

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 28, 2024

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee, having met on February 5, 2024, and reconvened on February 6, 2024, makes reference to Bill 8 (2024), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM."

Bill 8's purpose is to amend the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget by amending Section 3.B.10.a., Office of the Mayor, Administration Program, by: 1) deleting, under (4) Environmental Protection, the conditional language that up to \$600,000 to be used for watershed management planning and implementation by Maui Environmental Consulting, Inc. (MEC) or Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District and renumbering the subsequent conditions accordingly; 2) deleting the \$200,000 appropriation for Ho'ahu Energy Co-op Molokai and renumbering the subsequent appropriations accordingly; and 3) adding a new appropriation, entitled "Maui Family Young Men's Christian Association" in the amount of \$200,000.

The Director of Economic Development said that \$600,000 was appropriated in the FY 2023 Budget for a watershed management plan by Maui Environmental Consulting, Inc., which was completed in December 2023. Because the plan is complete, the additional \$600,000 in FY 2024 is not necessary.

As it relates to Ho'ahu Energy Co-op Molokai, the Director explained the organization did not fulfill reporting and other requirements for awards received in FYs 2021 and 2022. As a result, the Administration is not awarding funds to Ho'ahu Energy Co-op Molokai in FY 2024.

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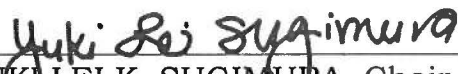
By correspondence dated January 5, 2024, the Budget Director explained that funds set aside for Ho'ahu Energy Co-op Molokai would be redirected into a new grant for the Maui Family Young Men's Christian Association for a community garden and operational costs.

Your Committee expressed interest in redirecting the funds to another purpose that would benefit Molokai. Your Committee also noted the importance of watershed management planning and expressed hesitancy at redirecting funds away from that purpose.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend filing of Bill 8 (2024). Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and members Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins voted "aye."

Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Bill 8 (2024) be FILED.

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



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair