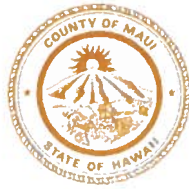


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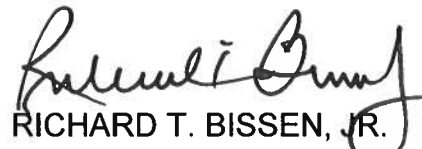
Dear Chair U'u-Hodgins:

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 24-111, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF  
KUMU HULA KAPONO'AI MOLITAU AS DIRECTOR OF 'ŌIWI  
RESOURCES (GREAT-1(14))**

Pursuant to your letter dated June 26, 2024 requesting a copy of the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources position description, please refer to the County of Maui Charter, Chapter 21, Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, Section 8-21.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions of the Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 7855.

Sincerely,

  
RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.  
Mayor, County of Maui

Attachment



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## APPENDIX III

### PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, mindful of our Hawaiian history, heritage and culture and our uniqueness as a four island county, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the Hawai'i State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono," ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.")

In order to secure the benefits of the best possible form of county government and to exercise the powers and assume the responsibilities of county government to the fullest extent possible, we do hereby adopt this charter of the County of Maui, State of Hawai'i. (Amended July 1, 2024)

### CHAPTER 21 DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

**Section 8-21.1. Organization.** There shall be a department of 'Ōiwi resources consisting of a director of 'Ōiwi resources and the necessary staff.

**Section 8-21.2. Director of 'Ōiwi Resources.** The director of 'Ōiwi resources shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The director shall be experienced in Native Hawaiian cultural resource management, Native Hawaiian cultural practices in the county, and proficient in the Hawaiian language. The director must have had five years of experience in a leadership capacity.

**Section 8-21.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions.** The director of 'Ōiwi resources shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of 'Ōiwi resources.
2. Collaborate with the mayor, the executive branch, and the council to ensure proper management of 'Ōiwi resources throughout the county.
3. Design and implement programs to care for and develop 'Ōiwi resources.
4. Guide the county in the correct usage of the Hawaiian language, including place names, and the integration of Hawaiian language within county functions.
5. Promote healthy ecosystems through natural-cultural resource regeneration, protection, and sustainable utilization.
6. Advise state and federal agencies on all programs and projects that affect 'Ōiwi resources in the county.

7. Report to the mayor and council annually on the county's overall performance in meeting 'Ōiwi resources objectives and any issues that could be addressed by ordinance.

8. Perform other duties and functions as assigned by the mayor or managing director. (Amended July 1, 2024)

**Section 8-8.3. Powers, Duties, and Functions.** The planning director shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of planning.

2. Serve as the chief planning officer of the county and as the technical advisor to the mayor, council, and planning commissions on all planning and related matters.

3. Recommend revisions of the general plan at least every ten years to guide the development of the county, in collaboration with the director of 'Ōiwi resources.

4. Prepare, administer, and enforce long-range planning programs, in collaboration with the director of 'Ōiwi resources.

5. Prepare, administer, and enforce a cultural resource management plan, in collaboration with the director of 'Ōiwi resources.

6. Prepare, administer, and enforce zoning ordinances, zoning maps and regulations and any amendments or modifications thereto.

7. Review the lists of proposed capital improvements projects contemplated by the county and recommend the order of their priority to the mayor, in collaboration with the director of 'Ōiwi resources.

8. Perform such other duties and functions as shall be required by law or as shall be assigned by the mayor. (Amended July 1, 2024)

**The initial paragraph of Section 8-8.4, effective July 1, 2024, shall read as follows:**

**Section 8-8.4. Planning Commissions.** Each planning commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The members of each planning commission shall be residents of the island of the planning commission on which the member serves. The directors of the departments of 'Ōiwi resources, public works, environmental management, and water supply shall be non-voting ex-officio members of each commission. (Amended July 1, 2024)

**Section 13-17. Bilingual Government.** The county shall operate as a bilingual government and shall implement opportunities to promote inclusion of the Hawaiian language. Official writings of the county shall be prepared and made available in both official state languages, English and Hawaiian, as determined by ordinance. The county shall provide appropriate oral language services to any resident who orally communicates with its officers or employees in the Hawaiian language. (Amended July 1, 2024)