

Resolution

No. 23-22

ESTABLISHING THE PERSONNEL, ENVIRONMENT, AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE (PEA) OF THE COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS DUTIES, AND APPOINTING ITS 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 may also provide oversight of agencies of the County and receive information 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,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the Personnel, Environment, and Agriculture Committee (PEA) standing committee of the Council is established for the 2023-2025 Council term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that, to expedite the business of the Council, the Personnel, Environment, and Agriculture Committee (PEA) is formed to make recommendations to the Council on bills and resolutions and exercise legislative oversight on County government on the following:

1. Protection, preservation, and enhancement of the environment, including recycling.
2. Animal management and related grants.
3. The ecology, including the relationships between animals, plants, and other living organisms with their physical surroundings.
4. Conservation and protection of agricultural lands, promotion of diversified agriculture, increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, and assuring the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.
5. Energy Issues, including solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, hydropower, wave-energy production, biofuel and synthetic-fuel production, power systems, and energy-efficient technologies for building.
6. Oversight of the Department of Personnel Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Environmental Management's Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division and Solid Waste Division.
7. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
 - i. Protect the Natural Environment.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following voting members are appointed to the Personnel, Environment, and Agriculture Committee (PEA) of the Council:

_____	, Chair
_____	, Vice-Chair
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Non-Voting Member
_____	, 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.

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