

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

CLIMATE ACTION, RESILIENCE, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

June 8, 2022

**Committee
Report No. _____**

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

Chair and Members:

Your Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee,
having met on May 25, 2022, makes reference to the following:

1. Miscellaneous Communication dated December 7, 2021, from the County Clerk, referring Grant G5442, between the County of Maui and BioBamboo, Inc., dba Food Security, for the Maui Family Farmer Training Network for the Office of Economic Development, Ordinance 5217 (2022).
2. Miscellaneous Communication dated February 7, 2022, from the County Clerk, referring Grant G5551, between the County of Maui and Living Pono Project, for the Community Foods Project to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Imported Food and Promote Food Resilience, Ordinance 5217 (2022).
3. Miscellaneous Communication dated February 7, 2022, from the County Clerk, referring Grant G5556, between the County of Maui and The Permaculture Group, Inc., for the Increase Biochar Production to Regenerate Maui County's Soil, Ordinance 5217 (2022).

Your Committee received a presentation and status update from representatives of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Management.

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Your Committee discussed the following contract updates:

- The goal of Grant G5442 is to help new farmers and ranchers navigate the process of farming operations, and assist with resources and logistics. Of 40 farming operation startups identified, the project was able to successfully network with 25.
- Grant G5551 allows individuals to access various farm equipment to support local farming. Aquaponics are also being utilized for successful cultivation. On a weekly basis, at least 25 families are provided with about 100 eggs and 50 pounds of taro as a healthy, locally grown food source.
- Grant G5556 is a partnership with Ukiu Farms, with the goal of increasing biochar production to regenerate Maui County's topsoil. The project produces 1,000 pounds of biochar per month, which are sold to local nurseries and garden shops. Local farmers are being taught how to use green waste from invasive species to support local fertilization methods instead of relying on imported solutions.

Your Committee supported the efforts of the County in promoting farming and working towards food security, and further supported the continued partnership with these organizations.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communications. Committee Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members Johnson, Lee, Paltin, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Molina was excused.

Your Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

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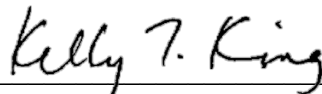
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1. That the Miscellaneous Communication relating to Grant G5442, between the County of Maui and BioBamboo, Inc., dba Food Security, for the Maui Family Farmer Training Network for the Office of Economic Development, Ordinance 5217 (2022), be FILED;
2. That the Miscellaneous Communication relating to Grant G5551, between the County of Maui and Living Pono Project, for the Community Foods Project to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Imported Food and Promote Food Resilience, Ordinance 5217 (2022), be FILED; and
3. That the Miscellaneous Communication relating to Grant G5556, between the County of Maui and The Permaculture Group, Inc., for the Increase Biochar Production to Regenerate Maui County's Soil, Ordinance 5217 (2022), be FILED.

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



KELLY TAKAYA KING, Chair