

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**May 13, 2025
10:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama			√	
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

No legislative action was taken.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:11 a.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-05-13 10:00 AM - Public Hearing (Weight Tax)

>> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> GOOD MORNING AND ALOHA ONCE AGAIN. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE 8 MEMBERS PRESENT. ONE EXCUSED. YOU HAVE A QUORUM FOR THE BUSINESS OF THIS COUNCIL. FOR THE RECORD, I'M THE COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND FROM STAFF ARE [INDISCERNIBLE] CHRIS MENFORD.\r\n\r\nJOINING FROM OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES IS DIRECTOR DAVID ROTS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR [INDISCERNIBLE] FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL WE HAVE DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL ONLINE. >> THANK YOU. >> MAY I REQUEST EVERYONE KEEP MICROPHONES MUTED UNTIL YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. TESTIFY MUCH PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. DIRECT REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL AND NOT INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP TO THREE MINUTES. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG.\r\n\r\nIF YOU ARE CALLING IN PLEASE FOLLOW AND YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE LOG. THE QUORUM IS MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. ANY PERSON BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT CAN AT DISCRETION OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR MEMBER OR MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE OBJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, OR IF [INDISCERNIBLE] EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING SHOUTING USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED TO TESTIFY. IF THERE IS ANYBODY THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.\r\n\r\nI SEE MR. LAW IS AT THE MIC. >> I LIKE TO GO UNDER THE NAME OF JOHN Q PUBLIC. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. JOHN, Q PUBLIC. NORMALLY YOU GIVE YOUR NAME WHEN YOU SPEAK.\r\n\r\nSO WE KNOW WHICH NAME TO USE, BECAUSE YOU TEND TO CHANGE NAMES. >> RIGHT. >> OKAY. >> CHAMELEON. WOULD THAT GO UNDER POINT OF ORDER? LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THAT. WHEN I FIRST STARTED TESTIFYING AT THE MEETINGS WAS MR.\r\n\r\nWHITE, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE MY NAME BECAUSE I WAS LITTLE PTSD PARANOID FROM THE UNITED STATES LAW RUNNING ME OUT OF TOWN OVER THERE. SO, I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE MY NAME AND THAT'S WHY THEY HAD TO DO A RECESS AT THE MEETINGS TO ASK THE LAWYERS AND THEY SAID THAT IS WHERE THE ANONYMOUS THING CAME FROM BACK IN THE DAY AND CHANGED THE RULES A LITTLE BIT. GOOD OLD MR. WHITE WAS MAKING SURE HE CROSSED ALL T'S AND CAN DOTTED HIS I'S. I REALIZE THIS IS ABOUT THE WEIGHT TAX. I KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT THAT. I'M HAVING A HARD TIME FROM MY GOVERNMENT TRYING TO FIND ANY KIND OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE WEIGHT TAX, SO I MIGHT KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. BUT I LOOKED ON THE INTERNET, SO THANK YOU FROM THE HOMELESS DEPARTMENT AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE GAVE ME A PHONE AND I LOOKED ON GOOGLE FOR AUTOMOBILES ARRIVING IN HAWAII AND IT SAYS, ACCORDING TO SCHMIDT, I DONT KNOW WHO THAT IS, THE FIRST AUTOMOBILES ARRIVED IN HONOLULU OCTOBER 8, 1899. WOOD ELECTRIC CARD AND WOOD CAN CAPITAL W BELONGING TO BIG 5 MAGNATES HENRY BALDWIN AND EDWARD 10Y. IT WAS NOTABLE ENOUGH TO BE REPORTED BY THREE NEWSPAPERS.\r\n\r\nTHE CAR IN HAWAII WAS CALLED A LOCAL MOBILITY AND I THINK MR. COOK WOULD AGREE WITH ME. YOU HAD TOO MANY GOES GOING LOCO. MY CLARIFYING QUESTION IS, DID THEY GET CHARGED A WEIGHT TAX BY THE COUNTY AND IF SO, HOW MUCH? >> NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER TESTIFIERS THAT I HAVE SIGNED UP. IF THERE IS ANYONE WOULD WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.\r\n\r\nTHIS IS A LAST CALL. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM AND THE COUNTDOWN IS 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE IS NO ONE INDICATING DESIRE TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIFY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. SO ORDERED. SO, THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL, THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [MEETING ADJOURNED]