# Resolution

No. 23-4

ESTABLISHING THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, DEFINING THEIR DUTIES, AND APPOINTING THEIR MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Maui County Council's standing committees is to provide well-considered recommendations to the Council on legislation referred to the standing committees; and

WHEREAS, standing committees also may provide oversight of agencies of the County and receive informational presentations on issues within the committees' subject-matter jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, establishes the powers, duties, functions, and declared policy of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County General Plan establishes the following objectives:

- A. Protect the Natural Environment;
- B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions;
- C. Improve Education;
- D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services;
- E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents;
- F. Strengthen the Local Economy;
- G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities;
- H. Diversify Transportation Options;
- I. Improve Physical Infrastructure;
- J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management;
- K. Strive for Good Governance; and
- L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees should be organized to help the Council further the powers, duties, functions, and declared policy of the County as established in the Charter and the objectives in the General Plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following standing committees of the Council are established for the 2023-2025 Council term:

- 1. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED);
- 2. Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee (DRIP);
- 3. Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT);
- 4. Human Concerns, 'Ōiwi Resources, and Parks Committee (HCORP);
- 5. Land Use and Housing Committee (LUH);
- 6. Transportation, Environment, and Agriculture Committee (TEA); and
- 7. Water and Infrastructure Committee (WAI).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that, to expedite the business of the Council, standing committees of the Council are formed to make recommendations to the Council on bills and resolutions and exercise legislative oversight of County government on the following:

- 1. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED)
  - a. Annual budget and budget amendments, including all appropriations, the capital program, bond authorizations, intergovernmental agreements with an impact on the annual budget, taxes, rates, fees, and assessments.
  - b. Financial audits and the finance component of all County grants.
  - c. Revisions and updates to Real Property Tax ordinances.
  - d. Business and economic development issues.

- e. Review of the annual Audit Plan issued by the Office of the County Auditor and audit findings and recommendations in the County Auditor's reports.
- f. Oversight of the Department of Finance, Office of the County Auditor, Office of Economic Development, and Community Development Block Grant Program.
- g. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
  - i. Strengthen the Local Economy.
- 2. Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee (DRIP)
  - a. Sea-level rise, shoreline erosion, managed retreat, deforestation, drought, wetlands, carbon emissions, pollution, and other related contributors to climate change.
  - b. Disaster preparedness and community resilience.
  - c. International affairs.
  - d. Comprehensive community plan updates.
  - e. Oversight of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, Department of Fire and Public Safety, and Department of Police.
  - f. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
    - i. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience.
- 3. Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT)
  - a. Mayoral and Council appointments and removals requiring Council approval, including board and commission members and administrative heads of departments.

- b. Litigation matters, including appointment of special counsel, indemnification, and authorization of settlement.
- c. Government ethics and transparency.
- d. With Council authorization, conduct investigations of: (i) the operation of any department or function of the County; and (ii) any subject over which the Council has legislative authority.
- e. Amendments to the Charter and oversight of implementing amendments passed in the previous election.
- f. Intergovernmental issues, including the Hawaii State Association of Counties and non-financial intergovernmental agreements.
- g. Oversight of the Office of the Mayor (except the Office of Economic Development), Department of the Corporation Counsel, Department of Management, Office of Council Services, Office of the County Clerk, Department of Liquor Control, Department of Personnel Services, and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.
- h. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
  - i. Strive for Good Governance.
- 4. Human Concerns, 'Ōiwi Resources, and Parks Committee (HCORP)
  - a. Social services programs including those addressing houselessness, and related grants, including grants of interest in real property.
  - b. Archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture.
  - c. Cultural, leisure, recreational, and parks matters.

- d. Management and potential acquisition of public recreational lands, including parks, open space, natural and cultural resources, and scenic views preservation, including grants of real property.
- e. Authorization of concessions and permits for events and activities conducted at Maui County's public parks and facilities.
- f. Oversight of the Human Concerns Division of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns through June 30, 2024; the Department of Parks and Recreation; and, effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Human Concerns and the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources.
- g. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:
  - i. Encouraging the Preservation of Local Cultures and Traditions
  - ii. Improve Education.
  - iii. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services.
  - iv. Improve Parks and Public Facilities.
- 5. Land Use and Housing Committee (LUH)
  - a. Amendments of State land use district boundaries, the General Plan, community plans, and zoning designations.
  - b. Other land use entitlements requiring Council review and approval, such as Conditional Permits, and all overlay districts.
  - c. Land use ordinances.
  - d. Processing procedures for the General Plan and community plans.
  - e. Implementation of the digital mapping project.

- f. Affordable or residential workforce housing programs, including expedited approvals of housing projects under Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Chapter 2.97, Maui County Code.
- g. Amendments to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy and other affordable housing ordinances.
- h. Proposals for increasing the availability or affordability of housing.
- i. Oversight of the Department of Planning; the Housing Division of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns through June 30, 2024; and, effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Housing.
- j. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:
  - i. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents.
  - ii. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management.
- 6. Transportation, Environment, and Agriculture Committee (TEA)
  - a. Traffic safety, transit, bikeways, walkways, and complete streets.
  - b. Interisland transportation within the County and within the State.
  - c. Traffic impact fees.
  - d. Amendments to the Parking Code.
  - e. Protection, preservation, and enhancement of the environment, including recycling.
  - f. Animal management and related grants.
  - g. Ecology, including the relationships between animals, plants, and other living organisms with their physical surroundings.

- h. Conservation and protection of agricultural lands, promotion of diversified agriculture, increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, and assuring the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.
- i. Energy issues, including solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, hydropower, wave energy production, biofuel and synthetic fuel production, power systems, and energy-efficient technologies for building.
- j. Oversight of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Transportation, and Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- k. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:
  - i. Diversify Transportation Options.
  - ii. Protect the Natural Environment.
- 7. Water and Infrastructure Committee (WAI)
  - a. All issues pertaining to water, including water for agricultural use.
  - b. Amendments to and enforcement of the County Water Code, including the Water Use and Development Plan.
  - c. Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, and Building and Construction Codes.
  - d. County facilities construction and maintenance, including road, bridge, drainage, and waste-management systems.
  - e. Oversight of the Department of Public Works, Department of Water Supply, and Water Authorities and Community Regional Boards.
  - f. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
    - i. Improve Physical Infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following voting members are appointed to the various standing committees of the Council:

1. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED)

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair
Tom Cook, Voting Member
Gabe Johnson, Voting Member
Alice L. Lee, Voting Member
Tamara Paltin, Voting Member
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Voting Member
Shane M. Sinenci, Voting Member
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Voting Member

2. Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee (DRIP)

Tamara Paltin, Chair
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair
Tom Cook, Voting Member
Tasha Kama, Voting Member
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Voting Member
Shane M. Sinenci, Voting Member
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Voting Member
Gabe Johnson, Non-voting Member
Alice L. Lee, Non-Voting Member

3. Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT)

Nohelani Uʻu-Hodgins, Chair
Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Tom Cook, Voting Member
Gabe Johnson, Voting Member
Tasha Kama, Voting Member
Alice L. Lee, Voting Member
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Voting Member
Shane M. Sinenci, Voting Member
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Voting Member

4. Human Concerns, 'Ōiwi Resources, and Parks Committee (HCORP)

Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair
Tom Cook, Voting Member
Tasha Kama, Voting Member
Alice L. Lee, Voting Member
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Voting Member
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Voting Member
Tamara Paltin, Non-Voting Member
Gabe Johnson, Non-Voting Member

5. Land Use and Housing Committee (LUH)

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Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Voting Member
Shane M. Sinenci, Voting Member
Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Voting Member
Gabe Johnson, Non-Voting Member
Tasha Kama, Non-Voting Member

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that all Councilmembers who are not voting members of a standing committee serve as non-voting members of the committee and may participate in the proceedings, but may not be counted toward quorum for the committee.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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