

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

October 22, 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 September 28, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-42, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on September 14, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL O'BRIEN TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Daniel O'Brien to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Patrick O'Neil.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Cost of Government Commission are located in Charter Section 3-9.3.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by November 13, 2021, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee discussed the nomination.

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A representative from the Office of the Mayor said Mr. O'Brien is employed at Akakū. His business and nonprofit background could be beneficial to the Cost of Government Commission.

According to his board application, Mr. O'Brien describes himself as having organizational, problem-solving, and team-building skills. He also has a history of volunteerism with a local soccer organization and Maui OnStage.

Mr. O'Brien said if approved, he would like to focus on analyzing how County taxpayer money is being spent, including funding for the visitor industry and houseless issues, and determining whether the County is receiving a good return on its investment dollars. This will be his first time serving on a County board and he views this as another opportunity to give back to the community.

Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution approving the nomination. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye."

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL O'BRIEN TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be **ADOPTED**.

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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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Resolution

No. _____

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL O'BRIEN TO THE COST
OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE
COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 14, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated Daniel O'Brien to the Cost of Government Commission for the County of Maui for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Patrick O'Neil, pursuant to Sections 3-9.3 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Daniel O'Brien to serve on the Cost of Government Commission for the County of Maui for a term expiring March 31, 2024;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Daniel O'Brien for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

/s/ Mimi Desjardins

MIMI DESJARDINS

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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