

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

August 19, 2025

Online Only via Teams

**CONVENE:** 1:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Chair  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member  
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (Out 2:03 p.m.)  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

**EXCUSED:** VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member

**STAFF:**

Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst  
Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney  
Maria Leon, Committee Secretary  
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk  
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Christian Balagso, Council Aide, West Maui Residency Area Office

**ADMIN.:**

Thomas Kolbe, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation  
Counsel (All)

**OTHERS:**

Janet Pippin Orwig, Executive Director, Psychology Interjurisdictional  
Compact (All)

Testifiers

Testifier 1 – The Royal House of Hawai‘i (GREAT-4(2))

(15+) additional attendees

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting of August 19th, 2025, please come to order. It is 1:34 p.m. Members, I am your Chair, Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins. In accordance with the Sunshine Law, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Let's begin with Committee Vice-Chair Tamara Paltin. Good afternoon.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Good afternoon and aloha ‘auinalā. Streaming live and direct from the historic burn zone. I have with me Christian Balagso, and we have no testifiers waiting to testify at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Councilmember Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Good afternoon, Chair. There's no testifiers in the Kīhei Regional Office, and I'm here and ready to work.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I see you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Hopefully, it's fast meeting.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Let's hope. Councilmember Gabe Johnson. Good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good afternoon, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. I'm having internet issues, so I had to step outside. I'm outside alone with no testifiers at the Lāna‘i District office. Sorry, if I'm coming in laggy.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: You're good, actually, Member Johnson, but thank you. I'll let you know if there's some...some moments of pause, but thank you for giving us the heads up. Councilmember Kama, good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good afternoon, Chair. And aloha ‘auinalā to everyone. And I'm here, ready to work.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha ‘auinalā. Council Chair Alice Lee, good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good afternoon. Aloha ‘auinalā.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha ‘auinalā. Is Member Rawlins-Fernandez on? I don't see her. Okay. She's excused for now. Councilmember Shane Sinenci, good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Hey, good afternoon, Chair. And aloha ‘auinalā kākou. There are no testifiers in Hāna, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And thanks for bringing this up today.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Automatic. Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, and looking forward to learning about this --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah, me too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- the resos. Thank you --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- Member Sinenci, for bringing it up.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. From Corporation Counsel, we have Mr. Thomas Kolbe, Deputy Corporation Counsel. Our Committee Staff include Maria Leon, Committee Secretary; Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst; Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst; Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney; Lei Dinneen, Council Services Clerk; and Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistance [sic] Clerk. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Do we have any testifiers? If not, I'm going to save this whole log, if in case we do.

MS. MACDONALD: No, Chair, there is currently no one who is signed up to testify.

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

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Let's begin with the first item on the agenda. We'll come back to testimony if we do have anybody willing to testify.

**ITEM 3(2): RESOLUTION 25-153, APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2026 HAWAI‘I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: So, as noted in my June 16th, 2025, correspondence to this Committee, the Hawai‘i State Association of Counties deadline to receive each County's 2026 HSAC Legislative Package proposals is September 26, 2025. Accordingly, August 8th was the deadline for the GREAT Committee to receive Councilmembers' proposals so that the Committee can take its recommendations to the Council before the deadline. We have only received one proposal for each package, which is what we have agendized today. We have before us Resolution 25-153, entitled "APPROVING FOR THE [sic] INCLUSION OF [sic] THE 2026 HAWAI‘I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT." Thank you for the tongue twister, Member

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Sinenci. The purpose of the proposed State bill is to create a new chapter in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes for Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, an interstate compact to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person practice of psychology across state boundaries, to authorize the state-to-state practice of qualifying psychologists to help reduce regulatory barriers, and allow more psychologists to practice in the state, thus improving access to essential mental health care. Before I turn over the floor to Member Sinenci, the introducer of this resolution, I would like to note that this item, as well as the next item, GREAT-4(2), pertain to the same bill. Only difference is this one is the State version. The next one is the Maui version in the Maui County legislative package. If it's okay with the body, I would love to exhaust the discussion in this next one, and we can save the Maui-specific discussion for the next bill. And this way we can kind of move things along a little bit quicker. So at this time, Member Sinenci, if you have any opening comments, the floor is yours.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And, Members, PSYPACT is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology, as the Chair had mentioned, and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state lines. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, ASPPB, approved PSYPACT in 2015. And PSYPACT aims to improve mental health services by promoting professional mobility for psychologists. Members, licensed psychologists, can become certified through PSYPACT once their state has joined PSYPACT. They can apply for an Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology, APIT, and an E.Passport certificate through the ASPPB. These certificates allow teletherapy practice across state lines and with clients in other PSYPACT states. Psychologists can also apply for an Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate, an IPC, to provide temporary, in-person, face-to-face clinical services in PSYPACT-participating states. An IPC allows psychologists to practice psychology for up to 30 days per year in PSYPACT states without obtaining additional licenses. To protect the public, PSYPACT certifies that the psycho...psychologists have met acceptable standards of practice. PSYPACT also provides its participating states with mechanisms to address disciplinary issues that occur across state lines. PSYPACT increases access to readily available mental health care. During COVID-19 psychologists used telehealth to respond to their increased demand. PSYPACT also allows them to continue their virtual practice while reaching rural or underserved areas. It also facilitates continuity of care for patients who travel out of state, allowing them to maintain access to their established provider. Members, House Bill 839...on January 23rd, 2025, H...House Bill 839 was introduced. It passed first reading and was referred to the Health, Consumer Protection and Commerce, and...Committee, as well as the Finance committees. However, HB839 never received a hearing in Committee. Also, the partner bill, Senate Bill 32...on January 15th, 2025, Senate Bill 32 was introduced, and it passed first reading. On January 16th, it was referred to the Health and Human Services, Commerce and Consumer Protection, as well as the Ways and Means, and Judiciary Committees. However, Senate Bill 32 was...never received a hearing in Committee. And so, that's...that's why we are here today, we're going to try and introduce it again for the next...for the next Legislation. And...and, Chair, I did want to say that Ms. Janet Orwig from PSYPACT is also online to answer any questions for the Members. Thank you.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. Yes. I will introduce her right after we do some more testimony. Do we have any other...do we have, rather, any testifiers signed up?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is no one who has signed up to testify.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Members, with your permission, I will close testimony on Resolution 25-153.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Without objection, we closed it. And written testimony will continue to be accepted.

**. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ITEM 3(2) . . .**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: To assist with any questions, Members, as Member Sinenci noted, we have Ms. Janet Orwig, MBA, CAE, Executive Director of Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, PSYPACT, joining us today. And with your permission, I want to designate her, Director Orwig, as a resource person under Rule 18(A) of Rules of the Council because of her special expertise in this matter.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objection.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members. She is so noted. If you do have any questions, I won't be going down the line, so please raise your hand if you have any questions for Ms. Orwig or Member Sinenci. Does anybody have any questions? Member Sugimura, please go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, I'm interested to know...thank you very much, Member Sinenci for providing the history as it went through the Legislature. Do you know, in testimony, what the challenges would be? Or maybe Ms. Orwig...Orwig might be a resource for that but do you know why?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I know it was, I believe, introduced by Fevella and Chang. Let me check my notes, but we did not see any additional, like, discussions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It...it just didn't receive the hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just wanted to know what obstacles there are.

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CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. So, Member Sinenci, how...how does this work? I would be assigned a therapist...a doctor online. Is it...am I prescribed somebody here and then they set me up with somebody virtually online. How does that work? Is it covered by insurance? Do you know?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll refer to Ms. Orwig --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I would like to know how this works in other states. And then how the Hawai'i residents, if it does pass, would have access to telepsychology.

MS. ORWIG: Good afternoon. Thank you very much for the time --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Good afternoon.

MS. ORWIG: -- to visit with you today.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you for being with us.

MS. ORWIG: And I will...I will try really hard to answer that question as easy as possible. Sometimes it can get down in the weeds and if I do, I apologize for that upfront.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. ORWIG: So, how it works is it is volunteer. Psychologists apply for the authorization to the Commission. So they apply and they are issued the authorization. And then what happens there, it's up to the consumer of mental health services to locate a provider. We do have a directory where they can actually search for someone that may meet their special needs. They can search by the area of practice, languages spoken, area served, population served, so that we are trying to make sure that authorized providers are matched up with the patients as...that they can find their specific needs. It is voluntary. A psychologist does not have to participate. So the way it works...now, I am not a psychologist but I'm going to pretend like I am --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Um-hum.

MS. ORWIG: -- only for this particular sample. And I live in Georgia; in case you couldn't tell from my lovely accent here.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Um-hum.

MS. ORWIG: And I am sitting in Georgia. I have the authorization issued by the PSYPACT Commission, and I am licensed here, and I am able to provide services into other

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Compact states. And there are 43 jurisdictions that have enacted the legislation. Forty-two of those are effective. Montana enacted this year, and they will become effective on October 1st. So I can provide services into Tennessee. So let's say that...or Alabama. So I'm sitting here in Georgia, and I have a patient that I been seeing here in Georgia, and they are moving to Alabama to go to the lovely University of Alabama, which is the best school ever.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MS. ORWIG: And so, they are going to move to Alabama to go to school. I am able to continue practice with them through PSYPACT without them having to try to locate another provider in Alabama and start all over again. We built this relationship and I'm going off to school, very hard to build another relationship, so trying to make sure that doesn't happen. I understand that a lot of times on the island some people are locating back over here. I hear Nevada is a very popular state for relocation. So if someone is seeing a provider in your State, and they move to another state, they could continue those relationships if your State was a PSYPACT-participating jurisdiction. I hope that helped explain, and I didn't make it *(audio interference)* --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: It did. Thank you. Thank you. In Member Sinenci's opening comments...and Member Sinenci, either you can answer this, or Ms. Orwig can. You said something about 30 days per year, is that the amount of days they can practice it state-to-state? Or is that...what was that 30 day per year? I was trying to take notes, but you're --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Ms. Orwig, if you could, please, provide some information --

MS. ORWIG: Okay.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- on Member Sinenci's opening comments when he said 30 days per year.

MS. ORWIG: Okay. So the telepsychology component or the APIT, the A-P-I-T, does not have any time limit. You are able to practice telepsychology with the people in the other states unlimited. The temporary authorization, where I would physically go to Alabama and see someone in person, has a 30-day component. They can do...I can do 30 days in Alabama, 30 days in Tennessee, Kentucky, wherever I go. But any part of a day counts as a day. So let's say I need to see someone in person and then come back to Georgia and set up the tele component, I...if I go over and see one person for one hour that's one of my 30 days. It is not meant to take the place of licensure. If I physically want to live in a state, I have to get a license in that state.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate that answer. I have exhausted my questions. Members, do you guys have any other questions? Please.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, I believe you had a question about insurance --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- payments.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you for reminding me. Is it covered by insurance? Do...what kind of insurance do people accept? Like, typically, here we...Kaiser is our predominant medical provider, but what kind of insurance does these practitioners take?

MS. ORWIG: So that is a...a great area for us because we deal more with regulation than we do the insurance practice. What I have heard from my authorization holders is that they start and conduct it very similar to a face-to-face. They're going to check with you. They're going to verify with your insurance provider. They're going to explain what PSYPACT is. We can provide them letters to explain because sometimes they know what we are and sometimes they don't. And so, we do have assistance that way. We have letters that the states have issued that say that they consider PSYPACT authorization to be the same as a license. So it's really going to be a case-by-case basis with the insurance company and the provider working with them as they take on new patients. We did have a benefit in that CMS did make a notification regarding Medicare that a Compact privilege or authorization is considered equivalent to a licensure as far as they are concerned. So that has helped. And a lot of times we are hoping that when we provide that to the third-party payers, like Kaiser or someplace like that, that that helps them to understand, as well, what the compact, you know, is. We also expect, in my crystal ball readings, that as more and more health care professionals come on with compacts, the insurance companies are going to become more aware of what a compact is.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you for that. I appreciate your answers. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And just for clarification, both Senators Chang and Senator Fevella were the introducers for Senate Bill 32. And then for the House side, Representatives Garrett, Amato, Belatti, Chun, Evslin, Kapela, Kila, Kusch, Lowen, Marten, Miyake, Pierick, Poepoe, Souza, Takenouchi, and Matsumoto were introducers on the House side.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Well, that's a lot of Representatives. Today is Representative Miyake's birthday, as we were discussing all of the August babies. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: A lot of August birthdays --

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- yes. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Members, any other questions? If not, we will move onto the

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recommendation. I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-138 [sic], including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I have a motion made by Member Sinenci and a second by Member Sugimura. Any further discussion? Member Paltin, please go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. This is the 25-153, correct?

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So my discussion would just be that when it comes to the HSAC, it would be beneficial if Member Sinenci and his resource were there to introduce it. I could, but I don't know that I would do the justice in introducing it, answering questions. And then if it does get accepted as part of the HSAC package it would come back to us with the package to re-ratify. And then we may be look...Nahe is our Executive Director, but she's no always available to provide testimony when it comes up for the State hearings and neither am I. So it would be helpful to have either the introducer or somebody else that really cares about it available at those times, which sometimes they give us so little bit notice when it comes up it's hard to be available at all the times. So that's just my caveat discussion.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci, hopefully you'll be available to advocate for your bill. Sounds like a good one. Thank you, Member Paltin. Any other discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Motion carries.

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

**NOES:**    **None.**

**ABSTAIN:** **None.**

**ABSENT:** **None.**

**EXCUSED:** **Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**    **Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-153.**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**ITEM 4(2):       RESOLUTION 25-154, APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2026 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Moving on, we have before us Resolution 25-154, entitled "APPROVING FOR THE INCLUSION OF [sic] THE 2026 MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT." As I mentioned before, this is the same thing, just the Maui version, just our version. Member Sinenci, did you want to provide us another opening statement with any Maui-specific information?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, please.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And we're in...we have the UHERO report that I...that I wanted to just state some facts.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And this is from the report, "From Crisis to Recovery: Health and Resilience Two Years After the Maui Wildfires," dated June 18, 2025. In it, it speaks as far...concerning adults, depressive symptoms remain widespread in the community. Half of MauiWES participants screened positive for some level of depression, with 9.5 percent meeting the...the threshold for severe symptoms. These figures represent a substantial increase over pre-fire benchmarks. Also in the UHERO's Maui sample, 28.3 percent had depressive symptoms and just 5.8 percent were in the severe range. Among

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MauiWES participants, 26 percent experienced moderate to severe anxiety with nearly 12 percent in the severe category. And this was more than ten times higher than the pre-fire UHERO Maui report, the severe anxiety rate of 1.6 percent and well above the 2.1 percent statewide. These elevated anxiety levels still present up to eight...up to 18 months after the disaster, and they point to the need for sustained support and trauma-informed mental health care. Self-esteem, a critical buffer against chronic stress and mental illness, has also declined post disaster. In the MauiWES cohort, 21.5 percent of participants report low self-esteem, significantly higher than pre-fire levels of 15 percent in Maui and 13 percent statewide. Chair, rates of suicidal thoughts have more than quadrupled since before the fires. In the past month, 4.2 percent of MauiWES adults reported seriously considering suicide. This is a sharp increase from the UHERO Maui baseline of .8 percent and a statewide rate of 1.2 percent. Members, these findings call for continued investments in suicide prevention strategies, peer support networks, and culturally responsive crisis services accessible across the island. For youth, nearly two years after the fires, Maui's youth are still carrying a heavy emotional burden. Across the full child cohort, 22 percent of children report severe depressive symptoms, and another 28 percent shows mild to moderate levels with 49 percent show no or minimal symptoms. And real quick, PTSD remains widespread among children with 54.8 percent overall reporting little or no symptoms. And I can share this in...in testimony as well. Around 30 show mild PTSD symptoms, while 10.8 meet critical thresholds for PTSD and 4.3 percent for severe PTSD. And finally, nearly 33 percent of children screen positive for probable anxiety disorder. Rates are especially high among Asian children, at 37 percent; Filipino children, 36.9 percent; and Hispanic Latino youth, 33.3 percent. For Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander children, they report the lowest anxiety burden, 24 percent, although this still represents nearly one in four youth, Chair. And that concludes my report. Thank you.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sinenci, for the opening comments and unfortunately those very sad statistics. I understand we have a testifier, so I'm going to read some of our testifier language. Please ensure your name appears in Microsoft Teams as the name you prefer to be referred as or as anonymous if you wish to testify anonymously. If you are in person, please notify the Staff that you would like to testify anonymously. Otherwise, please state the...your name for the record at the beginning of the...your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. Once you are done testifying or you do not wish to testify, you can also view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or [mauicounty.us/agendas](http://mauicounty.us/agendas). We will do our best to take up each person in an orderly fashion. We will now call on testifiers wishing to testify at this point in the meeting. So Staff, if you could please call our testifier.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is one individual signed up to testify and that is The Royal House of Hawai‘i.

**. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ITEM 42) . . .**

TESTIFIER 1: Aloha. This is...this is a anonymous member of the Royal House of Hawai‘i and

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of...a descendent of none...one of the descendants of Hewahewa, Royal Patent 7447 and helu 3237. And I just wanted to ask, where are the...is there any resources or available services for the kānakas, all the kūpuna, the adults, and ke kamali'i that were enduring...like, that are still, until this day, going through the...going through the traumas, and generational traumas, and historic pajama...traumas of the overthrow and before the overthrow for over 100 years. And if there are services for them to help them with all the generational and historical traumas that are accumulative and injurious, continuing until we...as we speak right now. And for them to go back to their 'āinas that they all own forever, which are allodial-titled royal patented lands. Because like we were always told for all...so long that we were the most, like, worst people in the world or, like, we were so gross and like hewa and all this. But we were the most holiest people on this earth doing the three main things that were the main goal...or, like, the main aspects of life, to take care of yourself, your 'ohana, take care of the land, and to love God above all things. And that would honestly help everybody, you know what I mean? Every person...every single person to...to participate in taking care of the Earth so the Earth can take care all us. And for them to go back to the royal patent allodial-titled lands from the Kingdom because those are the clear title and...those are the only clear titles, and real titles, and real properties, the Royal Patent, RP. But thank you for hearing me out. Mahalo.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much for your testimony. Members, any clarifying questions? Seeing none, thank you very much. Staff, do we have anybody else signed up to testify?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, that's currently the only person who signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a final call?

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please.

MS. MACDONALD: If anybody would like to testify Chamber, please let Staff know. Or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call; three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no individuals wishing to testify on this item, which is Resolution 25-154, without objection, I will now close oral testimony for this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ITEM 4(2) . . .**

CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. As a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted and we were now going to begin discussion. So, Members, do you have any questions? I guess, then, I'll ask Ms. Orwig if there are counselors or therapists that specialize in indigenous generational trauma as the testifier requested.

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MS. ORWIG: That is...you know when I was talking earlier about our directory where you can add in the areas that you --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Um-hum.

MS. ORWIG: -- specialize in, that is something that can be added to that directory. Therefore, the consumers of services can search for that area as well as the languages.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I appreciate your answer. Members, do we have any other questions for Mister...Ms. Orwig or Member Sinenci? Okay. Member Sinenci, do you have anything you would like to add before I move on to the recommendation?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No. Just that, you know, at this point as we recover in both Upcountry and West Maui, just to make sure that our...our people that are still dealing with the tragic events two years ago, that they get the resources that they need. So if they can't find it here, hopefully, you know, PSYPACT can provide at least some of...some...to fill those gaps.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. At this time I would like to entertain a motion to--oh, Member Paltin, please go ahead. Sorry, I didn't see you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No worries. I...I just would say I'm...I'm sorry I was on a other call while...while you were discussing but got the best news. One of the...one of my 80-year-old widow fire survivors is going to get housing shortly. And that's really the best mental health for a lot of people, is to be able to have long-term housing. So --

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- yay, Ms. Wilson.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yay, Ms. Wilson.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We're stoked for her. Thank you for sharing the good news, Member Paltin. At this time, then, I would like to entertain a motion to recommend the adoption of Resolution 25-154, including any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: I have a motion by Member Sugimura. I have a second by Member

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Sinenci. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, that's seven "ayes," zero "noes," two excused, Member Rawlins-Fernandez and Chair Lee. Motion carries

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXCUSED: Councilmembers Lee and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of Resolution 25-154.**

CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, these items will move onto the full Council for its consideration. At this time it is 2:05 and this concludes the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting. Thank you very much, Members. This meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN: 2:05 p.m.**

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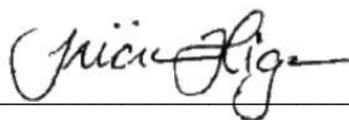
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CERTIFICATION

I, Tricia Higa, hereby certify that pages 1 through 14 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 22nd day of August 2025, in Mililani, Hawaii



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Tricia Higa