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 Bill 92 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS."

Bill 92's purpose is to establish a County residency requirement for board, commission, and committee members.

Your Committee noted individuals appointed as members to a board, commission, or committee should, at a minimum, be a Maui County resident with a general understanding of Maui County and the challenges faced by the community.

Your Committee noted "resident" means a person who meets the requirements of a home exemption claim under Section 3.48.050, Maui County Code, other than the requirement to own and occupy real property as a principal home.

Your Committee further noted residency outside of the County or failure to report a residency change outside of the County would justify removal from a board, commission, or committee.

Your Committee agreed to amend Bill 92 to include a definition for "resident" and to clarify that the residency requirement would apply to all boards, commissions, and committees whether established by Charter or by ordinance.

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Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of Bill 92, CD1 (2022) on first reading. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci voted "aye." Committee members Johnson and Sugimura were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 92, CD1 (2022), incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill 92, CD1 (2022), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS," be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT.

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

MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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ORDINANCE NO.

BILL NO. _____ (2022)

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.60, Maui County Code, is amended by adding a

new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"2.60.040 Residency requirements for board, commission, and committee members. Only County residents are eligible for appointment to a board, commission, or committee, unless the council waives the residency requirement by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote. If a member of a board, commission, or committee ceases to be a resident of the County, the member must notify the mayor and council chair within ten days of their residency change. Residency outside of the County or failure to report a residency change outside of the County as required by this section is cause for removal. For this section, "resident" means a person who meets the requirements of a home exemption claim under section 3.48.450 other than the requirement to own and occupy real property as a principal home. "

SECTION 2. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.

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