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BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (2023-2025)

Thursday, November 16, 2023

1:30 p.m.

MEETING SITE:

Online via BlueJeans:
<https://bluejeans.com/654512036>

Phone testimony: 1-408-915-6290, code 654 512 036
In-person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O
Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 South High Street, Wailuku,
Hawaii

AGENDA

BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-21(10))

Description: Under Rule 7(B) of the Rules of the Council, the Committee intends to receive presentations and discuss matters relating to broadband and digital equity in the County of Maui.

Status: The Committee may receive presentations relating to broadband and digital equity from Chung Chang, Strategic Broadband Coordinator, State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism ("DBEDT"); Burt Lum, State Digital Equity Coordinator, DBEDT; Garret Yoshimi, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, University of Hawai'i; Jeanne Skog, Partner, Skog Rasmussen LLC; and Jeannine Souki, Senior Manager - Government & Regulatory Affairs, Hawaiian Telcom. The Committee may also discuss other related matters. No legislative action will be taken.

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS OR WILDFIRES (BFED-35)

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:
1. Bill 91 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTIES DESTROYED OR

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- DAMAGED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.” Bill 91’s purpose is to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to conditionally exempt properties destroyed or damaged by natural disasters on or after August 8, 2023, from real property taxation for one year beginning July 1, 2024.
2. Bill 95 (2023), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 FIRES DISASTER EXEMPTION.” Bill 95’s purpose is to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to exempt from real property taxation from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, residential real property within the Lāhainā tax map zone, known as zone four, sections five and six, and other residential real property following the submission to the director of finance of a copy of an insurance claim for damages sustained from the August 2023 Maui wildfires that rendered the property uninhabitable; to exempt real property classified as commercialized residential, TVR-STRH, and hotel and resort that house people displaced by the wildfires from real property taxation, based on the amount of months people are housed, from August 1, 2023, through July 1, 2025; and to allow taxpayers with a home exemption for property damaged or destroyed by the wildfires to maintain their exemption through June 30, 2025.
 3. Bill 102 (2023), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.” Bill 102’s purpose is to provide real property tax relief for those whose property was destroyed or damaged in the August 2023 Maui wildfires.
 4. Correspondence dated October 25, 2023, from Committee Chair Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, transmitting a proposed CD1 version of Bill 102 (2023), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO AN AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.” The proposed CD1 version incorporates nonsubstantive revisions and is approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel.
 5. An Amendment Summary Form from Councilmember Tamara Paltin, received November 1, 2023, transmitting a proposed CD1 version of Bill 95 (2023). The proposed CD1 version includes an expiration of the real property tax exemption if damaged or destroyed property is sold during the exemption period, clarifies that partially or completely destroyed property qualifies for the real property tax exemption, allows uninsured property owners to submit photographic evidence of damage or destruction to qualify for the exemption, and allows property classified as non-owner occupied to qualify for the tax exemption for housing a displaced person.
 6. Correspondence dated November 8, 2023, from the Real Property Tax Assistant Administrator, transmitting a proposed CD1 version of

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Bill 95 (2023). The proposed CD1 version conditionally allows all real property tax exemptions in effect for the 2024 tax year on properties where improvements were destroyed, damaged, or made inaccessible by the wildfires to remain in effect through December 31, 2024; and conditionally provides an exemption for real property occupied as a long-term rental and under signed contract to lease for six or more months and less than twelve consecutive months to the same tenant, who was displaced by the wildfires.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage on first reading of Bill 91 (2023), Bill 95 (2023), a proposed CD1 version of Bill 95 (2023), or the proposed CD1 version of Bill 102 (2023), with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider whether to recommend the filing of Bill 91 (2023), Bill 95 (2023), and Bill 102 (2023) and other related action.

[Bill 91 \(2023\)](#)

[Bill 95 \(2023\)](#)

[Bill 102 \(2023\)](#)

[Correspondence from Committee Chair 10-25-2023](#)

[Amendment Summary Form from Councilmember Paltin 11-01-2023](#)

[Correspondence from Finance 11-08-2023](#)

BILL 103 (2023), REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE TIERS AND DEDICATED LANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE (BFED-46)

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Bill 103 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION AND DEDICATED LANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE." Bill 103's purpose is to require 1) tax rate tiers for the agricultural real property tax classification and 2) the director of finance to seek the department of agriculture's assistance with verifying that lands dedicated to agricultural use comply with dedication requirements.
2. An Amendment Summary Form for the November 16, 2023, Committee meeting from Committee Chair Sugimura with a proposed CD1 version of Bill 103 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LANDS DEDICATED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE TIERS." The proposed CD1 version allows tax rate tiers for any real property classification and incorporates nonsubstantive revisions.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of Bill 103 (2023) on first reading, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider whether to recommend the filing of Bill 103 (2023) and other related action.

[Bill 103 \(2023\)](#)

[Correspondence from Committee Chair 11-09-2023](#)

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BILL 108 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX B, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY (BFED-48)

Description: The Committee is in receipt of Bill 108 (2023), entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX B, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.” Bill 108’s purpose is to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Appendix B, Revenues - Fees, Rates, Assessments and Taxes, Department of Water Supply, Water Fund, by 1) adding two new categories of revenue sources, “Emergency Water Charge” and “Temporary Irrigation Charge”; 2) amending Installation Charges to authorize the director of water supply to waive any of the costs associated with water service installation for properties in which infrastructure was destroyed or otherwise rendered non-operational due to disaster or emergency and resulting in a proclamation of a state of emergency; and 3) amending Water System Development Fees to authorize the director of water supply to waive the water development fee for properties in which a water meter was destroyed or otherwise rendered non-operational due to disaster or emergency and resulting in a proclamation of a state of emergency.

Status: The Committee may discuss Bill 108 (2023). No legislative action will be taken.

[Bill 108 \(2023\)](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG): GRANT CANCELLATIONS AND REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS (BFED-21(11))

Description: Under Rule 7(B) of the Rules of the Council, the Committee intends to discuss matters relating to cancellation of grants under the Community Development Block Grant program and reprogramming of funds to facilitate recovery of areas impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

Status: The Committee may receive comments from the County of Maui Community Development Block Grant office and discuss other related matters. No legislative action will be taken.

[Correspondence from Committee Chair 11-08-2023](#)

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James Krueger, Kasie Apo Takayama, Yvette Bouthillier, and Carla Nakata

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Molokai District Complex	Hāna Cultural Center & Museum	Heritage Hall
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