass Bill 15 on first reading. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Paltin and seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez to pass Bill 15 on first reading. Discussion, Member Paltin.\r\n\r\nnoh, my gosh, we have to read all of this. ? >> Here is another one. Bill 15 establishes procedures for the design, manufacture, installation, inspection, and transport of factory-built housing and other structures in the Lahaina burn zone. A substantially similar Bill, Bill 112 (2025) on factory-built housing was transmitted by the Administration and take up in the WAI Committee on September 22, 2025 and that is the handout you received. The meeting minutes from the September 22nd, 2025 meeting in case anyone needed their memories jogged. Bill 15's intent would focus on integrating factory-built housing and other factory built alternatives in the Lahaina burn zone, where the need is critical. Bill 15's reduced scope would allow the Department of Public Works to test of the market logistic and feasibility of these factory-built options.\r\n\r\nAs of January 20th, 946 families face uncertainty as FEMA housing assistance is set to expire February 28, 2026 unless the Federal Government grants an extension. Even if the Federal Government were to grant an extension, I wouldn't imagine that we'll be getting more extensions. So say we get an extension, the countdown starts to house our people. And expedited housing solutions, and all of the solutions are needed for Fire survivors . What I would say about the fears projected upon us by certain Members of certain construction unions, this is currently working in Lahaina. The State has brought in all sorts of prefab housing, I think 400 something. FEMA has brought in all sorts of pre-fab housing like 200 something. Hawaiian Council has brought in pre-fab housing, 32 from right here in the State.\r\n\r\nAnd so it is working. And for the fear projections of warranties and like that, it's a much

bigger, in some cases suicidal fear that they'll be out on the streets on March 1st. So we're not even thinking 30 years warranty whatever. We're thinking where are people going to sleep in one year, in one month? That is the present concern. If you are talking about warranties in 30 years, 10 years, five years from now, how are these people going to make it to five years from now? Either we're going to lose our residents, because we can't house them, or we're going to try some things that are already working.

Some of us, you know, said that Bill 9 was a solution and if we continue to look at possible solutions as not solutions, then I don't know what to say. >> Anymore discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair. I quickly read through the entire thing, and -- >> Very good. [Laughter] I'm still on the third page I'm on page 40, if you would like to flip to there, it's me making comments. [Laughter] So you know, we all say that housing need to be expedited and all these projects, and that is why we're doing all these things.

And do you know what you are going to schedule this again? And if you don't, like, can we expedite it for at least West Maui or something? So that you it move along, it's been over two years. Was that a good impression of me? >> Yes. [Laughter] >> So then I say Chair Cook, Committee Chair Cook, I'm open to scheduling again, and then I say okay. So I guess it's back to you, Chair Cook.

When do you plan to schedule this again? And if not, like, as soon as possible? Like the next meeting. Then maybe I don't know if Member Paltin would want to work with the Department to fashion language that would allow for West Maui to have this Section of the code, while the rest of the country, you know, waits, I guess, for I don't know -- and then Member Paltin said was that a rhetorical question because she said she was going to do it and here it is. So I'm in strong support of this legislation, Mahalo, Chair. >> I guess I did it >> Thank you for the meeting minutes for refreshing my memory. I will echo the sentiments shared by Member Paltin.

We need housing now. We needed it like two years ago when we were talking about this back then. And you know, some of the reasons to not support this was a little -- , you know, it's already fit in the tunnel. That is not going to last long and we're not talking about housing 30 years from now. We need housing now and the whole liability/warranty, it's easy to talk about all these things when you have a home to go back to. I have a home to go back to. And a lot of people won't. And they need housing now.

Mahalo, Chair. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you, Chair. I don't disagree that we need housing now. I completely agree with that sentiment. We have needed housing for so long. I also don't want to lose any high paying jobs for our people who couldn't go to College, and do all of that.

It is one of the few jobs we have here, and to export the jobs would be junk, and to lose our people would be just as junk. So when the time comes I do have some Amendments to propose. That is all I have to say for now. Thank you. >> All right. Anybody else have comments? Questions?

Member Johnson, Member Cook. >> Thank you, Chair. I support this Bill. I would like to widen it and there is work to be done on widening it where it could available for everybody, specifically for Lana'i. I would love to have the ability to put-free fab small 'Ohana, but our lots are undersized. The good news HPM has opened up a store on Lana'i, and they are the guys doing one of the largest pre-fab homes in the State. You know, the prices of Big Island homes are impacted from them having the ability to do pre-fab factory units. So I think that is hope.

I think this Bill brings hope and I would like to expand it to other areas as Well thank you, Chair. >> Member Cook? >> Thank you, Chair. I support housing. It seems we talked about this at-length. It seems this is the promise and the hope that this is going to produce inexpensive houses in the very near-future I

think is inaccurate. The CDBG-DR funds that are currently going to be flooding pretty soon -- >> Currently going to be what soon?\r\n\r\n>> Are going to be abundant -- flooding we'll have a trespass apt of funds that we're supposed to spend in a relatively short period of time and they have contractors that will line up, et cetera. I think that with substantial work, we have the demand for the homes. We're potentially going to have the funding for the homes. We have enough labor, we just need to get it in alignment. So I'm just not a fan of factory-built homes. It's just what they are doing on the Big Island is unique, and good, factory-built homes in general, what this Bill does, it brings from the mainland and from other areas. When I went on vacation, my family rented a house on the river in Washington for a couple of days and it was a factory-built home.\r\n\r\n\r\nInside was okay. It was a tin can. I'm just not supportive. There's a wide variety, wide flavors of what this is, what it look like, what it costs and to me it's just being labeled as this. This is a great thing. We need to do it and I'm just sayings a builder, I think it's oversimplistic and over hopeful. So if we did it, I would like it go back to the HLU Committee.\r\n\r\n\r\nSo the other Departments could discuss it more, but I'm not supportive of passing this on the floor today. Thank you, Chair. >> Anyone else? Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I turned to page 41 and I will read some more I'm going to do my best impression. If it wasn't going to be scheduled in the next Committee meeting that perhaps West Maui version of this Bill could be expedited so that can help, you know, Lahaina folks as soon as possible and then Chair Cook says basically hear it no later than November.\r\n\r\n\r\nNo later than November. It's January and I said West Maui and this Bill is even less than West Maui. It's burn zone. It's as tight as Member Paltin could make it to acknowledge the concerns of our colleagues. But the people in the burn zone, the folks that have property and want to build back in the burn zone, they need it now. When I went to Altura, so many folks have factory- built housing. It's kind of just like the norm and it's really nice.\r\n\r\n\r\nI stayed in my friend's factory-built home and it was really well-put together and it was really affordable for her. When we took up Wailea 670 and I asked some the union folks about not having a tremendous amount of work to rebuild Lahaina, and you know some of what was saying, was like, well one, that there's a higher profit margin when building luxury homes than the homes that would be rebuilt. So I don't even why the carpenters union folks are fighting for those housing when the profit margins will be much smaller? There's so much work right now that they can't even keep up with demand and a lot of contracts end up going to company on O'ahu. That is not helping our Maui people. And we need to put our people over profits, like, by not passing this, this is putting profit over people. Because we're trying to fight for this small amount of housing when there's so much work to be done throughout the County.\r\n\r\n\r\nAnd like, the people who want to rebuild in the that was burned, they need the Housing now. And I don't know if -- where they are, and if they are paying even higher rent, that they would be able to afford if they put a factory-built home as the ADU for now until they can kind of save. Because if the rents right now throughout Maui is so unaffordable, it's impossible for folks to save up to rebuild their home. And if they are able to have something a little more affordable, they would be able to save up a little bit more to build their main dwelling or however they end up figuring it out. Because my friend's factory-built home in Altura was very nice and I think we have come a long way from what factory-built homes look like, you know, 10, 20 years ago. Mahalo, Chair. >> Anyone else?\r\n\r\n\r\nVice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you. I am -- I really want to hear what Member Uu-Hodgins's Amendments are, as she talked about. Are you

going to talk about that? Anyway, I support providing work and jobs for the people here. And some of what I have been reading about for this type of home that is being proposed, it gets built elsewhere. It gets shipped here, and the question and concern that I have is for inspection, and liability.\r\n\r\nWhat happens there, the people here are not -- County of Maui is not accountable for it and so therefore, for safety, for our workforce, I would rather things happen here and not to be built in place, basically. So I won't be supporting this. >> Anybody else? Member Johnson and Member Cook, and then Member Sinenci. >> Thank you, Chair. You know, I went through the minutes and you can go through the minutes. We were having this discussion pretty similar to this.\r\n\r\nI will just add a little bit more. The HPM and I'm not trying to push this company, but as an example they have 20 designs on their website of homes. There they are. You look at them and you pick them ; right? I don't think the people are wondering how sturdy the wall is. They are thinking how much bathrooms? How many bedrooms?\r\n\r\nWhere can I lay my head? Where can I live? That is from a position of a homeowner that you already have, this bathroom isn't as good as my bathroom that I have. Some of these folks don't haven't a bathroom. They don't even have a house. So the fact there's a company already out there that has this list, an employee-owned County is an important factor on having an employee-owned County talking about jobs and all this stuff. This is another model that is actually working where the profits come back to the employees.\r\n\r\nI love employee-owned companies. So that -- those designs are there for folks of Lahaina. They can look at them and they can have them come, if all of this works out. I think that is the priority of what folks are thinking of. They are not thinking well this satisfy a category 5 hurricane? Only folks with homes get to think that. Some of these folks are where am I sleeping tonight?\r\n\r\nThat is where we should be focusing on and these factory homes, I think is a fast way forward on that. In an ideal situation, sure, we want all of the Bells and Whistles, but when the Feds are about to pull the rug out from underneath these folks with a terrible disaster in that town, we should react quickly, and I think there's options on the table, this being one of them. Thank you, Chair. >> Member Cook and Member Sinenci. Thank you, briefly one care clarification. Construction wages don't change depending on what you are building. Luxury homes, a track home, carpenter wages the difference is going to be union and non-union, because basically when you are the developer, and contractor is different.\r\n\r\nConstruction wages or construction ways guys who just know bootstrapping it, maybe they can charge less. But generally speaking people don't get prayed more to do one house instead of other house. I want to clarify that. And also HPM currently makes framed panels and trusses, which is partially free. Prefabed to expedite and speed up the process. And they do it on the island. That is not manufactured home, that is something that is super supported.\r\n\r\nI'm just some of the technological improvements basically be able to expedite the feed work. The transportation exists on Maui. I'm supportive of it. I think a lot of people supportive of it. I'm curious when people say faster, how soon do people think homes are going to be basically available? >> I can answer that. >> Thank you for answering that.\r\n\r\n>> We have seen it done by Hawaiian Council. They put up 16 off of Lahaina intermediate school and we gave them. They put up 16 at Mauilani, and we can bring Nick, Karol or I can call him up right now. You can ask him. He went up fast, and Ned to implement infrastructure on the Lahaina across perfect Lahaina Intermediate School. If we're talking about the burn zone the infrastructure should be already there and that would cut the time in half. It was like I would say less than six months.\r\n\r\nIf I had to guess, as I'm driving by,

and that is talking about the vertical, not the infrastructure and preys just came out. The count Duron is on. Now we have 12 months to house these 946 families. So 3635 days from February 28th. It's doable. We can help a lot of people. We don't have to push for them to sleep in the swimming pool parking lot.\r\n\r\nWe don't have to push for them to sleep at the beach. We don't have to push for those if you want to talk about a tin can, like the bathrooms at the pool are horrendous. I don't know if they get cleaned every night? But their own factory-built housing they are living in it right now. There's at least probably 800 people living in prefab houses right now, and they're happy to have a place to live. I think it's somewhat elitist to say oh, they are not very nice. Like, we just need a place instead of our car, instead of the beach, instead of the parking lot.\r\n\r\nI take a tin can factory-built house over sleeping in my car, like, someone was saying you get Edema in your legs, because you can't can be when you sleep in your car like that, they are always down. So the tin can thing is for somebody that already has a house. Like, we're not even coming at this from the same perspective. And everybody that hasn't lived in Lahaina really has no idea, really no idea. If you haven't lived day in, day out with what we have lived with, you have no idea. And this just 1/16th of all of our problems. >> Member Sinenci.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. I'm supportive of the Bill. When we look at the time line to rebuild Lahaina, it's going to take us five years, and beyond. And I hear the sentiment from my colleagues that we need housing quickly, when Lahaina burnt down it was-free manufactured units that helped to house our Fire victims. They quickly came, some of them are, you know, you still can use them even if had he had an influx, or a 6th of it here on the island, at least we can provide -- it can always be used for 'Ohana units should people build out their homes or they get some of the revenues from the Federal Government. So we need, as much as we can. We cannot -- we cannot be choosing or picking or fighting over -- I mean, this is for me, we have already approved Wailea 670. That is 800 luxury homes.\r\n\r\nYou can have your 800 luxury homes, but for now, those people can afford a million dollar mortgage. How many of us can afford a million dollar mortgage? Not me. You know? We need to -- we need alternatives. We visited, Chair, a lot of Fire-prone areas on the mainland. They were able to quickly rebuild but they have all of the resources there.\r\n\r\nThey have cheap lumber and they don't have to ship everything to Hawai'i. So their rebuild was quick and fast on the mainland, because they have inexpensive resources. >> Are you talking about California? >> California, yes. On the continent. We're, you know, in Hawai'i everything has to be shipped over here. Yeah, we can wait to build our house, but we don't know about tariffs and shipping costs. All of that has to be shipped over here to rebuild an entire town.\r\n\r\nWe need some quick fixes and for now, if we can make them look like old 'Ohana Plantation units, fine. You know, put some metal clad roofing on it, or with the hip roof with a nice porch on it. Hey, it could still look like a lot of the old Plantation homes. But still be new enough so we can help those -- those planation homes were tiny, as Member Johnson said on Lana'i. But a lot of us are just happy with tiny spaces like that. Thank you, Chair. >> Before you continue, how about we hear what some of Member Uu-Hodgins's proposals are, okay? What is the question?\r\n\r\n>> It's the last page of the meeting minutes. Page 61. Chair Cook said the intent is to get a little more clarity. And in the very near-future, depending on scheduling on by the end of the year, I'm hoping that we have time in November, depending on other people's schedule. We'll diligently work on this. I'm hoping that we can have vibrant discussion and I want to ask Member Cook if he was diligently working on this and if he got a little more clarity that he was seeking

before he adjourned the meeting that day? >> Member Cook? >> Yes.\r\n\r\nWe didn't hear it in December because of the schedule, all a lot going on. The Mayor called me -- beginning of January and said he wasn't supporting the Bill. I told him what my concerns were and I'm looking at it. The biggest issue and the disconnect in the communication is the perception that this is the solution that is right in front of us. Like I'm stopping it, okay? I believe in the homes -- I think, and I believe with my heart that we have the capacity on-island, okay? To build.\r\n\r\nAnd a lot of the delay, with the expedited review and all of that stuff. We can do it we just need to get the regulations out the line and people in line and say okay, let's build the homes. I don't think this is the solution. I do believe that we locally can get a bunch of young kids and apprentices and do a lot of different things to expedite thing and get it done. I'm not like doing this because of some business gig. I'm really doing this because of my heart of hearts, I feel that we, the people in the communicate can build these homes, and if we get behind it in the community, we fund it and stuff. The manufactured home to me, I just don't believe it's the solution because the shipping and the other stuff.\r\n\r\nI'm not negating it. What are we going do with the 800 stuff that was shipped here? We'll hopefully have this bonus of 'Ohana and farm dwellings and all of this stuff in the future. But I just -- I think that our homegrown can build and I want to be supportive of to doing it and I think our government is more the problem than our workers. So I'm for it. This is painful. But I'm diligently wanting do this.\r\n\r\nThis particular Bill, I'm not sold on it and I had a lot of Amendments to it. So anyway, thank you for the opportunity to answer your question. >> Mahalo for answering my question. >> Member Paltin. >> I just wanted to say that Deputy Corp. Counsel Hopper signed off on Member Paltin's Bill. >> Okay.\r\n\r\nI know who she is. I said to her, could you wait, Member Paltin? Because she had her hand up. You thought I was talking to her. >> I can wait. >> No, I was just trying to explain to her that I know the difference between these two people. Okay.\r\n\r\nNow, Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you, Chair. I'm going to begin by saying I remember this conversation very well, because I still have a lot of the same concerns. I don't feel like many of them are answered. In our Committee meeting which is why at that time I didn't support it. Something else I want to address, Member Johnson you said pre-fab and to understand this is modular home. Pre-fab home don't need the same approval.\r\n\r\nThey can go right now and they can go to Lana'i, all good in the hood. This is only modular homes. So it's not the same thing, which I will admit, I didn't know this when we had the Committee meeting last time and that was brought to my attention ten. So they go through the HUD process, which is not the same what we do in the County process we're discussing. Member Sinenci, the tariffs, they will be implemented if you do stick build or do these modular home and the shipping is still going to be a concern to come here. But I don't disagree this may help. Another thing I wanted to discuss real quick, when you permit something, I don't think people realize we have a lot of high wind areas and actually we all should know we have high wind areas and while HPM, again, not trying to sell that company, but as an example because they are the closest.\r\n\r\nThey are several options of regular home and just a few of the high wind specific homes. So you are going to unfortunately figure that out, our Members of the public, when they go to permit something and have to do all these extra steps for structural soundness to ensure it's allowable in their high-wind areas. So just putting that out there. But if I could make a couple Amendments, if that is okay with everyone? One, and this is Manini, but I will say it first. On the very first page, in about the second sentence where we're discussing with this Ordinance

factory-built alternatives to be administered on a smaller scale. If we could remove the word "initially." That is my first one.\r\n\r\nWe'll get to that later, because that is real Manini. My Main concerns, I think is not having them for 201H and 2.96 projects. If we're unable to ensure that we don't interfere with interstate commerce, I think it would be very difficult to allow that process if there's any allowance of \$2,000 or more where they have to be subjective to prevailing wage, how are we going to ensure if this is built out-of-state, that it's prevailing wage issues? So in Section 3, where this Ordinance wherever it needs to go, but I'm assuming Section 3 I would like to see it's not applicable to 2.96 and 201h projects. But I will take advice from attorneys here on where that should go. And then I will make the motion. I was assuming Section 3, but I am open to discuss on where it should go.\r\n\r\n>> What about 2.97? >> 2.97, 2.96 and 201h. >> Mahalo. >> Sorry. I support that because it's only for the burn zone. So there would potentially be 2.97 and 201h projects in the burn zone? >> I don't think so, but I just want to make that very clear as we discussed about being as thorough as possible. >> Okay. Mahalo?\r\n\r\n>> I Did have a moment to discuss it with Member Paltin yesterday and we kind of talked about it I think for my comfort-level I would appreciate it. >> Because it's not part of a project. They are all individual owners. >> Which is why I was asking a question and I don't have a problem with adding that. >> Corp. Counsel, what were you going to say? >> I was going say Section 2. >> Section 2? >> Make a new number 3? >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> Okay. >> Member Johnson? >> Point of information. The Front Street apartments is now a 201h project. Just had a meeting yesterday and they were talking about how it's a 201h project, Front Street apartments being in the burn zone? >> Any of those government projects, County/state projects would be either 201h, you know? They wouldn't be part of a Project District, but they would be part of a government program.\r\n\r\nMember Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I don't know the plans for the government owned properties, but I'm guessing we probably wouldn't put one of the factory-built home that we would want to maximize that. >> To the Front Street apartment meetings, and we're having one on February 3rd, I guess. They're building a multifamily complex, hoping to go three stories, which isn't this. >> Yes. They wouldn't be prefab units.\r\n\r\n>> Factory-built? >> Factory-built. >> Factory-built. I don't want to lose -- wait, let other people chime in. Anybody? Okay. >> I'm afraid of this Amendment, because in the burn zone, we don't have any 2.96, 2.97 or 201h plan that would utilize factory built home.\r\n\r\n>> But I just wanted to make sure its was super clear. >> Okay, I guess that is super clearness. >> Thank you. On page 2, for Bill 15 and solutions on new No. 3 to say not applicable to 2.96 2.97 and 201h project including any non-substantive revisions. >> Moved by I. >> The initial what? Section 1. Initially.\r\n\r\nYes. That is just my own personal preference. >> Okay. >> Removing the word "initially." >> Is this part of -- this is just a part of your Amendment, or this is your Amendment? >> I have more than that. I figured we do them more one at a time? >> How many do you got?\r\n\r\n>> After this, honestly only one more. >> Okay. >> Moved by you, and seconded by Vice-Chair Sugimura. Okay for your Amendment. And as you stated, any more discussion on your first Amendment? >> No, as a reminder to remove initially on page 1 and on page 2, to add No. 3 for exclusions not to be applicable to 2.96, 2.97 and 201h projects.\r\n\r\n>> Okay, for clarification. Yes, any more discussion? All those in favor of the amendment raise your hand, say aye. nine aye, zero nos, motion carries. >> You're on a roll. >> I realize I said I had one more, but I actually have two more. So my next Amendment and perhaps we can talk about the other factory-built structures of Section 507 and

508. I would prefer this is for residential use only and the other factory-built structures I would prefer for it to be removed.\r\n\r\nLet's discuss and I can make a motion. >> Second. Vice-Chair, you are seconding this? >> Yes, page 10. >> I will second for discussion. >> Okay. Seconded by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And then discussion.\r\n\r\nMember Uu-Hodgins? >> Thank you, Chair. So for the factory-built structures of Section 507 and 508, those I assume are going to probably be smaller structures, unless it's commercial structures? Of which I don't support. I support this being an option for home use. I know commercial use, they need help, but I don't feel comfortable with a modular commercial use. That is a whole different type of usage for lack of a better word.\r\n\r\nLike amount of usage for commercial use is different and for that, I would prefer on-site stick-build. So if everybody is okay, I would like to make a motion to remove Section 507 and 508 of page 10. I think Member Sugimura second -- somebody. >> I seconded it for discussion. >> So we're still in discussion. Member Cook and Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. I'm glad the front Street apartments came up, because this -- they do do multi-story manufactured homes.\r\n\r\nAnd this is -- this category was -- this Amendment clarifies that it's for residential housing. I just wanted to, like, you can build a skyscraper, and this is good to keep it residential, local. So I just wanted to clarify that. >> You support that. Member Paltin ? >> You know, my priority has always been the residents. But we do know of the commercial folks not wanting -- or feeling as though they are left out on many things. I mean, Member Sugimura introduced a Bill just for them for tax relief.\r\n\r\nBut luckily, it turned out how it did. If this Amendment helps to get this Bill passed, so that people that don't have the money to invest in a big house, because where same sized house or built in place house, can move forward, I'll be willing to not allow commercial use. Although, they also need help. So if Member Cook is giving out money, they need help. >> Anybody else? Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair.\r\n\r\nFor the other factory-built structures, where it says Lahaina burn zone, other than housing. Was that the intention of adding this Section in this Bill was for commercial use, Member Paltin? >> Can you repeat, please? >> For this Section, other than housing, you contemplated commercial use? Was that the purpose of putting this Section in the Bill? >> So I might be a little bit wrong, but my understanding is that 4,000 structures burned down in the burn zone and we have like maybe 120 certifications of completion. So 4,000, 120, all sorts of structures.\r\n\r\nI don't know warehouses? Like sheds? Whatever. I mean, but obviously, my main concern is we don't have people sleeping in the parking lots, in the beaches, using the showers at the pool, or wherever. I mean, if this is what is needed to move forward a housing option for people, I think I have stated more than once that housing is my No. 1 priority. A lot of people have told me jobs and I even heard my testifier said without jobs does it matter if you have housing?\r\n\r\nI don't know what world you live in, but Housing is a human right, you know? I know it's not going to work for everybody, just as short-term rentals is not going to work for everybody. There is no one-size-fits-all in Lahaina especially. But for me, housing is the priority, if this Amendment will help housing happen, and the commercial -- it is what it is. >> Mahalo Member Paltin. My second question is for the 16.25.508 transport of factory-built housing and other structures. Was your Amendment to just delete the "other structures" references and leave the transport?\r\n\r\n>> Yes. >> Or to delete. >> That is a good one. >> Yes. Delete the "other structures." >> But leave the Section, because if you are talking about the transport of the material? >> Yes, thank you. So then we'll just put a period after "transport of factory-built

housing." In the title, as well as in the sentence and remove "other structures." >> Is this another Amendment?\r\n\r\n>> She is amending her Amendment. >> Yes. >> She is clarifying it. >> You are clarifying it. Okay. >> The transportation, the movement of the factory-built housing. >> We're going to remove Section 507 and amend the language of 508 to reflect the change made in 507. ? >> Does everybody understand that?\r\n\r\n\r\nDiscussion from Member Sinenci. >> Thank you, Chair. I have a question for Member Uu-Hodgins. Does this include those Metal warehouses? >> Is that considered "other structure?" >> I would assume so. >> Are you talking about storage, or commercial use? >> For non- -- >> Most commercial users might order those large metal warehouse structures just for storage.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> You can do that, too. That is not -- I have permitted those before. >> so this is allowable in your Amendment? >> Yes. You submit the specs. Because it's not necessarily a dwelling. So they have different -- and it's not the same heavy usages as a regular commercial use.\r\n\r\n\r\nSo for certain warehouses that is allowable now. I permitted a similar greenhouse for Kamehameha Schools a few years ago. >> Thank you. >> You're welcome. >> Member Batangan. >> Thank you, Chair. So I had a similar question about the transport.\r\n\r\n\r\nAnd so I will be supporting this Amendment. I guess I would just like to say in general, it's my strong preference to do Committee work in Committee, rather than during first reading. I recognize there is some time-sensitivity to this. And so I guess I would like to offer up a suggestion that this be referred to Member Paltin's Committee, since it's contained to the disaster zone and the concern about it not getting scheduled can be appeased. I don't know if there's an appetite for that from this body, but I would like to throw it out for discussion as well. Because it's starting to get a little different -- the Bill that we're now considering is starting to get a little different than what I understood it to be as I came into this meeting. I'm starting to get a little uncomfortable.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> I'm willing to do it after first reading in my next meeting to schedule for a deeper discussion for second reading. >> Is that acceptable to you, Mr. Batangan? >> Thank you, Chair. Yes. I would appreciate that. >> Okay.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you. I would like to continue my Amendments because then we're going to need six on second and final reading. I don't know if this will -- ? >> I have something on my 28th agenda already. >> Keep that thought. What did you -- >> If we pass it now. >> Why would we need six?\r\n\r\n\r\n>> To make Amendments unless I post Amendments we would need five. >> Those are not posted. >> But I have one more. I understand Member Batangan's concern, because this is -- we did discuss it in Committee before he was a Member. Yesterday when I was talking to Member Paltin, her preference was to not, because as of yesterday when we were discussing it, we didn't hear about the FEMA's extension. So initially she didn't want to take it to Committee why is -- which is why I was doing these Amendments now. >> You ably the way, even though this is being televised please don't take about that.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> Because it's unofficial yes, unofficial. Tea still very unofficial. Which is why I think she wanted to make a move on ensuring that the community has that, ASAP. But it could take up to a year to build 900 or however many. >> So I mean, I'm pretty confident seeing that we will not be getting another year sequence, that is why the clock is on now. February 28, 2027. >> Okay, how long are your Amendments? >> I only have one more, but Clerk just texted me on another one.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> Wait, why are you texting? >> To be fair it's for clean up because we moved the other structures language and that is also in the title, which is what the clean-up was. >> Mr. Batangan, we're normally not like this, because this happens. >> This has happened at every meeting I have been to so far. You are three for three Shucks, I didn't know you were keeping track. >> We try

to be flexible, mainly because of the issue of the Fire, you know in this is something very critical.\r\n\r\nSo we try to be -- >> Chair, if you approve a meeting on February 3rd, before the Public Hearing in West Maui, we can do it in West Maui, if you want? >> That is a great idea. >> From a practical point of view, how much -- how much testimony are we going to have on this? >> We only had three today. >> I know. Because you know, it's over here. But that is fine.\r\n\r\nThat is fine. I just don't want it to be overwhelmed, you know, the meeting to be 17:02:47 overwhelmed. So by the time that we actually deal with the issue, we're all worn-out. So you know, that is my concern. Okay, as far as the 3rd, everybody, can you make it to the meeting earlier, what time? >> 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, whatever you want. >> What time is it?\r\n\r\n>> 4:30. >> Why would we go that early? >> One thing, we're going to need to check with facts to make sure that the facility is available. Currently we only have access after 1:00 but we anticipating needing set up to start the Public Hearing at 4:30 I'm open to 1:00 or over here. I don't think we can just get in the door at that time. It's going to take us some time to set up. >> How much time do you need? >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> Mahalo, Chair. So I just learned from the Frick because of the weather and Mokulele is unreliable and that for my Committee meeting which is located on Moloka'i next Thursday, and I hope everyone made their flights because Mokulele is the only Airline that we can make the main meet location on line. And then it will satisfy the requirements of the meeting. And then we could have the Civic Center, Lahaina Civic Center like the courtesy site. >> Okay. >> Everybody else reading that agenda is going to be all confused; right? Put that in Hawaiian.\r\n\r\nAll right. >> Chair, sorry, before we get too far down planning the February 3rd meeting in Lahaina, that is an in-person only Public Hearing. The reason that we scheduled it that way is because connectivity out there is very poor, and we had a bad experience last time. We do have a Council Meeting on the 6th. >> Chair? >> Yes, I was hoping second reading would be on the 6th, so people can start going. But I'm okay with the 3rd meeting being in the Chambers, if we need to.\r\n\r\n>> We wouldn't have time to publish the digest either. Okay, so passes first reading today. Publish- >> 7B Committee on Wednesday in the Chamber. Second reading February 6th. >> Chair, Moloka'i also has unreliable Internet. So we got StarLink for the meeting. So we could maybe work that out with Lahaina Civic Center, too >> Or the residency area office has StarLink, too.\r\n\r\n>> We all can't fit in there. >> We're friends. We can squish. >> We have all fit in there before. >> I haven't been to your new place. Okay. >> Can I continue my Amendments?\r\n\r\n>> Well, actually, not yet. Because we're trying to figure out even if you make your Amendments, we're still going to have to have a Committee meeting, which we're trying to figure out how we can squeeze. >> Do we need a Committee meeting? >> I don't need a Committee meeting. >> Chair, because we -- I'm sorry, Member Batangan we had a Committee meeting September 22nd, 2025. Chair, I'm ready to pass this. I don't need a Committee meeting. If we needed to have more of a discussion, we could also lay it on the Clerk's desk on the 6th and pass it on second reading on the 18th or something like that, if we can't figure out the scheduling and everything.\r\n\r\nSo that is another option for us. >> Okay. Let's hear from other people. We have more than two of you on the Council. Member Uu-Hodgins. I'm talking about the schedule now. >> Oh, got it.\r\n\r\nI was ready to do my Amendments. I don't know how much more information, or what kind of Resolution we're going to get by having another 7B, I'll be honest. I do still have my same reservations absolutely from the last time we discussed it September 22nd of 2025, those have not gone away. What I can understand is that I don't want to lose any

more people from Lahaina. I don't want to lose my more people on in island, period. We export way too many humans and I don't want to export jobs either, which is why I'm trying to narrow this down as , as much as I can to maintain our population and our high paying jobs in the construction, industry, which I'm trying to do right now. I understand Mr.\r\n\r\nBatangan didn't have that opportunity and he is total welcome, and if I need to be there for quorum, I'm happy to be there. But I don't know how much more discussions we could have considering I could have made my Amendment and all we did was talk about when we could have maybe another Committee. >> Mr. Batangan, we tried. I don't think it's going to work. We tried to squeeze it into another meeting that we're having the Public Hearing on the 3rd, because we have no control over the use of the facility, we only have it between certain hours, we probably can't fit this meeting in there. However our Staff can help you, you know?\r\n\r\nUnderstand this a little bit better because you didn't -- you weren't privy to all the previous meetings. If you Staff can help you come back get you up to speed on it. . >> Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members. I appreciate. I recognize that it didn't work out, but I appreciate that you tried. That means a lot.\r\n\r\nWithout speaking to the schedule or to Amendments my last remaining question related to this is it's being described as a pilot. I Just want to make sure that we're clear on what the metrics of success are, how we're going collect data for that? So if we pick it up again pawn decide to have this conversation for -- whether or not it should be implemented Countywide or Islandwide? That we have the data available, because we thought about that upfront. So I did not have that prepared today. I just wanted to throw that out for discussion. And I look forward to hearing what other Amendments are being proposed by Member Uu-Hodgins.\r\n\r\nSo that we can have a clear picture of what the Bill is going to look like before we take our vote on first reading. Thank you. >> any other comments? Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. So again, the motion before us is to strike 16.25.507. Other factory-built structures, other than housing. So striking that.\r\n\r\nAnd then any reference to "other structures" because the point of the Bill has been about housing. So if this doesn't change this Bill to a whole different Bill, it's still about housing. Mahalo, Chair. >> I do have a Friendly Amendment. Title. Would be a Bill for an Ordinance amending Chapter 16.25 Maui County Code on factory-built housing in the Lahaina burn zone. >> Yes.\r\n\r\n>> Chair? So I intentionally said it the way I just did anywhere that "and other structures" is referenced, that way we catch them a. >> Exactly. >> And that is BC Member Uu-Hodgins said including non-substantive revisions to strike anything that is not housing. >> Mahalo. >> Member Uu-Hodgins. >> That was it, Chair. So I guess I'm down to one more after this vote.\r\n\r\n>> Nothing else? All those in favor of the motion raise your hand say aye >> Nine ayes zero nos, motion Carries. Okay, we're going to the third Amendment. >> Yes, thank you so much. I don't disagree with Member Batangan to have measurements of success. I'm unsure what that looks like now as well. My last Amendment was and we have done this before for other things, to have maybe Public Works, because this is going to be in Public Works, come back to the Council to talk about their measurement of success?\r\n\r\nAnd to also have it sunset on December 31st of 2031. So five years. >> Questions about that? Discussion? >> I would love to do all the things I just described earlier. >> Did you want to explain it or discuss it? Is that pretty much self-evident? >> Yes, in Section 3. >> Okay.\r\n\r\nVice-Chair Sugimura. >> I would like to hear from Public Works. >> Chair, did anyone request Public Works to be here? We're not in Committee meeting and we didn't request them as resource people >> They wrote the Bill originally. >>

What would you like to hear from Public Works? >> I would like to hear from Public Works what we're talking about. They originally broad the Bill and I heard what Member Cook said that Mayor Bissen called him to say that he does not support this Bill.\r\n\r\nIs that what he said? >> So that was Bill 122, not Bill 15 and Bill 15. >> It's very similar. So wait, I'm still talking. I would like to have Public Works here. I think what Member Batangan is saying that doing Committee work in Council is what we're doing, but now we just added something else. I will say this Bill mirrors 122. And with some differences, of course. And now that we're going to put Public Works in charge of this in terms of tracking or whatever, I would like to hear what Public Works is going to say, especially since what Member Cook shared in that the Mayor called him to say he doesn't support Bill 122, which mirrors this.\r\n\r\nSo can we have some more information? >> Well, we can; right? But I don't think there's time to call and explain everything to the Director and bringing him up to speed. The best thing we can do is send a letter to him asking him for his comments. You know, I really -- I'm not a real strong supporter of pre-fab, or modular homes, any of that. But the difference is this is the burn zone. And so I can see this tremendous effort to compromise, and the fact that there's a drop-dead date tells you there's an end to this.\r\n\r\nSo that is my comfort area, you know? That this is not going to go on forever and spread to everything else. This is very specific Amendment to Chapter 16. And so that is the reason why I am going support it, whereas, if it were a lot broader, I probably wouldn't. But I understand that you are entitled to get answers from the Department. And if you don't mind, we'll write to them, and get the answer before second reading. Okay. That is best we can do, because as you saw, we don't have time to have a Committee meeting. There's no time.\r\n\r\nWe have these other meetings lined up already. Okay. I mean, you don't have to agree with me, you know? >> I know. Thank you. >> Member Cook. >> Clarification.\r\n\r\nI will share this with anybody and everybody. The letter that was written to Public Works regarding the Bill with questions, September 30th. And requesting an answer by October 13th. And it has many of the questions that we talked about during my Committee meeting. I think that these are relevant questions, similar to what Member Sugimura is discussing. So I'm very happy to share this with people and before the second reading maybe we can get some answers? It's unfortunate that this is kind of like bam, right now.\r\n\r\nI was hoping to have another hearing. I'm glad and it would be great if another Member would have a the hearing. I am having a hard time supporting it the way it is, but I will share this as the relevant questions and thank you, Chair, for your patience with us doing this Committee work on the floor. Thank you. >> Please work with Staff with that letter. Thank you for sharing that, too. Member Uu-Hodgins.\r\n\r\n>> I'm just right now trying to find compromise, because I understand Member Paltin, the author the Bill didn't want to send to Committee because we have a looming deadline. Which is why I appreciate doing Committee work on the floor. For right now I think the way we can have sort of measurement for success by Public Works without the Director being here, they is share their maps information on how many people have applied for this version of permitting? So that is just off the top of my head. We can come up with measurements of success as we continue to discuss this Bill, but for right now, that is sufficient for me. That is what -- that is our permitting system, right, guys? >> So you don't have any more Amendments?\r\n\r\n>> No, it was report to the Council, their measurements of success. I think we can leave that broad and assuming that is going to be them talking to us about how many people have applied? They can talk to us if the permitting process went smoothly? How this worked? And they can share

their maps information with us. And again for it to be sunset December 31st of 2031.

>> Well, that is the third Amendment; right? Okay.

>> That is the third Amendment.

>> Chair, we needed a second on that?

>> That was her motion. Is there a second?

>> Thank you.

>> Seconded by Member Batangan. Discussion, do you have any more discussion on this?

>> I don't have any more discussion on this Amendment, but I will have discussion when we do the Bill as amended.

>> Anybody else? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

>> Mahalo, Chair. I probably support like ten years, more than five years. I think -- I don't know if some of the concern is that there is going to be a lot of these? I'm sure some property owners will share the concerns that Member Cook and Member Uu-Hodgins explained as their concerns.

If even, you know, only 20 people take advantage of Bill 15, and do factory-built homes, that's 20 more families that will get to stay here. I'm supporting this because I don't want us to be the ones standing in the way, and as Member Cook said in his meeting minutes here, that it's another tool in the toolbox for folks. You know, not everyone is going to want factory built housing. People will go in other directions. I just want them to have this option if it's between staying in their car and showering at the pool bathroom, and having a factory-built home. I think that is why it's at. It's not do I choose between a factory-built home, or sticks?

I don't think there's a lot of people -- there are families who may be in that predicament and making that decision between on-site construction, or bringing in something that would be a little faster. And then there's some people who are basically deciding whether they are going to have is to live out of their car or stay with family on the couch? That is the kind of decisions that they are making. That is why I'm supporting doing this now. We do Committee work in Council meetings, when things are important, and this is important. And there's a deadline. So it's more than five years, I can be supportive.

It doesn't have to be ten. But I think five years starting from when the Bill is enacted, some people won't hear about this until it come like later, and I don't know -- I don't know the situation for the different folks. And I just don't want to be the one standing in their way.

Mahalo, Chair.

>> Thank you. You know, future Council can also always extend the deadline, if needed.

Vice-Chair Sugimura.

>> So listening to what you said, and just thinking about this conversation, I think that my hesitancy about this Bill is this factory-built housing, I would like it to be locally-built housing. So not housing that is going to be shipped from the mainland to come here. And then to give jobs to our working people. That is my concern about this Bill. I understand what we have been hearing, and our anguish about FEMA not extending and now we're hearing they are going to extend, the big secret. That is good. So if this Bill can be for locally-factory-built housing I support it.

If it could be for locally-built housing.

>> Before I call on you, I just want so say something, that I don't get stuck at the end saying it. In voting for this up or down, please put everything in perspective. The Fire burn zone consisted of 80% of what burnt down were property owner, property that does not live there, that rented out those units. 80%. So only 20% were people who lived there in their home. So in my mind, 17:24:14 under the circumstances this is just an option available to some people. It's not going to work for many people.

It's not going to work. If I were a property owner, I wouldn't put this modular home on my property. If my main intent is to rent it out, I want a house that would derive sufficient income. So like I said, I do not see this as a solution that fits everybody's situation and, in fact I think it's a solution that fits few people's situations. But at least it can help some people. That is the idea. And maybe, one day, that modular home could be used as an 'Ohana

unit.\r\n\r\nBut please keep in mind, that I think all of us are very, very supportive of our local carpenters, and the trades, and so forth. And keeping jobs on Maui. I certainly don't see this as wanting -- I don't want this to spread to everything, but for this situation, at this time, it's going to help some people, and that is all we can say, you know? We can't find solutions that fit everybody's situation. And this will fit some people's and as long as we help some people, that is the idea. That is best we can do. Member Uu-Hodgins.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. If I could have a moment to say my reasoning for five years. We have done several bills for specifically the Lahaina burn zone that we gave them a five-year sunset date. So that is why I went with five years, so that we could be consistent. While I do recognize that they have been approved at different times so the sunset of five years is going to vary, but it's consistent with the five-year sunset date that we have already previously done for the Lahaina burn zone things. I think we did another one quite similar that had five years. Separately I have been asked to clarify my sunset date of 12/31/31 is that Public Works will no longer accept applications after that date.\r\n\r\nSo that is the cut-off date to accept applications for this type of modular homes. >> Member Paltin. >> What happens is that the review process does take a while, and I don't want to make the potential homeowner responsible for how long the review process takes, because that is on us. And so if we can have a drop-dead date sunset date is a better term for that date, it will allow other people still in the review process to complete their application. >> Member Paltin? >> You know, my preference would be ten years. If this is what it takes to pass, another future Council, if it's needed can extend it, if like we see the metrics and it's working, and people -- some people might need to get together their finance or wait for their insurance settlement or their lawsuit settlement.\r\n\r\nOh, we need it and a future Council is open to listening to them. I can be okay with this. I think it's important to get the ball rolling like you said, 365 days from February 28th, clock is ticking. So you know, I'm okay with five years with the understanding if this is working or if people's insurance or lawsuit settlement takes longer, they want it to be extended they can make their case at that time to Council and that could be considered, is that correct, Corp. Counsel? >> Yes. >> The main thing is that we get the ball rolling and hope any everyone who needs to take advantage of it within this next year to go home can.\r\n\r\n>> Do I see other hands? No? Ready to vote on the Amendment? All those in favor -- well, roll call? Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Repeat what we're voting on. >> Member Uu-Hodgins?\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. We are voting on right now to add into Section 3 on page 10 of Bill 15 to sunset the application period until December 31st, 2031, and for Public Works and the Administration to report to Council measurements of success. Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo Chair. including non-substantive revisions. I can vote for this now. I don't know if all of that goes into Section 3? But I think, like with the other Amendments that we voted on, it will be put in the proper place, because it's about accepting applications up until December 31st, 2031. And so I was looking through all of this to just -- I wasn't sure if the entire thing should be repealed.\r\n\r\nBut Member Uu-Hodgins did clarify that the applications will only be accepted until December 31st, 2031. And that metrics or the report from Public Works will be provided, et cetera, et cetera. So I can be supportive of what was said. And then I look forward to seeing where they will be put into the Bill. Mahalo, Chair. >> Although in favor of the motion -- >> Chair? >> Roll call. >> Council Member Sinenci?\r\n\r\n>> Aye. >> Council Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Aye. >> Council Member Cook? >> Aye. >> Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >>

Aye.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Johnson? >> No. >> Council Member Paltin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? >> Aye. >> Council Member Batangan?\r\n\r\n>> Aye. >> Council Chair Lee? >> Aye. >> Chair, there are eight ayes, one no. Motion carries. >> Okay. The main motion -- yes, Vice-Chair Sugimura?\r\n\r\n>> So I really would like to talk about locally built. If we could add that to the Bill? How -- >> Chair? I have a PAF for an ASF to do that for the pai'aina, if it can be done legally because of the interstate commerce clause, but it's not ready yet. So we'll try to post it for second reading. >> What does that mean, Member Paltin? >> It means we're working on what you are asking for, but it's not ready yet.\r\n\r\n>> What are you proposing to do in that? Exactly you are going to be -- >> Realistically, for a continental or foreign-based factory builder to make a one-off for a survivor family won't happen. For a survivor family to coordinate with someone on the continent, or a foreign country, you know, they probably need to make 200 in order to make it worth their while and survivors aren't going to ask for 200 of the same house in my opinion. There's a factory on Hawai'i Island. I invite everybody to give Nick Carroll a call. Those are the ones that they have received while I have heard complaints about the fish bowls, and the chicken coups that our state and Federal Government has made, I haven't heard any complaints about the factory-built from Hawai'i Island. So if that is a concession that will make our people have jobs here in Hawai'i, and it's kind of unrealistic for a one-off from the continent or foreign country, and then adding the shipping cost, I'm happy to do it.\r\n\r\nI'm doing everything in my power to compromise so that our people have a shot on staying on their 'aina in Lahaina within a price point that they can afford, within a time frame that suits them, and I can't believe the resistance that some people who said Bill 9 is not a solution are providing. You know? If everything is not a solution, where is your solution for the people of Lahaina? Because what I'm hearing is elitist concerns about other people that haven't lost their homes, haven't been dealing with this for the last two-and-a-half years, if local people can help Lahaina get home, where are they? Why have they been for the last two-and-a-half years? 120 structures out of 4,000. Where is the trusses? So I don't want to hear that any more.\r\n\r\nI don't want to hear any more excuses of reasons why every suggestion won't work. You guys don't live in Lahaina. You don't deal with what we have to deal with and it's obvious from all of the comments. >> Any comments? Member Uu-Hodgins. >> Thank you, Chair. I'm going to be supporting this today with as I have described earlier, I do have reservations.\r\n\r\nI have reservations -- but that I personally don't think should supersede somebody's ability to have a house. So I'm going to be supporting this with reservations. That is why I made those Amendments, and thank you all for supporting. I think right now for me personally I have to be flexible. While I would prefer personally stick built homes, and those high paying jobs to remain here, I have to realize that we do need some wiggle room in order to ensure that our people remain here, and housed. So I'm going to be supporting this with reservations and just wanted to make it clear that my concern hasn't been alleviated, but once in, I will take a back step to this and we will try this and we will see how this goes. I think that the way we structured with Member Paltin how she structured the Bill and the Amendments that we just passed makes me slightly more comfortable than we were before.\r\n\r\nI still have reservations, but I'm happy to support it today, well, with reservations. Thank you, Chair. >> Anybody else? Member Cook? >> Thank you, Chair. I won't be supporting it today. I would like to distribute my letter afterwards and because people will be able to get the questions that they can ask Public Works and during the time period in between.\r\n\r\nI would like to get

comments from the disaster recovery that they did want to give comments when Bill 122 was going to be reheard. I want to comment, Bill 9 was sold it would provide housing for local people. There's a lot of peoples for-sale. The prices are gone down. That to-date has not worked out to create housing. I would like to believe this is going to create housing. One of the things we passed with the five-year sunset previously was you could build a shack, a shed, whoever is living in their car, if they have a piece of property, they have permission from the owner, you could build a 10x16 shed whatever that you can dismantle.\r\n\r\nThey have the ability to build something temporary while they are building a regular house and we have a five-year sunset. I believe it's Fire. Maybe it was three. I feel for the people and I also feel that we have given options and I just don't -- I'm not buying into this similarly to like Bill 9 being the solution. So we're going to have a second reading. We'll see how I feel then, but right now I'm voting no.

Thanks.\r\n\r\n>> Anybody else? Member Rawlins-Fernandez and Member Johnson. >> Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo Member Paltin for seeing through this work and getting back to us this quickly as possible. I know that Lahaina residents know how hard you fight for them and I want to mahalo Member Uu-Hodgins for her Amendments to get her to a place where she can be comfortable enough to pass this on first reading today. Because she did the work and came here having done her homework, prepared with Amendments. And knew what she was talking about, unlike Member Sugimura, who didn't know what she is talking about.\r\n\r\n>> Let's not get personal. >> She is running for Mayor and claims to care for people and doesn't care about the Fire survivors. >> That is so not true. >> Member Johnson. >> So I support this Bill. I guess I'm of a different opinion of the body where I think this Bill could do good in other communities. But for today, this is what is on the table, so I will support it.\r\n\r\nI want to encourage these types of homes across all communities. Remember, the big thing about factory-built homes is that they are cheaper. It's the money, Lebowsky. We're in million dollar houses here. It doesn't make it more simple than look at that price on the right, and look at the price on the left. I just can't afford the homes built with heavy-duty all the bells and whistles. I need a home.\r\n\r\nThose are the types of thinking that those folks are going through. This should be -- if this tool doesn't fit, we use the tool in the toolbox thing if it if this tool doesn't fit, pick another tool. But for us to limit the tools that's not how I don't think we should do that. So I just want to say you know time and time again I keep looking at the cost of factory home versus cost of custom-made home and for some folks they can't afford that, you know? >> I made my points and I'm ready to vote. Thank you, Chair. >> Member Paltin.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you, Chair. You know, I do need to apologize to the greater Maui County I am kind of same mind of Member Johnson, but my priority right now has to be West Maui. I would say us passing this Bill today, passing it potentially on the 6th doesn't preclude 122 from continuing to be 17:40:52 worked on. There's people in our community that are carrying so much weight and this is just one aspect of it. There's issues with the psychology continuing on at the comprehensive center. There's issues with bulldozers running over things in valleys. There's issues and these are things that all our people are dealing were on top of trying to get home, on top of trying to get their kids to school from wherever they ended up, if they still want to go to school in Lahaina.\r\n\r\nIt's the traffic that people that still work in Lahaina deal with every day that can't live in Lahaina. It's so many things. And if we can make an inch step to move forward to help people, I don't see why people would stand in front of it. One of the testifiers talked about the homeowner's perspective. Let's

let the homeowners decide for themselves what they want, and get out of the way. If that particular testifier doesn't want a factory-built house, that is his perspective. But don't stand in the way of somebody that does want a factory-built house.

You know, if you talk to some of the folks building the homes in Lahaina right now, local inspection isn't that great either. So don't be projecting what you are seeing locally or have seen on foreign-built homes what not. I get complaints daily about code violations, about the ratio of perm able to non-perm able and all those things. So having this discussion, don't think that shoddy inspection doesn't happen here locally. Don't think that you are going to drive through my entire neighborhood and everybody's house is going to be up to code, because it's not. We're talking about a place to live when there aren't any. People made so much fun of Bissen when he was saying and we didn't know about the extension, if you can find other housing, take it.

What other housing? If there was other housing we would have had it the last two-and-a-half years, and this is one option on the there are some people that can't even support that and that is, as much as we've compromised and hashed it out, they still can't support it. So I have the question, where are their solutions? For Lahaina people, because I'm open, willing and open ears to that houses in Wailea 670 is not going to help our Lahaina people and before Wailea even became a thing, West Maui carried this Council on our back financially. We carried the State on our back financially. While we're asking for a chance, it's not going to fit everybody's needs. But if it fits five people's needs, it's 20 people inside, that is 20 households we get to keep in Lahaina when we're losing score.

So thank you. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? No? Member Batangan? >> Thank you, Chair. I just want to start off by recognizing that the rest of the body had robust debate on this topic and I want to thank them for making the good-faith effort for me to have that same opportunity as well. I recognize it didn't work out, but I appreciate the effort that was put in there.

I still have some reservations. After hearing both sides I am more comfortable after seeing this proposal being limited geographically and to only five years. So that we can see how it works out, but it doesn't -- that hasn't -- I'm going to be taking the opposite approach of Member Uu-Hodgins. I'm going to be voting no today, but I got to say I'm open. A lot of concerns that I had coming into this meeting today have being addressed and I think I owe it to the body and community at-large to continue learning about the pros and cons of this proposal. I appreciate the help I'm going to be getting from OCS and my fellow members between now and second reading. So that I can make a more decision then.

Thank you. >> That is the spirit. Thank you. Anybody else on this side? We have to vote. Everybody ready? Roll call.

main motion as amended. >> Council Member Sinenci? >> Council Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Aye. >> Council Member Cook? >> No. >> Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Aye. >> Council Member Johnson? >> Yes. >> Council Member Paltin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura? >> No.

>> Council Member Batangan? >> No. >> Chair Lee? >> Aye. >> Chair, there are six ayes, three nos, motion carries. >> Thank you, Members. >> All right.

Have a good trip, Member. >> Thank you, Chair. >> Member Sinenci, are you leaving, too? >> No, I'm not leaving, but I just wanted to say that I'm starting to get texts from the FEMA Fire victims that they are happy of the extension. Good news. >> They didn't hear it from us; right? >> Oh, no.

>> We're on TV. >> It was confidential. >> I just shared the Governor's website post and pictures on his Instagram. So I'm not trying to steal his thunder. >> Okay. Very good. Very good.

Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, for referral to the Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee, Bill 16 (2026) a Bill for an

Ordinance amending Chapter 10.52 Maui County Code by adding a new Section regulating low speed electric bicycles. >> Council Member Johnson. >> I would like to see if Council Member Cook would be interested in taking it up in your Committee? >> I would be willing to take a look. It's a big issue.\r\n\r\n>> Are you going to take it? >> Go ahead. >> Thank you. >> Let's refer to the WAI Committee. Any objections, so ordered. Ms. Clerk.\r\n\r\n>> Chair, before you is Bill 17 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance repealing Chapter 9.40 Maui County Code on social host liability. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. If there are no objections may I request the County Clerk postpone this item until the next Council Meeting. This matter is being reviewed with the Department of Police at our upcoming DRIP Committee meeting on January 28th as a rule 7B discussion. So if we could leave it on the table and not vote it on it would be my preference. >> Any objections to laying this on the Clerk's desk until the next Council meeting.\r\n\r\nSo ordered. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 18 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Office of the Auditor State of Hawai'i for auditing services. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Chair, if there's no objections to also request the Clerk call up Bill 19 (2026) and 20 (2026). >> Any objects, so ordered Ms. Clerk.\r\n\r\n>> Bill 19 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget Appendix A, Part 1 Department of 'Oiwi Resources Historic Preservation Fund U.S. National Park Service new appropriation of \$2 million. And Bill 20 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget Appendix Of a part 1 Department of Management, Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, sewer overflow and stormwater municipal grant OSG, new appropriation of \$750,000. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you, Chair, I move to pass Bill 18 (2026), 19 (2026) and 20 (2026) on first reading. Moved by Vice-Chair Sugimura and seconded by Member Cook to pass bills 18 (2026), 19 (2026), 20 (2026) on first reading. Discussion? >> Thank you. So the Bill 18 authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Hawai'i Office of the Auditor for auditing services relating to Employees' Retirement System schedule of allocations.\r\n\r\nThe audit supports required pension reporting that feeds into the County's annual financial audit. It also authorizes payment to the County's share of the audit, which totals \$14,400 across Fiscal Year 25-26 and 27. Bill 19 amends the Fiscal Year 26 budget Appendix A, Part 1 to add a new \$2 million grant to the Department of 'Oiwi Resources from the U.S. Department National Park Service historical Preservation Fund. The funds will support restoration, Planning and early implementation work for the Lahaina royal complex including Moku'ula and Loko o Mokuhina. Bill 20 amends Fiscal Year 20 budget Appendix A, Part 1 to add a new \$750,000 grant to the Department of Management from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, sewer overflow and stormwater municipal grant. The funds will support infrastructure work to reduce land-based water pollution in near-shore waters. I respectfully the Members' support of my motion. Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\n>> Any discussion? Member Paltin? >> My first discussion is for 19. I just want to recognize Department of 'Oiwi Resources is like less than five years old, probably less than 3 years old, and they are coming in hot. 1-and-a-half-year-old baby coming in hot with a competitive grant that they applied for \$2 million for the Royal Complex Moku'ula Loko O Mokuhinia. I have never seen such a thing and so much gratitude to them for their -- all the things that they have to mini for that us humans do in the County of Maui. Just very grateful, and then Bill 18 I wasn't aware we were passing it on the floor. Can you, can somebody quickly mention with what we're going into a thing on.\r\n\r\n>> This is something that we have been doing every year. This is the

County's share of the audit. And it is not really -- well, it's not anything new. Would you like us to ask the Administration to explain it further? >> Oh, no, if it's an annual thing and our fair share, I can look it up after and vote now without hesitation, because I probably voted before. >> Yes. Thank you.\r\n\r\n>> Any more discussion? If not, on the three bills -- Member Batangan? >> Thank you, Chair. Regarding Bill 20, I just want to note that having worked with the Department of Management on the parking garage and watching their activities with the 'Oiwi Resources I have concerns about their ability to take on CIP projects. I will be supporting them getting the new funds, but I just want it on record that I will be watching. Thank you, Chair. >> Concerned about the MD's office?\r\n\r\n>> Yes, Chair. >> Okay. Good to know. Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Mahalo, Chair. Just correction. Halau of 'Oiwi arts.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you. >> Okay. And echoing Member Paltin's sentiments, to our newest Department, Department of 'Oiwi Resources, and their hard-working team that is bringing in funding to heal the Royal Complex Mokuhinia and Moku'ula. Mahalo, Chair. >> Anybody else? If not, all in fair of the motion, please raise your hand and say aye? All three bills.\r\n\r\nThat is eight aye, one excused. Motion carries. Excused is Member Uu-Hodgins. Ms. Clerk thank you, Members. >> Chair, we're onto Ordinances for second and final reading, Bill 158 CD 1, FD 1 (2025) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the County Water Code and Subdivision Ordinance on water conservation and control of water use. >> Member Cook.\r\n\r\n>> Chair, I move to pass Bill 158 CD 1, FD 1 (2025) on second and final reading. >> Second. >> Moved by Member Cook, second by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 158, CD 1, FD 1 (2025) on second and final reading the discussion, Member Cook? >> Thank you, Chair. Bill 158 establishes water conservation measures and regulates water use during declared water shortages. Shifting the County from a reactive approach to proactive. Long-term framework for sustainable water management.\r\n\r\nMaui County's freshwater resources are under increasing strain due to recurring drought, declining stream flows, rising chloride levels in wells, aging infrastructure and growing affordable housing demands. Bill 158 addresses these challenges by imbedding conservation practices at all-times not only during emergencies. And by modernizing notification irrigation requirements to reduce avoidable water waste. >> I respectfully ask for Members to support my motion. >> Any more discussion? Member Paltin? >> I'm in strong support of this motion.\r\n\r\nI think it's long overdue and I think with our ground and surface water special management area designation of West Maui that CWRM should adopt this for the whole Lahaina aquifer sector, as is allowed by the designation, because they do not have a conservation action plan, and if they don't have one, start with ours and then do whatever you need to do. This is long overdue and thank you for bringing this up in a timely manner. >> Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye. Eight ayes, one excused. Member Uu-Hodgins. Motion carries.\r\n\r\nMs. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 161, CD 1 (2025) a Bill for an Ordinance imposing interim restrictions on new private swimming pools in the West Maui Community Plan Area. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair. I move to pass Bill 161, CD 1 (2025) on second and final reading. >> Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Sinenci to pass Bill 161, CD 1 (2025) on second and final reading.\r\n\r\nDiscussion, Member Paltin? >> Thank you, Chair. As was stated by one of the testifiers that our reliable capacity far -- is far less than our actual usage pre-Fire. And as we see, we can't even build new affordable housing in West Maui. It's all rebuild. and the reason is because they want to make sure that there's enough water for everybody that used to be there first. And yet some of the

projects are not just the projects, but even the residential builds are bigger, more units, more bedrooms, and it's not a ban as people keep saying.\r\n\r\nIt's a moratorium until we see what the actual use reliable capacity and what we're able to bring online comes to. We don't have those totals at this time. So it's prudent to set aside our luxury use -- new luxury use as it is to set aside our new affordable housing -- well, I don't really agree that is prudent to set aside our new affordable housing, but that is what we're doing. So I think it goes along the line that we should set aside our new luxury use of private swimming pools. Thank you. >> Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye.\r\n\r\nRoll call. >> Council Member Sinenci? >> Aye. >> Council Member Uu-Hodgins? >> Excused. >> Council Member Cook? >> No.\r\n\r\n>> Council Member Rawlins-Fernandez? >> Aye. >> Council Member Johnson? >> Yes. >> Council Member Pallin? >> Aye. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura?\r\n\r\n>> No. >> Council Member Batangan? >> Aye. >> And Council Chair Lee? >> Aye. >> Chair, you have six ayes, two nos, one excused. Motion carries.\r\n\r\n>> Next. >> Chair, before you is Bill 16, CD 1 (2025) a Bill for an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.48 Maui County Code to establish Real Property Tax exemption to increase and maintain access to affordable housing. >> Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. I move to pass Bill 168, CD 1 (2025) on second and final reading. >> Moved by Member Rawlins-Fernandez and second by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 168,, CD 1(2025) on second and final reading. >> Mahalo, Chair.\r\n\r\nIt's taken about six years to get to this points, we're almost there. Achieving the goals of our 2019 Real Property Tax Reform TIG, almost there. Mahalo, Chair, Member Paltin and late Council Member Tasha Kama for sitting on that and seeing through these initiatives. Mahalo, Chair. >> Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand, say aye. Seven ayes, zero nos, two excused.\r\n\r\nMembers Batangan and Uu-Hodgins. Next. >> Chair, before you is Bill 177 (2025) a Bill for an Ordinance amending Ordinance 58250 (2025) relating to ang Intergovernmental Agreement for a loan from State of Hawai'i's Water Pollution Control revolving fun for various wastewater projects Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Ordinance. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Chair, if there's no objections may I please request the Clerk to call up Bill 178 (2025) Bill 6 (2026) Bill 7 (2026) and Bill 11 (2026). >> Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 178 (2025) a Bill for an Ordinance ending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget increasing estimated revenues, other intergovernmental, by \$22,409,000 Capital Improvement Projects Department of Environmental Management, West Maui Community Plan Area, and Appendix C, Department of Environmental Management ,West Maui Community Plan Area, new and increased appropriation for \$22,409,000 for Lahaina wastewater reclamation facility, Returned Activated Sludge RAS/dewatering upgrades.\r\n\r\nBill 6 (2026) A Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget increasing estimated revenues carry-over/savings General Fund by \$162,500 Department of Human Concerns, human concerns program grant and disbursements for health, human services and education, increase the preparation for houseless programs in the amount of \$162,500. Bill 7 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget Appendix A, Part 1 East Maui Water Authority, Hawai'i Community Foundation freshwater initiative, new appropriation of \$40,000. And Bill 11 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget Appendix A, Part II Affordable Housing Fund Kehalani Affordable, LLC., to update the unit distribution. >> What who was the second on that? >> I'm making the motion now. >> Just now. >> Just called them up. >> Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank.\r\n\r\nI move to pass bills 177 (2025), 178 (2025) Bill 6 (2026), Bill 7 (2026), Bill 11 (2026) on

second and fine raiding. >> Moved by Vice-Chair Sugimura, seconded by Member Cook to pass bills 177, 178, 6, 7 and 11 on second and final reading. Discussion, Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> No discussion, Chair. >> Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. >> Eight ayes, zero nos, one excused Member Uu-Hodgins.\r\n\r\nMotion carries. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 3 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the County of Maui estimated revenues, Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Housing West Maui Community Plan Area, other projects, housing, interim financing, and buy-back Revolving Fund Komohana Hale apartments rebuild and Appendix C Department of Housing West Maui Community Plan Area Komohana Hale apartments rebuild. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair, I move to pass Bill 3 on seconding and final reading. >> Second.\r\n\r\n>> Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Cook to pass Bill 3 on second and final reading. Discussion, Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Member, for bringing us to this point as we heard from the Department of Housing at first reading. They have selected a contractor to help with their design of the rebuild. And we have heard from finance that the ball is in their court as to the fund name. Just happy to see some of our government supported multifamily moving forward. Multifamily rental housing moving forward, although it's obviously slower than we would like.\r\n\r\nWe have another tools in the toolbox to help. Thank you. >> Any more discussion? Vice-Chair Sugimura. >> Thank you, Chair. I'm supportive of this motion. Your BFED Committee met last week to discuss this matter as a 7B and while we have not yet received the information requested from our Administration at our January 15th BFED meeting I recognize the urgency of this matter moving forward.\r\n\r\nI remain committed to ensuring that the revenue is recognized correctly and look forward to the Administration's responses to our questions. This will allow us to ensure that we meet our recovery needs in a timely and appropriate fashion. Thank you, Chair. >> Any more discussion? All those in favorite motion, raise your hand, say aye? >> Aye. >> Eight ayes, zeros no, one excused.\r\n\r\nMember Uu-Hodgins. Motion carries. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 4 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget estimated revenues carry-over/savings General Fund by \$5 million Department of Housing, housing program, increase the appropriation for grant to Lahaina Community Land Trust by \$5 million, Appendix A, Part II, Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, delete the condition for Lahaina Community Land Trust in the amount of \$5 million. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nI move to pass Bill 4 on second and final reading. >> Second. >> Mosted by Member Paltin, seconded by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 4 on second and final reading. Discussion, Member Paltin. >> Thank you. I would like to thank Member Sugimura for allowing for that informative, uplifting and inspiring presentation by Lahaina Community Land Trust and I would like to deliver this to our Executive Director of the Land Trust, Autumn Ness, and wish her a very happy birthday and hope she is doing something fun right now. >> Very good.\r\n\r\n>> Any more discussion? If not -- Member Batangan? >> I also want to thank Member Sugimura for holding that 7B. I really didn't understand what the conditions being removed from the grant were when we took it up on first reading and having the presentation before us really helped to clarify what was being requested by the Administration. So thank you for holding that. And I just wanted to extend a mahalo again to the good people at the Lahaina Community Land Trust for all the good work that they are doing on behalf the people of Maui. >> All those in favor of the motion raise your hand, say aye. Eight ayes, one excused, motion

carries.\r\n\r\nExcused is Member Uu-Hodgins. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 5 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget Office of the Mayor Economic Development program, Makawao-Pa'ia-Ha'iku Economic Development, Environmental, and Cultural programs, removing the conditional language for Kaizen Group, Inc. and inserting conditional language for Na Maka O Maliko. >> Member Paltin. >> I move to pass Bill 5 on second and final reading.\r\n\r\n>> Second. >> Moved by Member Paltin, second by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 5 (2026) on second and final reading. Discussion, Member Paltin. >> Thank you. I'm the Vice-Chair, and -- oh, no, I'm not. I'm the friend of the residency area Member, and I'm honored to do this on her behalf. >> Who is the Vice-Chair?\r\n\r\nWeren't you the old Vice-Chair? >> Chair? >> Yes. >> This is a BFED legislation, Bill. This is for the Makawao-Pa'ia-Ha'iku residency area, Member Uu-Hodgins. support. >> All those in favor of passing this Bill, Bill 5 (2026) on second and final reading please raise your hand say aye.\r\n\r\nEight ayes, zero nos, one excused Member Uu-Hodgins. So Bill passes. Ms. Clerk. >> Chair, before you is Bill 8 (2026) a Bill for an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, Department of Management Office of Recovery Program adding new conditional language for Festivals of Aloha, Inc. >> Member Paltin. >> Thank you, Chair.\r\n\r\nI move to pass Bill 8 on second and final reading. >> Moved by Member Paltin, second by Vice-Chair Sugimura to pass Bill 8 (2026) on second and final reading. Discussion, Member Paltin. >> Thank you. They let me sit it on another Lahaina homecoming Planning meeting. The dates with tentative July 17, 18 and 19. We have got big plans. Tell all your alumni of Lahainaluna to come in.\r\n\r\nIt's going to be extravaganza. We're going to have job posting for County Engineers there. We're going to do all kinds of stuff. So maybe we can Lahaina come home, some engineers for the County. >> Oh, very good. Sounds exciting. Okay.\r\n\r\nAny more discussion? All those in favor raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes -- eight ayes, zero nos, one excused. Member Uu-Hodgins. Motion carries. Okay, that brings us to the end of the calendar. Staff, do we have anything else?\r\n\r\nNo. >> Am I on the wrong agenda? I had a No. 1. >> That is Pau. That is Pau. That was done already. >> Oh, got it.\r\n\r\nOkay. We're Pau. >> Yes. Any last comments? Yes Member Cook? >> Chair, I would like to ask Staff if they could copy this for everybody and again it's just for people's reference as far as the communication with Public Works, et cetera and I think you will find it interesting and I'm looking forward to resolving a lot of this hopefully before our next meeting. Aloha Friday everybody and thank you for allowing me to participate and hang out with you guys.\r\n\r\n>> Well, you just happen to work here. [Laughter] Member Rawlins-Fernandez. >> Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo for coming to hang out with us, Member Cook. [Laughter] I just wanted clarification about the letter -- that letter is going to go? Is it testimony? It's going to be posted in testimony?\r\n\r\n>> Information for me to share regarding, because some of the testimony that -- conversation -- you want to look at it and make a decision? As far as I'm concerned I just want everybody to have it. >> It's not a Committee meeting. Committee meeting in Granicus we put all of the resource item and because this was a Council Meeting I think it would likely go into testimony, unless there's somewhere else -- you can check with Staff and they will help you with that. >> And I'm asking for the benefit of the public. So that the public will be able to find it wherever it's going to be posted. >> That is fine.\r\n\r\n>> Okay. Staff, what do you intend to do with that? >> Stick it in a folder. >> Put it down as testimony, okay. So that way it will be public information. All right everybody. >> Mahalo, Chair.\r\n\r\n>> Thank you very much. Everybody have a great weekend. This meeting is adjourned. [GAVEL]