

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2021

**Committee
Report No. _____**

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on May 18, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-152, from Council Vice-Chair Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Chapter 2.31, Maui County Code, to:

- Require each of the Council's nine appointees to the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness to demonstrate experience relevant to the Commission in one of the Councilmember residency areas.
- Delete residency requirements for the Council's appointees except for those in the East Maui, Lanai, and Molokai seats.
- Require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Your Committee notes the 11-member Commission was established by Ordinance 5117 (2020), which states that the Council appoints nine members and the Mayor appoints two. By Resolution 21-59, the Council appointed eight members to the Commission.

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Your Committee notes the West Maui seat has yet to be filled. Citing the need to consider applicants who may have performed work for the homeless community in a residency area other than where they reside, your Committee agreed that demonstrated experience relevant to the Commission's work is a priority.

Your Committee also felt it was important to identify geographic representation from Molokai, Lanai, and East Maui.

Your Committee noted applicants for the Commission should not be excluded if they do not have a residence or mailing address.

The Director of Housing and Human Concerns said the Commission elected a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting on April 29, 2021. Therefore, your Committee removed Section 2 of the bill, which would have required those elections.

Your Committee noted the bill's enactment would allow the Council to appoint a member to the Commission who is not a fulltime resident of West Maui but has significant relevant experience there.

Your Committee expressed its optimism for the Commission's work and support for the proposed bill, as revised.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend passage of the revised proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

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Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill _____ (2021), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS," be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication 21-152 be FILED.

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



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2021)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON HEALING
SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.31.020, Maui County Code, is amended by
amending Subsection B to read as follows:

“B. [One member from each of the nine council residency
areas] Nine members must be appointed by the council. [These
members must be fulltime residents of the respective residency
areas.] Each member must demonstrate experience relevant to the
commission to one of the nine council residency areas. One member
must be a fulltime resident of Molokai, one member must be a
fulltime resident of Lānaʻi, and one member must be a fulltime
resident of East Maui.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is
underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the
brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

/s/ Mimi Desjardins

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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