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Council of the County of Maui

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October 29, 2024

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (in 9:08 a.m.)
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member

STAFF: James Krueger, Senior Committee Analyst
Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Committee Analyst (back up)
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Committee Secretary
Lenora Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

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Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, East Maui Residency Area Office
Roxanne Morita, Council Aide, Lānaʻi Residency Area Office
Jade Rojas-Letisi, Council Aide, Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia Residency Area Office

ADMIN.: Marcy Martin, Director, Department of Finance
Kari Stockwell, Assistant County Real Property Tax Administrator,
Department of Finance
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Others (20)

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . I'm going to get my gavel from the office. Good morning, everybody. It's now 9:02 a.m. Welcome to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. Appreciate all of you who could be here. It's an off week, so thanks for making the time. This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, and remember, when your name is called, if you're not in the...in the Planning Conference Room, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. So, at this time I want to welcome our Vice-Chair, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. And I think the greeting for today from...was Ka-wah *(phonetic)*; is that right, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ka-wah, yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Ka-wah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ka-wah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Ka-wah to everyone else. Good morning, Chair. I'm in my workspace alone, and...and I'm by myself.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next, we're going to call on Chair Lee so you can explain where Ka-wah is, and good morning...or where it's from.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Good morning. I'm home alone in my workspace. And the Kickapoo Indians are from Oklahoma, they're headquartered in Lincoln, Oklahoma. There's about 5,000 members, and the greeting that they use is Ka-wah. Ka-wah, just in case you run into them at Safeway.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Ka-wah. All right, Member Cook. Ka-wah, good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Ka-wah. Aloha. Good morning. There are currently no testifiers at the Kihei Regional Office. And I'm looking forward to the meeting today. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks for being here. Ka-wah, Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Ka-wah, Chair. Good morning, everyone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Let's see, Alice Lee...oh, Member Sinenci, Ka-wah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Hey, aloha, Chair. And Ka-wah, everyone, from the Hāna District Office. Here with District Staff members Dawn Lono and Mavis Medeiros, and there are no testifiers this morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ka-wah to you. Member Johnson is excused, he sent me a text message this morning. Is Member Paltin here? I don't see her. No? Member Paltin excused, or maybe she'll join us later --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Member Rawlins...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- based on the subject-matter. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, mai Molokai Nui a Hina. I'm at my...my home, my private residence, alone here. There are currently no testifiers at the Molokai District Office. And I did not let Committee Staff know that I would be attending, so you did get quorum without my presence. So, maybe Member Paltin also didn't let Staff know that she would be attending. Perhaps it's in your notes. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, I don't have that in my notes. So, we'll just watch for Member Paltin to show up, especially with the subject-matter, I would think she would. So, who am I missing? I think we got everybody. Thank you, everybody, for coming to the meeting. We have also, from the Department of Finance, Marcy Martin, Director; Kari Stockwell, Assistant County Real Property Tax Administrator; Department of Corporation Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo. And our awesome Committee Staff, we have Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Committee Secretary; James Krueger and Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analysts; Carla Nakata, our Legislative Attorney; Lei Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk. Please read...see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Thank you, Members, for attending today's meeting. As I said, this is an off week, and thanks for making the time to be here for these important agenda items. Two of them are wildfire-related regarding real property tax, which is BFED-10 [sic], Bill 147 (2024), Relating to the August '23 Maui Wildfire Real Property Tax Relief. Bill-111...I'm sorry, BFED-111, Bill 153 (2024), Relating to Exemptions on Properties Impacted by the August '23rd [sic] Wildfires. And BFED-109, Bill 145, Real Property Tax Exemption...Exemptions for Child Care Facilities. Are there any testifiers?

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, we currently do not have any individuals signed up to testify at the beginning of the meeting. Would you like for us to just do a call?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Could you?

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MR. KRUEGER: Chair...everyone, if there's anyone in the meeting who would like to testify on any item on the agenda at this time, please identify yourself now. On Teams you can use...do that by using the raise-hand function. We'll do a countdown...three, two, one. Chair, no one is indicating they would like to testify at this time.

. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, if we do then, we will allow testifiers to come in after we hear about the bill. So, I'll go on to our first agenda item, which is...which extends the August '23rd [sic] Maui...Maui Wildfire Real Property Tax Relief through the tax year ending June 30th, 2026. And we received this bill from the Department of Finance. Thank you for working on this, so needed. So, I'd like to give the Department an opportunity to introduce the bill and speak about it. Director Martin.

**ITEM 110: BILL 147 (2024), RELATING TO AUGUST 2023 MAUI
WILDFIRES REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
(BILL 147 (2024))**

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for having this meeting today. I have Kari Stockwell, the Administrator from the Real Property Assessment Division, to assist you with reviewing this legislation and provide opening comments.

MS. STOCKWELL: All right. Thank you, Chair. So, the purpose of this proposed bill is to extend the August 20...2023 Maui Wildfires Real Property Tax Relief Program through the tax year ending June 30th, 2026, by amending Section 3.48.230, 3.48.305, 3.48.466, and 3.48.551 of the Maui County Code. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So that... that would be it, right? So, do we have any testifiers that showed up now before we go into discussion?

. . .OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-110). . .

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, no one has still indicated they'd like to testify, so we'll just do a last call. If anybody would like to testify on BFED-110, please identify yourself now. On Teams, you can do that by using the raise-hand function. We'll do a countdown...three, two, one. Chair, no one had indicated they'd like to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'm going to close public testimony on this item, and of course, we will always receive written testimony.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No objections.

. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-110) . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'd like to welcome Ms. Paltin--oh, thank you. Member Paltin walked into the commission meeting room.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka. Sorry for my tardiness, but on the bright side, a'ohe puka niho.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Good to see you here. So, at this time then, I'm going to ask if Members have questions for Administration regarding this bill, and allow for...do you need three minutes, or...three minutes...two minutes enough, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Two minutes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Two minutes enough. Okay. Two minutes. So, this time, Member Paltin, you want to ask questions first, or you...you want me to go on to somebody else?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, maybe I should set up the computer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I don't have any questions right now, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My question is clarification. This is for both residential and commercial properties that were affected.

MS. STOCKWELL: So, this would--Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. STOCKWELL: So, this is for properties that are...correct, the real property that was completely destroyed. So, all the properties in the red, yellow, or completely destroyed zone. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Vice-Chair Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I don't have any questions, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Sorry, just getting my bearings. I just had a question about the short-term rental...rentals as...according to this bill. Do they still have that designation and this exemption?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you. So, there...there's two parts to this. The first is extending the tax relief to those properties that received tax relief in this fiscal year. So, if you are a short-term rental in this designated area for this fiscal year, you will receive the tax relief for this following fiscal year. Also, your zoning or permitted use hasn't changed, so you will remain in the TVR-short-term rental classification. The...the second part of this bill is for those who were providing long-term housing for those who are displaced, and a majority of those were short-term rental properties. And if they extend their lease to that displaced tenant, they will be able to move into the long-term rental class. So, for this fiscal year, their taxes were zero, they didn't even pay the minimum tax. For this following fiscal year, they would move into our long-term rental program. So, while their taxes wouldn't reduce to zero, they would be reduced significantly by being in that long-term rental program. But that's only if they extend their lease.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And...and Ms. Martins [sic], if they're still part of the FEMA program, you said.

MS. MARTIN: Correct. And we're...we're hoping that people will extend their leases and apply timely. But similar to what we had done . . . (timer sounds). . . for this fiscal year, we've kind of open up the...the deadline because we had...you know, many of these landlords weren't local, didn't really know about the program or didn't apply on time. So...but we will be contacting these landlords and letting them know about the...the program as an incentive to continue the leases.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next we have Member Rawlins-Fernandez, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Administration. I don't have any questions. But on page 2 of the bill, where it says, dwelling units granted an August 2023rd...2023 Maui Wildfire, just need a space between 2023 and Maui. Not a substantive, but just...I just noticed it, that's all. Okay. Mahalo. That's all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Paltin, welcome, and you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure. Thank you. Can you remind me what happens if one of the party breaks the one-year contract?

MS. STOCKWELL: Okay. Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: If we get notice that the contract has been broken, then taxes are recalculated based upon highest and best use.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Even if it's the tenant side that breaks the contract, is there a grace period for them to find another one-year leasee...lessee?

MS. STOCKWELL: So, we did have tenants who broke the contract, and if the landlord is able to...was able to house another wildfire survivor, then we did grant the exemption.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I heard...I think it was Member Sinenci that said about the FEMA program. Does it need to be part of the FEMA program? Because there were some...I mean, I don't know that the insurance LOU or ALE is extended, but do they need to be part of a program, or could they just be renting on their own?

MS. STOCKWELL: Yes, they can be renting on their own. And we do have many properties that are being rented privately, and we will be sending notices to them as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I guess one of the last questions--I'll just say one of as a caveat--but...like I have friends that are displaced from the fire, and they're renting in Napili Hau like three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bathroom,

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for 7,600 a month. I like the incentive with the carrot, but is there any stick to say 7,600 is a bit excessive?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director...oh. Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: No, we don't have any high limits on how much you can charge for the property at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Could we add it in to this bill?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What...what is Finance's...

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . You know, obviously that's a policy decision. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . I think it's...it's nice, though, that there's a place to live for these people. So, you know, unfortunately, this is happening right at the same time. Even losing a few rentals would be a hardship. So, that would be a policy decision.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, like something like...I don't know, like I think for a three-bedroom, it's like 2,000 or something is the HUD, what FEMA would pay like if they were giving rental subsidies that said that something like not more than 200 percent of the fair market housing value? That applies to those making more than...they're not charging more than 200 percent?

MS. STOCKWELL: We could get you the rental rates, if that would help. I think we have probably more than half charging more than that 200 percent of the HUD. So, we can get that back to you if you'd like to see the array of what's being charged.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I would love to see the array of what is being charged.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. If we can get that information. Director.

MS. MARTIN: Well, another comment might be that, you know, some of these properties are --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Short-term.

MS. MARTIN: -- might be that they're . . .*(inaudible)*. . . to say but, you know, not your...your median-typed home, they're probably a higher-value home so that, you know, they wouldn't be probably rented even...their fair market value probably wouldn't be a HUD rate, might be higher.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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MS. MARTIN: But I...I also did want to mention, we had a...an amendment to the wording as well for this section of the Code.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: In the bill?

MS. MARTIN: In the bill, yes. So, that would have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...

MS. MARTIN: -- 305 B. --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 305...

MS. MARTIN: -- B.8. It wouldn't be for tax years 2025 and 2026. It would be for tax year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30th, 2026.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, are you...can I ask you are you adding or changing dwelling units granted on August 23rd [sic] to that sentence?

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Maui Wildfire long-term rental exemption under 3.48.551 for tax year 2025 and 2026 must be classified as long-term rental?

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Where are you making the change?

MS. MARTIN: So, it will read...I'll let Kari read that to you.

MS. STOCKWELL: It would read, long-term rental exemption under 3.48.551 for tax year beginning July 1st through...2025, and ending on June 30th, 2026 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. STOCKWELL: -- must be classified as long-term rental.

MS. MARTIN: And then that similar change would be under 3.48.551.B. [sic].

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. MARTIN: Without evicting a prior long-term tenant or a tenant with a physical or intellectual and developmental disability as defined by the American Psychiatric Association that receive the exemption for tax year...tax years '24 and '25 should read for tax year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30th, 2025.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You're clarifying the range.

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You got that? Okay. Is that it? So, is this going to be in your amended version of the bill that we're going to get, or is this it?

MS. MARTIN: I think Kristina...is she online?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Hi, Chair. Yes. Actually, our office is working on formatting, noting some of the corrections, especially the one that Member Rawlins-Fernandez pointed out, and we will have a signed bill with that language that the Director is stating.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, we have some questions and corrections as well, and...and formatting changes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're going to give that to us?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah. We're almost done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Today...today? Okay. Very good.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: We will try to get it to you today, but definitely before it goes for first reading --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- depending on what . . . *(inaudible)* . . . is due today with this bill.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, great. So, Ms. Toshikiyo, is that the only revisions then, as you are now consistent with the Department and what Member Rawlins-Fernandez said?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: From the version that was posted today on this agenda? There were a few formatting, not a lot of substantive. The ones that the Director just pointed out was probably be the most substantive.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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MS. TOSHIKIYO: And also, we reordered 551. So, we're adding a Section C. and D., and pushing down, just so that there's a little bit more consistency. But it's mostly formatting and housekeeping changes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Do you have anything else to share?

MS. MARTIN: No, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're done with the bill? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have one more question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm on Section 3, Chapter 3.48.305.B., number 8. Sorry, the pages don't have numbers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Say that section again?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Section 3, Chapter 3.48.305, Section B., number 8. It might be on the second page at the top.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. On the part where it says, in which case, the property must be classified owner-occupied. Does that mean that if it was owner-occupied before they rented it to a fire survivor, it's still going to be classified owner-occupied until such time that they can return to their owner-occupied . . .(inaudible). . .

MS. STOCKWELL: Okay. Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: Okay. So, if you had a property that you were able to live in, and then rent a portion of the unit out, your classification stays at owner-occupied, and you still get \$100,000 long-term rental exemption in addition to your owner-occupied status and your owner-occupied exemption.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. Because I know some people that completely vacated their owner-occupied house, or condo, or whatever to give it to a fire survivor. So, they would not maintain their owner-occupied.

MS. STOCKWELL: So, they did not maintain their owner-occupied status, and they would be changed...they would be moved to the long-term classification.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MS. STOCKWELL: And upon...when they move back in at that point they can reapply for the homeowner's exemption.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Even if they haven't lived there for a year at that point because they gave it up for a fire survivor . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . that's the other . . .*(inaudible)*. . . that I had...it covers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: Correct. The Bill 115 would cover that portion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else have any other questions? Okay. So...excuse me. Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading Bill 147 (2024), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO AUGUST '23 [sic] MAU...MAUI WILDFIRES REAL PROPERTY TAX RELEASE...RELIEF," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made by Member Kama, second by Member Cook. Any discussions? I'm going to --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're still going get that list of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah, we can do that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, at this time though, I wanted to...is it an ASF, or did we already get it on item number 3? Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, we did...yesterday, Finance did provide us with a...with a revised bill that...that does incorporate the formatting changes that's been discussed. It...it just hasn't been signed off by Corp. Counsel yet. So, at this time, that...that is Granicus number 3.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: So, at this time, the body could consider substituting it, if it would like.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, Members, we are in receipt of a proposed revised bill from Finance, which incorporates nonsubstantive revisions in the bill and has been signed off by the Department of Corporation Counsel. And at this time, the Chair will entertain a...entertain a subs...substitute Bill 147 (2024) with the revised version received from Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. Motion made by --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Member U‘u-Hodgins second by --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, Chair. Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Member Kama.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, I’m...I just make a correction.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Kiyo (*phonetic*).

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Corp. Counsel.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Who made the second?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It wasn’t signed. The bill wasn’t signed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So...you will...the signed bill to us.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Yes, Chair. And then also, the clarification that the Finance Director made regarding the dates on the tax years, that’s not incorporated in this bill. I just wanted to state that. I just received an email from . . . (*laughing*). . . OCS and I wanted to check it to make sure that we are all working off the same document.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You want us to call a short recess so you can...you can check to see where we are?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Substitute and then amend it also, is that...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're supposed to substitute and amend it, but you're...Corp. Counsel is saying that they haven't made the amendment, so we don't really have substitution bill; is that correct? Because it's not signed, and you haven't made the recommendations from Finance; is that right, Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: So...yes, Chair...Chair, you're correct. We haven't signed this because it hasn't finished going through our review process, and I believe that there are probably two other amendments to clarify the dates, as Director Martin said earlier, and I believe it's in two spots. I just wanted to confirm with Ms. Nakata that those were the only amendments that we needed to make.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee, I'll call on you after Ms. Nakata responds so we can get this cleared up.

MS. NAKATA: Yes, Chair. I believe you were on entertaining a motion to substitute the bill that's in...the revised bill that's in Granicus 3, which contains various formatting revisions, as well as, I think, a Code update to one of the sections. Once that's done, Director Martin indicated that there are two date changes in Section 3.48.305, as well as 3.48.551. I did just have a question on the date range change in 3.48.551.C. When we change it from, for tax years 2024 and 2025, to for tax year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, does that also affect C.1. and C.2.--and I'm not sure if it might also affect D.3. So, I'm just trying to figure out if other years need to be conformed as well. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Director.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Carla. Okay. So, Kari--I'm going to have her listen to me. So, under C. --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 4.

MS. MARTIN: -- page...page numbers, but...so, when we say that receive the exemption for the tax year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, '25. So, you will qualify for this extension [sic] if you received it this fiscal year. And then when you go down to numbers 1 and 2, we're talking about the exemption that you're going to get for next fiscal year. So, they should be independent of each other. The exemption we're talking about is beginning July 1, 2025. Does that make sense?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo and Ms. Nakata, got that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, they can only get the exemption if they got it this year.

MS. NAKATA: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, thank you. So, it would basically be if they received the exemption for the Fiscal Year 2025, and they meet all the other qualifications, then they would be entitled to the extension through the end of the Fiscal Year 2026; is that correct?

MS. NAKATA: Thanks for the clarification.

MS. MARTIN: Yes. But I would like to clarify that...okay. So, we...this bill allows somebody who had a previous one-year lease to only extend for six months to get the exemption. However, if you're new into the program, and you have a one-year lease, you will qualify on your own despite this. You still would qualify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Okay, Ms. Toshikiyo...and so, right now, what we're looking at, we do not have yet your signed ASF, and the revisions that were just talked about is in the signed ASF once it gets completed. So, will you get that to us during this meeting? And I'm going to put this aside, and then we can come back to it once we receive everything, and we can pass the bill.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay. Yes, Chair, we can do that. But I won't be able to sign the bill by the end of the meeting because we'll still have to complete our process, but it would have all these corrections we discussed and the amendments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We can process. Chair Lee, and then we'll come back to this.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I was just wondering why we're going through this process now. Did...did this paperwork come incomplete, is that it, and we're trying to scramble to fix it? Because, you know, why didn't Administration send...work with Corp. Counsel before it came to us? Or why is it all scrambled like this, is my question? And is there a timeline, do we have to pass it today?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Before the end of the year.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, this is a rush. I think we were...the Department was waiting to see what the status of the redevelopment of Lahaina would be, and what the process, you know, would be going forward. And we were just monitoring the situation. So, I...I appreciate you, you know, addressing this now,

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this was a lot. We heavily considered all of the...the viable options, and we...we thought that this generous tax relief program would...would still be warranted, given the situation. So, we did push our decision-making as close to the end the year as possible so that we could make the best decision possible. So, we appreciate you guys working with us --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. MARTIN: -- today. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Chair Lee and Director Martin...I'm going to call a five-minute recess so that we can regroup on this, and then we'll come back. So, we'll come back at 9:40. Thank you. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 9:35 a.m.
RECONVENE: 9:43 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 9:43. Welcome back, everybody. We took a break just so that we can understand our next steps forward. So, James.

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, currently before the body at this time, there's a motion to recommend first reading of the bill. That was made by Councilmember Kama, seconded by Councilmember Cook. And then there's a subsequent motion to substitute that bill with the revised bill that we received from Finance yesterday. And so that motion was made by Councilmember U'u-Hodgins, and seconded by Councilmember Kama. So the substitution motion is on the floor before the body at this time. Chair, the substituted bill incorporates the...the majority of the revisions that...that Corp. Counsel and...and...was talking about and that Finance has indicated to us, except the two small revisions that Finance indicated to the body during today's meeting. So, at this time, with the substitution motion on the floor, the body, if it wants to support Finance's revisions, it could consider a motion to amend to incorporate those revisions at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So, the motion to amend then would be for...as recommended by the Finance Department, which is clarifying the date...right?...the dates, where June 30th, 2025, and to July 1, 2026, correct? Those were re...no. It's the other...go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: For the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: -- beginning July 1st, 2025, ending on June 30th, 2026 --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: '26.

MS. STOCKWELL: -- for the...on page 3. And then on page 5 would be for tax year beginning July 1st, 2024, and ending on June 30th, 2025.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So that was the amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to amend what she said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Do you want to second?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What she said. Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member U'u-Hodgins, and it is what she said. I think we got that. And Corp. Counsel is working...or had said they were working on that also. So, Members, at this time, if there's no discussion, let's take a vote. All in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. There's seven "ayes," two excused which is Member Johnson and...no, we have eight of us. What's the roll call?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Only Johnson is not here, yeah? Okay. So, eight "ayes," one excused, Member Johnson.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Johnson.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE** amendment to substitution bill

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, very good.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Main motion as amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Main motion as amended. All in favor, main motion as amended --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: On the amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is the motion to substitute, right?

MR. KRUEGER: Uh...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You made the main motion, motion to substitute, amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yep, yep.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it’s substitution.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Motion to substitute, all in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight “ayes,” one excused, Member Johnson.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Johnson.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE** substitution bill as amended

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now we can go back to the main motion as amended, and we will get the signed Corp. Counsel version with these amendments after we...we pass this bill, right?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. We’ll send an RLS to request that from Corp. Counsel.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, and we’ll get it...we’ll get it then before...we’ll have it before Chair Lee’s Council meeting. All right, Member [sic], motion as amended, main motion, all in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight “ayes”...oh, yeah. Eight “ayes,” one excused, Member Johnson.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Johnson.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of Bill 147, CD1 (2024) by C.R.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay. Done. Thank you very much, Finance. Appreciate working on this. Next bill that we have today is Bill 111...BFED-111, and it's Bill 153, Relating to Exemptions on Properties Impacted by the August '23rd [sic] Wildfires. The second item, which conditionally allows exemptions that were in effect for tax year '24 when...where improvements were destroyed, damaged, or made inaccessible by the August 23rd [sic] Maui Wildfires to remain in effect through December 31, 2026. This bill is from the Finance Department, and though...and so therefore, Ms. Martin, would you like to explain.

ITEM 111: BILL 153 (2024), RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS ON PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES (BILL 153 (2024))

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. So, this bill is...is more of a housekeeping. It's a companion with the...the last bill we heard, but this will allow us to freeze our records for one more year, basically.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, at this time, I'm going to open up for public testimony. Do we have anybody?

. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-111). . .

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, we currently don't have any individuals signed up to testify on this item. We'll do a last call at this time. If there's anybody who would like to

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testify on BFED-111, please identify yourself now. On Teams, you can do that by using the raise-hand function. We'll do a countdown...three, two, one. Chair, no one has identified themselves as wishing to testify on this item.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, open up for discussions. Member Paltin, any discussion?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, could we just clarify that testimony --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, testimony is closed, and we can receive written testimony with your permission.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No objections.

. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-111) . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For my opportunity, I would move to pass the bill.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay, motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member U'u-Hodgins. I guess no discussion, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. I have a discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You do have discussion. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You know, there's just a wide array of response to the debris removal. Some people are like putting up their roofs, and some people are still navigating papers. So...and even the folks whose houses were spared have incurred a great expense in having to remove, you know, curtains, and carpets, and bedding, and couches. So, I think this is a very prudent measure to try to

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keep our residents, who are also homeowners, and their properties, and give relief to those businesses and other properties as well for one more year.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Agreed. Anybody else, Members?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. Just before the Committee votes, could...could Staff clarify, as part of the recommendation motion, do we have leeway to incorporate nonsubstantive revisions?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes, incorporating nonsubstantive changes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You have my permission.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Go for it. All right, Members. I also want to say this is going to help Upcountry, too. I know we focus so much on West Maui for obvious reasons, but both bills are going to help Upcountry. So, Members, if no...if there are no discussions, all in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused, Member Johnson.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Johnson.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of Bill 153, (2024)

ITEM 109: **Bill 145 (2024), REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES** (BILL 145 (2024))

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow. This is going very fast. Last item on the agenda, which is Bill 153--oops, sorry--which is Bill 145 for Real Property Tax Exemptions [sic] for Child Care Facilities. So, Members, I'm going to ask the Department to say...do the opening, but the last item was brought up when we had our Committee meetings talking about real property tax exemptions and this, the Department recommended, and it was shared that the last time this...this exemption had been amended was 2009. So, Ms. Martin did say that this is one of the things she wanted to do. So, we pushed forward so that we could group this with this tax exemptions, along with the previous two bills, to get it passed. So, would you like to say opening comments, Ms. Martin?

MS. MARTIN: I'll defer to Kari.

MS. STOCKWELL: All right. So, thank you, Ms. Martin. So, for this, you know, values of buildings have been going up tremendously over the years, and we haven't really touched this exemption in many years as you stated. So, we are recommending to raise the value from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for this bill. Thank you.

. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-109). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Okay. So, I'm going to open up for public testimony.

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MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, we...Staff has not received any requests for testimony at this time. We'll do a last call. If there are any individuals who would like to testify on BFED-109, please identify yourself now. On Teams, you can do that by using the raise-hand function. We'll do a countdown...three, two, one. Chair, no one has identified themselves as wishing to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. With your permission, I'm going to close public testimony, receive written testimony on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY (BFED-109) . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody have any discussions? Go ahead, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I wasn't sure what was meant by a child care facility. Does that include like preschools? And then I...I didn't think so because I think there's more than nine preschools on the island...I hope.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Department.

MS. STOCKWELL: So, these are for licensed child care providers. So, they are --

MS. MARTIN: Daycare.

MS. STOCKWELL: -- for daycare, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. And then it also said something about most all the nine have homeowner exemptions as well. If somebody was a licensed child care provider out of their rental property, like they were a renter, does this...would this still apply for them to get a...like is the hope that the owner would take advantage of this break, and then pass it on for their rent?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. STOCKWELL: Yes, that would be the hope.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I think MEO has like a...a daycare on Princess Nahi'ena'ena campus, Head Start. Is that apply for this also? And because the State doesn't pay property taxes, then it doesn't matter?

MS. MARTIN: Yes. So, a lot of preschools are on, say, church properties, or government properties, or even on MEO as a nonprofit. So, we have the nonprofit exemption, which is minimum tax, and government is zero. So, if you're a subset of that, you can apply. And we have some nonprofit preschools on commercial properties too, where we can carve out the portion that's used for the nonprofit or...or daycare if it's on a commercial property, and that portion would be exempt from taxation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And my last clarification is, the reason it only applies to licensed is because of safety, or that's one way to verify, or...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Department.

MS. MARTIN: That is the way that the Code is...was written originally . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like a policy decision.

MS. MARTIN: I don't...yes, in policy decision.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. okay. All right, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any question?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I do.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you, guys. How did you guys come up with the \$100,000 exemption? And then what is the maybe average of exemptions for the nine facilities? How much RPT do they pay?

MS. STOCKWELL: That...that is a great question. I don't know if I have that.

MS. MARTIN: I can answer. The 100,000 is just the same as the long-term rental exemption. They get the, you know, additional \$100,000 because they all are in the...I think we said they were all in the owner-occupied class.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Uh-huh.

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MS. MARTIN: However, if you wanted to look at maybe making it a split exemption, like the long-term rental exemption, that would require an amendment from this, but it could be done for properties that aren't in the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. MARTIN: -- owner-occupied class.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. MARTIN: And then...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait one.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Oh, Shane, thanks for turning it off.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, wait. We got it, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sorry. Can you please continue?

MS. MARTIN: Yes. Okay. If --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. MARTIN: -- in our certifications report, on page 29, we list property tax relief for each of the exemptions, and the child care facility exemption is in there. So, their average tax per parcel actually is the minimum tax, and there's nine parcels, and the average tax relief is \$950 a year.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: 950. Okay. Did you have anything you wanted to add? She looks like she's still looking through.

MS. STOCKWELL: No, I'm good.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I only ask because daycare is so expensive, and I think most young mothers, or young parents, have to make a decision whether they're going to go back to work or pay somebody else to watch their kids for probably about the same money they make a month. So, anything we can do to help, I appreciate that. So, I appreciate this. Thank you guys.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So true. Chair Lee, I see your hand up.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I was going to ask the same question. What is the fiscal impact with the proposal, and would doubling that make more sense as an incentive? Because, you know, this is something that we want to support, and not just on a minimal basis. I mean, I'd be willing to consider 200,000, or...or whatever the body feels is appropriate. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Interesting. Department, you have any analysis on that or comments?

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. You know, the...the number is low, so the financial impacts wouldn't be --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Devastating.

MS. MARTIN: -- devastating. However, I think, you know, the fact that we're looking at this gives us motivation to do some public outreach, and I think we can contact--PATCH is a good contact--and maybe look at the state license list, just to make sure that people know about it, and that they've applied.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, are you interested in...or increasing it to 200,000? I mean, what is your opinion?

MS. MARTIN: I have no objection to that, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Objection...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It's only nine parcels...nine facilities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. It's only nine parcels. Okay. So, are we...are...Chair Lee, you want to make that motion? We going to...we got to...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I so move to make the exemption 200,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We got to do the main motion first

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We got to do the main motion first.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do the main motion first and then that's your amended motion. So, at this time, I'd like to...I'm going to put the discussion on the floor.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other discussions? We take the motion on the...Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question for Finance. Okay. So, it's nine properties, and you named some of the facilities...MEO, some churches with preschools or child care. Do...do you have...you don't have that list? Or you have that list, and what...what else are some of the properties? Like owner...owner-occupied?

MS. MARTIN: Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MS. MARTIN: Yes, most of the nine properties are owner-occupied properties.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so, the owner-occupied is 300,000 for a homeowner's exemption, plus the 200,000?

MS. MARTIN: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that clarification. Support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, great. Great discussion. All right, Members, so...go ahead Member...Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I...I support it because childcare is a very important service that we absolutely need to support. And just in case I have more children I...you know, I want it to be affordable.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(laughing)*...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: You just never know. Modern times these days.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(laughing)*... Okay, very creative. She's...she's persuading us so we can see miracles.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That makes it a conflict of interest.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(laughing)*... Tamara just said that makes it a conflict of interest. All right, Members. So, at this time, we're going to vote on the motion as amended. All in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Okay, eight “ayes,” one excused, Member Johnson.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Johnson.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of Bill 145, CD1 (2024) by C.R.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, we’re done with the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hallelujah.

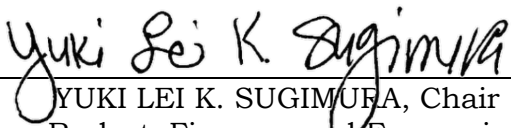
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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, thank you, everyone, for attending today's meeting. It is 10:01.
We didn't even need to have a break, and this meeting is now adjourned.
...*(gavel)*...

ADJOURN: 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
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CERTIFICATION

I, Cheryl von Kugler, hereby certify that pages 1 through 31 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 20th day of November 2024, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



Cheryl von Kugler