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MEMO TO: Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair  
Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee

F R O M: Mike White  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (PEA-10)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10 on your committee's agenda.

Attachment

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED  
CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS  
AMENDED, AMENDING SECTION 13-6,  
RELATING TO CLAIMS

WHEREAS, Section 13-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), establishes the process by which claims may be filed with the County; and

WHEREAS, this provision stipulates that claims must be filed with the County Clerk within the time period provided by law; and

WHEREAS, once the Office of the County Clerk receives a written claim, it prepares an acknowledgement notice to the claimant, and forwards the claim to the third-party administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Clerk provides copies of the notice to the third-party administrator to the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and the Council Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Clerk has no further part in the claim process, other than to forward requests and communications seeking clarification and information on, or the status or disposition of, a claim to the Department of the Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division; and

WHEREAS, Section 46-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides, in part, for a claim against the County to be filed with "the individual identified in the respective county's charter"; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-111, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, provides, in part, for claims against the City and County of Honolulu to be "filed with the corporation counsel"; and

WHEREAS, providing for claims to be filed with the Department of the Corporation Counsel instead of the Office of the County Clerk would assist in streamlining the claim process, provide greater clarity for claimants, and eliminate bureaucratic inefficiencies; now, therefore,

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

1. That, pursuant to Section 14-1(1) of the Charter, it hereby proposes that Section 13-6 of the Charter, pertaining to claims, be amended to read as follows:

“No action shall be maintained for the recovery of damages for any injury to person or property by reason of negligence of any officer or employee of the county unless a written statement stating fully when, where and how the injuries occurred, the extent thereof and the amount claimed therefor, has been filed with the [county clerk] department of the corporation counsel within the time period as provided by law.”; and

2. That material to be repealed is bracketed and new material is underscored; and
3. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(1) of the Charter, this resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next general election; and
4. That the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next general election; and
5. That, pursuant to Section 14-1(1) of the Charter, it hereby proposes that the following question be placed on the next general election ballot:

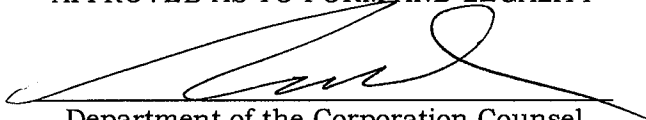
"Shall Section 13-6 of the Charter be amended to require that claims be filed with the Department of the Corporation Counsel, instead of the Office of the County Clerk?"; and

6. That pursuant to Section 14-2(2) of the Charter, the County Clerk publish this proposed amendment in a newspaper of general circulation; and
7. That, upon approval by the majority of the voters as indicated by the number of votes cast and upon official certification of such result, the amendment proposed herein shall take effect; and

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8. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'M' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui  
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