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MEMO TO: AH-37 File

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Council Vice-Chair

*Keani Rawlins-Fernandez*

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO  
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS** (AH-37)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 37 on the Committee's agenda.

Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE,  
PERTAINING TO ESTABLISHING THE

COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Title 2 of the Maui County Code is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
new chapter to be designated and to read as follows:

"Chapter 2.31

COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Sections:

2.31.010	Definitions
2.31.020	Establishment
2.31.030	Purpose
2.31.040	Terms and Operation
2.31.050	Powers, Duties, and Functions
2.31.060	Meetings
2.31.070	Rules
2.31.080	Requirement for Council Review

2.31.010 Definitions. The following terms whenever used in this chapter  
shall have the following respective meanings:

"Homelessness" extreme form of poverty characterized by the instability of housing and the inadequacy of income, health care or social support.

2.31.020 Establishment. There is established a Maui County COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS, consisting of eleven (11) members who serve without compensation; One (1) representative for each of the (9) districts who are full-time residents of that respective district shall be selected by the Council. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Mayor. In appointing new members to the Commission, the Council and the Mayor will select members with knowledge, familiarity, and/or experience with local housing issues, homelessness, affordable housing issues, different housing populations in Maui County including seniors, the different types of housing stock in the County, renter and homeowner housing issues, and housing development and financing for public and private sectors. At least one (1) member of the Commission must have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, as defined by 2.28.070; one (1) Clergyman or Faith-Based leader; one (1) representative from the Maui Homeless Alliance and; one (1) having direct experience with homelessness, as defined in this chapter, to the extent possible.

2.31.030 Purpose. In order to protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare of residents and maintain the commitment of Aloha 'Aina, the County of Maui establishes a COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS as an advisory group to help combat and eliminate homelessness and poverty in Maui County. The Commission shall provide recommendations on funding and policies to carry out County priorities related to housing and homelessness.

2.31.040 Terms and Operation. Section 13-2 of the revised charter of the County of Maui shall apply to this commission in the same manner as the provisions apply to boards and commissions recognized by the revised charter.

2.31.050 Powers, Duties, and Functions.

The commission shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

1. Advise the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Council on issues effecting homelessness, including but not limited to: housing construction, rehabilitation and design and land acquisitions; holistic resource management and sustainability; mental health, social, environmental, cultural and economic impacts;

2. Assist the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Council in evaluating new and existing programs; to ensure long-term affordability and permanency, and to provide for the planning, expansion, maintenance, conservation and rehabilitation of Maui County's housing inventory;
3. Provide recommendations for changes in housing-related matters to maintain a diverse residential environment, and support historical, cultural and traditional living initiatives and solutions, such as kauhale;
4. Enable community recommendations for restructuring and improving upon systems that have historically perpetuated homelessness and poverty in Maui County, and;
5. Provide recommendations on funding and policies to carry out community priorities related to holistic mental health, social, environmental, cultural and economic impacts, housing and homelessness.

2.31.060 Meetings. The commission must meet at least once a month.

2.31.070 Rules. The commission may adopt the necessary procedural rules, which will enable it to conduct its business and to carry out its duties and functions. Council shall review the operation of the commission within eighteen (18) months of its first meeting but no sooner than twelve (12) months after that first meeting.

2.31.080 Requirement for Council Review. The commission shall provide an annual report that shall be restricted to the recommendations of the commission and the practicality of those recommendations. The designated representative of the commission shall be available to answer questions from the appropriate standing committee as determined by the Council at time of referral.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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