

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

May 23, 2023

**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 May 11, 2023, makes reference to Resolution 23-139, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MERRITT KEO KAUFMAN TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI."

Resolution 23-139's purpose is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Merritt Keo Kaufman to the Board of Ethics for a term expiring March 31, 2025, to fill a vacancy replacing Linda Kay Okamoto.

By correspondence dated and received on April 25, 2023, the Mayor transmitted a completed application form for the nominee.

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 Ethics are located in Section 10-2 of the Charter.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by June 23, 2023, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor said the Mayor requested to respectfully withdraw Mr. Kaufman from further consideration and suggested he may be nominated for a different board better suited to his qualifications.

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Your Committee thanked Mr. Kaufman for his willingness to serve, but recommended his nomination be disapproved and the resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee notes the Mayor must submit the name of another nominee within 10 days after being notified of the Council's action, in accordance with Charter Section 13-2(17).

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-139, CD1. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-139, CD1, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 23-139, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MERRITT KEO KAUFMAN TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED.

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



NOHE U'U-HODGINS, Chair

Resolution

No. 23-139, CD1

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MERRITT KEO KAUFMAN TO
THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 25, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council that he nominated Merritt Keo Kaufman to the Board of Ethics for the County of Maui for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, to fill a vacancy replacing Linda Kay Okamoto, in accordance with Sections 10-2 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 disapproves the appointment of Merritt Keo Kaufman to serve on the Board of Ethics for the County of Maui for a term expiring March 31, 2025;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Merritt Keo Kaufman 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 and the Managing Director.

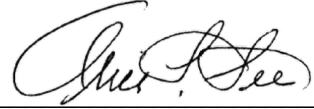
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.