

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

July 1, 2022

**Committee
Report No. _____**

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on June 7, 2022, and reconvened on June 15, 2022, makes reference to County Communication 21-45, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to amendments to the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended.

By correspondence dated June 16, 2021, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Tasha Kama transmitted a proposed resolution entitled “PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROMOTING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION.”

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to place on the next General Election ballot the question of whether the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”), should be further amended, effective January 2, 2023, to establish a County policy to promote climate change adaptation, including the implementation of guidelines to allow telework and alternative work schedules for certain County employees.

Your Committee notes Article 14 of the Charter sets procedures related to amending the Charter. The Council, by resolution adopted after two readings on separate days, and passed by a vote of six or more members, may place a Charter amendment question on the ballot at the next General Election.

Your Committee further notes telecommuting has been widely implemented in the County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Your Committee noted the Charter amendment would make telecommuting a permanent option for certain County employees to help mitigate climate change.

The Environmental Coordinator said telecommuting helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, impacts to roadways, and traffic.

The Environmental Coordinator also said the Mayor's Office of Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability has been working with the Managing Director to create a telecommuting policy that ensures the duties and responsibilities of County employees are maintained.

The Managing Director expressed support for the Charter amendment and telework for certain County employees.

Your Committee expressed support for having climate change adaptation as a County policy in the Charter.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend passage of the proposed resolution on first reading. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Johnson was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROMOTING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION," be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

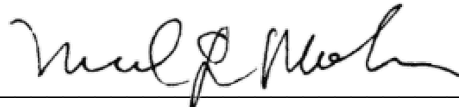
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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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Resolution

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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;

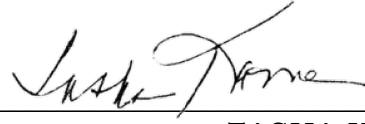
7. That, upon approval by the majority of voters voting on the proposed amendment, the amendment proposed in this Resolution will take effect on January 2, 2023; and

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tasha Kama', written in a cursive style.

TASHA KAMA