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F R O M: Tasha Kama, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore



SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (PAF 21-86)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10 on the Committee's agenda

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Attachment

Resolution

No. _____

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROMOTING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to promote climate change adaptation by adding it to the declaration of policy of the County; and

WHEREAS, one way the County can promote climate change adaptation is to make telework permanent for some County employees; and

WHEREAS, during an online discussion called “Race to Zero,” sponsored by Local Governments for Sustainability USA on April 21, 2021, Commissioner Brigid Shea of Travis County, Texas, noted an easy way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is teleworking; and

WHEREAS, Travis County recently adopted a goal of achieving 75 percent teleworking on a permanent basis for eligible employees, and in less than a year they have reduced greenhouse gas emissions from their employee commutes by 30 percent; now, therefore,

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

1. That under Subsection 1 of Section 14-1, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), it proposes that Section 3-9 of the Charter, pertaining to Declaration of Policy, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 3-9. Declaration of Policy. It is declared to be the policy of the county to promote economy, climate change adaptation, efficiency, and improved service in the transaction of the public business in the legislative and executive branches of the county by:

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1. Limiting expenditures to the lowest amount consistent with the efficient performance of essential services, activities, and functions.

2. Eliminating duplication and overlapping of services, activities, and functions.

3. Consolidating services, activities, and functions of a similar nature.

4. Abolishing services, activities, and functions not necessary to the efficient conduct of government.

5. Implementing guidelines to allow certain County employees to telework and have alternative work schedules. The guidelines and definitions of “telework” and “alternative work schedules” may be established by ordinance.”;

2. That new material is underscored;

3. That, under Subsection 1 of Section 14-2 of the Charter, this Resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next general election;

4. That the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next General Election;

5. That, under Section 14-1 of the Charter, it hereby proposes that the following question be placed on the next General Election ballot:

“Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2023, to establish a County policy to promote climate change adaptation, including by implementing guidelines to allow certain County employees to telework and have alternative work schedules?”;

6. That, under Subsection 2 of Section 14-2 of the Charter, the County Clerk publish the proposed amendment as set forth in this Resolution in its entirety in a newspaper of general circulation;

7. That, upon approval by the majority of voters voting on the proposed amendment, the amendment proposed in this Resolution will take effect on January 2, 2023; and

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8. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the County Clerk, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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