

# MINUTES

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## COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

March 20, 2020

THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, BEGINNING AT 1:36 P.M., WITH CHAIR ALICE L. LEE PRESIDING.

CHAIR LEE: Will the Maui County Council Emergency Council meeting please come to order. It is now 1:36.

And for the record, this Emergency Council meeting is closed to the public, but available for viewing on Akaku and on the Council's website.

Proceeding with roll call, Mr. Clerk.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS G. RIKI HOKAMA, NATALIE A. KAMA, MICHAEL J. MOLINA, TAMARA A.M. PALTIN, SHANE M. SINENCI, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ AND CHAIR ALICE L. LEE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER KELLY T. KING.

*(Councilmember Molina attended the meeting remotely.)*

*(Councilmember King was not present when roll was called; however, she arrived at 1:37 p.m.)*

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK JAMES G.M. KRUEGER: Chair, there are eight Members present, one Member excused. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR LEE: Alright. Mr. Clerk.

We have Councilmember Kelly King in attendance. Good afternoon.

Okay, I think, Mr. Clerk, you're going to say about today's agenda has been posted electronically, filed with the County Clerk's Office, and sent to those who request agendas on a regular basis, and where findings that an imminent peril exists to public health, safety, or welfare included on today's agenda?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Madam Chair. The agenda was posted electronically, filed with the County Clerk's Office, and sent to those who request agendas on a regular basis.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Clerk, one second.

Mike. Mike.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Hi.

CHAIR LEE: You watching tv or something? There's a lot of background--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, you getting, you getting some feedback?

CHAIR LEE: Yea.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yea, I'm turning it down.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. You're welcome.

CHAIR LEE: Please proceed, Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Madam Chair. In addition to what I just said, the, the findings were also included on today's agenda.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. If there are no objections, the Clerk will read out the findings.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: So, ordered.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK:

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI DOES HEREBY FIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined and is monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and has become commonly identified as COVID-19.
2. The Mayor issued a Public Health Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and the Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 in response to the danger posed by COVID-19. The Governor also issued a Supplemental Emergency Proclamation dated March 16, 2020 for COVID-19.
3. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly identify COVID-19 as a pandemic. Furthermore, the President declared a national emergency due to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020.
4. As of March 16, 2020, the World Health Organization has confirmed 167,511 cases of COVID-19 and 6,606 deaths related to COVID-19 worldwide. As of that same date, 10 confirmed or presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 were identified in the State of Hawaii, 2 of which were identified on the island of Maui.
5. The County is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as limiting the number of customers within Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing and closing various County parks and recreation facilities. In case of a potential outbreak, the County is also finalizing Department operation plans to ensure critical services continue.
6. In order for the County to respond quickly and effectively to COVID-19, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget is needed to appropriate funding from the Emergency Fund. Furthermore, a new grant under the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for the Hawaii Emergency Laulima Partnership is needed to allow the County to support non-profit agencies in providing crisis assistance programs.

7. An imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare exists and will continue to exist until appropriate adjustments are made to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 pandemic has abated. Therefore, an emergency meeting in accordance with Section 92-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is required to provide additional immediate funding for preventative and response measures against this pandemic.

CHAIR LEE: Members, the Chair will entertain a motion to agree the findings as read by the Clerk are correct and that an emergency exists.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA:

SO, MOVED.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR LEE: It's been moved by Member Kama, seconded by Member Sugimura.

Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are these on Granicus? I don't see them. I don't know why I can't seem to find them on our agenda.

CHAIR LEE: Lauren.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Excuse me, Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Pardon. Wait, wait, we got to take the vote.

You don't mind if we continue with the vote do you, Member Kelly King? We're going to move on with the vote, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can you just excuse me from the vote for now, because I, I want to actually take a look at it. I don't see it. It's not coming up on my, I'm just getting like the same. Hard copy.

CHAIR LEE: Can you give her a copy, a hardcopy? You did? Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Why don't you show me where it is and I'll--

CHAIR LEE: Okay. The motion is to acknowledge that an emergency exists. Now, we need six affirmative votes to prevail. All those in favor of the vote, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, MOLINA,  
PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR  
RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, nay.

NOES: NONE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER KING.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. So, there are one, two, three, four, five, six, where's the rest of us, seven, eight; eight "ayes" and one "excused".

No, no, no, he's, she's the ninth one. She didn't vote. Yea, so there's eight and one excused; eight "ayes" and one "excused". Motion carries.

Thank you, Members. Before we proceed with today's agenda, may I please request that everyone silence their cellphones or other noisemaking devices? Decorum in this chamber shall be maintained at all times.

Presentation of written testimony, Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, proceeding with the presentation of written testimony on agenda items. We have received written testimony.

### PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY

CHAIR LEE: Okay. I have only two. Mr. Clerk, do you have more? Mr. Molina was asking about that. Do we have anything from a doctor?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: No, Madam Chair, we only have two written pieces of testimony. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina, we don't seem to have--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, Chair, you were asking a question?

CHAIR LEE: Yes. You mentioned that you had testimony from a doctor earlier?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, Chair. I've been informed, Dr. Inouye texted me that she had sent written testimony to your office as well as my office with regards to the concern about the lack of medical supplies or the need for more medical supplies for our healthcare workers.

CHAIR LEE: I don't have it here with me, but are there any objections to accepting that testimony as part of the record, the written testimony?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So, ordered.

Now then, Mr. Clerk, proceed.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, if there are no objections to the body, is written testimony also closed?

CHAIR LEE: Any objections to closing written testimony, the acceptance of?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING WERE MADE A PART  
OF THE RECORD OF THIS MEETING:

1. Dr. Colleen F. Inouye;
2. Jim Jackson; and
3. Pamela Tumpap, Maui Chamber of Commerce.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Does that mean we can't accept it if someone sends something in about this issue?

CHAIR LEE: Yes. Cause we're not accepting testimony at this time, cause we closed the public testimony already.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I thought we just, like written testimony was ongoing basically.

CHAIR LEE: No. This is not a live program, yea. Live meaning interactive.

Alright, Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, proceeding with county communications.

### COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

NO. 20-198 - MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MAYOR,  
(dated March 16, 2020)

Transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, EMERGENCY FUND".

CHAIR LEE: Members, we have three people from the Administration here to discuss the amendments. Are there any objections to allowing the Mayor, and Mr. Baz, and the Director, Budget Director, to be resource people?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. No objections. So, ordered.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Mr. Molina.

Mr. Clerk, do we need to have a motion first, or can we just start discussing these items in general?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, typical procedure would be to have motions on the floor first. But it's ultimately up to the body to decide how they're going to run the meeting. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Would you like a motion first? Anybody.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'll make the motion.

CHAIR LEE: Pardon me.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

I CAN MAKE THE MOTION.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

TO ADOPT ON FIRST READING BILL ATTACHED TO 20-198.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR LEE: Both amendments?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair. Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If that's your preference, Chair. I believe my colleague would like the floor. I'm happy to relinquish the floor.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I believe the first motion we would need to make is to waive the requirement of Committee referral and report.

CHAIR LEE: That's right.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I, I can make that motion, or Member Hokama.

CHAIR LEE: Why don't you make the motion.



VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: We'll, we'll just hold off on your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yea, understood. Correct.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

I MOVE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMITTEE  
REFERRAL AND REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
RULE 7(G) OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, moved by Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Member King,  
to waive the Rules of the Council.

Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would ask the Members that that include both  
communications; 198 and 199.

CHAIR LEE: Any objections?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: So, ordered.

All those, all those in favor of the motion, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,  
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, nay.

NOES: NONE.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

CHAIR LEE: Motion, thank you, Mr. Molina.

All those in favor, I already said that. Okay. The motion carries.

Mr. Clerk. Now, the--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Now it would be Mr. Hokama.

CHAIR LEE: Did you want to actually expand? I'm going to come back to you to discuss the motion, okay? Cause, you have to talk about the number of votes.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, so there's a motion on the floor made by Member Hokama, and seconded by--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR LEE: --Member Sugimura, to approve the two County Communications 20-198 and 20-199.

Now, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'll yield the mic to Member Hokama as the movant, if he wanted to speak first, otherwise I can speak.

CHAIR LEE: Well--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Procedurally.

CHAIR LEE: I only needed you to talk about the technical part that we needed so many votes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, that would be my, that would be my question to the Members, yea, Chair. Again, depending on how you would like to deal with the

legislation. I don't have a problem in one master motion; taking both bills at once. There is a technical difference. Emergency Fund requires seven Members of Council to agree, okay. The second bill does not require that; only a majority vote.

So, depending on how the Members feel, because there's two different numbers that will qualify the legislation for approval. You know, for me, I'm supporting both leg, pieces of legislation, so I can vote on a master. But if there's Members who have issues as it regards to the minimum seven votes required for a passage of Emergency Fund, then we need to split the vote per legislation.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. And if there are no objections, can we put this discussion on hold? It appears the Mayor has a phone call with the Governor in like 10 minutes. Can we hear from the Mayor? Any objections?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MICHAEL P. VICTORINO: Good afternoon, everyone.

CHAIR LEE: Good afternoon.

MAYOR VICTORINO: And thank you for giving us this opportunity to come before you. I wear this mask not to show that I follow my own rules, but I am coming off almost a weeklong hiatus. And I can attest to you and the public that I proof negative for the COVID-19; negative. But it's a long wait in between. And I don't know how many of you have been self-quarantined like myself and Councilmember Yukimura *[sic]*. But it's not a fun thing to have. Thank you very much.

This \$4 million request is in response and preparation for the increased operational costs and emergency services for this community called Maui County. The departments have tripled their efforts in cleaning, sanitizing, and working for a safe work environment, for not only themselves, the general public at large. Response efforts in emergency services will continue to increase. Departments are expending funding that we now know will be coming, but have no exact amounts.

Since the nearing, we are nearing the end of the fiscal year, this becomes very difficult to anticipate what the extra cost is, extra cost will be. We do not have much left in many funds. Many of our accounts are at 30 percent or 25 percent remaining balance, which is where they're supposed to be at this time. So, to absorb these course, costs, we also have quarantine facilities, the drive-thru testing site, and the ability to get test kits and other issues that are coming very quickly at us, almost on a

moments notice. Changes have been swift in many areas. If you're watching the National news, watching the State news, we are mirroring, mirror, in fact if anything, let's try to be ahead of them, of the news.

I was criticized last week when I decided to close down parks, tennis courts, pools, and other facilities. Well, if you look at this week, now, that is being recommended by CDC all across the board. Our County has been proactive in every area possible. I've left the, the beach parks open for our residents, obviously, the tourists use it also. I cannot eliminate one from the other. I want people to know also, Honolulu has closed their beach parks with no success. We all battling people who don't want to self-contain. Whether they're visitors or their residents, it's been very difficult.

So, this \$4 million gives us the ability to do what is needed, as soon as we need to do it. I humbly ask you for your support in this area. I cannot give, and I've been told that some Councilmembers want a list of everything that we're going to spend money on. It's really hard to tell you how this emergency will move from moment to moment. I am doing the best in the Administration. And I kept you in the loop, Madam Chair, and you can keep the rest of the Councilmembers in the loop.

I will have an accountability of everything we spent, how we spent it, and why we spent it. This is for the people of Maui County. This is an emergency; unprecedented in our history. Madam Chair, you were here in 2001. It was a different scenario. We had an enemy; we knew who he was and what we had to do. We have an invisible enemy now. We don't know how it's going to affect us.

I know people continuously ask me to shut down the airports. I do not have the jurisdiction nor the authority to do that. But this monies make sure all of the preparation we have and continue to get ready for should an epidemic occur in Maui County. I am very confident, with the Department of Health, Dr. Pang; Dr. Weiss and others; Dr. Kai, and all the different physicians that have been advising me, that we will come out of this relatively unscathed. We are trying to keep the, from going peaking, but keeping it as level as possible as far as cases are concerned. But we are the second highest in the State, and I don't want to see us go any further if I can. So, as far as the \$4 million, that is my request to you and the people, for the people of Maui County.

On number 2, the \$2 million Hawaii Emergency Laulima Partnership: A Temporary Emergency Crisis Assistance Program, or H.E.L.P. Madam Chair, Riki, you guys are very familiar with this because this is modeled after what we did in 2001 after 9/11. So, I'm, I'm proud to say we're emulating a program that was used and was very successful. We're making changes. You know, this is different times, but we are making changes, but we are emulating what you did. So, I want to thank you, thank

former Mayor Kimo Apana, and others who helped me put this together. I want to thank my staff too, and they're all out there, all distancing with the social distancing in mind. And I'm very thankful for that.

You know, we're very certain that these impacts of the virus is profound and immediate. I was told today, and that's another meeting I'm having, having right after this with the Governor; and then right after that with the hospitality industry. Seven major hotels will be closing their doors in the next week and a half to two weeks. Probably about 3,500 hundred people or so may be out of work in those, in that short span of time.

Our unemployment, the system has crashed three times yesterday and twice today with the number of unemployment claims that are being processed online. We are gearing up. E, E, OED is gearing up with our rapid response to take care of that. And you're very aware of that. You guys all did that with the closure of HC&S. So, we're ramping that up.

We are preparing in every aspect to help the people of Maui County. MEO, again, has granted their assistance in helping us work this program. And they did that under your leadership, Madam Chair. I want to, I want you to know that the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and other partners with the nonprofit agencies have granted the, and to provide crisis assistance at this time. It's not only health issues, Madam Chair, they are a, there are emotional scars that are occurring too. And so, we want to make sure that we will take a compassionate and common-sense action in every aspect. And together, we'll ensure that our residents are provided for and their families.

I want to explore these programs to assist the County for those who are losing not only their wages and jobs, their tips, and their ability to live in a very challenging time. I ask all of you to help our residents and to remember that our constituents in many areas are being hurt very adversely and very quickly. Aloha cannot be cancelled. Kokua cannot be put off to the side. It is now. These are our residents. And I will respectfully say that I will come back again and again to ask to take care of our residents in any means that we can possibly do.

I will also add that there is a conference call at 4, I think 4:00, from the Conference of Mayors. Tom, Tom Conrad *[sic]* or something that's his last name, who is the executive director, we are having an ability to talk to them and some of the leadership in the Senate and House for a \$270 billion package to assist counties in rural areas. NACo, and I want to thank Councilmember Riki Hokama, is also backing us and looking into these aspects also.

Many of these expenses may be reimbursable. So, it's not like money we probably won't get back, but if you've worked with the Federal government, reimbursable takes a long time. Some of us may retire before we get it, but it's not the point. They are reimbursable. The State is also setting aside, I just got through a meeting with a couple of our House Members and they're working on different issues. I have to meet with Senator English also.

I am, I spend my day meeting, meeting, meeting. While I was at home, I spent my, my cellphone showed almost 17 hours of the day was on the cellphone; conference calls and meetings with various entities. But I'm thankful everybody's willing to step up to the plate. My question to all of you here is, are you willing to help us? That's what the people asking right now. Yes, there's challenges, yes there's problems, and I understand them. And we're working very diligently to take care of it.

There are offers of help from various entities, private, offering space, offering accommodations. I prefer, and I ask you, Councilmembers, I prefer not putting them out there publicly yet because there may be some issues as far as abilities, contracts, other things that, liability. So, yes, Councilmember Paltin, they have reached me, but I cannot speak to a lot of this stuff right now because I need to make sure it's done before I say something. Because the people are going to get very upset if I say, yea, we're going to do this, and we can't because of some litigation or some other issue that may occur.

So, I humbly ask you folks, speak what you want, say what you want, but be mindful what we say; people remember. Thank you very much for allowing me this time. I apologize if I, I'm not a little bit more gregarious like I normally am. But you know, these are stressful times. These are times we need to work together. And I want to thank all of you for your help, not only to today, but in all the future days that coming down the road as this pandemic hopefully, hopefully in the near future ends. God bless you all and aloha.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR VICTORINO: I'll wait if you have any specific questions.

CHAIR LEE: Any quick questions, cause he has to leave.

Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I do have a question. Thank you for being here. I know, I, I'm, I can ask the Managing Director if you need to take off.

CHAIR LEE: Yea, he has to leave.

MAYOR VICTORINO: I do have to leave, so I will leave it to my Managing Director. I trust him emphatically, and all my staff. If you ask them a question and they answer on be, my behalf, I believe they will always answer it right. Mahalo and God bless you all. Aloha.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you and same to you. Getting back to the motion. We may have to, because as Mr. Hokama--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Am I going to be able to ask them a question?

CHAIR LEE: Now?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, you want to, do you want to wait?

CHAIR LEE: Yea, cause we need to take, we have a vote, I mean, a motion on the floor. And I just suspended that so that he could take his phone call. So, they'll be coming down to explain the both bills.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So, in the meantime, I have these, a motion on the floor. But, Mr. Hokama, I think it might be better that, as you said, we split, separate the two communications. Okay. So, if you want to withdraw your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I believe my motion is only on the, currently is only, excuse me, Members, it's only for Communication 20-198 at this time.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Okay. It's only for Communication 20-198. So, we're not combining the two communications, alright, for the vote.

Now, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, did you want to say something?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to clarify that the motion to waive was combined for both communications, and so that passed. Now, the new motion on the floor made by Member Hokama is exclusively for CC 20-198. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: 198, right. Any discussion?

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I, I have some comments that I'll share now, Chair. But I believe other Members may have some questions for our resource people, like the Budget Director or Finance Director. So, taking that into consideration, I'll just state that the, gosh déjà vu, it's been 19 years since I went through this. And this County, 19 years ago, after 9/11, in six weeks, six weeks, on October 25, this Council took action and provided financial relief to this County's communities and residents.

And that was because, and you can check, I was vilified by the Maui News and many others for being too tight with the people's money. And yet, this was the only body of governance in the State that could have responded after 9/11 to assist the community. So, I can tell you people that this County's fiscal policy has allowed us to respond in times of need like today.

And I would just say, Members, many of the things that I had concerns about, I, I'm semi-relieved. I look at the requirements of the U.S. Treasury, the requirements of DAGS, our own procurement office, that I am quite comfortable at this time knowing that we are trying to receive reimbursements. We will be following the expense guidelines on how we're going to expend, record, and then recapture the reimbursement from the Federal government.

But stating that also, it is hard for us to, in advance, do our job. We actually do our job of accounting, which is after the fact. We do not account for something until it is done. So, I will allow the departments to use their best judgement in these difficult times, excuse me, to make those decisions. And if need be, the Council can hold them accountable for actions that they have done. It is hard for Council to hold accountable actions that have yet to be provided to the community or through the expense of County dollars.

So, at this time, Chair, I will speak in support. I think this is critical as a visual effort of this County trying to help stabilize the uncertainties, especially in our business community. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Member Hokama.

And before I call on you, Ms. King, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez was going to explain actually the CC 20-198.



VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Members, the purpose of this bill is to provide \$4 million in immediate funding for previously anticipated costs related to COVID-19. The passage of the proposed budget amendment will allow County departments who are responding to and preparing for increased operational and emergency services, the ability to move quickly and efficiently to protect our communities from COVID-19 and provide emergency relief where necessary.

In accordance with Section 3.96.30, 030, Maui, Maui County Code, appropriations from the Emergency Fund shall be by ordinance passed by a vote of not less than seven Members of the Council. Additionally, in accordance with Subsection 9-9.2 of the Charter, the Council may pass an emergency appropriation, by ordinance, with one reading by an affirmative vote of seven Members and which will take immediate effect.

Okay. And then I'll, I'll have questions after . . . Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: And which will expire on the 91st day.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members and Mr. Hokama for your, for the brief history on, on our fiscal strength here. And I, I echo your thoughts about, you know, we, we, we passed these policy issues and budget issues. We aren't able to project into the future, all we can do is, after the fact, hold, hold people accountable. But we can do our best to find, to make sure that there's a comfort level, a certain comfort level with where the money is going.

And so, even though the Mayor said that there's no list, there's no list of expenditures and we don't know what's coming, we do know that we've been extremely deficient in testing. And that's a, an issue for our County, for the State, for the entire country. If you look at what's happening globally, we've done a really poor testing, a poor job of testing in this country.

And so, I have big concerns when we put out numbers of people that are testing positive that within the context of how few people that have been tested by the government. And I know there's a lot of private testing going on. It's a very large percentage. It's a much larger percentage than anybody is comfortable with. But it's not being perceived that way because when you hear we only have six people and, and then you hear, well, we've only tested 200 in the State, that number means something very different.

So, my question is where is testing in the list of priorities for this money? Because all the experts I've been hearing have been saying that's the number one way to get a handle on this is by testing, and we're not doing it in this County.

MANAGING DIRECTOR SANANDA BAZ: Thank you. Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. Sandy Baz; Managing Director. So, a couple of things. One is that I've been working diligently since Friday when we understood that we weren't going to get the same kind of testing capabilities that were available throughout the rest of the State, or the portions of the State on getting us a testing site and testing capabilities.

The War Memorial test site is up, up. We are waiting for swabs still. We just--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, but let me, I just want to focus you, because I don't want to. We, we're not going to get the same capabilities is what you said? Is that--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: When I found out we weren't getting them.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. So, you're saying we weren't getting them, but can you tell us why?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: It's, well, it has since changed a little bit, because the other, the hospitals throughout our County have participated. There are six testing sites that are being, that are done throughout Maui County already. These include Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, Molokai, Lanai, I forget what the other two are. But yea, those are already ongoing, right? So, you can go get a test there now if you qualify under the, those parameters.

The State has testing capabilities. They have tested people from Maui as well. And they have their own parameters that they follow through the CDC. The private testing has a little less stringent qualifications to test. But they are testing them.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I appreciate that. But I've been getting a lot of inquiries from the public about why we're not getting the same capabilities. So, if you, can you speak to why?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I cannot.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: We're, we're, why are we behind? We just know that we're behind the other counties, but we don't know why?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I can tell you on Oahu the private organizations stepped up and did the drive-thru a little earlier than we were able to do. So, they started on Monday.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so, so you're, you feel like it's because the, of private efforts on the other, in the other areas that have been larger than ours?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I know, yea--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And are we, are we getting equal, equal treatment by the State, I guess is what I'm asking?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: As, as much as we can, yea. I mean, we're, we're, you know, less than 10 percent or so of the population, right? So, they're trying to diligently do that. When they did the, a sentinel testing, they appropriately, you know, actually they, a higher percentage came from Maui County, because they also did Molokai and Lanai as well, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, what, so my original question, so where is testing on your list of priorities? Is it like at the top?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: It's actually number two.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. That's great to hear. And then the other, the other question I had and then I'll yield, Chair, is are you considering or forming, formulating any private-public partnerships? And the reason I ask that is because on my way into this meeting, I got a, an email, I was, my, one of my staff members printed out an email from somebody who offered up one of his Paia commercial buildings for free or Nalu Kai Lodge for help with COVID-19 testing, information center, beds, or whatever is needed. So, are you open to those kinds of public-private partnerships? Are you working on any already?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you. Yes, we have. The testing site is a good example of that. We were able to work with Kaiser and Maui Health Systems. And without their assistance, we wouldn't have been able to do that, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But from the, from the general public I mean.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: For, yes--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are these, are these--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: We've had many offers from--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: --from different locations to be--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: --able to assist. The Department of Health is the one that actually does the quarantining and decides what the location will be.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But we can like pass these messages along to you and you can follow up on them.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Correct. I've shared all of that with the State Department of Health.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Before, I know everybody has questions, but we need to get some technical issues clarified.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, staff's current understanding is that the motion on the floor is to pass the proposed bill attached to County Communication 20-198 on first reading, that being a first of two readings. If the body wants to implement the emergency provisions of the Charter in Subsection 4-2.6 and Subsection 9-9.2, which includes that seven Member vote to pass on only one reading, first and final reading, I believe an amendment to the motion is necessary. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Will the body want to deal with this later, or you want to do it now?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Let's do it now. I'll make the motion.

CHAIR LEE: You want to do it now?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I'll make the motion.

CHAIR LEE: Alright. That we need to amend the motion to activate Charter Sections 4-2.6 and 9-9.2.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SO, MOVED.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, moved by Member King, seconded by Member Sugimura, to--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And to, to include filing of the communication.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. But, okay, let's not jump too far ahead now. We're just trying to get the original motion correct. Well, we could. Do you want, any objections to adding filing of the communication as well?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: See, you're assuming that we're going to get seven votes? You know, I just don't know about these things. So, the motion is to amend the main motion to activate Charter Sections 4-2.6 and 9-9.2. Any further discussion?

Yes, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Let's hear from Admin on what two, difference two weeks does, since I was told this isn't ready yet for implementation. So, why would we waive the two weeks.?

CHAIR LEE: Well, for one, the monies will expire in 91 days. If they don't spend it, it expires, under this emergency provision.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I, I get it. So, if they're not ready and we approve it, the clock starts ticking. Why wouldn't we give them the two weeks and let them be ready to implement and then make use of the full 91 days?

CHAIR LEE: Okay, how about--

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's, that's what I need to understand, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Alright. Mr. Baz.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you, Madam Chair and Member Hokama. Thank you for asking. But yes, we are already. We've actually expended money already on this event and we'd like to get reimbursed into our regular operational accounts.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, you're not ready on the second one then? Cause I was told you not ready on one of the two bills, either the MEO H.E.L.P. Program or this one, so I need to--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: That one will take, yes, that one's going to take a little bit longer cause we have to contract with the private organization, MEO or somebody else to, to grant the money to, so they can process it. But we have a structure of a program already.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, appreciate that ability to clarify. So, the impact is on the second bill, not this bill. So, I understand now, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. All in favor of the motion, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,  
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, nay.

NOES: NONE.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Mr. Molina. He always throws me off when he does that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sorry.

CHAIR LEE: Sorry, sorry. I didn't mean to pick on you. Okay, so the motion--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'm used to it.

CHAIR LEE: Pardon me.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'm used to it.

CHAIR LEE: What did he say?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm used to it.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, okay. Thank you. Alright. So, now we have the main motion as amended. But we, we're still in the discussion phase.

And so, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Baz. I have quite a few questions, but I'll limit myself to two. And it's coming from the people in my district. There's been some run-in with the police, and they've been told that they're only, with everything that's going on, that they're only arresting or citing if it's a felony. And I was wondering if you could confirm or deny this because the emergency rules are classified as a misdemeanor. And so, are they, is that true that they're only arresting or citing people if it's a felony?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I have not heard that. I can verify with the Police Department. But when I discussed it with him, they are enforcing this order, this rule, these rules.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Cause some of my constituents have had to call the police, and that's what they're being told by the police.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I'll confirm that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They're only arresting. And then my second--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Arresting, yes. They're not going to arrest somebody for a misdemeanor, necessarily. They may cite them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yea, arrest or cite only if it's a felony is what they were told.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Okay. I'll verify that with the Police Department.

CHAIR LEE: Can we have clarification from Corp. Counsel?

CORPORATION COUNSEL MOANA LUTEY: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Lutey.

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Actually, this is some communication we've had. At MPD, what they're trying to do is allow their officers the ability to have some flexibility. So, they're responding to all violent offenses regardless of whether it's a misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor or above, all felonies, and then enforcement of this matter. But for things where they don't need to arrest and they can cite for it, that's the tactic they are taking here. So, that is accurate.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you for the clarification.

And my second is, you know, I, I've read all the emergency rules and I'm sure quite a few people have. The issue is not everybody reads, and some people in my district are wondering if, if these rules can be broadcast on the radio or on some kind of an emergency broadcast system. Because in the high tourist areas, you know, the beaches and everything, it's like business as usual. Some of the galleries on Front Street are still open, some of the tour activities, the snorkel boats and what not.

So, just a request from folks if the rules could be read over the radio, or some kind of a mass broadcast system, sort of like how the missile test was broadcast. You know, that this is more of an emergency where we're saying it's an emergency and so, if there's any way to audibly get the message out cause we know not everyone's great readers.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, I'll discuss that with our Emergency Management Agency, if that, they have possibilities of doing that. We have different ways to get messages out to people forcing it through the system.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Not to use the example of the missile alert, but yea, something similar to that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. You know when Dr. Pang was part of the Mayor's press release, I can't remember how many press releases ago, but he mentioned that, that there was always a number sometimes when you look at a population of people, you say, we going to, we have to prepare to have "x" amount of



numbers of people sick for that, or them, or this. Do we have a number for that, for this, for the COVID-19? How many people does, does, how many people does CDC think, in Hawaii or in Maui, will get this disease, or virus I should say?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I have, thank you, Madam Chair and Member Kama. I haven't heard a number or percentage from CDC. As you know, the, the Chancellor of Germany has said 70 percent, others have said different percentages. We're trying our best to keep it, keep it in the single digit or less would be wonderful. That's why we're working so hard.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, I was just trying to think about if we're, how you equate what you're going to do to be able to keep those numbers low, you have to spend more money. And I was just looking at this testimony that came in from somebody that said that we're not spending enough, and we should be spending up to \$10 million. And I thought, oh well should we be spending more or should we be spending less? I don't know. But if we know how many people we think might be impacted by this negatively, maybe we can figure that out. But that's just my thoughts. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So, the items before us today are, are very critical and important for our residents. And because all of you know that I self-quarantined and experienced this catastrophe or, you know, worldwide pandemic virus from, fortunately, you know, nothing happened. You know, I would be more concerned if something happened to me that then would affect my husband or my family, but it was nothing.

I, I just want to say that being that I experienced being self-quarantined and experience how important this is to take action, I support what the Mayor is doing, because I think he's putting us in, in a place where we can help be, solve, you know, this, this growing problem. And for us to be ahead of the other countries. And we've heard all the numbers from China, and Italy, and everything and, and seeing what our nation is trying to do, but to see what we can do as a County so we can be ahead of the problem.

So, I support this wholeheartedly and I just want to say that from understanding what the Mayor said and what Managing Director said that the test kits are something that would come to us from the State of Hawaii. And setting up the, the, what is it called, Sandy, the sites, so that people can be tested or the triage, what are, are those, what are those called?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: The testing site? Yea.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's just called testing site? So, those testing sites for the County of Maui to be proactive, I just want to give you, I just want to applaud you for taking that and, and not waiting for the State to do it. And that I can imagine the test kits that you did get, we've been waiting for it to come. In my office, where we did have a situation, we couldn't go and get tested, because there were no test kits. But we just took like, you know, temperature and different things that you would, like if you got the flu. But now that the test kits are here, we can be proactive.

And I would like to thank you guys for fighting for that for us. And it is a Department of Health, State function, not necessarily us. So, I, I just want to thank you for doing that. I support this and look forward to hearing what you do in the future to fight for our residents to be sure that we're safe. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Managing Director Baz. Mahalo for being with us. So, I think, and I could be wrong, and you can correct me, but I think Pro Tem Kama was asking the same question that I was wondering; which was, how did you arrive at the 4 million? Oh, okay, yea, so how did you arrive at the 4 million?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: So, in reviewing, we asked the departments for some expected expenditures, you know, what they would be expending it on and, and costs if they had it. And so, we got some responses and some guesses, things like that. But the Mayor really wanted to make sure that we had enough, or a significant amount of money in a very short period of time here to be able to address this, knowing that it was going to be, you know, just a short period of time. And if we don't spend it, we don't spend it. But if we don't have it and we have to come back here, then it's going to be more time, delay, things like that.

So, we really, and, I mean, we really appreciate this emergency meeting and you taking this up and being able to pass it on one day. It's, it's awesome and we really appreciate that.

But it's, a lot of it is honestly just educated guesses. We had to really try to evaluate that, looking at what other jurisdictions have, have, you know, paid. We looked at some of the guidance from FEMA. And we have a pandemic plan so, you know, what are the expected expenditures from there? I have the list of all the eligible expenditures from FEMA. And I can share that with the Committee too, so you can

take a look at that, or the Council, Council here. But yes, the real idea is that we have a resource available to us to be able to make quick action.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for responding. And I support the motion. And I, I'm right there with you in trying our best to ensure that the percentage of people who are infected remain at a single digit.

So, you said that you collect, you gathered information from departments with an estimate of what kind of resources they would need. Probably, if, if, if it, if, at some kind of a scenario, did you leave yourself some buffer? Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yes. I mean, obviously, the departments didn't come up with \$4 million of expenditures but, yea, but we are, we don't know what's going to happen--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: --in the next week. I mean, when we even developed this, things were very different last week. We have, as of noon, we have 37 cases in the State; five on Maui. And three of them were residents that had traveled and came back to Maui.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. I know that it changes constantly. And as the tests come back after their, you know, five days, the results take approximately five days to, to come back then we'll, we'll likely see more positive cases. So, you feel that this 4 million is a good start, and if you need more then you can come back?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I would appreciate the opportunity to, yes.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Mahalo, Director Baz, for being here. Just had a couple questions. The Mayor had recently restricted access to East Maui on the backside. So, we're just fielding some questions from the communities. Is this going to be more of an enforcement, or at this point we're just putting up signs restricting access to just residents only?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: So, Madam Chair, we took the lead from the State, as far as that goes. The State has restricted Hana Highway, access into Hana from town on their, their highway. So, we, they kind of, asked us to help with the other side and, and

prevent, you know, tourists from coming into Hana from the backside, or driving all the way to the State road and then having to turn around again, so we have done that.

And as well, the Mayor decided that he would like to restrict access to Kahakuloa Valley, especially, on the back road over there, as well as Iao Valley from non, non-resident use, right. So, it's residents or services to those residents that, that's allowed.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, follow-up. So, it's just signage at this point. No officers or any people would be manning these sites of entry?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: At this point, no. We don't have a lot of resources to, to man those sites.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, so we're looking at other priorities. But if it comes to be a problem, then, you know, maybe we have to address that and look at it again.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just some residents have been asking questions if they'll be stopped or if they're, if they're living on Maui, are they still able to go out to, to the east side? Not necessary.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: East Maui.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: They living on Maui and they want to, I mean, obviously, we don't, the main idea is in these remote areas that we try to prevent as much outside contact as possible so that there's less of a spread. You know, Kahakuloa is far from, from town, you know, and Hana has some resources, but still limited, so we wanted to make sure there's, you know, try to prevent outbreaks in these areas, specifically.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that. And then my second question was, there's been some proposals at the Legislature to do a 14-day quarantine for incoming flights, people that come in. Is there any plans from the Administration to pursue or, or just looking at, at a possible quarantine?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Oh, that wouldn't be under our authority. Only the State has that authority. So, we wouldn't have the ability to do that. But it is something that we've been discussing with them.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: And Madam Chair, I do have a response for a percentage that the State, somebody texted me the State Department of Health has come up with 12 percent.

CHAIR LEE: Anticipated in Maui, for Maui.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Anticipated in Hawaii.

CHAIR LEE: In Hawaii?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Anticipated. Positive? Is that what?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Now, let's see, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yea. Yes, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: You ready?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yea, I am ready.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Go for it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And I apologize if my responses seem to be delayed. I guess we having a little technical glitch. But let me first start off by saying I thank you, Mr. Baz, for being always here to answer the Council's questions. I know the Mayor is very busy. But thank you, Mr. Baz. We really appreciate you, especially in this time of crisis.

And I appreciate Member Rawlins-Fernandez asking that question about how the, the money will be used, because I was really disappointed that there was no specific plan from the Mayor as to how the monies will be used. Because there's many areas of need that's being impacted because of the virus, you know. Are we going to use the monies, allocate monies from mental health services, public safety, helping our businesses and so forth? So, I think it would have been important for the Council to

know this at this point. But I trust you, Mr. Baz, that you'll make sure you get that information to us.

My, my question is with regards, it's been made, I've been made aware that there's almost nearly 50 flights coming into Maui from numerous States and Canada. And I was hoping the Mayor would be here to answer that question of, the question I have. The Governor suggests that they would be eventually testing passengers from flights once they land. And can we either stop the flights or have people tested before they get on a flight?

Because, to me, would make more sense to test these people at their point of origin instead of them coming to Maui, then we find out they get the disease, and then we have to take care of them. And the potential for them infecting the rest of our citizens, I'm outraged about this. So, I was wondering if you had any clue as to if that point was brought up from the neighbor-islands? Cause honestly, I, I am just really upset about the, I don't know why the Governor took this stance.

It seems like we're not doing, we're, you know, we're doing things backwards, to me, and not being fully, I don't know what the term is. I'm just really rattled by this stance the Governor is taking. So, I was hoping the Mayor could give us some info, input on this. Can you share your thoughts on this with us, Mr. Baz?

**MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Sure. So, you know, the airports are under the operational jurisdiction of the States. FAA also controls what they do. We're under the understanding that the Federal government would be the only one to be able to stop flights. The Governor has the ability to, of course, screen people if they get off of planes. So, we've had some discussions about that.

They want to start implementing a screening process for people who are coming off of cruise ships. But there's some, some differing opinions on the effectiveness of screening. You know, somebody can come off that may not have a fever that, you know, when you're talking to them, they may not cough, but they may still have the disease and they may still be able to shed. So, you know, that, that's one consideration that we're looking at.

And then as Member Sinenci asked about the quarantine, you know, and we have supported the other neighbor-islands and supported the effort to maybe urge the Governor to, if they can't stop the flights, at least quarantine everybody that gets off of them. Whether they're residents, they can self-quarantine at home, visitors can either self-quarantine in the hotel, or we enforce quarantine if needed. But yea, we're, we're, we don't know if, I mean, that decision hasn't been made yet on the State level.

I apologize. I can't give you more definitive answers, Member Molina, as far as that, cause it's not really at all under our jurisdiction. I mean, we can ask, we can sometimes get a little bit, you know, higher voice in, in, almost to a yelling point sometimes in these meetings, because everybody's in high tension mode.

But we, you know, and we want to, we care. I mean, we really want to help to prevent the spread in our community. So, you know, it's something that, that there's a lot of concern with and so we angst and we really want to just do our best to help our community in every aspect that we can. And when things aren't in our control, it gets a little frustrating.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yea. Thank you. Thank you for that response, Mr. Baz. And just wanted to let you know why I'm calling you from Makawao is I voluntarily self-quarantined, because I came into contact with someone who had cold-like symptoms. But I've been reassured by the person and their doctor that the person did not test positive for COVID-19.

But with regards to the \$4 million amount, I have a feeling it's going to cost more because of the type of action that's being taken by the Governor related to the air flights and even the cruise ships. I mean, I, I assume, are they going to be allowed to get off the boat, or are they just going to be checked with a temperature? I, I just hope it doesn't, this current stance that's taken by the State doesn't impact us further.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: The latest I heard on the cruise ships was that they were going to allow them to dock, refuel, and resupply, but no passengers or crew can come off of the ship itself. I hope that that, they stay with that, because then at least it prevents some transmission there.

I do have, you know, Member Molina, you asked about we don't have a necessarily a complete plan of expenditure not yet because it is an emergency. We are following FEMA's Public Assistance Program in a, I mean, you know, it's not going to be able to cover everything but, that we need, but it is covering a majority of things.

I'll give you the, the big categories and if we want to get into details about things, you can let me know. But big categories are management control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety. You know, things like operations, emergency operation center costs, and training, disinfection, you know, that kind of stuff, technical assistance. Emergency medical care, you know, if we need to help with emergency medical care.

Medical sheltering, which includes quarantining, right? So, it's, we've been assisting with household sheltering, or pet sheltering, containment *[sic]*, containment of actions related to household pets. Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits. Moving of supplies, and persons, security and law enforcement, communications of general health and safety information to the public. Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance. And reimbursement for a State tribe territory or local government force account, overtime costs.

So, those are eligible expenditures from FEMA that we're going to be asking for reimbursement on. So, know that our departments are aware of these guidelines. Their expenditures, our accounting section of our Finance Department is tracking these expenditures we've been making so far. So, we'll provide reports for you on a regular basis to know that, and also collect all this information to report to the Federal government so that hopefully we can get, it's up to 75 percent reimbursement for the eligible activities. So, they'll screen through every single one of those and determine what's eligible and what's not and reimburse us for what we can. But I think it was mentioned that it takes a while; two or three years sometimes.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina, do you have any more questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no, but just, just to thank Mr. Baz. And in response to the Mayor's question to this Council, if we are going to help this Administration, the people of Maui County, the answer is a resounding yes. And that is a question that should not have even been asked of us. So, anyway, but I will certainly do my part to support this Administration and the people of Maui County during this time of crisis. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: And thank you.

Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Just going off of Member Sinenci's question, or when you were saying about Kahakuloa and Iao Valley's; Honokohau would also like to restrict residents and Kauaula as well.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, so we actually moved the sign out to Honolulu.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you so much.



MANAGING DIRECTOR: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then the other one is the private jets also, regulated by the State or are they under their own situation? Cause we get quite a bit of private jets.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, no that's true.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And like the passenger list and where they're coming from.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I'm not aware of that. I will ask that question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, no, I just wanted to follow up with, cause I didn't hear in that long list of expenditures where testing comes in. Is testing not one of the things that's reimbursable? But are we still spending the, some of this, you know, good portion of this money on increasing testing?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: What happened to my list? As I'm, I apologize, I was giving you big, so medical, emergency medical care includes non-deferable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility. Related medical facility services and supplies, temporary medical facilities or enhanced medical hospital capacity for treatment when existing facilities or reasonably forecast to become overloaded. Utilization of specialized medical equipment, medical waste, and medical, emergency medical transport. And in here, we talked about that and they are eligible.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: The cost of them, actually is not, there's not going to be no cost for the actual--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, that's what I was going to ask you, because we heard that we were waiting on swabs to get the drive-thru going. Is that a matter of expense or is it just a matter of getting some kind of specialized swabs?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: At this point, the swabs, the PPE, everything that we have backordered is because it's a supply problem, not a finance problem.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yea, I'm just, I, you know, I just can't even express to you enough what my big concern with that, not just our County, but our entire country. So, thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, and then Ms. Kama.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, I guess this question, so I understand that the City and County of Honolulu passed similar emergency fund. And the Council added a proviso that would require the, the Mayor to report every 30 days, I believe it was.

And so, my thought was to add a similar proviso to, to this budget amendment. Is this, I guess, so, I guess it'll be a question for Corporation Counsel; if this amendment is to the Mayor's Operating Budget?

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Chair, thank you. Are you referring to 20-198 or both?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yea, sure, we'll just take both.

CORPORATION COUNSEL: Based on an opinion that we issued and Charter Section 9-10(3) *[sic]*, this appears to be an amendment under the emergency section "Appropriations and Changes".

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's an amendment to, oh, it's an amendment to the Operating Budget?

CORPORATION COUNSEL: The Mayor's Budget.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yea, the Mayor's Budget. Okay. So, I think after the Mayor assured us that they would supply the information to the Council on how the funds were expended, and it would be after the 90 days. And that if this really becomes a bigger crisis and all hands would need to be on deck in this next 90 days, that I, I wouldn't want to put that kind of additional requirement on the Administration anyway. So, I, I, I would be okay with supporting it as is. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr. Baz, you went through the list of, well, I think it was a broad topical list. And I was kind of listening for if, what was in there, I heard pet sheltering. What is that?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: This is, understand that FEMA's Public Assistance Funds are, are designed for general disasters where there may be a need to have a shelter that has the capabilities of taking in pets, and so that we can buy pet food and supplies for, for those pets to be able to be maintained in a pet-friendly shelter.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, what are our plans for our unsheltered individual?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, so, we've been working, Department of Housing and Human Concerns has been working with, they've, looking at the CDC guidelines on how to deal with pandemics with the unsheltered and developing strategies. They've been meeting with the agencies. I can't answer directly for the unsheltered, but, or for the Department, but they are, they are working on that. I'm sorry I don't have more details.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, when you do, we're going to hear them, right?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: We have one Member leaving in five minutes. Could you make it a quick question?

Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I, I support Member Rawlins-Fernandez not provisoing it, but you guys can just report it to us like once a month anyway, like, without the proviso, right?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea. We'll work with the Finance Department to provide regular reports to you guys, so keep you up to date.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right on. Thanks.

CHAIR LEE: Anybody, real quick? All those in favor of the motion, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,  
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, nay.

NOES: NONE.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Mr. Molina.

Motion carries.

And now, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, you have to leave?

Okay. So, the next item. Any motions?

NO. 20-199 - MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MAYOR,  
(dated March 17, 2020)

Transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS (HAWAII EMERGENCY LAULIMA PARTNERSHIP: A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (H.E.L.P.))".

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

MOTION TO APPROVE--

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Move, I move to, oh yea, we did already.

CHAIR LEE: Member, moved by Member Hokama, seconded by Ms. King, to approve the recommendation in, I mean, the bill in County Communication 20-199.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I think the main question--

CHAIR LEE: And for the filing.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --we would like to get updated is whether or not, as the bill is directing, is MEO prepared to start services if we pass this on initial first and final reading?

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, sorry, I don't have the answer to Member Hokama's question. But I just, before I leave, I just wanted to do the specifics of the bill really quickly.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, the purpose of the, of this bill to provide \$2 million in funding to support a worker relief program for County residents whose household income may be affected by the economic downturn as a result of COVID-19, including a major decrease anticipated in the tourism industry.

The, the proposed amendment would allow the Department of Housing and Human Concerns to execute a grant to provide crisis assistance services, such as for necessary personal items, food, housing, utility bills, and medication.

In accordance with Subsection 9-9.2 of the Charter, the Council may pass an emergency appropriation by ordinance with one reading by an affirmative vote of seven Members and which will take immediate effect and would expire on the 91st day. Mahalo, Chair. Seven votes if we plan to pass it on first reading. If not, it would require two readings. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Hokama, anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I, I've asked the Finance people to, to give us a response.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, okay. Mr. Baz, or Mr. Teruya, or Ms. Yoshimura; a response to Mr. Hokama's question.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Madam Chair, what is the question, or--

CHAIR LEE: Would you be, is MEO ready to receive the money and start the program?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I have had a conversation with MEO, they are willing to do this program. It would take a little bit of time to set up and we'd have to still execute the grant, so that's going to take time as well. The--

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, the recommendation is you want the first reading and allow the two weeks so that you can get all your ducks in order, agreements executed and notarized, and then come back for final reading, and you can take the money and start the clock.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Well, unfortunately, we couldn't execute the agreement without the final authorization from the Council. We can't encumber money unless it's been appropriated.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's not how I understand emergency provisions. That's why we, you guys are here today.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Wait. Mr. Baz, you wanted to finish that?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I did. In looking at the, at the history of the 9/11, I did get the final report from MEO, as far as that. And this, that was, that was a four-month program and that was a pretty quick response. This program may go beyond the 90 days. And so, it, you know, I'm not saying, you know, don't pass something immediately, but if we need to take a second reading of it in another week or two, then that's not unreasonable.

(Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.)

CHAIR LEE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, thank you. I was going to mention that we do have another meeting in a week. So, we don't have to wait two full weeks. We have a full Council meeting next week, yea, Friday.

CHAIR LEE: Would you be able to get more details worked out with MEO?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Great, so right now, we just have a motion to pass on first reading?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yea.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, I--

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Chair, real quickly, I support the motion on the floor, obviously. I'd just make one additional comment. My understanding from my conversations, those that have contacted me, I believe that this relief efforts on our part, our financial relief effort should be dedicated to the County's private sector. That is the area that is being hit the hardest, not the government sector and other things; the County private sector, particularly businesses that do not have the financial strength to provide employees with health benefits. This is the group that I would like to see our money go to address their needs at, in these times, okay. Government workers have collective bargaining agreements.

We need to address those in the private sector that does not have the coverage or the benefits that is going to hurt the most, especially from what we know live by check to check. That is the group we got to address and that is where I hope this money will be directed to, Managing Director, because, again, they're already being laid off, the private sector. Okay. We know that. And with the new edicts, the bars shutting down, impact on the restaurants, this is the sector we have to help. So, I hope that is where our money is going to go, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Quickly, Ms. Paltin, and then Ms. Kama, and then right around; then Mr. Molina, then Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yea, I totally support that. Just making sure that, you know, so much people been trying to logon for their online to unemployment benefits, and just want to make sure that people won't have to show up in person for it, and that it's equipped to handle the online volume, because nobody's been able to get through on the unemployment benefits on the online.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Right. I understand. So, we'll, we'll work with MEO to make sure that we can operate this program without that. With technology nowadays, you can take a picture of, you know, cause everything has to be verified, right? And, and, you know, if you've lost money from, you know, lower paycheck and things like that, or if you're getting unemployment, they have to verify all those documentations. So, we'll work--

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I support this. And I would, I'm getting emails from people who have lost their jobs; retailers and whatever. And I, my question is, is this enough money? I hope you come back for more. I think 2 million is a, is a small fraction of what the whole impact is going to be for the community. So, that was my thought. And I would like us to pass this today and get it moving. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Just to Member Sugimura's comment, the 2 million, as I understand it, is just for, for, to this Fiscal Year? Just 90 days, ends in 90 days. And then so, the Mayor had mentioned about crashes, if you can just speak to, to what he meant or about the people trying to access the unemployment.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: From my understanding, the State unemployment office has required that everybody on, you know, file their application online and that has created a problem with their website itself. But I understand that's statewide and, and I'm sure thousands of people that would be affected by this.

Just real quick, in 2000 and, by the end, by the end of the program in February of 2002, they had expended \$1,385,000 in support of our community that had a downturn in the economy. So, that was almost 20 years ago, so yea, I think your comments are appropriate that this may not be enough. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Thanks so much for explaining this to us and the timeline. I want, I want to go back to the idea of the private businesses, because I'm getting so many emails about closures. And so, I think this is really impor, I don't know that we can mandate it, but I want to lend my voice to, the plea to keep this for, you know, private residents.

And I'm right now looking at an email I just got from a project that we approved in, in our last term, the Kaiwahine rentals. They are worried that some people aren't going



to meet the 60 percent of area median income, you know, qualified, because they're losing jobs. So, is this kind of money going to help people stay in those, in that rental pool?

The, the move-in date was set for April, mid-April. And if we can help some of these residents keep their, their level of income so that they don't lose their bank loans to, or whatever it is their, their qualification to get into these rental units. I'd, I'd love it if you could work with, you know, I don't want to lose anybody from that rental pool. And now they're putting out new notices saying, we're going to have additional rentals available, so somebody's losing out. And I think this is the kind of money that could probably help those folks.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: So, thank you. Yea, the money is directed towards individuals who have income, whether it's fully or partly. And yes, that's what's happening in private sector. You know, government, yes, we have union's protection, things like that, so that may not be the case.

The program back in 2001 also accounted for, you know, people who had lost income in general from their, their, you know, if they were a craft person or something like that and they could prove that they had lost income. Some of those were addressed. Almost 30, 36 percent of the funds that were expended in the program were for housing, so that was, you know, the biggest need and I'm sure it'll be the biggest need to continue.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Is there, is there a way that we could have people, I know that, you know, we're set to possibly pass this on second reading next week, but that we could have people contact our Housing Department to find out if they qualify for this kind of funding, and if that could possibly help them save their spot in the, you know, in the lottery queue of, for those rentals; those low-income rentals?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I, I will have to, yea, we'd have to talk to the Housing Department on that. This is not necessarily considered income so, you know, and it's not stable enough to be accounted for, for a mortgage or something like that. So, but it may help them pay the--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, we're talking about rentals; we're not talking about mortgages.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea, we're, I don't know the restrictions of that rental program; if you have to make more than 60 percent or if you just have enough money to pay the rent.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, there's different categories, like 60 percent, you know, 40 percent, 30 percent. So, anyway, I just wanted to--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: I'll talk to our Housing Division on that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, I just wanted to see if we could get involved, because we have other projects coming up that are similar to this and, and that may be an ongoing problem. So, I support the project. I also support the fact that you're probably going to need more money to put into this. And hopefully at some point we'll get some Federal assistance with this kind of thing, because it really is a Federal, it's a, it's a national problem that we need the Federal government to step up and get more involved in. So, but thank you for your leadership on this. I appreciate it, Mr. Baz.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yea, thank you, Madam Chair. And I apologize if I missed it. What is the maximum grant a recipient can receive? And I just want to say too, I like the idea of this, assuming there's flexibility with this program, to help those in the private sector, especially those with small businesses, you know, mom and pop restaurants and so forth. Any thoughts, Mr. Baz?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you, Mr. Molina. I don't know if there was a cap on it. I do know that there were, in 2001, there was 2,800, 2,799 households that were served, and the average assistance was \$495.14. So, it wasn't a significant amount, but it just helped them get through this little bit of time of challenge and whatever they needed to keep, keep the roof over their head or the food on the table really is what the, and lights on, is what that's really for, yea. The main categories were housing, food, utilities, car, insurance, could have been car insurance or health insurance, medical costs, and then some others, 2 percent of others.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And, and one more question. These funds I guess were not taken out of the Emergency Fund, and, I guess we're going to have to look at, for the budget session I think, increasing the insurance program as a result of this reduction.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Baz.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Just real briefly. So, the budget amendment moves money from the Self-Insurance Fund, which we have in case we have major claims to pay out,

into being able to utilize in this. It's not out of the Emergency Fund, but out of our, what would be, what we keep on the side for our self-insurance. Based on the, looking at the claims we have ahead that's, we're, we'd have enough money in there definitely to take us beyond the end of the year, so it won't impact that.

Next fiscal year, there will be another appropriation into the Self-Insurance Fund, well, not, I shouldn't say, it's not a Self-Insurance Fund, it's Self-Insurance Program, where we, and our insurance program. So, the money doesn't get transferred into a separate fund. It stays within a General Fund account that expires at the end of every year. If we don't spend it, it goes into Carryover/Savings.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Baz, for helping educate me on that. So, good luck with that. And, you know, God speed to you, the Administration, and to us all with this crisis. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Anymore questions?

Oh, Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Real quick. Director, there's a, the waiving of a one-week waiting period to qualify. Is that part of this?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Madam Chair, that's for unemployment. That, this is not unemployment insurance, right? This is just a supplemental assistance program.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Sure.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --we add money to it?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: No, not right now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Soon.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Anybody else?

If not, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just a quick comment, Chair. And I appreciate your concern on time. For those that have a concern about our small businesses, Congress has a special legislation being developed to address businesses and infrastructure requirements, yea. So, for me, it's, we're going to have additional support shortly for our, for our . . . engine areas of this County.

This money, I believe, we're looking more of the individual than the, than an entity; how to help the personal needs of our residents versus the commercial or business needs. So, I just share that because I think we're on the right track addressing the personal needs at this point in time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. So, without any further questions or discussion, there is a motion on the floor to pass County Communication 20-199 with the attached bill on first reading.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, moved.

CHAIR LEE: Oh no, it's, there is a motion already.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: We already had a motion.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, further discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, nay.

NOES: NONE.

EXCUSED: VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.

CHAIR LEE: Motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Baz, Mr. Teruya, Ms. Yoshimura--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Madam Chair, just--

CHAIR LEE: --Ms. Alibin, everybody.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you very much to you for scheduling this meeting so quickly, and to all the Members for your support and, and you know, your confidence in us. We are trying our best to deal with this.

CHAIR LEE: We know you are and we're supporting you too, so thank you.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Alright, Members, we've reached the end of the calendar. And you know, today is--

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Apologies. Just real quickly, I just wanted to state for the record, the bill attached to County Communication 20-198 is BILL 48 (2020). And the bill attached to County Communications 20-199 is BILL 49 (2020). Apologies for the interruption.

CHAIR LEE: Very good, very good. Okay, since today is Aloha Friday, how about we going this way, starting with you, Mr. Molina, first?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You're welcome.

CHAIR LEE: Since you've been so patient all this time.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Glad to be a part of the meeting.

CHAIR LEE: How about we say something uplifting to the folks on this Friday? Something that is kind of positive and hopeful. How about something, you know, your last remarks for the day, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I just want to say take care of one another, stay healthy, and make sure to remember that love is the answer.

CHAIR LEE: Very good.

Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to recognize our kupuna. They're one of our greatest assets and our community resources. And so, we ask that families continue to support them through this tough time; that they have the necessary supports, their medications and, and food for, for them to continue.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just want to encourage everybody to order take-out and support our restaurants, which are not having sit down meals. But support your local restaurants, and don't forget the food trucks. They can help feed all of us. Thank you, everybody.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I think I'd like to let our people know that we are not alone and that we're all in this together, and we will all make it through together if we all just hold hands. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. You know, I just wanted to say sometimes you don't know how strong and resilient you are until that's the only option. And Maui County is definitely very strong and resilient. And you know, for Lahaina we had couple chances to, to practice and, and I know that the whole County, if we just help one another, we'll get through.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. This I posted on my Facebook page, but I think it bears repeating. And it's about, it's called, a friend of mine, Laura Harrelson sent this to me, and it was written by Richard Hendrick. It's called "Lockdown".

"Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death. But, they say in Wuhan after so many years of noise you can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet the sky is no longer thick with fumes but blue and grey and clear. They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping

their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them. They say that a hotel in the west of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound. Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighborhood so that the elders may have someone to call on. Today churches, synagogues, mosques and temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary. All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting. All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way. All over the world people are waking up to a new reality to how big we really are. To how little control we really have. To what really matters. To love. So we pray and we remember that yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate. Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness. Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness. Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be a disease of the soul. Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love. Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now. Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic. The birds are singing again. The sky is clearing, spring is coming, and we are always encompassed by love. Open the windows of your soul. And though you will not be able to touch the empty square, touch across the empty square, sing.

CHAIR LEE: Very good; beautiful.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Wow, I don't have something that profound. That was wonderful. Just, I would just say to my fellow neighbors, family, friends, our, our citizenry; first, personal protective equipment, personal protective equipment. And as the real estate people say for the third time, personal protective equipment. And one thing I would like all of us, excuse me, to keep in our mind, in our imaging, is your mother. Have that imagine keep reminding you every day; wash your feet, wash your hands. You know, do what your mother tells you to do and we'll be one healthy community again and the sun will rise tomorrow. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Beautiful.

So, on behalf of Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and myself and all of us together, because we are an ohana, we want to assure everyone in Maui County that we are working with the Administration on your behalf. And we look forward to, as Ms. King said, when we can all sing together. Thank you.

This meeting is adjourned.

## ADJOURNMENT

The emergency meeting of March 20, 2020 was adjourned by the Chair at 3:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathy L. Kaohu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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KATHY L. KAOHU, COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII



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**From:** Mike J. Molina  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** County Clerk; Lauren Saldana  
**Subject:** Fw: COVID-19 and Maui County

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**From:** Baum/Inouye <ozland@ozlandmaui.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>; Mike J. Molina <Mike.Molina@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** COVID-19 and Maui County

Dear Council Chair Lee and Councilman Molina,

I have been a physician in private practice on Maui for 35 years. From what I have observed in the community and from my patients, I would recommend the following:

1. Maui County should stop all non-essential travel to our airports and ports. Leading virologists are saying that unless we implement drastic measures, we will not stop COVID-19. If we do these measures we could put this virus behind us in 2 months. Otherwise, this will drag into the fall. There are still visitors booking reservations at our hotels. We need to have our resources for our own members of the community. We cannot support additional infected people. Flight attendants and pilots are traveling back and forth to foreign countries and returning into our community where they live. They are not self-isolating during this time. Most of the COVID cases are people who have recently been on a plane or cruise. I know it is a difficult decision to make; however, Maui always seems to lead the way.
2. When there is a crisis, the front-line providers need to have access to supplies as much as the community and hospital. We are seeing patients. We are getting exposed. We do not have the time or staff to stand in line to purchase these items. The hospital has a huge organization helping them with their supplies. A reach out to them has gone unanswered. Can't the council or Mayor ask Costco or Target etc to put aside supplies for us and we can distribute them to the offices as necessary? Can there be an effort to ask the community to donate or allow to buy the oversupply the community has hoarded? Although you may not solve this issue now, we need to solve it for any future events.
3. The golf course should be closed.
4. Beauty salons, barbershops, nail salons need to be mandated to not operate. I did not see that on the list.
5. If restaurants do take-out, those workers also need protective gear unless a non-interaction process is observed.
6. The COVID-19 pandemic emphasizes the need for the JABSOM campus on Maui. Since most of the physicians in the community and hospital are on the older end of the spectrum, we might be ill from this, be unable to work, or die. This will decrease the healthcare workforce even more. Please support the JABSOM legislation that was being proposed before the Capitol etc had to close.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen F Inouye MD MMM FACOG

## County Clerk

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**From:** Jim Jackson <jacksonfcjjackson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:10 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** \$2 Million in Covid19 Emergency Relief

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\$2 Million in relief funding; This is not enough money for the people of Maui County to cover their loss of income as a result of the Covid19 virus pandemic.

Please make the relief funding to a level that will meet the needs of Maui County Residents.

The Covid19 pandemic is shutting Maui down, people with loss of income will not be able to afford rent, mortgages, car payments and food.

We need Emergency Funding due to Covid19, and I propose that the level of funding be set at \$10Million. This will provide the necessary funding for the long term effects of Covid19.

Please don't under fund the need of Maui County Residents.

Kind regards,  
Franklin Jackson  
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# MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
VOICE OF BUSINESS

County Communications No. 20-198 and No. 20-199  
Friday, March 20, 2020

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Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and  
Members of the Maui County Council,

We support County Communications No. 20-198 and No. 20-199 proposed by the Mayor. Both initiatives are critical to pass to shore up the County emergency operations that are crucial during this unprecedented time and to provide aid to those who have lost their jobs and are impacted financially through the Temporary Emergency Crisis Assistance Program.

Further, we appreciate the measures the Council is taking to ensure public safety during this meeting by only allowing written testimony. This is an opportune time to look at how similar systems can be adopted for future meetings to provide equitable testimony opportunities for all. While the Council has said they view written and oral testimony equally, the public weights it differently. We have the technology to use teleconferencing and video conferencing (we understand the County currently uses BlueJeans, which does both), so we should take advantage of what is available to level the system. Further, once oral testimony is allowed again, we would encourage a procedure where written testimony could be read aloud, with limitations on word counts, as well as video testimony so all can participate in being filmed or heard on Akaku, without being in Council Chambers. This will help to create a more equitable system.

In this time of social distancing, we would also recommend looking into conducting surveys on budget priorities as a way to get public input. If the Council chose to do one or more surveys, we would be happy to help distribute them. This is particularly important if the Council is looking to move forward with the new Real Property Tax tiered rate structure. If this is the case, we encourage the Council to help educate the public through webinars posted online, surveys, and videos on Akaku so people are better educated as the concept moves forward and have the opportunity to ring in and share their thoughts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on these matters.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.