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September 19, 2019

Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair Multimodal Transportation Committee Council of the County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

Pursuant to the adoption of Committee Report No. 19-106 on September 6, 2019, the matter relating to the promotion of traffic safety on two-lane roadways was referred to your Committee.

Respectfully,

MAGGIE C. CLARK Deputy County Clerk

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cc: Director of Council Services

# GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

September 6, 2019

Committee Report No. 19-106

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

Chair and Members:

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on August 20, 2019, makes reference to County Communication 19-25, from Council Chair Kelly T. King, relating to matters pertaining to Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC").

Your Committee notes each year HSAC may compile a package of proposals and priorities to be presented to the State Legislature, pursuant to Section 13C of the HSAC Bylaws. Only those proposals and priorities approved by all four councils are included in the annual HSAC Legislative Package.

Your Committee received three proposals for inclusion in the 2020 HSAC Legislative Package, including State bills to: 1) increase State funding to support agriculture to promote economic development, food security, environmental protection, and quality of life; 2) authorize remote schools to receive supplemental categorical funding, in addition to the allocation determined under the weighted student formula, based on their remote status, and to appropriate funds; and 3) require the driver of the lead vehicle, on two-lane roadways where passing is unsafe and five or more vehicles are backed up behind the lead vehicle, to use turnouts and permit vehicles following the lead vehicle, to pass safely.

### Increased Funding for Agriculture

By correspondence dated August 5, 2019, Councilmember Shane Sinenci transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO INCREASE

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FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURE." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve for inclusion in the 2020 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed State bill, attached to the proposed resolution as Exhibit "A," entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to increase State funding to support agriculture to promote economic development, food security, environmental protection, and quality of life.

Your Committee discussed the need to allocate increased funding to support the agriculture industry. Additional funding could be used to promote small-scale family farming, establish additional important agriculture lands, update the State's agricultural database, and increase key inspector positions at State airports to identify invasive species.

Your Committee further discussed the need to diversify the State's economy beyond the tourism industry.

Your Committee noted 90 percent of the State's food sources are imported into Hawaii, but only 4 percent of the State's budget is allocated towards agriculture.

Your Committee amended the proposed State bill to incorporate revisions to the bill's title and purpose.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, and attached Exhibit "A," incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions.

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### Authorization for Supplemental Categorical Funding for Remote Schools

By correspondence dated August 5, 2019, Councilmember Shane Sinenci transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR REMOTE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve for inclusion in the 2020 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed State bill, attached to the proposed resolution as Exhibit "A," entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to authorize remote schools to receive supplemental categorical funding, in addition to the allocation determined under the weighted student formula, based on their remote status, and to appropriate funds for this purpose.

Your Committee discussed the weighted student formula for determining school funding has placed small, remote schools at a disadvantage. This has resulted in the loss of qualified instructors and the offering of minimum course requirements necessary for graduation.

Your Committee amended the proposed State bill to incorporate revisions to the bill's title and to clarify that the bill was for schools comprising grades kindergarten to 12.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, and attached Exhibit "A," incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions.

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### Promotion of Traffic Safety on Two-lane Roadways

By correspondence dated August 5, 2019, Councilmember Shane Sinenci transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO PROMOTE TRAFFIC SAFETY ON TWO-LANE ROADWAYS." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve for inclusion in the 2020 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed State bill, attached to the proposed resolution as Exhibit "A," entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to require the driver of the lead vehicle, on two-lane roadways where passing is unsafe and five or more vehicles are backed up behind the lead vehicle, to use turnouts and permit vehicles following the lead vehicle, to pass safely.

Your Committee briefly discussed the matter, but agreed further discussion was necessary.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend referral of the matter relating to the promotion of traffic safety on two-lane roadways to your Multimodal Transportation Committee. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Hokama, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution <u>19-150</u>, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURE," be ADOPTED;

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- 2. That Resolution 19-151, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2020 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR REMOTE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS," be ADOPTED; and
- 3. That the matter relating to the promotion of traffic safety on two-lane roadways be REFERRED to your Multimodal Transportation Committee.

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

MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that the recommendations contained in COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-106 were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 6th day of September, 2019, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Kelly T, KING Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Alice L. LEE	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

**DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK**