

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 21, 2020

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Economic Development and Budget Committee, having met on February 6, 2020, makes reference to County Communication 20-68, from Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "RESTORATION OF THE MAUI COUNTY SEAL TAPESTRY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve restoration of the Maui County Seal tapestry in the Council Chamber, after completion of necessary cleaning and restoration, where it can be viewed by the people of Maui County.

Your Committee considered a revised proposed resolution, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Committee notes the County commissioned the tapestry from weaver Alice Kagawa Parrot in 1972. The tapestry had remained in the Chamber since that time until 2019.

Your Committee considered the historical significance of the tapestry and whether the Council Chamber remains an appropriate location for the tapestry. Your Committee supported returning the tapestry to the Chamber and expressed a desire to explore ways to maintain and protect the tapestry.

The Maui County Seal tapestry was cleaned prior to your Committee's meeting. The tapestry was treated for \$1,350.

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Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution and filing of the communication. Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and members Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair King was excused.

Your Economic Development and Budget Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution _____, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "RESTORATION OF THE MAUI COUNTY SEAL TAPESTRY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER," be ADOPTED; and
2. That County Communication 20-68 be FILED.

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



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair

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Resolution

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RESTORATION OF THE MAUI COUNTY SEAL TAPESTRY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

WHEREAS, the Maui County Building was dedicated on August 13, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the budget included for the design, fabrication, and installation of a tapestry weave depicting the concept of the County Seal, to be located directly behind the chair occupied by the Chair of the Council of the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS, the tapestry was designed and woven by Alice Kagawa Parrott, a renowned American fiber artist with roots in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County Seal tapestry is a unique piece of art, made of yarn personally spun by Ms. Parrott, and dyed with plant material that she carefully selected and combined to create the vibrant colors evoking the character of Maui County, as specified and approved by the local government; and

WHEREAS, the late Ms. Parrott's work has been recognized as significant and worthy of an exhibition at the Museum of Arts and Design, and she was named an American Craft Council Fellow; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, the Maui County Seal tapestry was removed from the Council Chamber and replaced by an industrially produced seal constructed out of wood and foam; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County Seal tapestry meets the standards of items belonging to the State Foundation of Culture and Arts Public Art Collection and is to be restored to its original location in the Council Chamber; now, therefore,

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

1. That the Maui County Seal tapestry be restored to its original location in the Council Chamber, after completion of necessary cleaning and restoration, where it can be viewed by the people of Maui County; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the County Clerk, and Paul Kagawa and Diane Leavitt, Trustees, The Alice Kagawa Parrott Family Trust.

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