

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

**POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

December 1, 2017

**Committee  
Report No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, having met on November 13, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-7, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on November 6, 2017, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF LAAKEA POEPOE AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the designation of Laakea Poepoe as the native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices expert to the Molokai Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 2.28.070, Maui County Code.

Your Committee notes the Council, at its meeting of July 28, 2017, adopted Resolution 17-119 to approve Mr. Poepoe's appointment to the Molokai Planning Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2019.

Your Committee further notes at least one member of the Molokai Planning Commission shall possess demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, pursuant to Ordinance 4431 (2017). Currently, there is no one on the Molokai Planning Commission who has been designated as the cultural expert.

Your Committee did not request to interview Mr. Poepoe.

Your Committee is in receipt of a copy of Mr. Poepoe's original application form, dated March 11, 2017. The application form notes

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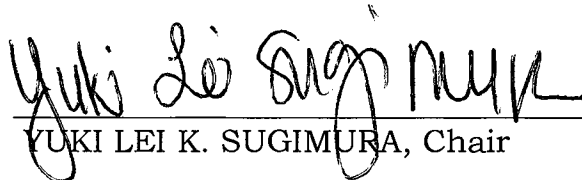
Mr. Poepoe's involvement since 1994 with Hui Malama o Mo'omomi natural resource management and conservation on Molokai. Your Committee felt Mr. Poepoe's work with this organization fulfilled the requirements of a native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices expert.

Your Committee notes Mr. Poepoe's term as the cultural expert for the Molokai Planning Commission would expire on March 31, 2019, concurrent with his term.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution approving Mr. Poepoe's designation as the native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices expert to the Molokai Planning Commission. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members Atay, Carroll, Cochran, King, and White voted "aye." Committee members Guzman and Hokama were excused.

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF LAAKEA POEPOE AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION," be **ADOPTED**.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

  
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YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

# Resolution

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

## RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF LAAKEA POEPOE AS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES EXPERT TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-119, adopted on July 28, 2017, the Council approved the appointment of Laakea Poepoe as a member to the Molokai Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.28.070, Maui County Code, requires each planning commission and the Hana advisory committee to have at least one member to have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, as evidenced by one or more of the following credentials:

1. A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, including traditional environmental practices, or related subject area.
2. Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, including traditional environmental practices.
3. Substantial experience as a native Hawaiian traditional and customary practitioner; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated November 6, 2017, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa notified the Council he has nominated said Laakea Poepoe to be designated as the native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices expert to the Molokai Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 2.28.070, Maui County Code; now therefore,

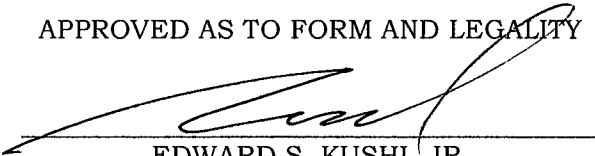
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it approves and designates the said Laakea Poepoe as the Molokai Planning Commission member that possesses the required expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; and

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

2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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Cultural Expert