

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

October 22, 2021

**Committee  
Report No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on September 28, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-42, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on September 14, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON HEW TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Jason Hew to the Board of Water Supply, for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Johanna Amarin.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Board of Water Supply are located in Sections 2.43.010 and 2.43.020, Maui County Code, and Charter Section 8-11.3.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by November 13, 2021, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee discussed the nomination.

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A representative from the Office of the Mayor said Mr. Hew is a lifelong Kula resident who is interested in serving his community.

Mr. Hew said he understands the County's water issues through his prior work experience with the Maui County Soil & Water Conservation Districts. According to his board application, he is currently employed as a Soil Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and is a graduate of the 2020 Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Program.

He is particularly interested in water source development for the County, and addressing water storage issues and the Upcountry water meter list. He is able to attend board meetings.

Your Committee was satisfied with the nomination and recommended Mr. Hew's appointment be approved.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution approving the nomination. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON HEW TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be **ADOPTED**.

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

  
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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON HEW TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 14, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated Jason Hew to the Board of Water Supply for the County of Maui for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Johanna Amorin, pursuant to Sections 8-11.3 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Jason Hew to serve on the Board of Water Supply for a term expiring March 31, 2024; and
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Jason Hew for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

/s/ Mimi Desjardins  
MIMI DESJARDINS  
Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui  
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2021-09-14 BWS Hew replace Amorin