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SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE,
SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCE (PAF 19-239)**

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 26 on the Committee's agenda.

Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2019)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, MAUI COUNTY
CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE,
SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCE

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

SECTION 1. Title 2, Maui County Code, is amended to add a new chapter
to be designated and read as follows:

“Chapter 2.30

**OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND
RESILIENCE**

Sections:

- 2.30.010 Establishment.
- 2.30.020 Appointment and removal of coordinator.
- 2.30.030 Qualifications of coordinator.
- 2.30.040 Powers, duties, and functions of coordinator.
- 2.30.050 Climate change, sustainability, and resilience
commission.

2.30.010 Establishment. There is established an office of climate change, sustainability, and resilience consisting of a coordinator, necessary staff, and the climate change, sustainability, and resilience commission. For administrative purposes, the office is attached to the office of the mayor. Positions within the office are exempt from civil service. The coordinator is authorized to appoint necessary staff, subject to available funding. Staff terms are concurrent with the term of the coordinator, unless earlier terminated for cause.

2.30.020 Appointment and removal of coordinator. The coordinator of the office of climate change, sustainability, and resilience is appointed by the mayor for a term concurrent with the mayor’s term of office, and may be removed by the mayor.

2.30.030 Qualifications of coordinator. The minimum qualifications of the coordinator of the office of climate change, sustainability, and resilience are:

A. A minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service, private business, or both.

B. A working knowledge of the science of climate change and its impacts to Maui County.

2.30.040 Powers, duties, and functions of coordinator. The powers, duties, and functions of the coordinator of the office of climate change, sustainability, and resilience are:

A. Provide administrative support to the climate change, sustainability, and resilience commission.

B. Compile scientific information, and track emerging climate change information, and potential impacts to County properties, facilities, and operations.

C. Coordinate actions and policies of County departments to plan for and adapt to the anticipated impacts associated with climate change by:

1. Increasing community preparedness and advancing equity for disproportionately impacted communities.

2. Protecting fiscal security and economic activity.

3. Protecting coastal areas and beaches.

4. Developing resilient infrastructure.

D. Develop and coordinate County programs to improve the sustainability of County operations utilizing a framework that factors in environmental, social, and economic considerations.

E. Integrate sustainability values into County planning, operations, and budgeting processes.

F. Promote resiliency of coastal communities and other vulnerable areas.

G. Ensure sustainable long-term adaptation strategies are integrated into post disaster recovery efforts.

H. Coordinate actions and seek opportunities to mitigate carbon emissions and reduce or offset the County's carbon footprint.

I. Coordinate with federal, state, and other agencies around climate change and sustainability efforts.

J. Publish an annual County sustainability and resilience report.

2.30.050 Climate change, sustainability, and resilience commission.

A. There is established the climate change, sustainability, and resilience commission.

B. The commission consists of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council.

C. Members of the commission will have demonstrated experience in environmental and social sustainability and climate change.

D. Section 13-2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, applies to the commission.

E. The commission will meet at least quarterly for the purpose of gathering the latest science and information on climate change effects in the County and providing advice, as is deemed appropriate, to the mayor, council, and departments.”

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Thomson', is written over a horizontal line.

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Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
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