

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

December 19, 2025

**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 December 3, 2025, makes reference to Resolution 25-196, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM 4A25055GZP0-0001 OF KANANI KEALOHA FALEAFINE."

Resolution 25-196's purpose is to authorize settlement of the claim filed on May 5, 2025, in the amount of \$55,668.18. The claim alleges that on or about June 1, 2024, a collapsed County sewer line running under the Claimant's property at 1826 Kaohu Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i, resulted in property damage, rental income loss, and increased water charges for the Claimant.

By correspondence dated October 17, 2025, the Department of the Corporation Counsel requested consideration of Resolution 25-196, with a copy of the claim.

Your Committee notes Subsection 3.16.020(B), Maui County Code, requires Council authorization for any settlement of claims or civil litigation in excess of \$25,000.

A Deputy Corporation Counsel provided an overview of the claim and explained that the parties had reached a negotiated settlement, pending Council approval.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-196. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee members Lee and Rawlins-Fernandez were excused.

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Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 25-196, CD1, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM 4A25055GZP0-0001 OF KANANI KEALOHA-FALEAFINE," approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 25-196, CD1, attached, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM 4A25055GZP0-0001 OF KANANI KEALOHA-FALEAFINE," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of the Council.



NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Chair

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Resolution

No. 25-196, CD1

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM 4A25055GZP0-0001 OF KANANI KEALOHA-FALEAFINE

WHEREAS, Kanani Kealoha-Faleafine, on behalf of herself, Shannon Nalani Kealoha, and the Hunter Kealoha Matalili Faleafine Trust, filed Claim 4A25055GZP0-0001 on May 5, 2025, against the County of Maui for damages to their property located at 1826 Kaohu Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i, resulting from a sewer line collapse under the property occurring on or about June 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui, to avoid incurring expenses and the uncertainty of a judicial determination of the parties' respective rights and liabilities, have reached a proposed resolution of this Claim by way of a negotiated settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel has requested authority to settle this Claim in the amount of \$55,668.18; and

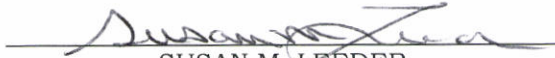
WHEREAS, having reviewed the facts and circumstances regarding this matter and being advised of attempts to reach a resolution of this Claim by way of a negotiated settlement by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Council wishes to authorize the settlement; now, therefore,

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

1. That under Section 3.16.020, Maui County Code, it approves settlement of Claim 4A25055GZP0-0001 of Kanani Kealoha-Faleafine, in the amount of \$55,668.18;
2. That payment is authorized to satisfy settlement of this Claim following the execution of the "Release of Property Damage Claim" by Kanani Kealoha-Faleafine, individually, and as Trustee of the Hunter Kealoha Matalili Faleafine Trust and by Shannon Nalani Kealoha; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Environmental Management, and the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution No. 25-196, CD1

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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SUSAN M. LEEDER
Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.