

KATHY L. KAOHU  
County Clerk



HFC-31  
JAMES G.M. KRUEGER  
Deputy County Clerk

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**

COUNTY OF MAUI  
200 S. HIGH STREET  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793  
[www.mauicounty.gov/county\\_clerk](http://www.mauicounty.gov/county_clerk)

July 2, 2020

2020 JUL -2 PM 4:30  
OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

RECEIVED

Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair  
Healthy Families and Communities Committee  
Maui County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama,

SUBJECT: **ELECTION BY MAIL SYSTEM** (HFC-31)

Thank you for your June 17, 2020 status request as it relates to voter education opportunities through agency partnerships and publication requirements for Charter Amendments.

Responses follow the Committee's questions:

1. Please provide information on if the Office of the County Clerk will be able to work with other agencies, such as the Department of Water Supply, to mail educational information on the upcoming election process using the agencies' billing systems.

The Clerk's office is in communications with both the Department of Water Supply and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns regarding voter outreach and education partnership opportunities.

The Department of Water Supply sends out billing invoices systematically and continuously throughout the month.

The Department offers two options: the first one, at no cost, being several sentences (with a maximum character count) printed at the bottom of the last page of the billing statement. Following is an example:

"The Annual Maui Water Quality Report is now available online at

www.mauiwater.org. It contains important information about your water quality. Please call 808-270-7550 if you prefer a paper report mailed to you."

The second option would be for actual inserts which would have a cost to cover print set-up, paper and printing.

We have decided to begin with option 1.

In addition, our office has been in conversation with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns to utilize their broad outreach into the senior communities, the homeless communities, the disenfranchised populations, and early childhood service providers.

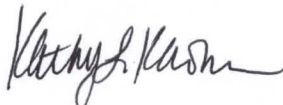
It has been identified that the best first step is with the Kaunoa Meals on Wheels program since they are the only division with continued contact with our homebound citizens. The State Office of Elections has provided our office with copies of their "2020 Hawaii Primary Election Guide" that can be distributed with the meals.

2. Please provide information on how many times the proposed Charter amendments need to be published in a newspaper before the General Election and how wide this publication needs to be.

Pursuant to Section 14-2.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1982), as amended, the county clerk shall have the proposed amendments published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least forty-five (45) days prior to submission of the proposed amendments to the voters of the county at the next general election.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the Committee. Please contact my office at ext. 7826, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Kathy L. Kaohu, Clerk  
Office of the County Clerk