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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE (2025-2027)

Monday, June 2, 2025

9:00 a.m.

MEETING SITE:

Online via Teams: <http://tinyurl.com/GREAT-Committee>

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In-person testimony and viewing:
Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Flr., 200 South
High St., Wailuku, Hawai'i

A G E N D A

RESOLUTION 25-109, AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MARR JONES & WANG, LLLP, IN PRE-LITIGATION NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE BY LEO CAIRES (GREAT-11(12))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of Resolution 25-109, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MARR JONES & WANG, LLLP, IN PRE-LITIGATION NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE BY LEO CAIRES, A FORMER COUNTY OF MAUI EMPLOYEE." Resolution 25-109's purpose is to authorize the retention of Marr Jones & Wang, LLLP, as special counsel to represent the County of Maui in pre-litigation negotiations regarding allegations made by Leo Caires, a former County of Maui employee, for a total compensation not to exceed \$350,000.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-109, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-109 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised

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Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-109](#)

RESOLUTION 25-95, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: MARK D. ROSS; CLAIM 2024-0191 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(7))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-95, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF MARK D. ROSS AGAINST THE COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2024-0191." Resolution 25-95's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on August 27, 2024, in the amount of \$31,245.01. The claim alleges property damage to the driveway located at 11 Kualono Place, Kula, Maui, Hawai'i, in November of 2023.
2. Correspondence dated April 11, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-95, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-95 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-95](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-11-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-96, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: THOMAS J. LIU; CLAIM 2024-0180 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(8))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-96, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF THOMAS J. LIU AGAINST THE COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2024-0180." Resolution 25-96's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on August 14, 2024, in the amount of \$97,444. The claim alleges property damage to the driveway located at 196 Kulalani Drive, Kula, Maui, Hawai'i, on or about August 8, 2023.

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2. Correspondence dated April 11, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-96, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-96 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-96](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-11-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-97, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: HARRIETTE L. HOLT, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; CLAIM 2024-0169 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(9))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-97, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF HARRIETTE L. HOLT, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGAINST THE COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2024-0169." Resolution 25-97's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on July 25, 2024, in the amount of \$200,000. The claim alleges property damage to the driveway located at 15465 Haleakala Highway, Kula, Maui, Hawai'i, on or about August 8, 2023.
2. Correspondence dated April 11, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-97, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-97 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-97](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-11-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-98, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: DONNA WATERS; CLAIM 2024-0168 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(10))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-98, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF DONNA WATERS AGAINST THE COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF MAUI RISK FILE 2024-0168." Resolution 25-98's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on July 25, 2024, in the amount of \$69,778. The claim alleges property damage to the driveway and road located at 200 Alanuilili Place, Kula, Maui, Hawai'i, on or about August 8, 2023.
2. Correspondence dated April 11, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-98, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-98 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-98](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-11-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-120, AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP, TO REPRESENT COUNTY AUDITOR LANCE TAGUCHI IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER SALEM'S MAY 8, 2025, COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (GREAT-11(15))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-120, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP, TO DEFEND COUNTY OF MAUI AUDITOR LANCE TAGUCHI IN THE MATTER OF THE MAY 8, 2025 COMPLAINT CHRISTOPHER SALEM FILED WITH THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS." Resolution 25-120's purpose is to authorize the retention of Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP, as special counsel to represent County Auditor Lance Taguchi,

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as a County employee, in the matter of Christopher Salem's May 8, 2025, Complaint filed with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, for a total compensation not to exceed \$150,000.

2. Correspondence dated May 16, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the Complaint, filed on May 8, 2025.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-120, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-120 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-120](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 05-16-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-121, AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND PC TO ASSIST AND REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, COUNTY OF MAUI, WITH THE PERMITTING PROCESS AND LEGAL CHALLENGES ARISING OUT OF THE ISSUANCE OF NPDES PERMIT NO. HI 0021848 FOR THE LAHAINA WASTEWATER FACILITY (GREAT-11(16))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-121, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST AND REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, COUNTY OF MAUI, WITH THE PERMITTING PROCESS AND ANY LEGAL CHALLENGES ARISING OUT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A NPDES PERMIT FOR THE LAHAINA WASTEWATER FACILITY (NPDES PERMIT NO. HI 0021848)." Resolution 25-121's purpose is to authorize the retention of Beveridge & Diamond PC as special counsel to assist and represent the Department of Environmental Management, County of Maui, with the permitting process and any legal challenges arising out of the issuance of a NPDES permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Facility, for a total compensation not to exceed \$250,000.
2. Correspondence dated May 14, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of a public hearing notice for

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the Proposed Revised Water Pollution Control Permit for Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility NPDES Permit No. HI 0021848 and the permit.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-121, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-121 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-121](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 05-14-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-116, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: FIRST FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE OF HAWAII, INC. V. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL., CIVIL 2CCV-24-0001055 (GREAT-11(14))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-116, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF FIRST FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE OF HAWAII, INC. v. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL.; CIVIL FILE: 2CCV-24-0001055." Resolution 25-116's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on December 17, 2024. The claim alleges negligence, respondeat superior, and vicarious liability relating to an incident that occurred on December 19, 2022.
2. Correspondence dated May 8, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-116, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-116 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-116](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 05-08-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-110, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: MERC AND ALISA COIMBRA; CLAIM 2024-0068 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(13))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-110, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF JMC CLAIM 4088770, COUNTY OF MAUI FILE RISK 2024-0068 OF MERC COIMBRA AND ALISA COIMBRA." Resolution 25-110's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on March 18, 2024. The claim alleges property damage due to a water main break which flooded the claimant's home located at 276 Kaiola Place #101, Kīhei, Maui, Hawai'i, on February 8, 2024.
2. Correspondence dated April 29, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-110, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-110 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential under a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 25-110](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-29-2025](#)

RESOLUTION 25-99, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: MELISSA MAGONIGLE V. COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, ET AL., CIVIL 2CCV-23-0000030 (GREAT-11(11))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-99, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF MELISSA MAGONIGLE vs. COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT, ET AL.; CIVIL FILE 2CCV-23-0000030." Resolution 25-99's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on May 13, 2024. The claim alleges gender discrimination, retaliation, and whistleblower retaliation relating to incidents alleged to have occurred between December 17, 2021, and February 7, 2024, while the claimant was employed as a Business Administrator II with the County of Maui Police Department.
2. Correspondence dated April 14, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the claim.

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Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-99, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-99 and other related action.

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[Resolution 25-99](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 04-14-2025](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMITTEE STAFF

Kasie Apo Takayama, Clarissa MacDonald, Maria Leon, and Peter Hanano

BOARD PACKETS

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This meeting is being conducted in accordance with Section 92-3.7, HRS. Nothing said in the meeting or included in the agenda is intended to create obligations in excess of those required under Section 92-3.7, HRS.

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OFFICIAL LOCATIONS AND TESTIMONY

Video testimony via Teams link: <http://tinyurl.com/GREAT-Committee>

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In-person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Flr., 200 South High St., Wailuku, Hawai'i

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The Chair may mute or remove testifiers from the meeting who violate the Council's Standards of Decorum.

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