

Resolution

No. 23-19

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE (GREAT) 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 Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT) 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 Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT) is formed to make recommendations to the Council on bills and resolutions and exercise legislative oversight on County government on the following:

1. Mayoral and Council appointments and removals requiring Council approval, including board and commission members and administrative heads of departments.
2. Litigation matters, including appointment of special counsel, indemnification, and authorization of settlement.
3. Government ethics and transparency.
4. With Council authorization, conduct formal investigations of:
 - i. The operation of any department or function of the County; and
 - ii. Any subject over which the Council has legislative authority.
5. Amendments to the Charter and oversight of implementing amendments passed in the previous election.
6. Intergovernmental issues, including the Hawai'i State Association of Counties and non-financial intergovernmental agreements.
7. Oversight of the Office of the Mayor (except the Office of Economic Development), the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Department of Management, the Office of Council Services, the Office of the County Clerk, the Department of Liquor Control, and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.
8. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:
 - i. Strive for Good Governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following voting members are appointed to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GREAT) of the Council:

_____	, Chair
_____	, Vice-Chair
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, Voting Member
_____	, 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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