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

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

1:30 p.m.

MEETING SITE:

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

Remote oral testimony is also available online via the same
Teams link.

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 24-90, REAPPOINTING LANCE T. TAGUCHI THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 24-90, entitled "REAPPOINTING LANCE T. TAGUCHI THE COUNTY AUDITOR." Resolution 24-90's purpose is to reappoint Lance T. Taguchi as the County Auditor of the County of Maui under Section 3-9.1 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended. The reappointment would be effective July 1, 2025, for a term ending June 30, 2031, unless terminated earlier.
2. An Amendment Summary Form, received February 11, 2025, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, with a proposed CD1 version of Resolution 24-90. The proposed CD1 version is approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 24-90, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 24-90 and other related action.

[Resolution 24-90](#)

[Amendment Summary Form from Council Chair Lee 02-11-2025](#)

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RESOLUTION 25-13, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: HAWAIIAN TELCOM, INC. V. COUNTY OF MAUI; ABRAHAM PARK, ET AL.; CIVIL 2CCV-23-0000401

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-13, entitled “AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF HAWAIIAN TELCOM, INC. V. COUNTY OF MAUI; ABRAHAM PARK, ET AL., CIVIL NO. 2CCV-23-0000401.” Resolution 25-13’s purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on December 8, 2023. The claim alleges property damage to utility poles and lines sustained on December 14, 2021, due to negligent operation of a County vehicle by a County employee.
2. Correspondence dated December 20, 2024, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the Complaint and Summons, filed on December 8, 2023.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-13, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-13 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 25-13](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 12-20-24](#)

RESOLUTION 25-43, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: KOMAR MAUI PROPERTIES I LLC V. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL.; CIVIL 1:24-CV-00178

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-43, entitled “AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF KOMAR MAUI PROPERTIES I LLC V. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL., CIVIL NO. 1:24-CV-00178.” Resolution 25-43’s purpose is to approve settlement of Komar Maui Properties I LLC vs. County of Maui of Environmental Management, Civil No. 1:24-cv-00178. In the consolidated action, the County brought an action in eminent domain against Komar Properties for real property identified as Tax Map Key (2) 3-8-3-20 by a complaint filed on April 30, 2024, and Komar Properties filed a complaint on April 17, 2024, for declaratory and injunctive relief. Komar Properties alleges the County failed to supplement an Environmental Impact Statement for the subject property under Chapter 343, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.
2. Correspondence dated January 30, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting copies of the Complaints, filed on April 17, 2024, and April 30, 2024.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-43, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-43 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 25-43](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 01-30-2025](#)

**RESOLUTION 25-46, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION:
CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAI'I AND AMERICAN BIRD
CONSERVANCY V. HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. AND
MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD. AND COUNTY OF MAUI; CASE
1:24-CV-00494-MWJS-WRP**

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 25-46, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAI'I AND AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY V. HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. AND MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD. AND COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 1:24-cv-00494-MWJS-WRP." Resolution 25-46's purpose is to approve settlement of the claim, filed on November 19, 2024. The claim alleges streetlights owned and operated by Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and Maui Electric Company, Ltd. for the County of Maui is a threat to the continued survival and recovery of three critically imperiled seabirds that are native to Hawai'i and are protected under 16 U.S.C. Section 1531 et seq. of the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
2. Correspondence dated January 30, 2025, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting a copy of the Complaint, filed on November 19, 2024.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-46, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 25-46 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 25-46](#)

[Correspondence from Corporation Counsel 01-30-2025](#)

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BOARD PACKETS

Board Packets, as defined in Section 92-7.5, HRS, will be electronically posted as soon as practicable.

CONNECTIVITY

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.

If Teams connectivity affecting quorum is lost, the Committee will be in recess. It will not be considered a loss of quorum unless connectivity cannot be restored within 30 minutes. If the Teams connection is prematurely terminated, for whatever reason, please log back into the same link.

If connectivity affecting quorum cannot be restored within 30 minutes, the meeting will automatically reconvene the following Tuesday at 9 a.m., using the same virtual connections, unless the Committee announces a different date and time.

OFFICIAL LOCATIONS AND TESTIMONY

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

Remote oral testimony is also available online via the same Teams link.

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

Oral testimony is limited to 3 minutes per item. An individual's request to testify shall be deemed withdrawn if the individual does not answer when called to testify. Testimony must pertain to items on the meeting agenda. Testifiers must direct their remarks to the presiding officer and not to any individual Councilmember or individual in the audience.

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If a meeting participant wishes to testify anonymously, they should log in to the meeting with an appropriate anonymous name and virtually raise their hand. If a testifier connects to the meeting by phone, the Chair will call the last four digits of the testifier's phone number.

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

Written testimony will be accepted via eComment. Search for the meeting date on mauicounty.us/agendas, click on the eComment link, then select the agenda item to submit comments on. Alternatively, written testimony will be accepted via email to GREAT.committee@mauicounty.us or postal service to GREAT Committee, Maui County Council, 200 S. High St., Wailuku HI 96793.

For more information on testifying, please visit www.mauicounty.us/testify or contact the Office of Council Services.

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Dial 1-808-977-4067 and enter meeting code 423 765 169#

If courtesy phone testimony becomes unavailable, the meeting will continue without that option.

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East Maui: 5091 Uakea Road, Hāna, (808) 248-7513

Lānaʻi: 814 Fraser Avenue, Lānaʻi City, (808) 565-7094

Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia: Heritage Hall, 401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 102, Pāʻia, (808) 793-0099

Molokai: Molokaʻi District Complex, 100 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, (808) 553-3888

South Maui: MEDB Building, 1305 North Holopono St., Suite 9, Kihei, (808) 793-0012

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Agenda items are subject to cancellation.