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F R O M: Tasha Kama, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (PAF 19-336)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10 on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

Resolution

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH SHORTER LIFETIME TERM LIMITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS OF TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That in accordance with Section 14-1, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), it proposes that Subsection 5 of Section 3-2 of the Charter, pertaining to term limits for Council members, be amended to read as follows:

"The term of office of council members shall be for [two (2) years,] four years, beginning at twelve o'clock meridian on the second day of January following their election. No [member of the county council] person shall serve more than [five consecutive] two full terms of office[.] on the council, starting with the term beginning after the special election held in conjunction with the 2022 general election. The limit of two terms applies whether the terms are consecutive or nonconsecutive and whether a person is elected from the same or different residency areas."; and

2. That it proposes that Article 15 of the Charter, relating to Transitional Provisions, be amended to add a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"Section 15-4. Transitional Provisions Relating to Staggering of Council Members' Terms. The terms of council members will be staggered, beginning after the 2022 general election, in accordance with this section as follows:

(1) Each of the five council members who receive the highest number of votes at the special election held in conjunction with the 2022 general election will be elected to serve a four-year term.

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- (2) Each of the remaining four council members elected in 2022 will be elected to serve a two-year term. These four council seats will be on the ballot in 2024 for four-year terms. Each of the two-year terms served after the 2022 general election will be counted as a full term for purposes of Subsection 3-2(5)."; and
- 3. That material to be repealed is bracketed, and new material is underscored; and
- 4. That, in accordance with Subsection 14-2(1) of the Charter, this resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next general election; and
- 5. That the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next general election; and
- 6. That, in accordance with Section 14-1 of the Charter, it proposes that the following question be placed on the next general election ballot:

"Shall the Charter be amended to establish shorter lifetime term limits for Council members by limiting the number of terms a person may serve on the Council to two four-year terms, for a total eight years, instead of the current limit of five two-year terms, for a total of ten years?"; and

- 7. That, in accordance with Subsection 14-2(2) of the Charter, the County Clerk publish this proposed amendment in a newspaper of general circulation; and
- 8. That, upon approval by the majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment and upon official certification of the result, the amendment proposed in this Resolution will take effect; and
- 9. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Department of the Corporation Counsel County of Maui

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