

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**May 2, 2025
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Exc: 11:45 a.m. – 1:32 p.m.
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			Exc: 11:46 a.m. – end of meeting
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	9			

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Reso 25-101 "RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND CONGRATULATING MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC., THE COUNTY'S ONLY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:20 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:20 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:32 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-102 "EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE CIVIC LEADER JONATHAN STARR"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:37 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:37 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:45 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

RESOLUTIONS

Reso 25-99 "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF MELISSA MAGONIGLE vs. COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE_DEPARTMENT, ET AL.; CIVIL FILE 2CCV-23-0000030"

1:38 p.m.: Referred to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee.

Reso 25-100 "AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TO A NĀ HALE KŪPUNA LESSEE (4310 LOWER HONOAPI‘ILANI ROAD, LAHAINA, HAWAI‘I")

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:39 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:39 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:40 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-103 "APPOINTING PA‘ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:54 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	11:54 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	12:10 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		2	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-104 "OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:27 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:28 p.m.
VC Sugimura		√		Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci

CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	3:30 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7	1	1	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:28 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:28 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	SUBSTITUTE with FD1 version
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	3:30 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-105 "SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY IN KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKAI, HAWAI'I AND TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE COUNTY AND OTHER LANDS OF VITAL INTEREST TO MOLOKAI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	3:31 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:31 p.m.
VC Sugimura			√	Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	3:56 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		2	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-106 "RECOGNIZING 2025 AS THE YEAR OF OUR COMMUNITY FORESTS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:41 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:41 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Johnson	√			Secondar	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:44 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-107 "AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 4,163 SQUARE FEET IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NO. (2) 3-4-017:027 SITUATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200,000.00"

1:44 p.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

ORDINANCES

Bill 55 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.56.010, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS, VIOLATION - PENALTY"

1:45 p.m.: Referred to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee.

Bill 56 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.10.010, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER RATES FOR PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE SPECIES HABITATS"

1:45 p.m.: Referred to the Water and Infrastructure Committee.

Bill 57 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3.34, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:11 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:11 p.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:27 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:11 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:11 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	SUBSTITUTE with FD1 version
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:20 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 58 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE COSTS, REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR PROJECTS DISQUALIFIED FROM TAX-EXEMPT BOND ISSUANCE"

1:46 p.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

Bill 59 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, OTHER PROJECTS, GENERAL FUND, KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:46 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:47 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:00 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 60 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE, WATER FUND - RESTRICTED; APPENDIX A, PART II, GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, COUNTYWIDE AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:51 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:51 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:52 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 61 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BOND FUND, COUNTYWIDE DPW BASEYARD FACILITIES PROGRAM; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, DPW BASEYARD FACILITIES PROGRAM"

Bill 62 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659, BILL 62, CD1 (2024), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:53 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:53 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 61 and 62 on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secondar	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:55 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 63 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BOND FUND ACQUISITION OF 105 NORTH MARKET STREET BUILDING AND PROPERTY; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, ACQUISITION OF 105 NORTH MARKET STREET BUILDING AND PROPERTY"

1:55 p.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

Bill 64 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659, BILL NO. 62, CD1 (2024), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT)"

1:56 p.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

Bill 65 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SOUTH MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS"

Bill 66 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, WAILUKU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS"

Bill 68 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS AND EVENTS PROMOTION; AND GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CULTURE, ARTS, AND TOURISM, CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:01 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:03 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 65 and 66 on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:05 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 67 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:06 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:06 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:07 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				

Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 69 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:07 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:07 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:08 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 70 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM"

Bill 71 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659, BILL NO. 62, CD1 (2024), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY)"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:08 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:09 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:10 p.m.

CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Bill 51 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL FUND, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM"

Bill 52 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:43 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	11:44 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS 51 and 52 on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Secunder	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:46 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7	1	1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 53 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, KAHULUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, HALAU HULA KAULU OKALA, INC. AND HALAU KEKUA OKALA ‘AU ‘ALA ‘ILIAHI, INC."

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:47 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	11:48 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bill 53 on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins- Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:48 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins			√		
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		2	MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:56 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-05-02 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

[GAVEL] WILL THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 2ND, 2025, PLEASE COME TO ORDER. IT IS NOW 9:00 A.M. ALOHA EVERYONE. >> THANK YOU >> THANK YOU. >> BEFORE WE BEGIN, THE ROLL CALL, I JUST WANT TO WELCOME A GUEST, ALL THE WAY FROM GERMANY. HER NAME IS KALEI ATAY. KALEI, COULD YOU STAND UP, AND OUR MEMBERS WILL ATTEMPT TO SAY GUTEN MORGEN. WE DID THIS THE OTHER DAY, GUTEN MORGEN.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. SO NICE TO SEE YOU. ROLL CALL. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL. IF APPLICABLE, MEMBERS PARTICIPATING FROM NON-PUBLIC LOCATIONS SHOULD STATE WHO, IF ANYONE, EXCEPT MINORS, IS PRESENT WITH THEM AS PART OF ROLL CALL. COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> GUTEN MORGEN.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> KALEI, AS WE GO DOWN THE ROW, THE PRONUNCIATION IS GOING TO CHANGE. MEMBER PALTIN. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> GUTEN MORGEN, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANA'I DISTRICT OFFICE AND I'M ALONE ON MY SIDE OF THE OFFICE. THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. MY MOLOKA'I HA MINA, I'M AT MY PRIVATE RESIDENCE ALONE AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO TESTIFIERS @ MOLOKA'I DISTRICT OFFICE AND GUTEN MORGEN KAKOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK. >> GUTEN MORGEN. >> I JUST LOVE THAT. >> HAPPY ALOHA FRIDAY AND LATE MAYDAY FOR EVERYBODY AND ALSO, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO TESTIFIERS AT THE KIHEI REGIONAL OFFICE, BUT WE HAVE SOMEONE ON STANDBY, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEETING TODAY, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS. >> GUTEN MORGEN. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU AND I TOO, WANTED TO WELCOME KALEI AND HER MOTHER DANIELLA ON THIS VISIT, THEY DID HOST US WHILE WE WERE THERE IN GERMANY AND THEY WERE GREAT HOSTS. SO WELCOME. NO TESTIFIERS IN HANA, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> GUTEN MORGEN. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NINE MEMBERS PRESENT. I'M DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK RICHELLE THOMSON AND MOANA LUTEY AND PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IS LEGISLATIVE DIVISION STAFF LAUREN SALDANA, JOYCE MURASHIGE, DELL YOSHIDA AND ARTHUR SUYAMA. AND JOINING THE MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES WE HAVE DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ AND LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY MEGAN MONIZ. >> AND NOBODY FROM CORP.\r\n\r\nCOUNSEL HERE; RIGHT? YET? >> I DON'T SEE ANYONE YET. >> OKAY. OPENING REMARKS WILL BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANTED TO BRIEFLY SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEETING THAT WAS IN LAHAINA ON MONDAY, THIS PAST MONDAY.\r\n\r\nTHE MAJORITY OF TESTIMONY WAS AGAINST THE DECLARATORY RULING FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI KAHANA WELL AND IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T DESPERATELY NEED WATER WITH THE UPCOMING SUMMER MONTHS, AND FEAR OF DROUGHT, AS WELL AS MULTIPLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT GENERATIONS OF LAHAINA FAMILIES TESTIFIED. OLD LAHAINA FAMILIES. LISTING FAMILIES -- ABOUT THE UNFAIR, UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WATER, WHICH IS A PUBLIC TRUST IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I BY THE HAWAI'I STATE CONSTITUTION THAT 77% OF WEST MAUI'S WATER IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF PRIVATE PURVEYORS ALTHOUGH WATER IS A PUBLIC TRUST. AND THOSE USES ARE RATED AT THE TOP-TIER FOR TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY USES, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS AND ONLY 23% IS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, WHICH ADMINISTERS MUNICIPAL AND DOMESTIC USES, ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO HIERARCHY OF USES OF WATER. THERE WERE SO MANY KIDS THERE AND IT'S CLEAR FOR THEM, LIKE, WHY ARE GOLF COURSES BEING WATERED WITH FRESHWATER, EITHER FROM THE DITCH OR WELLS? WHY ARE LUXURY HOMES LUSH AND GREEN, WHEN LAHAINA TOWN IS BROWN? AND YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHY, HOW WE GOT TO THIS POINT.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANTED TO READ A LITTLE EXCERPT FROM THE

ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INVESTIGATING WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED IN THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM FROM THE INTRODUCTION ON 16 JANUARY 1893 UNDER ORDERS BY U.S. MINISTER JOHN STEVENS, THE CITY OF HONOLULU WAS INVADED BY A DETACHMENT OF U.S. TROOPS SUPPLIED WITH DOUBLE CARTRIDGE BELTS FILLED WITH AMMUNITION, AND WITH HAVER SACK AND CANTEENS AND ACCOMPANIED BY A HOSPITAL CORPS WITH STRETCHERS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, THIS INVASION FORCED QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI EXECUTIVE MONARCH OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM TO CONDITIONALLY SURRENDER TO THE SUPER POWER OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, WHEREBY SHE STATED, "NOW TO AVOID ANY COLLISION OF ARMED FORCES, AND PERHAPS THE LOSS OF LIFE, I DO UNDER THIS PROTEST AND IMPELLED BY SAID FORCE YIELD MY AUTHORITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL UPON THE FACTS BEING PRESENTED TO IT, UNDO THE ACTION OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND REINSTATE ME IN THE AUTHORITY WHICH I CLAIM AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL SOVEREIGN OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS." AND SO THIS IS THE TRUE HISTORY OF HAWAI'I. IT'S FACTS, NOT OPINION. AND I THINK YOU KNOW SOMETIMES IT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, BECAUSE PEOPLE THAT OCCUPY THIS LAND NOW DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED THE WAY KANAKA WERE TREATED BACK IN THE 1890S. AND IF WE DON'T FACE THE FACTS OF WHERE WE CAME FROM AND HOW WE GOT HERE, IT WILL NEVER BE MADE RIGHT. AND SO THIS IS A LITTLE INTRO TO MY NOMINATION OF PA'ELE TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, AND THAT IS MY THEME FOR THIS MEETING I WATCHED HIM GROW UP. I WORKED KALO IN KAL VALLEY WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG, AND YOU KNOW, WE SAW SOME OF THE LO'I AND TOOK A PICTURE NEXT TO A CELL PHONE FOR SIZE. SO I THINK WITH ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SUSTAINABLE YIELDS AND GROUNDWATER AND HYDROLOGY, IT'S IMPORTANT ALSO TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT KNOWS THE HISTORY OF STOLEN WATER, PEOPLE NOT BEING ABLE TO TO LIVE THE SUSTENANCE LIFETIME HE COMES FROM FISHING AND KALO FARMING FAMILY AND SO I'M USING THIS AS ANG OPPORTUNITY IN MY OPEN REMARKS TO OFFER MY FULL SUPPORT FOR TODAY FOR PA'ELE ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. THANK YOU >> THANK YOU. NOW PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.\r\n\r\nI PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. AND NOW MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTED UNLESS IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER, TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS, PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIER LOG.\r\n\r\nDECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. ANY PERSON WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS, DISTURBS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DIRECTION IS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER, OR A MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS, BE EJECTED, OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF OR ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERATE PUBLIC. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PROVIDING WITH TESTIMONY ON THE CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS ONLY, IF ANYONE WISHES TO TESTIFY, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IN TEAMS.\r\n\r\nTHE FIRST PERSON TO TESTIFY IS DEBBIE CAB YES, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-101, FOLLOWED BY PATTY CARFIELD. >> I'M GOING TO TRY THIS. GUTEN MORGEN. >> VERY GOOD. >> MY NAME IS DEBBIE CABEBE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. AND I WANT TO MAHALO THE CURRENT AND PAST COUNCILS, AND ADMINISTRATIONS FOR SUPPORTING MEO. MEO

AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES WERE CREATED 60 YEARS AGO UNDER FEDERAL LEGISLATION, AND WE WOULD NOT EXIST TODAY IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNCILS, ADMINISTRATIONS AND PRIVATE DONORS.\r\n\r\nMEO USES OUR FEDERAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT TO IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. THE CDBG FUNDING FILLS IN THE GAPS WHERE LOCAL FUNDS FALL SHORT. WE REMAIN TO YOUR MISSION OF STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE IN NEED AND MALVO TO OUR STAFF AND OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND TO ALL OF YOU AND OUR FUNDERS TO HELP US SUPPORT OUR MISSION. FINALLY, ON RESOLUTION 25-102, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO JONATHAN STARR'S FAMILY THE HE WAS A VERY INVOLVED COMMUNITY MEMBER. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIM ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS AND HE DEFINITELY WILL BE MISSED. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALOHA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? >> YES, CHAIR. THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS PATTY COPPER FIELD, FOLLOWED BY KAYCI YAMASHITA. >> GOOD MORNING MEMBERS. >> GOOD MORNING. >> THAT IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW, AND I DIDN'T COME WITH NOTES.\r\n\r\nSO BEAR WITH ME. I WANT TO MAHALO ALL OF YOU GUYS FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE I THOUGHT THE YEAR END AND THE 60 YEARS MEO WAS BEEN OPERATING FOR THE COMMUNITY. FOR STICKING WITH THE THEME OF OPENING REMARKS TO REMIND OURSELVES WHERE WE CAME FROM AS A CHILD OF A PARENT FROM MOLOKA'I, AND A CHILD OF A PARENT FROM MAUI, I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE PLACE I'M IN WITH THE AGENCY I'M WITH, BECAUSE EVERY MOVE I MAKE KEEPS IN MIND NOT JUST MAUI, SORRY, EMOTIONAL, JUST A LITTLE BIT. BUT NOT ONLY MAUI, BUT I KEEP IN MIND THE NEEDS OF LANA'I, MOLOKA'I, AND HANA. BECAUSE WE PROVIDE NOT ASSISTANCE, WE PROVIDE -- NO ASSISTANCE WE HELP AND SUPPORT EVERYBODY WHO NEEDS IT. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY NEED MEO. AND WE ALL SERVE A REALLY, REALLY GOOD PURPOSE AND NOT JUST FOR MYSELF, BUT I KNOW THE REST OF THE DIRECTORS AND THIS AGENCY.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. >> THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KAYCI YAMASHITA, FOLLOWED BY DEBBY AMARAL. >> ALOHA EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING. >> GOOD MORNING. >> KAYCI YAMASHITA, WITH MEO, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES I TESTIFIED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND MY MESSAGE THEN IS THE SAME TODAY.\r\n\r\nIT'S JUST REALLY A MAHALO, THANK YOU TO MAUI COUNTY AND ALL OF YOU HERE, WHO SUPPORT MEO'S SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 60 YEARS WHICH IS A HUGE FEAT ON ITS OWN, BUT WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY. SO JUST A HUGE MAHALO. JUST KNOW THAT YOU GUYS, EVERYTHING THAT WE DO IS AN EXTENSION OF WHAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO PUT OUT. SO THAT IS WHAT WE WANT TO REPRESENT. WE REPRESENT OUR PEOPLE, AND THANK YOU. MAHALO.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DEBBY AMARAL, FOLLOWED BY MAGGIE BATANGAN. >> HAPPY ALOHA FRIDAY. MY NAME IS DEBBIE AMARAL, THE DIRECTOR OF HEAD START IN THE KAMALIKE PROGRAM WITH MEO SINCE 1995, WELL HALF PRETTY MUCH. I AM HONORED TO REPRESENT MEO AND THE KEIKI AND THE FAMILIES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WHEN I WALK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND I VISIT OUR NEIGHBOR ISLANDS, OR EVEN NATIONWIDE, I AM HONORED TO REPRESENT MAUI COUNTY, AND WHEN I SHARE ABOUT THE SUPPORT THAT WE RECEIVE THROUGH THE COUNTY, THE FUNDING THAT EXTENDS OUR PROGRAM, OUR PROGRAM YEAR, SUBSIDIES FOR KAMALI. I CREDIT OUR COUNTY OF MAUI FOR GIVING THAT SUPPORT AND THAT INVESTMENT, BECAUSE GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY NOW ADULTS THAT WAS ATTENDING HEAD START IN 1965 AS ONE OF THE FIRST STARTING PROGRAMS, AND NOW CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nAND ALL RACES, ETHNICITIES, BACKGROUNDS, AFFILIATIONS, YOU KNOW? WE REPRESENT ALL. AND IT IS KAKOU. I LOVE TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER 30 YEARS OR 60 YEARS BUT TODAY WE WANT TO HONOR AND THANK YOU FOR THE COMMITMENT THAT YOU HAVE MADE ON BEHALF OF MEO, AND THE COUNTY -- THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE THROUGHOUT OUR TRI-ISLE. THANK YOU AGAIN. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY THE LAST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THE CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS IS MAGGIE BAT ANGOON.\r\n\r\n>> WHO IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THESE CHAMBERS. >> I KNOW, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ON THIS SIDE. SO THIS IS FUN. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. IT IS

REALLY, TRULY HUMBLING TODAY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR 60 YEARS' OF SUPPORT FOR MEO. SO MANY DON'T KNOW THAT THE ROOT OF MEO AND THE ROOT OF COMMUNITY ACTION WAS TIED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S 1960S WAR ON POVERTY. IT WAS A HUGE MOVEMENT REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COUNTRY AND WE HAVE BEEN REALLY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AND LOCAL SUPPORT FOLLOWING THAT FOR 60 YEARS, BUT IN AN INCREASING UNCERTAINTY POLITICAL LANDSCAPE YOUR SUPPORT MEANS FOR THAN OF.\r\n\r\nI DON'T WANT THAT TO BE THAT TODAY THOUGH, BECAUSE TODAY IS A DAY FOR CELEBRATION. I'M HERE TO THANK YOU, BUT ALSO TO SAY THAT WE'RE RESILIENT, AND WE'RE HERE FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO OUR SUCCESSORS THANKING YOUR SUCCESSORS IN ANOTHER 60 YEARS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. WE'LL BE HERE. [LAUGHTER] >> NO DOUBT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. CHAIR, CURRENTLY THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS. LAST CALL, ANYONE WISHING TO TESTIFY PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TOTS PODIUM OR ON TEAMS. COUNTDOWN, NO ONE ELSE TO TESTIFY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED.\r\n\r\nWE WILL STILL RECEIVE WRITTEN TESTIMONY. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-101 RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND CONGRATULATING MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC. THE COUNTY'S ONLY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-101. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER SINENCI. SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-101. MEMBER SINENCI, DO YOU WANT THE CLERK TO READ THE RESOLUTION. >> YES, PLEASE. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU. RESOLUTION 25-101 RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND CONGRATULATING MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC. THE COUNTY'S ONLY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ON THEIR 60S ANNIVERSARY WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM WAS CREATED WITH PASSAGE OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964 AS PART OF PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON'S WAR ON POVERTY; AND WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT IS TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES BY OFFERING A VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INCREASE THE NET GAIN FOR THE POOR AND UNEMPLOYED, AND TEND TO HEALTH AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY; AND WHEREAS, COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IS CELEBRATED IN MAY BY MORE THAN 1,000 COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES IN ALL 50 STATE; AND WHEREAS, COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES ARE LOCAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EMBODY OUR NATION'S SPIRIT OF HOPE, CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND IMPROVE COMMUNITIES MAKING AMERICA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE FOR EVERYONE; AND WHEREAS, MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC. IS A PRIVATE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY THAT WAS CHARTERED ON MARCH 22, 1965; AND WHEREAS, MEO PROVIDES OUTREACH AND INFORMATION AND ADMINISTERS HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS TO LOW-INCOME PERSONS, YOUTH, KUPUNA, IMMIGRANTS, EX-OFFENDERS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND MEDICAL NEEDS; AND WHEREAS, MEO BEGAN WITH TWO CORNERSTONE PROGRAM THE HEAD START PRESCHOOL NOW SERVING 180 THREE AND FOUR YEARS OLD ON MAUI AND MOLOKA'I AT NO COST TO ELIGIBLE FAMILY AND KUPUNA-LED MAUI PLANNING AND COORDINATING COUNCIL WHICH SEEKS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SENIORS THROUGH EDUCATION, COMPANIONSHIP AND BETTER RATHER; AND WHEREAS, FROM THESE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS MEO HAS EXPANDED TO ENCOMPASS MORE THAN 30 PROGRAMS ACROSS FIVE DISTINCT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH SERVICES EACH OF WHICH COULD STAND AS ITS OWN NON-PROFIT AGENCY AND MEO FREQUENTLY RELIED UPON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN DIRE TIMES MOST RECENTLY DURING THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRE AND COVID-19 PANDEMIC BECAUSE OF THEIR ABILITY TO EXIST AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT MEET GOVERNMENT FISCAL REQUIREMENTS AND WHEREAS, MEO IS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, MOLOKA'I AND LANA'I IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI

AND WHEREAS, MEO'S MISSION OF "HELPING PEOPLE ... CHANGING LIVES" IS A GUIDING THEME THAT IS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE SUCCESS OF THEIR HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS; NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1, THAT IT RECOGNIZES MAY 2025 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI; 2, THAT IT FURTHER COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC., ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI; AND 3, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DEBBIE CABEBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC.; THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., GOVERNOR, STATE OF HAWAII; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI.

MEMBER SINENCI. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I DID WANT TO SHARE WITH THE MEO STAFF, CHAIR, EVERYWHERE WE WENT DURING OUR BUDGET DISTRICT MEETINGS WE HEARD TESTIMONY, NUMEROUS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT AND IN PRAISE OF MEO'S SERVICES FROM THEIR EARLY CHILDHOOD TO KUPUNA PROGRAM AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN BETWEEN. IT WAS TRULY A TESTAMENT ON HOW FAR-REACHING THEIR SERVICES TO GOOD TO ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THIS PI 'AINA. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M REALLY EXCITED THEY MADE 60 YEARS. MEO TOUCHES THE COMMUNITY'S LIVES IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS FROM KEIKI TO KUPUNA. FROM EVERY SINGLE ASPECT, TRANSPORTATION, AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH AT MEO ARE JUST LIKE TOTAL HEART AND SOUL ENGAGED. SO I'M HAPPY FOR THEIR ANNIVERSARY, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR ORGANIZATION, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE PULSE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI FOR THIS RESOLUTION. I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT. I WANT TO THANK DEBBIE CABEBE AND HER TEAM FOR BEING SO AWESOME. I REALLY LOVE THAT THE RESOLUTION MENTIONED THE WAR ON POVERTY, AND WHAT THE IMPETUS TO START THIS. INCOME INEQUALITY IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. IN THIS COUNTRY WE HAVE ONE-THIRD OF OUR WEALTH IS OWNED BY THE TOP 1%. I LIVE ON THE ISLAND IN LANA'I AND I SEE MASSIVE, MASSIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE'S LIVES. HEAD START IS ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THEY RUN, AND AS YOU KNOW, THE FEDERAL CUTS ARE COMING TO HEAD START. AND I THINK NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED THE COUNTY, MAUI COUNTY NEEDS TO PARTNER WITH FOLKS LIKE MEO. MEO IS DOING A GREAT JOB AND I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD BE THE ONES WORKING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THEM IN THE TRENCHES SPECIFICALLY FOR LANA'I, THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IS SO LOVED AND SO IMPORTANT. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE MAUI COUNTY BUSES ON THE ISLAND OF LANA'I, SO MEO IS OUR BUSSE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE THINGS THIS THEY DO FOR OUR KUPUNA DRIVING THEM DOWN TO THE FERRY, DRIVING THEM TO THEIR APPOINTMENTS AND TO THE POST OFFICE.

WE COULDN'T -- WE REALLY NEED THEM AND I REALLY THANK DEBBIE AND HER TEAM AND EVERYBODY OUT THERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THE RESOLUTION. >> THANK YOU. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS RESOLUTION. MEMBER SINENCI. GOOD JOB. I WANT TO EXTEND MY SUPPORT TO MEO THROUGH THE YEARS OF IN MY PRE-LIFE BEFORE I STARTED BEING A COUNCIL MEMBER, WHENEVER THERE WAS A NEED OF HELP IN THE COMMUNITY, WE WOULD REACH OUT TO MEO. AND I THINK THAT WAS DISPLAYED WITH 9-11 WHEN THE COMMUNITY WAS DEVASTATED BY THAT AND REACHED OUT WITH MEO TO CITIZENS IN NEED AND AGAIN IT HAPPENED DURING COVID AND AGAIN DURING THE WILDFIRES RIGHT NOW WITH THE TENANT FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS THAT THEY WERE HELPING TO ADMINISTER, RENT RELIEF AND ANY TIME THERE'S THAT KIND OF DEVASTATION WHERE IT RIPPLES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY, WE REACH OUT TO MEO. I USE TO KIND OF JOKE AND SAY THEY ARE LIKE A SECOND GOVERNMENT HERE, BECAUSE THEY CAN GET THINGS DONE, AND TOUCH MANY LIVES. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE DEBBIE CABEBE, AND ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE, AND HER TEAM, WHICH YOU HEARD THEM SPEAK. THEY ARE EXCELLENT. SO

I GIVE MY FULL SUPPORT TO THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH MEO IN THE FUTURE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I TOO, WANT TO CONGRATULATE MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREAT AND WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE, AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE THINGS THAT THE RESO SAID, THEY DO EDUCATION, THEY DO TRANSPORTATION, THEY DO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THEY DO IMMIGRANT SERVICES THEY DO AGRICULTURE, THEY DO THE BEST PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS TO INCARCERATED TO BE ABLE TO TRANSITION OUT OF PRISON AND THEY DO HOUSING. AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO THE NEXT 60 YEARS THAT WILL NEED TO GET DONE; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nTHEY ARE DEFINITELY A COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM. THEY DO ACTION PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMENT THAT IS A NEED. I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT THEY ARE HERE. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT ACTUALLY STARTED THIS WAY BACK WHEN JOE SUKI STARTED WITH WAY BACK BEFORE MY TIME. GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT HAS COME EVER SINCE THAT TIME AND EVEN TO TODAY AND OVER THE NEXT 60 YEARS. IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER WHEN WE WHO SIT HERE HELP THEM TO BE BETTER ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE, AND YOUR TEAM, THANK YOU EVERYONE.\r\n\r\nWE APPRECIATE YOU. WE LOVE YOU AND GOD BLESS US ALL. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. KEANI, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO MEMBER SINENCI FOR INTRODUCING THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH I FULLY SUPPORT AND CONGRATULATIONS MEO.\r\n\r\nMAHALO FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALL STATED. TRANSPORTATION, WE DON'T HAVE A BUS SERVICE ON MOLOKA'I. MEO IS OUR BUS SERVICE ON MOLOKA'I. AND YOU KNOW, TRANSPORTATION IS CRITICAL ON OUR ISLAND. WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION IT'S HARD TO HAVE A JOB BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET TO WORK. IT PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS TO GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL, TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS, AND OTHER AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. AND YOU KNOW, WITH ALL OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MEO HAS STEPPED UP TO FACILITATE TO ADDRESS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LIKE THEIR CORE FOUR PROGRAM THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ON MOLOKA'I LOVE. THE HEAD START, AS MY COLLEAGUES STATED. THE BEST IN REINTEGRATION PRIME.\r\n\r\nSENIOR ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITIES, SO MANY OF OUR SENIORS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS PROGRAM, A PROGRAM THAT WOULD LIKELY NOT BE POSSIBLE IF MEO DIDN'T STEP UP TO MANAGE THIS PROGRAM. HOUSING ASSISTANCE AS WELL. AND AS MEMBER SUGIMURA AND OTHERS HAVE SAID, STEPPED UP TO MANAGE THE DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM AFTER THE FIRES DEVASTATED OUR ISLAND. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS NOT MENTIONED THAT TRULY GRATEFUL TO MEO FOR DOING, MR. DAVID DAILEY PARTICULAR IS MANAGING OUR FARMERS MICRO GRANTS FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. AND YOU KNOW, THERE'S SO MUCH PRAISE FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND WITHOUT MEO STEPPING UP, AND BEING WILLING TO MANAGE THIS PRETTY EXTENSIVE PROGRAM, YOU KNOW? WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET THIS CRITICAL FUNDING OUT TO OUR FARMERS TO INCREASE FOOD SECURITY.\r\n\r\nSO MS. CABEBE, AND ALL OF THE TEAM, MAHALO FOR COMING OUT TODAY AND MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE. >> THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? YOU COVERED EVERYTHING TO GREATLY I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO ADD. READY FOR THE VOTE IN ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND SAY AYE. >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MEO. NOW WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME UP AND TAKE PHOTOS WITH US, AND MEMBERS, YOU HAVE LEIS, REMEMBER? MEMBER JOHNSON AND I ARE SENDING VIRTUAL HUGS TO EVERYONE. MS. CLERK, PLEASE CONTINUE.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-102, EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LATEST CIVIC LEADER JONATHAN STARR. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-102 SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-102, DISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE CLERK READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. >> MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> RESOLUTION NO. 25-102 EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE CIVIC LEADERS JONATHAN

STARR. WHEREAS, JONATHAN STARR A LONG-TIME MAUI RESIDENT AND CIVIC LEADER PASSED AWAY MARCH 5, 2025; AND WHEREAS, KNOWN IN MAUI COUNTY FOR HIS SERVICE WITH VARIOUS STATE, COUNTY AND COMMUNITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS, MR. STARR WAS ALSO A LICENSED PILOT, BOAT CAPTAIN, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR, BEEKEEPER, WOODWORKER, PHOTOGRAPHER, AMATEUR HISTORIAN AND BASS PLAYER; AND WHEREAS, MR. STARR WAS BORN MARCH 15, 1951 IN NEW YORK CITY TO A NOTABLE FAMILY WHOSE BUSINESS ARTKRAFT STRAUSS CREATED MANY OF THE GREATEST MOST ICONIC AND DAZZLING 230TH CENTURY ELECTRIC SIGNS IN TIMES SQUARE; AND WHEREAS, AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL, HAD HE HIKE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WORKING AS A MECHANIC AND THEN SENT SEVEN YEARS IN BIHAR SCHOOL OF GOING TO INDIA, WHERE HE TOOK A SIX-YEAR VOW OF SILENCE; AND WHEREAS, HE THEN LIVED IN KENYA AND EXPLORED THE BACKCOUNTRY BY MOTORCYCLE BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK SERVING AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS; AND WHEREAS, MR. STARR FIRST VISITED MAUI IN 1960S MOVED TO KAUPU IN 1985 AND RETURNED TO NEW YORK IN 1988 AND THEN RETURNED TO MAUI IN 1994; AND WHEREAS, HE QUICKLY BECAME ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS BEGINNING A 30-YEAR VOLUNTEER CAREER IN MAUI COUNTY INCLUDING SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, STATE OF HAWAI'I. CHAIR, DISTRICT 13, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE MET FUTURE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND SERVED AS A PLEDGED DELEGATE AT TWO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS; MEMBER, KAUPU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, WHERE HE HELPED TO REBUILD THE FORMER KAUPU SCHOOL TO BE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER; MEMBER, KIHEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; BOARD PRESIDENT, BOYS 85 GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI; MEMBER, MAUI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB; BOARD MEMBER, WAILUKU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WHERE HE PROMOTED THE REVITALIZATION OF WAILUKU TOWN; CHAIRPERSON, MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION, WHERE HE SERVED DURING ITS REVIEW OF THE FIRST MAUI ISLAND PLAN; MEMBER, MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE; AND WHEREAS, MR. STARR IS SURVIVED BY HIS 43-YEAR COMPANION IN ADVENTURES AND CIVIC DUTY, HIS BELOVED WIFE, HELEN NIELSEN; HIS DAUGHTER, SISTER, NIECES, NEPHEWS, AND CAT, LAO; AND COUNTLESS FRIENDS UPON WHOSE LIVES HE MADE A LASTING IMPACT; AND WHEREAS, A MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR MR. STARR WILL BE HELD IN WOODSTOCK, NEW YORK, ON MAY 17, 2025; AND WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI COUNTY HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM JONATHAN STARR'S COMMUNITY DEDICATION, AND HIS LIFE SHOULD BE HONORED AND REMEMBERED; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1. THAT IT EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO JONATHAN STARR'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS; RESOLUTION 25-102. 2, THAT IT APPRECIATES JONATHAN STARR'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS A DEDICATED CIVIC LEADER; AND 3. THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO HIS WIFE, HELEN NIELSEN; HIS DAUGHTER, JULIE TORRES PAYNE; HIS SISTER, TAMA STARR; JASON STENGER, BOARD PRESIDENT, BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI; KIMBERLY THAYER, CHAIRPERSON, MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION; SHAY CHAN HODGES, CHAIR, HOUSE DISTRICT 13, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII; DAWN N. S. CHANG, CHAIRPERSON, COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, STATE OF HAWAI'I; THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., GOVERNOR, STATE OF HAWAII; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I TOO, WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO HELEN NEILSEN AND HIS FAMILY AND TO APPRECIATE ALL OF THE YEARS HE SPENT HERE ON MAUI. I DID SPEAK WITH HELEN, I DON'T SEE HER HERE TODAY, BUT SHE IS IN NEW YORK AND PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE. EVERYTHING HE DID HE DID WITH HIGH ENTHUSIASM FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY I STILL REMEMBER HE WAS THE ONE AS WE STRUGGLED TO PAY FOR THINGS HE HELPED US PAY TO HELP OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY PAY FOR THINGS THAT WITH OUR SMALL BUDGETS. SO I APPRECIATE HIM. KAUPU HE GOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DECLARATION AN AREA A NATIONAL PARK CLOSE TO HIS HOUSE IN KAUPU. EVERYTHING HE TOUCHED HE TOUCHED AND MADE A DEEP IMPACT. AT THE APPROPRIATE

TIME, CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU COULD ADD CERTIFIED COPIES TO ADD JARRED AGTUNONG, WHO WORKS FOR MEMBER COOK AND HE IS THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIR FOR MAUI COUNTY IF HE COULD ALSO HAVE A CERTIFIED COPY. >> I'M SURE THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS ? ANY MORE DISCUSSION? >> THANK YOU. >> MEMBER SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI, TOO, WANTED TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HELEN, AND THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE JONATHAN STARR. JONATHAN PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OUR EAST MAUI COMMUNITY, SERVING ON THE KAUPO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD AND FACILITATING THE RESTORATION OF THE OLD-SCHOOL; WHICH IS NOW A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER AND EMERGENCY SHELTER. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION, AND REPRESENTED EAST MAUI DURING THE REVIEW OF THE FIRST MAUI ISLAND PLAN. HE WAS ALSO A HUGE SUPPORTER OF THE 'OHANA MOC MAI SERVICES IN HANA AND CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS. SO WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN EAST MAUI, AS WELL AS THE MAUI COUNTY AND WE SEND A FOND FAREWELL AND HUI HO. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nANY MORE COMMENTS? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? >> CHAIR? >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF THE LAST TIME I WAS WITH JONATHAN, AND HELEN. I THINK HE TOOK ME TO BRUNCH, I THINK, AT A GERMAN RESTAURANT IN KAHULUI. AND HE ORDERED SOMETHING THAT WAS REALLY FOREIGN TO ME.\r\n\r\n\r\nAND YOU KNOW BRING YOUR MIC CLOSER TO YOU, PLEASE. >> SORRY. SO LIVING IN GERMANY A COUPLE OF YEARS, I THOUGHT IF I EVER SAW THIS ON THE MENUS OR MY FRIENDS' HOUSE. NONETHELESS, I TREASURE THOSE MOMENTS WHEN WE WOULD HAVE BREAKFASTS OR LUNCHES OR GO TO HIS OFFICE IN WAILUKU, AND JUST TALK POLITICAL STUFF, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, THAT WAS OUR RELATIONSHIP; RIGHT? ANYTHING POLITICAL. I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT HE HAS GIVEN ME WHEN I FIRST STARTED OUT TO RUN, AND I THINK HE RECOGNIZED I WAS SO KA'AINA, THAT HE FIGURED I BETTER TALK TO THIS GIRL AND GIVE HER SOME OF MY WISDOM. I'M SO GLAD HE DID, BECAUSE A LOT HE SHARED WITH ME IS WHAT I CARRIED ON THROUGH THE YEARS.\r\n\r\n\r\nI'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM AND TO HELEN AND FOR THEIR INVESTMENT THEY PUT INTO ME AND THEIR TIME. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> PRO TEM KAMA, I CAN SEE WHERE HE HELPED YOU A LOT, BECAUSE I REMEMBER YOUR CONSTRUCTION PAPER, YOUR YARD SIGNS, YEAH? GOOD. GLAD HE HELPED YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE?\r\n\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> NINE AYES, -- IF YOU SEE SOMEONE MISSING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, BECAUSE I ONLY SEE FOUR PEOPLE ON MY SCREEN. >> AYE. >> NINE PEOPLE. MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW WE HAVE SOMEONE REPRESENTING THE FAMILY.\r\n\r\n\r\nMR. EVERETT DALY. >> YES, CHAIR LEE, COUNCIL MEMBERS IT'S A PRIVILEGE ON BEHALF OF HELEN AND JONATHAN'S DAUGHTER AND SISTER, TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION. I WILL HAND DELIVER IT ON YOUR BEHALF TO HELEN WHEN I SEE HER IN MAY. BUT I THINK ABOUT JONATHAN, I THINK WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT HIM, I THINK DOS EQUIS BEER COMMERCIAL, THE MOST INTERESTING MAN ON EARTH. HE LIVED LIKE THREE LIFETIMES IN ONE. HE RUNS AWAY FROM HOME WHEN HE IS HIGH SCHOOL, ENDS UP IN THE CARIBBEAN AND HIS FATHER HIRED A PRIVATE EYE, PULLS HIM BACK TO NEW YORK, THEN HE GOES TO INDIA, DOESN'T SPEAK FOR FIVE OR SIX YEARS.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHEN HE GOES TO AFRICA AND GETS STOPPED BY THESE TWO GUYS, YOUNG BOYS WITH MACHINE GUNS THEY ARE QUESTIONING HIM. HE CAN'T TALK BECAUSE HE HASN'T SPOKEN SO LONG. THIS GUY'S LIFE COULD BE A MOVIE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING HIM. HE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH OF HIS TIME AND ALOHA TO MAUI, AND REALLY WITH THE HELP HIS WONDERFUL AND DEDICATED WIFE, HELEN, THEY DID SO MUCH FOR MAUI. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M HAPPY TO DELIVER IT.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND. WOULD ANYBODY ELSE CARE TO SPEAK? IF NOT, COULD YOU COME DOWN AND TAKE A PICTURE WITH THE MEMBERS? MS. CLERK, PLEASE CONTINUE. >> CHAIR, WE'RE AT PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY. AT THIS TIME INDIVIDUALS MAY TESTIFY ON ANY ITEM ON THE MEETING AGENDA.\r\n\r\n\r\nWHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED, PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE SPEAKING ON, IF WE HAVEN'T PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IT. THE FIRST TESTIFIER IS BRIAN SARASIN, TESTIFYING

ONRESOLUTION25-104, FOLLOWED BY PAUL CARTER. >> REPEAT. >> HE IS STANDING RIGHT AT THE BACK, CHAIR, WAITING FOR THE MEO PEOPLE. HERE HE COMES. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR. >> GOOD MORNING.\r\n\r\nCOUNTY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS BRIAN SARASIN, SPEAKING ON I GUESS IT'S RESO 25-104, YOUNG BROTHERS. AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, IT REALLY DISGUSTS ME TO NO END, THEY FOUGHT PASHA, THEY FOUGHT THE SUPER FERRY AND SO GUESS WHAT? THEY ARE A MONOPOLY, SO THEY CAN CHARGE WHATEVER THEY WANT, THE RATES, EMERGENCY RATE AND NOW THEY WANT MORE FROM THE COMMUNITY. FUEL COSTS ARE GOING DOWN, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? THE FUEL SURCHARGE ON THE BILL IS STILL THE SAME. SO IT JUST DOES NOT, YOU KNOW, THE FREIGHT IS EXTREMELY HIGH. AND IF I SEND 125-POUND PACKAGE FROM HONOLULU TO MAUI, IT'S CHEAPER TO FLY IT THROUGH UPS OR FEDEX THAN PUT IT ON YOUNG BROTHERS.\r\n\r\nAND THAT IS NOT RIGHT, I'M SORRY. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE IT SHORT AND SWEET, BUT BASICALLY THEY DON'T DESERVE IT. AND WHY DOESN'T THE STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT REGULATES THE HARBORS, WHY DON'T THEY GIVE THEM A BREAK ON THE RENT OR FEES OR WHATEVER IT IS, AND HELP THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND THE LOCAL BUSINESSES, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, GOVERNMENT IS NOT HELPING. IT'S JUST MAKING IT SO DIFFICULT TO STAY IN BUSINESS, AND CONTINUE TO PASS ON THESE FREIGHT CHARGES. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS PAUL CARTER TESTIFYING OP RESOLUTION 25-103 AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ZEKE KAHALU'U. ALOHA KAKOU. GUTEN MORGEN. WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US AND WANT TO APPRECIATE COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PA'ELE FOR THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION. I DON'T KNOW PERSONALLY PA'ELE, BUT I HAVE HEARD HIM TESTIMONY MANY TIME AND SPEAK PUBLICLY, AND WATCHED WHAT HE DOES, AND HIS PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IT'S VERY CLEAR HE IS JUST -- COULDN'T BE A BETTER PERSON TO APPOINT TO THE BOARD. HE WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ADDITION, BOTH HIS ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE AND CONNECTION TO THE WATER OF MAUI, AND ALL THAT IT MEANS.\r\n\r\nAS WELL AS HIS STRENGTH. HE IS A REALLY STRONG GUY, AND WE NEED THAT. WE NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN SPEAK FORCEFULLY AND WORK HARD, AND THE OTHER THING I HAVE NOTICED IN LISTENING TO SOME OF HIS PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS IS HOW CONSIDERATE HE IS. HE DOESN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, GO OFF HERE AND THERE. HE REALLY, REALLY CONSIDERS ALL OF THE THINGS THAT ARE INVOLVED, AND ISSUES THAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT, AND PROBABLY NO MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US HERE ON MAUI THAN WATER AND HOW WE MANAGE IT, YOU KNOW? BECAUSE WE HAVE REALLY SEEN THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MISMANAGEMENT OF IT. AND THERE'S NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO REALLY MOVE FORWARD, AND YEAH, BE GOOD WITH OUR WATER FOR ALL PEOPLE.\r\n\r\nSO I WANT TO REALLY STRONGLY, STRONGLY SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION TODAY WITH THE TIMELINE THAT IS BEFORE US, YEAH? THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TEMP R TESTIFIER IS ZEKE KAHALU'U, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-103, FOLLOW BY JULIE JENKINS.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. >> ALOHA. >> MY NAME IS ZEKE KAHALU'U AND I'M DECLARING BEFORE I TESTIFY THAT I'M HERE ON VACATION, AND ALTHOUGH MANY KNOW THAT I'M AFFILIATED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, I'M TESTIFYING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. MY 16 YEARS IN GOVERNMENT, I HAVE ON ONCE PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL. I'M HONORED TO SPEAK TODAY TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER. I THINK THAT YOU CAN'T EXPECT THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO STEP UP INTO POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIPS, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS AND NOT SUPPORT THEM. SO MAHALO COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN FOR BRINGING FORTH HIS NAME AND NOMINATION.\r\n\r\nIT'S A HARD WALK, HARD BALANCE TO FIND THAT NEUTRAL GROUND AND TOUGH POSITION AND VERY IMPORTANT TO TAKE HARD STANCES ON VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS. A VERY COMMON THEME DURING THE PROTECTION FOR MAUNA KEA WAS IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO? IF NOT MOW, THEN WHEN? I APPLAUD PA'ELE FOR ANSWERING THAT CALL AND

STANDING IN THE GAP FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S CHILDREN AND I WANT TO IMPLOR UPON THE COUNCIL THAT THE ABSENCE OF PHYSICAL BODIS IN THE SUPPORT FOR HIS APPOINT IN THIS CHAMBER IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THE VILLAGE CLEARLY ENFORCES HIS MOVE AND I CAN ABSOLUTELY SPEAK TO ONLY THE SHORT TIME THAT I HAVE KNOWN HIM, HOW IMPRESSED I CONTINUE TO BE. THE MAN DOES NOT REPRESENT A BIAS, HE IS ABSOLUTELY APPROACHABLE. FOR THOSE THAT MAY QUESTION THAT STATEMENT, I JUST ASK YOU TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE.\r\n\r\nALLOW HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT IN ONE OF THESE SEATS OF LEADERSHIP TO HELP CARRY THE TORCH FOR THE COMMUNITY BEYOND OURS. IT'S A COMMON THEME AS WELL, WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS NOT OURS, BUT IT'S ON LEASE FROM OUR CHILDREN TO US AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN PROTECT THAT INTEGRITY IS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT CARE ENOUGH TO TAKE TIME OUT OF THEIR OWN DAY, AWAY FROM THEIR OWN FAMILY, AWAY FROM THEIR OWN INCOME PROVIDING FOR THAT FAMILY IN ORDER TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. THIS IS THAT TIME, AND I SPEAK TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA AND I ASK YOU TO DO THE SAME. MAHALO. >> QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JOLIE JENKINS TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-100 AND FOLLOWED BY CAESAR GRAZOLA.\r\n\r\n>> I'M JOLIE JENKINS CDBG PROGRAM MANAGER AND I'M HERE FOR RESOLUTION 25-100. THIS IS FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LEASE FOR THE NA HALE KUPUNA PROGRAM AND I KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS RESO AS IT ALLOWS FOR ONE MORE KUPUNA LIVING IN FEMA-ASSISTED HOUSING TO MOVE INTO PERMANENT LONG-TERM SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TENANT IN THIS UNIT. AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING. MAHALO. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, THANK YOU, MS. JENKINS.\r\n\r\nI WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD UPDATE US? THIS IS THE NO. WHAT OF HOW MANY THAT ARE IN NA HALE KUPUNA? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, THANK YOU COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN FOR YOUR QUESTION. THIS IS THE 7TH UNIT OUT OF 8. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE GOOD TO GO. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CAESAR GRAZILO, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-100 AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TIARE HORNER. >> OLA, BUENOS DIAS, GOOD MORNING CHAIR, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. SO MY NAME IS CAESAR GRAZILO, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE JAY WALTER CAMERON CENTER AND BEEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ALMOST 19 YEARS THERE. TODAY THIS MORNING I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE NA HALE KUPUNA PROGRAM, AN ALSO WANT TO SAY MAHALO FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS WITH PROGRAM AS JOLIE MENTIONED THIS IS THE LIST THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY IS NO.\r\n\r\n7. SO WE HAVE SIMPLE UNITS ALREADY OCCUPIED. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON NO. 8 UNIT AND WE'LL BE BACK TO PRESENT THE LIST TO YOU. IT'S GOING REALLY GOOD, REALLY GREAT. YOU KNOW? WE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE THESE UNITS, BECAUSE OUR KUPUNA HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HOUSING, AND SOME HAVE MOVED INTO TOUGH TIMES IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. SO DEFINITELY THIS MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR THEM.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> I HAVE A QUESTION. ANYBODY ELSE? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA FIRST. >> SO THANK YOU, CAESAR, FOR STEPPING UP TO TAKE CARE OF THIS MANAGEMENT. BECAUSE I THINK THE CDBG OFFICE WAS HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SOMEBODY TO TAKE THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL OF THESE HALE KUPUNA PROPERTIES. SO I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS, AND I HOPE IT GOES SMOOTHLY AND YOU WILL BE REACHING OUT TO US IF YOU NEED HELP IN THE FUTURE.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> CAESAR, DO YOU CHARGE A MANAGEMENT FEE? >> YES. >> OKAY. >> SO WHATEVER RENT YOU COLLECT GOES TO THE COUNTY? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> JUST WANTED TO CHECK. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER, PLEASE. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS TIARE HORNER TESTIFYING ON BILLS 59, 60, 61,62, 65, EH, 68, 69, 70 AND 71. SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JAY ANA. >> ARE YOU GOING TO DO INDIVIDUALLY. >> NO, I'M NOT, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> JUST CHECKING . I WILL TRY TO EXPEDITE THIS. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TIARE

HORNER, I'M HERE TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF BUDGET DIRECTOR MILNER ON SEVERAL BILLS. SO BILL 59 THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS DAMAGE IN THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO HIRE CONSULTANT SERVICES TO BEGIN WORK ON THE PROJECT. ADDITIONAL INSURANCE PROCEEDS WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN A FUTURE FISCAL YEAR, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS READY FOR THE NEXT STEPS OF REBUILDING. THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING WILL BE AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS WHEN THE BILL COMES UP.\r\n\r\nBILL 60, THE AMOUNTS CALCULATED FOR THE BIFURCATION OF THE WASTEWATER AND WATER LINE ITEM UNDER THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX REVOLVING FUNDS ARE INCORRECT IN BILL 37 (2025) THIS AMENDMENT WILL CORRECT THE AMOUNT BY REDUCING THE WATER ALLOCATION BY 1,433,000 AND INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER BY THE SAME AMOUNT. BILL 61 AND 62 THESE BILLS WILL INCREASE THE ALLOCATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BASEYARD FACILITY BY 4.2 MILLION USING BOND FUNDING. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 220 LALO STREET IN KAM EWE MAUI AND THE RESOLUTION ALONG WITH THE APPRAISAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MAY 16TH COUNCIL MEETING. WE ARE REQUESTING FLOOR ACTION FOR FIRST READING ON THIS BILL TODAY, AS THERE ARE COMPETING OFFERS ON THE PROPERTY. AND THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. BILL 65 WILL DEFER TO COUNCIL MEMBER COOK ON THIS ITEM. BILL 66 WE WILL DEFER TO CHAIR LEE ON THIS ITEM.\r\n\r\nAND BILL 68, WE WILL DEFER TO COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON ON THIS ITEM. BILL 69, THIS BILL WILL DELETE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR DUE DILIGENCE ON PROPERTIES IN MAHALIA UNDER THE OFFICE 69 MATHEMATICS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ADD A NEW APPROPRIATION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF RECOVERY FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROPERTY ACQUISITION IN WEST MAUI. THESE FUNDS WILL STILL BE FOR DUE DILIGENCE INCLUDING TITLE REPORTS, APPRAISALS, LANDOWNER NEGOTIATIONS, HOLDING PROPERTIES TO BE TRANSFERRED, AND OTHER RELATED WORK THAT WILL HELP TO PRESERVE THE PROPERTIES AS A PUBLIC SPACE. THE ENTITY CONTRACTED WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE NAVIGATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING SOURCES AND ANY STUDIES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THESE FUNDING SOURCES. THIS IS TIME-SENSITIVE, AS WE'RE CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS, AND NEED DUE DILIGENCE ASSISTANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND FINALLY BILL 70 AND 71, THESE BILLS WOULD MOVE THE BOND FUNDING FOR FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY. AS WITH THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND APPROPRIATIONS THIS CIP NEEDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PURPOSES.\r\n\r\n>> DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD YOU LIKE THE TESTIFIER TO RETURN AS A RESOURCE PERSON? >> I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU. >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND MEMBER PALTIN. >> IF ANY OF THE MEMBERS WANT TO HAVE HER AVAILABLE WHEN WE TAKE UP THE ITEMS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A LONG LIST. >> YES, WE DO.\r\n\r\n>> OUR OFFICE WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH DIRECTOR MILNER, WHO DID TELL US YOU WOULD BE COMING. MAYBE THE ONE THAT NEEDS A LITTLE MORE EXPLANATION IS BILL 69, THE 100,000, IF YOU CAN, OR COME BACK. >> YES, COME BACK. WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO COME BACK WHEN WE TAKE UP THOSE BILLS? >> YES. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS? JUST TO MONITOR, YOU KNOW? WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE QUESTIONS. >> OKAY. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WHEN THE TIME IS APPROPRIATE, I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON BILL 59. BECAUSE NEW PROJECTS ARE GETTING PUT BY THE WAY SIDE.\r\n\r\nWE DESPERATELY NEED REBUILD TO OCCUR SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. SO I HAVE QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF CAPACITY AND TIMELINE KOMOHANA NALE AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENT ASSISTED REBUILDING IN THE BURN ZONE. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> WE'LL SEE YOU LATER THEN, HUH? THANK YOU. >> ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nI DON'T SEE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR NOW. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> MS. CLERK CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JAY ANGA AND IF YOU COULD

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WILL BE TESTIFYING ON, FOLLOWED BY ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I. >> YES, MAHALO. MY NAME IS JAY ANA THE PRESIDENT OF YOUNG BROTHERS. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY IN OPPOSITION OF THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 25-104, WHICH OPPOSES THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND IMPACT THAT RATE INCREASES HAVE ON OUR NEIGHBOR ISLAND COMMUNITIES, DESPITE EVERY EFFORT TO OPERATE EFFICIENTLY, AND DO PRIMARILY DUE TO ECONOMIC PURSUANT TO SYSTEMATIC ISSUES WITHIN THE REGULATORY APPROVAL PROCESS OUR FINANCIAL VIABILITY IS AT-RISK AND WE COULD NO LONGER DELAY RATE INCREASES AND RATE RELIEF. THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES I REFERENCE RELATE TO RISING COSTS AND DECREASING CARGO VOLUMES SINCE THE PANDEMIC, COMPETITION, FROM AIR FREIGHTERS, ONLINE SHIPPING SERVICES AS WELL AS DIRECT SHIPMENTS THROUGH INTERSTATE CARRIERS. YB IS A REGULATED WATER CARRIER AND CANNOT ADJUST OUR RATES TO ACCOUNT FOR RISING COSTS OF INFLATION IN A TIMELY FASHION. AS YOU ALL KNOW WE SUBMITTED A RATE REQUEST IN JULY OF 2024, I'M SORRY A COST OF SERVICE MODEL OUR COST OF SERVICE MODEL WAS APPROVED IN JULY OF 2024 AND AFTER NEARLY FIVE YEARS WAITING FOR THAT ARE DOCKET TO BE APPROVED. THAT IS A REFLECTION OF SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE AND DELAYS OF REGULATORY APPROVAL, AND SO NOW WITHOUT IMMEDIATE RELIEF, WE PROJECT APPROXIMATELY \$18 MANY IN LOSSES IN 2025 AND WHICH PUTS US AT-RISK OF DEFAULTING ON OUR LOANS CONTINUED FINAL DETERIORATION AND ULTIMATELY IMPACTS TO OUR SERVICE SINCE OUR LAST RATE INCREASE WE HAVE HAD A 17% INCREASE IN OUR OPERATIONAL COSTS, BUT DESPITE THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST OVER \$1250 UNTIL IN OUR FLEET AND INFRASTRUCTURE \$60 MILLION OF WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$60 MILLION FROM PRIOR YEARS, IS STILL ISN'T RECOGNIZED IN RATES. I SHOULD ADD THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED BY REQUIRED TO SPEAK RATE INCREASES UNTIL 2023, BUT AS I MENTIONED WE WERE STILL WAITING ON THE COST OF SERVICE MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION TO BE APPROVED IN ORDER TO FILE. I MENTIONED THE INVESTMENTS WE HAVE TWO NEW BARGES, GO NEW TUGS WHICH IS INCLUDES INVESTMENTS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO MAUI COUNTY THE KALAHEO BARGE WHICH IS DEDICATED TO MOLOKA'I AND LANA'I, AS WELL AS SHORT TENSION SYSTEM THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE UNITED STATES FOR LANA'I AND IS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING RELIABILITY AND SAFETY. THE RATE INCREASE IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW UNDER REVIEW BY THE PUC, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IT INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR AN INFLATIONARY MECHANISM THAT WILL CAP AN ANNUAL INCREASE AT 5%. BUT IT WILL ALLOW US TO GET STEADY MANAGEABLE RATE ADJUSTMENTS THAT ARE BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH THE UTILITY, AS WELL AS THE CUSTOMER. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE COUNCIL TO ALLOW STATE AGENCIES TO REVIEW AND DECIDE. ON OUR PROPOSAL BASED ON MERITS AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERING OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE. >> MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS? BECAUSE I'M SURE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION LATER AFTER WE TAKE UP THIS ITEM. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. MAHALO, CHAIR. I KNOW YOU SAID WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DISCUSSION LATER. SO I DON'T THINK MR. ANA WILL BE WITH US AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY QUESTIONS NOW, IF YOU PERMIT ME, CHAIR. >> SURE. MR. ANA, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK? I CAN. >> OKAY. IN CASE HE IS NOT, I'M JUST GOING TO ASK MY QUESTIONS REAL FAST, CHAIR. >> OKAY. >> >> WHEN THE PUC APPROVED THE 2020 EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE CONTINGENT UPON THIS INCREASE WAS A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AUDIT, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 2021. IN THE AUDIT, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS YB IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED PACKAGE OF 15 ACTIONS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUC AT THE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE WAS TO REMAIN IN PLACE. WHICH INCLUDES AGREEING TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CUT COSTS BY AT LEAST 3.4 MILLION IN THE SHORT-TERM, AND TO NOT ASK FOR ANOTHER RATE INCREASE, WHICH YOU SAID YOU HAVE, EXTENDING CREDIT LINES, MAINTAINING \$10 MILLION IN CASH AND AGREEING TO OBTAIN PUC APPROVAL BEFORE SPENDING ANY OF THAT MONEY ON OPERATIONS, INVESTMENTS OR DIVIDENDS AND HAVING AN INDEPENDENT OBSERVER FOR ITS OPERATIONS. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE

15, DID YB IMPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDITOR?\r\n\r\n>> YES. YES, COUNCILWOMAN RAWLINS. WE DID IMPLEMENT THAT. WE HAVE A REGULAR PROCESS WITH THE PUC, WHERE WE HAVE TO FILE STATUS UPDATES. WE COMPLETED THE OBLIGATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT, WHICH ALLOWED US THEN POST 2023 TO APPLY FOR RATE INCREASES. >> AND THEN, CHAIR, MY LAST QUESTION IS DID YB DECREASE THE APPROVED 46% EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE AFTER SEEING THE PROFITS OF \$2 MILLION A MONTH DUE TO THOSE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASES AS WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY THE SAME AUDIT? BECAUSE YB WASN'T TO MAKE SOME PROFITS BY RATE-PAYERS PAYING THAT HIGH OF A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.\r\n\r\n>> I'M SORRY, THE QUESTION? >> DID YOU ADJUST THE RATES AFTER SEEING THE \$2 MILLION YOU WERE SEEING A \$2 MILLION PROFIT PER MONTH, DUE TO THE 46% INCREASE RATE? >> I'M NOT SPEAKING TO THE STATEMENT ABOUT THE \$2 MILLION. WE DID NOT REDUCE THE 46% RATE NAS. WE DID NOT EXCEED WHAT IS CONSIDERED OUR ALLOWED RATE OF RETURN OVER THE PERIOD POST THE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE, WE DID NOT EXCEED THAT AND, IN FACT AS RECENTLY AS EVEN LAST YEAR, WE'RE LOOKING AT 18 MILLION IN LOSSES THIS YEAR, WE LOST ABOUT 24 LAST YEAR. >> I LOOK FORWARD TO ASKING YOU MORE QUESTIONS. MAHALO, CHAIR FOR THAT FLEXIBILITY.\r\n\r\n>> YOU DID REQUEST THAT WE TAKE THIS UP WHEN YOU ARE HERE ON MAUI, WHEN WOULD THAT BE? WHAT WOULD THAT BE? AFTER LUNCH? >> IF NOT DELAYED I SHOULD ARRIVE AFTER LUNCH AND YOU WILL BE AT THE COUNTY BUILDING BY 2:00, HOPEFULLY. >> MR. ANA, IT APPEARS THAT WE'LL PROBABLY TAKE THIS ALL RIGHT UP AGAIN, MAYBE AROUND 2:30, HOPEFULLY, IF THERE ARE NO DELAYS. OKAY.\r\n\r\nCAN YOU JOIN US AGAIN? ONLINE? >> I WILL CLEAR SOME THINGS TO TRY TO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. >> ANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS, TO HAVING MR. ANA AS A RESOURCE PERSON? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED.\r\n\r\nSO WE'LL SEE YOU LATER. THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I. IF YOU CAN PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT ALL RIGHT YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON. HE WILL BE POLED BY KEOMAILANI HIRATA. >> ALOHA, I WILL BE TESTIFYING ON ALL OF THEM, BESIDES THE OTHER ON UNCLE, BECAUSE CONDOLENCES TO HIM, ALOHA TO HIM.\r\n\r\nFOR ALL -- I'M GOING TO TESTIFY ON ALL OF THE REST OF THEM, BECAUSE IT HAS TO DEAL WITH MY PAPA'S KINGDOM KAMEHAMEHA 3. ALL OF OUR PAPA. ALL OF THE DISCUSSIONS, SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE QUESTION, ALSO, ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS BEING MADE, IF THERE WERE ANY BENEFICIARIES OF THE ROYAL PATENTS AND DESCENDANTS OF THE ROYAL PATENTED CALLED UP BY RIGHT OF LAW TO DISCUSS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEIR LANDS, AND ALSO FOR THE PEOPLE -- >> EXCUSE ME, TESTIFIER, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME SPECIFICALLY WHICH AGENDA ITEM? >> ALL OF THEM EXCEPT THE FIRST TWO THAT WERE BROUGHT UP. >> BY NUMBERS, PLEASE? >> I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBERS. I WILL GRAB THEM RIGHT NOW. ALL OF THEM CAN BE ALL OF THEM AFTER -- RESOLUTION 25-99 AND ALL OF THEM AFTER THAT.\r\n\r\nNOT THE FIRST TWO, YEAH? DID YOU GET THAT DOWN SORRY. >> YES, I'M NOT SURE THOSE ARE APPLICABLE TO YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY. YOU NEED TO TESTIFY SPECIFICALLY TO THE AGENDA ITEMS, PLEASE. >> ALL OF THEM, THEN, BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO WITH MY PAPA'S KINGDOM, KAMEHAMEHA, AND THE BENEFICIARIES NEED TO BE CALLED UP NO MATTER WHAT, ANYWHERE, AND FROM THE DECISION-MAKING THAT IS BEING DECIDED, AND DISCUSSED OVER -- BECAUSE THIS IS ALL THE ROYAL PATENTED DESCENDANTS LAND, WHICH IS THEIR UNDEFINED FAMILY LIFETIME ESTATE, WHICH LASTS NOVEMBER, BECAUSE OF ALL -- >> EXCUSE ME, TESTIFIER, THE FIRST RESOLUTION 25-99 IS RECORDING A SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING A CASE INVOLVING MELISSA MAGONIGLE, CAN YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE TESTIMONY ON THAT ITEM, ITEM 25-99? ? >> ALL OF THEM BELOW THAT, DIDN'T YOU BRING UP TWO AT THE FIRST ONE, AND THEN NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REST, YEAH? >> THAT IS RESOLUTION 25-99 IS FIRST LISTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS. >> I'M SORRY, SHOOT, OH, ANY GOD.\r\n\r\nMY GOD. >> THE SECOND RESOLUTION 25-100 IS REGARDING A LEASE >> MAYBE I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ORDINANCES, OH, MY GOSH, I'M SO SORRY. >> THAT IS FINE, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT

ORDINANCE NUMBER YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON AND IF YOU LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE COMPLETED THE TESTIMONY ON THAT SPECIFIC ORDINANCE, WE'LL RESTART THE TIMER. >> ALL OF THEM. ALL OF THEM, THANK YOU. ALL OF THEM. >> PLEASE BEGIN.\r\n\r\n>> ALL OF THEM. ALL OF THEM. >> CAN YOU START ON ALL OF THEM? >> CHAIR, I BELIEVE THE TESTIFIER IS PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS, IF THERE ARE ANY. >> ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS, OF THE TESTIFIER? >> CHAIR? >> MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER.\r\n\r\n>> YES, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WAS JUST GOING TO CLARIFY FOR THE TESTIFIER, I THINK THE POINT THAT HE WAS MAKING, AND I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE HIM TO CORRECT ME, IF I MISUNDERSTANDING THE POINT OF HIS TESTIMONY. BUT HE -- I UNDERSTOOD HIS TESTIMONY TO MEAN THAT ALL OF THE LEGISLATION APPLIES TO HIS GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT HOW EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AS A COUNTY GOVERNMENT TOUCHES UPON THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, BECAUSE ALL OF ITS LANDS, WHATEVER IMPROVEMENTS MADE, WHATEVER REVENUE IS GENERATED, ALL OF IT IS CONNECTED TO OUR HISTORY. >> YES, CORRECT. CORRECT. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. >> MAHALO FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> OKAY, THAT IS ONE INTERPRETATION. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEOMAILANI HIRATA, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTIONS 25-103 AND 25-104 AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DEANDREA MAC KAKO.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, COUNCIL CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M TESTIFYING ON MY OWN BEHALF DURING MY OWN TIME AND TESTIFYING FOR MYSELF AND MY OWN 'OHANA. I STAND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 25-103 APPOINTING PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATERSUPPLY. I DO NOT KNOW PELLE PERSONALLY. I KNOW OF HIM FROM THE NEWS. HE DOESN'T KNOW ME EITHER, BUT WHEN I HEAR HIM SPEAK, I HEAR THE VOICES OF HIS KUPUNA, OF MY KUPUNA, OF OUR KUPUNA, SHARING THEIR MANA'O WITH HIM, AND JUST ALOHA THAT FLOWS THROUGH HIM WHEN HE SPEAKS, THE HUMBLENESS THAT COMES FROM HIM, THAT COMES FROM SOMEPLACE, THAT COMES FROM OUR KUPUNA, THAT GIVE STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE TO HIM AT A TIME OUR ISLANDS FACE CRITICAL CHALLENGES IN CARE OF OUR WAI, WE NEED LEADERS WHO ARE NOT ONLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PASSIONATE, BUT ALSO TO SPECIAL FORWARD WITH COURAGE AND FRESH PERSPECTIVE. PA'ELE REPRESENT OUR NEXT-GENERATION OF KANAKA STEWARDS WHO UNDERSTAND THE FUTURE OF WAI IS FUTURE OF HAWAI'I FOR KANAKA MAOLI, WAI IS LIFE. IT'S OUR KUPUNA, AND TEACH US WHERE THERE IS WAI, THERE IS HEALTH.\r\n\r\nOUR WAI IS THREATENED BY OVER USE, POLLUTION AND COMPETING INTERESTS. WE NEED LEADERS WHO PRIORITIZE THE CARE OF OUR WAI WITH BOTH CULTURAL REVERENCE AND FORWARD-THINKING SOLUTIONS PA'ELE'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THIS KULEANA IS EXACTLY THE KIND BRAVERY WE NEED. TOO OFTEN THE WEIGHT OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES FALL ON THE SAME FEW SHOULDERS WHILE YOUNGER GENERATIONS ARE TOLD TO WAIT THEIR TURN. BUT THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW. ACTION FOR OUR KULEANA, CHANGE IS NO LONGER ON THE HORIZON, CHANGE IS HERE, IT IS NOW, KULEANA IS SITTING AT OUR FEET, WAITING FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE KULEANA. PA'ELE BRINGS ENERGY, A DEEP CONNECTION TO PLACE, TO HAWAIIAN VALUES AND A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT OUR CARE FOR WAI HONORS BOTH TROPICAL DEPRESSION AND NEEDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. APPOINTING PA'ELE WE SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT THE STEWARDSHIP OF WAI MUST BE SHARED RESPONSIBLY ACROSS ALL AGES, AND THAT THE VOICES OF OUR MAUI OPIO IN SHAPING POLICIES TO HELP DETERMINE THE SURVIVAL OF WHO WE ARE.\r\n\r\nFOR ME, IN MY INVESTMENT, RETIREMENT DOESN'T MEAN MONEY TO ME. I DON'T BELIEVE IN MONEY OR ASSETS. MY RETIREMENT IS HOW DO I HELP THE NEXT-GENERATION TO SHARE MY IKI WITH THEM AND MY INVESTMENT IN PA'ELE. I DO KNOW THAT OUR OPIO WILL MAKE SURE WHEN I'M OLDER THEY WILL BRING ME KALO AND THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE WAI. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> I HAVE ANOTHER. >> YOU HAVE ANOTHER ITEM TO SPEAK ON? >> YES, CHAIR, MAHALO. ALOHA CHAIR LEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M TESTIFYING TODAY ON MY OWN BEHALF ON MY SELF AND MY 'OHANA. (SPEAKING HAWAIIAN) MOLOKA'I. I AM HERE TO URGE YOU FOLKS AND TO TESTIFY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION

25-104, OPPOSING YOUNG BROTHERS' PROPOSED SHIPPING COSTS INCREASE, WHICH WOULD HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR ISLAND'S FAMILIES, ECONOMIES AND WAY OF LIFE. THE JONES ACT UNFAIR BURDEN ON HAWAI'I REQUIRES ALL GOODS SHIPPED BETWEEN PORTS TO BE TRANSPORTED ON AMERICA BUILT OWNED VESSELS HAS LONG DRIVEN UP COSTS FOR HAWAIIAN RESIDENTS THIS OUTDATED LAWS CREATE A SHIPPING MONOPOLY, LIMITING COMPETITION AND ALLOWING CARRIERS LIKE YOUNG BROTHERS TO IMPOSE STEEP RATE HIKES.\r\n\r\nWHILE WE CANNOT CHANGE THE FEDERAL LAW OVERNIGHT, WE MUST PUSH BACK AGAINST UNFAIR RATE INCREASES THAT COUNT THE JONES ACT DAMAGE TO OUR COMMUNITIES MOLOKA'I CANNOT AFFORD THIS INCREASE AS ONE OF THE MOST GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED COMMUNITIES IN HAWAI'I WE ALREADY PAY ABOUT 85% OF MOLOKA'I'S FOOD IS IMPORTED, MOLOKA'I RELIES HEAVILY ON YOUNG BROTHERS FOR THE SHIPMENTS OF FOOD, MEDICINE, BUILDING SUPPLIES, FARMING SUPPLIES, BASIC NECESSITIES. WHEN YOUNG BROTHERS RAISES RATES OUR ENTIRE ISLAND SUFFERS ALREADY. MOLOKA'I RESIDENTS PAY SOME OF THE HIGHEST PRICES IN STATES FOR UTILITIES, GROCERIES AND GOODS A SHIPPING RATE HIKE WILL MAKE ALL OF THESE UNAFFORDABLE AND HURT OUR ELDERLY AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, THEY WILL SUFFER. MOLOKA'I AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS SPEND ON AFFORDABLE SHIPPING TO SEND THEIR PRODUCTS TO MARKET. INCREASED COSTS WILL FORCE MANY TO CUT PRODUCTION OR TO SHUT DOWN NU MICHIGAN ISLAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO HAWAI'I FOOD SECURITY AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE OUR MOM-AND-POP STORES CONTRACTORS AND TRADES PEOPLE ALREADY OPERATE ON THIN MANAGERS. HIGHER SHIPPING FEES WILL LEAD TO OUR HIGHER PRICES LAYOFFS OR EVEN CLOSURES FURTHER WEAKENING OUR ECONOMY MOLOKA'I CANNOT BEAR THE BURDEN OR BRUNT OF UNFAIR SHIPPING POLICIES. I URGE YOU TO PASS RESOLUTION 25-104 AND FIGHT FOR EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T PUNISH OUR ISLAND'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.\r\n\r\nHIGH'S INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING SYSTEM IS A LIFELINE AND NOT A LUXURY. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS DEANDREA MAKOA, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-103, FOLLOWED BY KATIE AUSTIN.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CHAIR, MAHALO FOR ALLOWING US THE TIME TO TESTIFY ON THIS. I'M TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. NOT ONLY IS HE EXTREMELY QUALIFY VIA HIS UPBRINGING, FARMING KALO IN THE VALLEY AND LIVING OFF-GRID THROUGH CATCHMENT SYSTEM AND UNDERSTANDING HOW VARIABLE WATER IS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO WASTE IT, BUT ALSO RECEIVING HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FURTHER ENHANCING HIS KNOWLEDGE IN ENVIRONMENT AND WATER. BUT NOT ONLY THAT, HE IS A COMMUNITY LEADER AND SOMEONE THAT THE COMMUNITY REALLY LOOKS TO AND LOOKS UP TO. HE IS SOMEONE THAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION, WHO ARE SEEING GETTING MORE AND MORE INVOLVED IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. HE IS SOMEONE THEY LOOK UP TO AS WELL AND HE BEING APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR KEIKI TO SEE SOMEONE LIKE THEN, SOMEONE THAT THEY LOOK UP TO IN THESE ROLES IS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AND THEIR GOAL AND DREAMS, AND FOR US, TOO, TO SECURE A FUTURE GENERATION THAT WANTS TO GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND GET INVOLVED AT THIS LEVEL. NOT ONLY THAT, HE IS A NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND A LOT OF MANA'O AND LIKE KUPUNA HE CAN BRING THAT TO THE TABLE WITH HIM THROUGH THAT APPOINTMENT.\r\n\r\nSO I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> IF I QUESTIONS? NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS KATIE AUSTIN, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-103 TO BE FOLLOWED BY JULIANNE LEE. >> ALOHA, CHAIR, ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS KATY AUSTIN, TESTIFYING ON MY OWN BEHALF IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 5-103, SUPPORT FOR PA'ELE KIAKONA'S NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD BOW SUPPLY.\r\n\r\nPA'ELE BRING A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR LOCAL ISSUES AND A GROUNDED SENSE OF KULEANA TO NOT ONLY WAI, BUT OUR AINA AND HIS ROOTS CULTURALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY MAKE HIM THE BEST CANDIDATE TO HELP GUIDE THE COUNTY THROUGH THE COMPLEX AND URGENT CHALLENGES SURROUNDING WAI. COMING BY IN A TIME WHEN WATER SIMS

ARE AT THE HEART OF EQUITY JUSTICE AND SURVIVAL FOR OUR COMMUNITIES ESPECIALLY IN PLACES LIKE LAHAINA, WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND NOT JUST THE POLICY, BUT BRING PLACE SPEAK OF KNOWLEDGE. HE BRINGS BOTH THE IKI KUPUNA AND FORWARD LOOKING MINDSET TO PROTECT OUR RESOURCES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. NOT WILLING TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE NEW, BUT UNDERSTANDING THE TOTALITY OF CURRENT SITUATION AND GENERATIONS TO COME. I HAVE SEEN HIS INTEGRITY, HUMILITY, AND ABILITY TO BRIDGE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT GAPS THAT ARE RARE AND NECESSARY ASSETS TO BRING FORWARD FOR TRUE PROTECTION FOR OUR WAI. AND I DO URGE YOU TO COULD BE FIRM PA'ELE TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. AND NOW TO SPEAK QUICKLY, CURRENTLY WE SPEND ABOUT \$5500 A YEAR TO SHIP OUR -- INTER-ISLAND FOR EVERY STATE RACE AND WE HAVE STATE RATE ON MAUI EVERY SIX YEARS WHICH WE ARE HAVING ONE COMING UP THIS YEAR, BUT WE'RE SPENDING A FIVE-YEAR RANGE OF \$27,000 TO SHIP FOR OUR CULTURAL PRACTICES.

I AS KAHANA CANOE CLUB STRUGGLING AFTER THE FIRE AND IN THAT SENSE AND THAT REALM, I ESPECIALLY WORRY WHAT THAT IS GOING TO DO TO AFC ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT ARE JUST ON TRYING TO SURVIVE WITH SHIPPING COSTS OF FOOD AND BUILDING MATERIALS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE THAT PERSPECTIVE SO I DO SUPPORT THAT RESOLUTION. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JULIAN LEE, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-103, FOLLOWED ROBIN SMITH.

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> OKAY. ALOHA, MY NAME IS JULAIN FROM LAHAINA, MAUI AND HERE ON BEHALF OF THE RESOLUTION 25-103 TO APPOINT PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. HE IS A DEEPLY COMMITTED CULTURAL PRACTITIONER, HE EMBODIES MALAMA INA NOT JUST IN PRINCIPLE, BUT IN PRACTICE AND CARRIES THE GENERATION KULEANA TO PROTECT AND STEWARD OUR WATER SOURCES. HIS DAILY WORK REFLECT A LIVED UNDERSTANDING OF SACRED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WAI, AND KANAKA, KNOWLEDGE THAT CANNOT BE TAUGHT IN A TEXTBOOK OR CAPTURED IN POLICY ALONE. PA'ELE IS STEPPING INTO THIS ROLE BECAUSE OF THE DEEP ALOHA HE HOLDS FOR THE 'AINA AND TO PROTECT IT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

THAT KIND OF SERVICE GROUNDED IN ALOHA AND KULEANA IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS BOARD KNEES. FOR TOO LONG CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS ABOUT WAI ON OUR ISLANDS HAVE LOCKED THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO ITS SOURCE. PA'ELE BRINGS THAT VOICE. HE BRINGS ANCESTRAL WISDOM, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR 'AINA, AND OUR COMMUNITIES. HIS LEADERSHIP STEAD JY, GROUNDS AND PRINCE PLED AND UNDERSTANDS THAT WAI IS NOT A COMMODITY, BUT A RIGHT. OUR KULEANA AND FOUNDATION OF OUR SURVIVAL AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF KANAKA. WITH PA'ELE ON THE BOARD, WE NOT ON GAIN EXPERTISE, BUT INTEGRITY AND BALANCES.

SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING DECISIONS FACING MAUI TODAY. THE FUTURE OF OUR LEADERSHIP THAT IS ROOTED IN BOTH TRADITION AND ACTION IT IS TIME TO PUT WAI BACK INTO HAWAI'I. SO PA'ELE KIAKONA HAS MY SUPPORT THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? NOT, NEXT TESTIFIER. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS ROBIN SMITH, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTIONS 25-103, FOLLOWED BY KAI NISHIKI. >> ALOHA, CHAIR, >> ALOHA. >> ALOHA, COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I AM HERE WITH A HUMBLE VOICE ON RESOLUTION 25-103. APPOINTING PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. I AM NOT PART OF THE COUNTY, SO I'M HERE TO TESTIFY INDEPENDENTLY. I AM A TEACHER AND CAREGIVER OF CHILDREN HERE ON MAUI. I WORK WITH MANY LAHAINA FAMILIES AND HAVE BEEN EDUCATED IN THE AREA OF WATER RIGHTS, AND ONGOING WATER COMPLEX. AS I UNDERSTAND THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY HAS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE WATER MANAGEMENT, AND RESEARCH ALLOCATION, ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE ONGOING WATER COMPLEX. MAHALO TO GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN FOR MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT TODAY.

AND HEARING OUR VOICES, HERE ON MAUI. SO I DO NOT KNOW PA'ELE, PERSONALLY, I FOLLOW HIM ON THE NEWS, AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA. AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT HIS PASSION, HIS UNDERSTANDING IN THIS AREA IS EXACTLY WHAT MAUI NEEDS, AS A VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE IN MAKING SURE THERE IS FAIRNESS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WATER

HERE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO ADD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KAI NISHIKI, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTIONS 25-103, 25-104, BILL 57 FELD BY KEAHI KIAKONA. >> ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOOD MORNING. LET'S SEE, I JUST WANTED TO START OFF WITH THE 25-104 ABOUT YOUNG BROTHERS, AND I ATTENDED A RECENT PUBLIC HEARING, AND SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE RATE INCREASE FOR, YOU KNOW, ALL OF THE REASONS HERE ON THE SISTER ISLANDS WE'RE DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTED BY ANY RATE INCREASES AND JUST EVERYTHING IS MORE EXPENSIVE ON THE SISTER ISLANDS. SO THIS COULD REALLY HURT MAUI'S PUSH FOR DIVERSIFYING OUR ECONOMY, AS WELL AS JUST IMPACTING THE EVERY-DAY COSTS AND NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING HAS GOTTEN SO OUT OF CONTROL EXPENSIVE, THIS COULD POSSIBLY JUST PUSH FOLKS, YOU KNOW, INTO ADDITIONAL HOUSELESSNESS , AND FORCE A LOT OF FOLKS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OUR COUNTY AND STATE GOVERNMENTS JUST TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, ALREADY WE'RE HAVING A HORRIBLE HOUSING CRISIS THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING MORE. IT'S JUST ONE LITTLE THING JUST PUSHES PEOPLE OVER THE EDGE. SO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION. LET'S SEE, FOR 25-103, I'M TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA FOR THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. PA'ELE IS A TRUSTED AND GROUNDED COMMUNITY MEMBER, WHOSE DEEP ROOTS IN WEST MAUI MAKE HIM EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-SUITED TO HELP PROVIDE INPUT ON THE BOARD, AND SUPPORT A MORE JUST, SUSTAINABLE, AND COMMUNITY-SERVING WATER FUTURE. BUT I ALSO PROVIDE THIS TESTIMONY WITH AN URGENT PLEA, WE NEED BOLD VALUES? -DRIVEN LEADERSHIP FROM MAUI COUNTY ITSELF, PARTICULARLY IN THE INTERTWINED AREAS OF WATER AND HOUSING POLICY IN WEST MAUI.\r\n\r\n\r\nFOR TOO LONG THE COUNTY HAS SIDESTEPED CRITICAL DECISIONS ALONG SYSTEMATIC INEQUALITIES TO PERSIST. THE RESULT AN ONGOING HOUSING CRISIS WORSENER BY WATER MANAGEMENT POLICIES THAT FAIL TO REFLECT OUR COMMUNITY'S TRUE NEEDS. EARLIER THIS WEEK THE TESTIMONY TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, CWRM REVEALED OVERWHELMING YOU PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR COUNTY TO ASSUME CONTROL OVER WEST MAUI'S WATER RESOURCES, 77% OF WHICH ARE MANAGED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES WITH ON 23% UNDER COUNTY CONTROL. BUT HERE IS THE TRUTH, CHANGING WHO MANAGES THE WATER WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM, UNLESS WE CHANGE HOW AND FOR WHOM WATER IS MANAGED, WHETHER WATER IS MANAGED BY A PRIVATE -- OR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, THE OUTCOME REMAINS LARGELY THE SAME UNLESS WE FUNDAMENTALLY REALIGN OUR PRIORITIES . WEST MAUI'S PEOPLE. WE MUST ASK WHO AND FOR WHAT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED FOR WATER ASSISTANCE IN WEST MAUI? WHO IS BEING LEFT OUT? ARE WE GOING TO KEEP SERVING THE NEED OF SPECULATIVE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LUXURY DEVELOPMENT, VACATION RENTALS RESORT EXPANSION AND GOLF COURSES OR WILL WE FINALLY CENTER THE NEEDS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES, KUPUNA FIRE SURVIVORS, ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND 'AINA THAT FEEDS US ALL.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHE COUNTY OF KAUA'I HAS A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY AND MUST STEP -UP. I OFFER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS: THREE POLICY CHANGES THE COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING NOW -- ONE, AMENDMENT PLUMBING CODE TO ALLOW R-1 RECYCLED WATER USE FOR TOILET FLUSHING, TO ALLOW R-1 WATER USE SPECIFICALLY IN MULTIFAMILY COMMERCIAL, AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, THIS IS A BASIC COMMONSENSE CHANGE THAT WOULD DRAMATICALLY REDUCE POTABLE WATER USES AND HUGE MISSED OPPORTUNITY DURING THE LAHAINA REBUILD. UPDATE THE COUNTY WATER SYSTEM'S STANDARDS AS THE CURRENT STANDARDS FAIL TO REFLECT ACTUAL WATER USE AND IGNORE MONITOR CONSERVATION DESIGN STRATEGIES. ESTABLISH A HIERARCHY OF WATER USE PRIORITIES AND ENFORCE IT ESPECIALLY DURING CRISES. THE COUNTY MUST ADOPT A CLEAR FRAMEWORK THAT PRIORITIZES ACTUAL DOMESTIC USE FOR RESIDENTS. PA'ELE KIAKONA REPRESENTS A NEW GENERATION OF LEARNED. HE BRINGS NO THE ONLY KNOWLEDGE AND CREDIBILITY, BUT DEEP COMMITMENT TO KAKOU VALUES AND THE VISION OF A WATER SYSTEM THAT SERVES THE PEOPLE, NOT SPECIAL INTERESTS.\r\n\r\n\r\nMAHALO NUI. >> THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS, MEMBERS STP NOT, THANKS. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KY -- >> WAS SHE ALSO TESTIFYING ON BILL 57? >> I HAVE HER DOWN FOR 57. >> KALAMAI, I HAD BILL 57 AND BILL 59 TO TESTIFY ON. BILL 57 IS A REAL AMAZING BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW DEED RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN MARKET HOMES. SO THAT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT TOOL TO BE ABLE TO USE.\r\n\r\nAND THEN OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING IS ABOUT HOUSING HERE. AND BILL 59 WOULD, I THINK, ASSIST HALE KOMOHANA APARTMENTS IN WEST MAUI THAT SERVE A LOT OUR KUPUNA. SO I JUST WANT TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO HOUSE OUR KUPUNA, ESPECIALLY IN WEST MAUI. MANY OF THEM THAT IS THEIR LAST WISH IS LOOK, I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO GO HOME TO LIVE OUT THE REST OF MY YEARS THERE. AND SO I THINK ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO HONOR THAT IS IMPORTANT. AND THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE DOING A GREAT SERVICE IF THEY WERE ABLE TO HONOR OUR KUPUNA IN THEIR WISH TO RETURN TO WEST MAUI. MAHALO NUI.\r\n\r\n>> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KE'EI KAHANOHANO. >> ALOHA, CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR HEARING US TODAY. HOPING THAT YOU RECEIVED ALL OF THIS REALLY POWERFUL TESTIMONY WITH OPEN MINDS AND OHM HEARSTS AND THOSE THAT ARE HERE PHYSICALLY IN THIS MOMENT, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT HAVE SUBMITTED ONLINE DO SO VERY GRACIOUSLY WITH DEEP CARE AND CONCERN FOR OUR LAW FOR OUR LAND AND FOR OUR PEOPLE AND PARTICULARLY TODAY WITH OUR WATERS.\r\n\r\nI WILL START WITH RESO 103. I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT -- SUCH A CRYBABY. I AM IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR THIS APPOINTING OF PA'ELE KIAKONATO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR YOUTH, WHO ARE COMING FORWARD, IN SO MANY WAYS. IF YOU WERE AT THE WATER MEETING IN LAHAINA JUST THIS WEEK, YOU SEE THAT OUR OPIO ARE RISING AND THEY ARE POWERFUL AND NOT JUST WITH PASSION, BUT WITH IKI AND WITH FOUNDATION AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYSTEMS THAT HAVE BEEN OCCURRING WITHIN OUR HOMELANDS FOR NOW GENERATIONS, AND HOW THEY ARE NOW ABLE TO -- WE ARE NOW ABLE TO, I AM CURRENTLY ABLE TO BE A VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, AND SAY WHAT WE NEED. WHAT IS CORRUPT? WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE? WHERE OUR KUPUNA DID NOT HAVE THAT LUXURY.\r\n\r\nSO THAT IN ITSELF, I WANT TO SAY, THIS YOUNG BOY, WHO I PERSONALLY RAISING MY CHILDREN ALSO IN HONOKA'A VALLEY, BUT NOT ONLY I DON'T KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, BUT I KNOW HIS INTEGRITY AND HIS 'OHANA THAT YOU CAN'T LEARN FROM A BOOK, YOU CAN'T LEARN FROM A SURVEY. HE HAS INTEGRITY FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE WATER AND THE WAY ITS USED. IT HAS BEEN OBVIOUSLY MISUSED FOR GENERATIONS. SO THAT IS TIME TO CHANGE, IT'S TIME TO CHANGE. YOU KNOW, THE FIRES IN LAHAINA WAS LARGELY BECAUSE, OR THE DRASTIC LEVEL OF WHICH THE FIRES TOOK PLACE WAS LARGELY BECAUSE OF MISUSE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS OF THESE WATERS. AND SO SOMEONE WHO DEEPLY UNDERSTANDS NOT JUST AS KANAKA, BUT JUST IN GENERAL, THAT YOU KNOW, WE HAVE OPTIONS. THERE ARE BETTER OPTIONS WE CAN'T KEEP TAP OUR AQUIFERS, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nWE HAVE TO FIND POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. I HAVE BEEN TESTIFYING MY WHOLE LIFE WITH NA KUPUNA O MAUI I WAS THAT YOUTH AND I'M STILL TESTIFYING TODAY ABOUT THE SAME THING. SO PLEASE TAKE HEED TO THAT. THE NEXT ONE HERE IS RESOLUTION 25-104. I AM IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS BEING PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS. THAT JONES ACT, LIKE, BOOM. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. I'M GOING TO WRAP IT UP WITH A BIG BOOM.\r\n\r\nOKAY? THAT IS -- THAT IS NOT OKAY IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, I PERSONALLY SERVE FAMILIES FROM BEFORE THE FIRES, BUT PARTICULARLY NOW EVEN MORE SO AT A MUCH LARGER CAPACITY SINCE THE FIRES. WITH FOOD, WITH DIAPERS, WITH BASIC ESSENTIALS, YOU KNOW? AND PEOPLE ARE SHOWING UP IN GROVES, STILL, YOU KNOW? LIKE WE ARE IN A VERY, VERY, VERY DIRE STATE, WHERE PEOPLE HAVE LEFT HOME, AND STRUGGLE, AND DON'T KNOW IF THEY WILL EVER BE ABLE TO COME HOME AND IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING CRISIS, BUT BECAUSE IN GENERAL THE COST OF LIVING HAS INCREASED SO-SO SUBSTANTIAL, SO DRASTICALLY AND SO FAST. I DON'T KNOW -- I HOPE -- I

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS GET PAID.\r\n\r\nBUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE INCREASES IN MY PAY RATE TO BE ABLE TO EXIST HERE AT HOME. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY OF US WHO WILL NOT LEAVE HOME NO MATTER WHAT, YOU KNOW? SO PLEASE HELP US, PLEASE HELP US STAY HOME, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, THESE SHIPPING COMPANIES WE DEPEND ON FOR EVERYTHING, AND WE ALREADY SEE A DECREASE IN THE CONTAINERS THAT ARE COMING FOR MULTIPLE REASONS NOT JUST HERE STATE AND COUNTY. SO WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE STILL HAVE THE GOODS THAT WE NEED FOR OUR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE. SURVIVE AND THRIVE. I'M GOING TO SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, SURVIVE AND THRIVE. BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO JUST SURVIVE, WE LIKE THRIVE.\r\n\r\nAND WE NEED THINGS TO BE -- FIRST OF ALL, YES, WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON WHAT WE CAN DO AT HOME, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DEPEND ON ALL OF THAT SHIPPING, BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE DO DEPEND ON, ESPECIALLY LIKE LUMBER, WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO REBUILD LAHAINA, WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE THE COSTS FOR THAT, WE CANNOT DO THAT, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES. SO I WILL WRAP THAT UP, SO OTHER PEOPLE CAN SPEAK. AND WHICH OTHER ONE DID I SAY? THIS ONE WAS A LAST-MINUTE ADD UNDER THE ORDINANCES, THE BILL 56. I DIDN'T GET TO GO DEEP INTO THIS, SO I'M ASSUMING, WHICH IS NOT REALLY ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA IN THESE ARENAS, BECAUSE SOMETIMES SOMETHING LOOKS APPARENTLY GOOD AND MAYBE IT'S NOT SO GOOD? BUT MY MOST IMPORTANT COMMENT HERE AS A NATIVE HAWAIIAN PRACTITIONER, AS SOMEONE WHO REALLY LIVES OFF OUR 'AINA AND DEPENDS ON WAI, FOR OUR NATIVE PLANTS AND FOR OUR SUSTENANCE OUR FOOD, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE WAI FOR THAT, AND WE CAN'T HAVE EXORBITANT CRAZY COST FOR WAI TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT. THESE THINGS, THE NATIVE PLANT SPECIES, THOSE HABITATS IS WHAT SUSTAINS 'AINA. IT'S PART OF A VERY SPECIFIC ECOSYSTEM THAT WE DEPEND ON FOR ALL, AGAIN, TO THRIVE.\r\n\r\nSO WHATEVER THIS BILL IS ABOUT, KALAMAI, DIDN'T GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON THE DETAILS. I JUST WANT TO SAY IN GENERAL, SINCE I'M HERE, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WHATEVER YOU ARE DOING HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE WAI AND IT'S ATTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR US TO BE AND TO SUPPORT OUR KUPUNA, WHICH ARE THESE NATIVE SPECIES TO CONTINUE TO EXIST. NEXT ONE I DIDN'T LIST IS BILL 59, AND I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS HERE FOR THAT EITHER. BUT WHATEVER I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THIS ONE, AND I STAND ON THE TESTIMONY ALSO OF KAI NISHIKI, BECAUSE SHE WRAPPED IT UP REAL GOOD. OUR KUPUNA NEED HOUSING, OUR PEOPLE NEED HOUSING AND WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT THAT, I KAKOU THAT, MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nNO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. >> MAHALO. >> WE'LL TAKE ONE MORE TESTIFIER, BEFORE TAKING A BREAK. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CAROL LEE KANEKOA, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-103. >> AND THEN WHO AFTER THE BREAK? >> AFTER THE BREAK, THE FIRST TESTIFIER IS JOHN CARTY. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU.\r\n\r\nYOU ALL KNOW ME, BUT FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS CAROL LEE KANEKOA. HI BOSS. MADAM CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. AS A DISCLAIMER I'M TESTIFYING OFF THE CLOCK AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 25-103. THE APPOINTMENT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. MAHALO COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN FOR BRINGING THIS AWESOME INDIVIDUAL TO THIS COUNCIL FOR AN APPROVAL TO A LEADERSHIP ROLE. PA'ELE IS A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR LAHAINA STRONG AND PA'ELE UNDERSTANDS VALUES BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE KANAKA MAOLI. HIS ALOHA IS STEADFAST, AND UNWAVERING, HIS MALAMA FOR 'AINA IS UNDENIABLE.\r\n\r\nHE LAO IS OUR LAO AND HE MAKES PROUD HI KUPUNA AND OUR KUPUNA ADVOCATING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR JENNIFER GENERATION. WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT TICKS TO BE IN SERVICE FOR OUR LAHUI, THE TIME, EFFORT AND DEDICATION TO THIS SERVICE FOR WHAT IT TAKES. HUI HO TO THIS COUNCIL THAT ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS APPOINTMENT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA AND I PRAY THAT YOU ARE TOO. MAHALO, THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK AND RETURN AT 11:00 A.M. THIS MEETING IS IN RECESS. [GAVEL] >> AND RECEIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, DID YOU WISH US TO GO TO

ORDINANCES AT THIS TIME? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> CURRENTLY WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON ORDINANCES. SO LAST CALL FOR ANYONE WISHING TO TESTIFY ON ORDINANCES WHO HASN'T ALREADY TESTIFIED? CHAIR, SEEING NO ONE RAISING THEIR HAND IN TEAM OR MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE PODIUM WE'LL GIVE LAST CALL FOR TESTIMONY. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND RECEIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON ORDINANCES. SO ORDERED, MS. CLERK. >> SHOULD I PROCEED WITH ORDINANCES FOR SECOND AND FINAL.\r\n\r\n>> ONE REQUESTED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ -- UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 51 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL FUND COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, MAY I PLEASE ASK THE CLERK TO PLEASE CALL UP -- >> IS YOUR MIC ON? >> YES. >> I WILL GO CLOSER, IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS TO PLEASE ASK THE CLERK TO CALL UP BILL 353 AND MEMBER KAMA -- I'M SORRY, 52 AND 53. 52 AND MEMBER KAMA WILL DO 53. >> SO 5 AND 52 (2023) ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE GENTLEMEN. >> ANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS?\r\n\r\n>> BILL 52 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER COUNTYWIDE VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 52 (2025) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND SECONDED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS TO PASS BILLS 51 AND 52 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, DISCUSSION. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.\r\n\r\n>> DOES ANYBODY -- MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I CAN BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. I JUST WANTED IN DIRECTOR MOLINA IS WATCHING THAT CBS 6067 ALSO INCLUDES MR. NIPS SPEED TABLE AT THE STREET HE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR MANY YEARS. THE KANA BOAT RAMP WHERE THEY TOOK WAY THEIR MAKESHIFT IMMEDIATE BUMP IS STILL WAITING AS WELL AS PEDESTRIAN SAFEWAY -- JUST BECAUSE WE ARE BEEN ASKING FOR YEAR AND WAITING WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR MORE YEARS, IN CASE DIRECTOR MOLINA IS THERE. I KEEP PUTTING MONEY IN THIS AND PEOPLE TALK TO THE HIGHWAYS CREW, THEY TELL THEM TO PUT MONEY IN AND I SAY ABOUT WHAT THE MONEY I ALREADY PUT IN?\r\n\r\nAND YOU ARE GOING TO TELL PEOPLE FOR ME TO PUT MORE MONEY IN WHEN YOU HAVEN'T DELIVERED ON THE MONEY THAT I ALREADY PUT IN FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECTS? THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO LEAVE. I DO HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY TO GET TO.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANTED TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR BILL 51, THIS CONTINUES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PA'IA TOWN AND YOU ALL KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE PA'IA TOWN. THANK YOU AGAIN. I APPRECIATE IT. >> ANYBODY ELSE? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND? >> CHAIR, PLEASE? ROLL CALL.\r\n\r\n>> ROLL CALL. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> EXCUSED. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL CHAIR LEE? >> AYE. >> CHAIR, THERE ARE SEVEN AYES, ONE NO, ONE EXCUSED. MOTION PASSES.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. SO THEN WE HAVE THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY RESOLUTION. >> BILL 53. >> YOURS, 53. >> TO MEMBER KAMA. >> MEMBER KAMA. WE'RE DOING THIS ON BECAUSE -- SHE HAD TO LEAVE. SO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY ON THIS ONE? >> NO.\r\n\r\nCOULD I WAIT? >> WE'RE ALREADY THERE AND WE ALREADY TOOK TESTIMONY? >> LET ME SEE IF THAT IS THE LAST ONE. LET'S TAKE THE LAST ONE, THEN. >> IT'S THE LAST ONE. >> BILL 53. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU, IS BILL 52 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY

OF MAUI OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, KAHULUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, HALAU HULA, KALUOKALU, INC. AND HALAU KEKUAOKALA 'AU 'ALA 'ILIAHI, INC.. >> PRO TEM KAMA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 53 (2025) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY PRO TEM KAMA, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. DISCUSSION. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. PASSING THIS BILL ON SECOND AND FINAL READ WILL FINALIZE REQUESTED CHANGE IN THE GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR THE KAHULUI PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. MEMBERS, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR SUPPORT OF THE MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> I THINK WE HAVE SEVEN AYES, TWO EXCUSED. MEMBER UU-HODGINS, AND MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. 7-2, MOTION CARRIES. ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nSHALL WE GO BACK TO THE RESOLUTIONS? >> CHAIR, WE'LL CALL FOR TESTIMONY ON THE RESOLUTIONS FOR TODAY'S AGENDA. WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-105, FOLLOW BY KAI NISHIKI. >> WHERE IS THE TESTIFIER? >> SHOULD BE IN CHAMBERS. THERE SHE IS.\r\n\r\nPLEASE, GO AHEAD. >> OKAY, YOU TESTIFIED EARLIER, ARE YOU TESTIFYING AGAIN FOR THE SAME THING OR SOMETHING DIFFERENT? OKAY. >> ALOHA 'AINA KAKO, MY NAME IS KEOMAILANI HIRATA, KALAMAI FOR RUNNING HERE. I TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF 24-105 IN ALL CULTURES AND RELIGIONS AROUND THE WORLD, LAND ALWAYS CAME BEFORE PEOPLE AND IT'S OUR OLDEST ANCESTOR. MY 'OHANA FOR OVER 30 YEARS FOR THE LAND CASE WHICH STARTED AS THE QUIET TITLE, AND IT TURNED INTO SOMETHING THAT I WISH UPON NO HAWAIIAN FAMILY EVER. THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT WE, ALL OF US IN HAWAI'I, EVEN YOU FOLKS AS LAWMAKERS, HELP US TO MAKE SURE AND ENSURE THAT OUR LANDS OUR 'AINA KUPUNA STAY WITHIN HAWAIIAN HANDS AND WITH OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.\r\n\r\nON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT. WE HAVE LARGE LANDOWNERS THAT OWN ALMOST ALL OF THE ISLAND. MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST IS GROUNDED IN VISION AND MISSION AND HAWAIIAN VALUE AND ALWAYS THINKS OF OUR PEOPLE FIRST AND OUR 'AINA. IT'S ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT OF EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO, EVERYTHING DOCUMENT THAT THEY WRITE, THE INTENT IS THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IN CHARGE, OUR ISLAND, OUR PEOPLE, ARE IN CHARGE OF THE CARE OF OUR LANDS. IT IS OUR 'AINA KUPUNA. ALL OF YOU FOLKS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IT'S OUR AIM ALL OF YOU FOLKS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LITERALLY HELP A SMALL ISLAND LIKE MOLOKA'I TO BE PART OF THE LAND BACK INITIATIVES THAT ARE HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD. SO I'M HERE TO ASK YOU FOLKS TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION, IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS ALL. MAHALO. >> VERY GOOD. ANY QUESTIONS? MEMBER SINENCI? >> KEOMAILANI, YOU WANTED TO PASS THE RESO TODAY, VERSUS SENDING TO COMMITTEE? >> WHOSE COMMITTEE WOULD IT GO TO?\r\n\r\n>> IT SAYS MINE. >> IF YOU GUYS WANT TO PASS IT TODAY, SURE. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THAT. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. >> MAHALO. >> ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KAI NISHIKI AND SHE IS CURRENTLY OUR LAST TESTIFIER. >> ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. YES, I ALREADY TESTIFIED. AND I'M TESTIFYING ON ANOTHER ITEM. RESO 25-105. I JUST WANT TO KAKOU THE TESTIFIERS WHO ALSO TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT, AND REALLY URGE THIS BODY TO PASS THIS TODAY INSTEAD OF SENDING IT TO COMMITTEE. LANDS STEWARDSHIP ESPECIALLY ON OUR SISTER ISLANDS HASN'T ALWAYS GOTTEN THE PRIORITY AND YOU KNOW, THE SPLASH IN THE MEDIA, BUT IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR MOLOKA'I TO HAVE INDEPENDENCE, AND BE ABLE TO STEWARD THEIR LANDS AS THEY SEE FIT. AND THIS WILL HELP THAT.\r\n\r\nSO MAHALO NUI. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTIONS. SO WE'LL GO AHEAD AND GIVE LAST CALL FOR ANY TESTIMONY ON THE RESOLUTIONS ON TODAY'S AGENDA. SEEING NO ONE RAISING THEIR HAND OR MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE PODIUM, COUNTDOWN, 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTIONS. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTIONS, AND RECEIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO

ORDERED.\r\n\r\nPLEASE CALL UP THE ORDINANCE WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. >> -- THE RESOLUTION I MEAN, I'M SORRY. >> THANK YOU. I WILL TAKE A GUESS, THIS IS RESOLUTION 25-103. >> YES. >> APPOINTING PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. >> YES, MEMBER PALTIN . I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-103. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER PALTIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-103. DISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. IF I MAY BE PERMITTED TO READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THE TIME-SENSITIVITY OF THIS ACTION ON THE FLOOR. >> YES. >> THANK YOU. RESOLUTION 25-103 APPOINTING PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY. WHEREAS, BY CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 9TH, 2025, THE MAYOR INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6TH, 2025 WHICH IS COUNTY COUNTY COMMUNICATION 20-25. WHEREAS, THE RESIGNATION CREATED A VACANCY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31ST, 2027; AND WHEREAS, UNDER SUBSECTION 13-2(18) OF REVISE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI 1983 FOR THE NOMINATION BOARD TO PROVIDE A LIST OF NOMINEES AND THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION TO THE COUNCIL; AND WHEREAS, AS OF APRIL 6TH, 2025, THE MAYOR HAD NOT SUBMITTED A NOMINATION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE INDEPENDENT NOMINATION BOARD HAD NOT PROVIDE A LIST OF NOMINEES TO THE COUNCIL; AND WHEREAS, NOW UNDER SUBSECTION 2.41.050 (A1) MAUI COUNTY CODE. THE COUNCIL HAS UNILATERAL AUTHORITY TO NOMINATE AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE VACANCY BY MAY 6,2025; AND WHEREAS, PA'ELE KIAKONA HAS SUBMITTED A COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM, CONTAINING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 2.41.020 MAUI COUNTY CODE, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI THAT UNDER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 13-2AND COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.41.050, IT NOMINATE AND APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF PA'ELE KIAKONA TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON MARCH 31ST, 2027, AND THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE MAYOR, INDEPENDENT NOMINATION BOARD, CORPORATION COUNSEL, DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLY, AND PA'ELE KIAKONA, MEMBERS, MR.\r\n\r\nKIAKONA IS HERE WITH US IN THE GALLERY TODAY, IF THE MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? AND ON A SIDE NOTE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE KNOWN AND WORKED WITH PA'ELE FOR DECADES ALREADY. SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG KID, AND WE JUST WERE RESTORING LO'I IN KAHULUI VALLEY. AS THE MULTITUDE OF TESTIFIERS ORALLY AND WRITTEN HAVE SUGGESTED, HE DOES HAVE THAT IKI KUPUNA. HE HAS A SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND WHAT IS RIGHT AND THE DIRECTION FOR US TO GO IN WEST MAUI THAT I THINK IN THE ABSENCE ESPECIALLY OF MS. KAINALU SAKAI IS NEEDED ON THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY AS WE NAVIGATE THROUGH THE GROUND AND SURFACE WATER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION THAT IS ON THE LAHAINA AQUIFER SECTOR AREA, AND WITH THIS EXPERIENCE, I WILL FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE RETIRING AT THE END OF ANY TEN-YEAR TERM, BECAUSE THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nANYONE ELSE? MEMBER SINENCI? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I FIRST OFF I DID WANT TO MAHALO KAINALU FOR HER WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND UNDERSTAND SHE HAD TO MOVE ON. SHE IS A NEW MOTHER. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO HER, AND HER 'OHANA. HOWEVER, CHAIR, WE DID HEAR EXTENSIVE TODAY FROM THE COMMUNICATE, SPECIFICALLY FROM THE WEST SIDE OF A WILLING CANDIDATE IN MR.\r\n\r\nPA'ELE KIAKONA. I ESPECIALLY PERSONALLY I'M A FAN, AND I ESPECIALLY LIKE THAT HE HAS GENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA. MOVING FORWARD AS WE CONTINUE TO REBUILD THE WEST SIDE, WAI HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN IMPORTANT ISSUE WITHOUT THE PROJECTS THAT COME THROUGH, AND JUST MOVING FORWARD, WE NEED -- WAI AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE PART OF THE WEST SIDE REBUILDING. AND SO, I SUPPORT MR. KIAKONA, HE IS A KUPU 'AINA AND ASK FOR EVERYBODY'S SUPPORT, CHAIR. THANK YOU. >> ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nI JUST WANT TO ADD THAT I'M A FAN OF LAHAINA STRONG, MOST OF THE TIME -- BUT THAT IS WHY I LOVE THESE GUYS, BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY OPEN. I AM VERY CONFIDENT IN PA'ELE, AND HIS ABILITY TO BE FAIR, AND DILIGENT. SO I'M GOING TO OF

COURSE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS NOMINATION. MEMBER PALTIN. >> SECOND AND FINAL, I'M NOT SURE IF EVERYONE GOT A CHANCE TO READ ALL THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY, BUT I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT FORMER STATE SENATOR COCO BUNN SENT IN HIS STRONG SUPPORT AS WELL. SO IT'S NOT JUST LAHAINA, BUT THE ENTIRE PAI'AINA. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nVICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY, AND THOSE THAT HAVE COME IN ONLINE, AND IN-PERSON TO TESTIFY. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT ONE OF THE TESTIFIERS THAT REALLY SPOKE TO ME IN ADDITION TO EVERYBODY ELSE IS ZEKE KAHALU'U WITH ALL OF THE YEARS HE HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY, WHEN MAYOR BISSEN STARTED HE WAS IN CHARGE OF PROCESSING ALL OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS. WHEN HE CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY, THAT SPOKE LOUDLY TO ME, BECAUSE IF ANYBODY HAS SPOKEN, I THINK, TO THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSION NOMINEES AT THAT POINT, I DON'T THINK HE IS DOING IT NOW, BUT YOU KNOW, FOR HIM TO COME AND TESTIFY WAS VERY UNUSUAL AND TAKING A NEW ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HE CAME AND SPOKE TO US ALL. I JUST WANT TO THANK HIM ALSO. >> PRO TEM KAMA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE POINT THAT I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER MET HIM EXCEPT WHEN HE HAS COME HERE TO TESTIFY. I HAVEN'T GONE OUT TO LAHAINA TO SPEAK TO THE LAHAINA STRONG PEOPLE. SO I DON'T HAVE ANY -- ANYTHING TO SAY GOOD, BAD OR UGLY EXCEPT THAT WHAT I DO READ IN CIVIL BEAT. ONE OF THE THINGS I DO KNOW IS THAT YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS, AND NOT THE ACTIONS OF ANYONE ELSE IN YOUR FAMILY. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, ALSO WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY GRANDDAUGHTER TEXTED ME AND SAID GRANDMA, YOU HAVE TO VOTE FOR HIM. [LAUGHTER] SO EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HIM AND I HAVE ONLY MET HIM HERE, WHEN YOUR GRANDKIDS, WHO ARE YOUNG; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nTHEY ARE IN THEIR 20S, TELL YOU STUFF, YOU HAVE TO START TO PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE THEY ARE TELLING YOU HEY, GRANY, THIS IS WHO I WANT TO LEAD ME, WHEN YOU ARE IN YOUR ROCKING CHAIR, AND WAITING FOR ME TO COME AND FEED YOU. ANYWAY. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT ON THE FLOOR, SO THAT AS TIME GOES BY, YOU KNOW? A LOT OF US COME FROM -- WELL, SOME OF US COME FROM THE 50S. I WAS BORN THEN. SO ALL I KNOW IS 50S, 60S, 70S AND SO HERE WE ARE. THIS IS A WHOLE NEW GENERATION. AND A WHOLE DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE AND THOUGHT PROCESSES AND LEADERS COMING UP AND SOMETIMES WE GET STUCK IN OUR OLD WAYS OF WHAT WE LEARNED, WHAT WE THOUGHT AND BELIEVED AND AS TIME GOES BY, WE REALIZE WE HAVE TO START CHANGING WITH THOSE THAT ARE CHANGING AROUND US.\r\n\r\nSO THAT WE CAN BE BETTER TODAY THAN WE WERE YESTERDAY. I WAS GOING TO USE A DIFFERENT WORD, BUT NONETHELESS. SO WITH THAT, CHAIR, I WILL BE SUPPORTING PA'ELE'S NOMINATION TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU. >> MR. COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nWOULD IT BE OKAY IF PA'ELE COULD COME UP? >> PA'ELE, COULD YOU COME UP TO THE MIC? ALOHA THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. I HAVE HAD THE -- THE REASON I ASKED YOU TO COME UP, AND I WILL JUST -- I'M IN SUPPORT OF YOU. I HAVE SEEN YOUR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. I HAVE SEEN YOUR MATURITY AND PASSION THAT YOU HAVE. ALSO, I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY, AND IT'S ISLANDWIDE, BESIDES WEST MAUI, THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY REPRESENTS AND WORKS ON WATER ISSUES ISLANDWIDE FOR "ALL OF US." WEST MAUI IS EXTREMELY UNIQUE MANY, MANY, MANY WAYS.\r\n\r\nTHE WATER CHALLENGES OVER THERE ARE EXTREMELY ACUTE, AND CHALLENGING. WE ALSO HAVE THE REST OF THE ISLAND WEATHER CHANGES, PRIORITIZATION OF WATER AND STUFF. SO I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU, DO YOU FEEL THIS ROLE, YOU CAN BE MAUI COUNTY FOCUSED AS WELL AS WEST MAUI FOCUSED? >> YES. 100% WITH OUR EFFORTS WITH LAHAINA STRONG, IT WAS OBVIOUSLY CENTERED AROUND THE RECOVERY OF JUST LAHAINA AT THAT TIME. BUT WE TOOK IT A STEP FURTHER TO LOOK AT SYSTEMATIC ISSUES THAT SPAN STATEWIDE. SO ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE BRING TO THE FOREFRONT AND ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE BRING TO THE FOREFRONT, SOME OF THEM MAY BE CENTERED IN LAHAINA BUT WE LOOK AT LAHAINA AS A MICROCOSM STATEWIDE, AND CHOOSE NOT TO FOCUS ON

THE SMALL LITTLE ISSUES THAT ARE PLAGUING JUST ONE LITTLE FOUND, BUT LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT ARE STATEWIDE, TOO.\r\n\r\nSO TO ANSWER ON YOUR QUESTION, YES. I WILL TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT AND I KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED AND WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF OUR ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. LAHAINA STRONG SPRANG FORTH FROM THE ASHES AND IS EXTREMELY STRONG AND YOU HAVE GROWN DRAMATICALLY. THERE WAS A LOT OF PASSION AND SOMEWHAT HURT FEELINGS WITH THE TRANSIENT VACATION RENTAL ISSUES AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH YOU AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH YOUR ASSOCIATES AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT AS PAR AS IT BECOMES A DIALOGUE AND REALLY WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT TO GET THE HOUSING THAT WE NEED AND ALSO RECOGNIZING ALL OF THE OTHER FACETS, AND THAT SO I'M JUST HOPEFUL THAT ANY MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE FORWARD WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, CAN ENCOURAGE MUTUAL RESPECT ON ALL OF THE PARTIES. I'M A FAN.\r\n\r\nOKAY? I AM. I'M SAYING THIS, BECAUSE IT'S -- YOU KNOW, I'M MESSAGING FROM A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT I HAVE MET YOU, AND YOU ARE A VERY DYNAMIC LEADER. SO, YOU GOT MY VOTE. >> MAHALO, I APPRECIATE IT. TO YOUR POINT, I KNOW THAT A LOT OF TIMES WHEN I AM SPEAKING PUBLICLY, IT COMES FROM A PLACE ROOTED IN MY ANCESTRY TO THIS PLACE. WHEN I SPEAK TO MY CULTURE AND TRADITION, BUT IT'S NOT JUST CULTURE AND TRADITION, BUT IT'S ROOTED IN HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND TRADITION ROOTED IN LOGIC AND IN ORDER FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD WE HAVE TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING, YOU NO?\r\n\r\nSO THAT IS WHERE I'M COMING FROM EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE CENTERED IN HAWAIIAN CULTURE, HAWAIIAN -- I LOOK AT THAT HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND THAT IS WHY I'M COMING FROM. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS? MR. GABE JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANT TO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE NOMINEE. I MET MR. KIAKONA RIGHT AFTER THE FIRES AND BEFORE THAT, I HONESTLY NEVER MET HIM BEFORE. BUT I THINK WITH THAT TRAGEDY BRINGS OUT OUR TRUE LEADERS YOU KNOW? I THINK HE ROSE RIGHT AFTER THE FIRES AND DID ALL OF THAT WORK IS AMAZING AND THOSE ARE THE KIND OF LEADERS WE NEED. CALM SEAS DON'T MAKE FOR STRONG CAPTAINS. FOLKS THAT CAN DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF HEAVY, HEAVY LIFT, THEY ARE A RARE BREED AND I'M REALLY GLAD YOU ARE STEPPING FORWARD.\r\n\r\nI THINK YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TRAGIC EVENTS HAS BEEN SPECIAL AND I APPRECIATE THAT. OF COURSE, WE'RE ALL GOING TO TALK ABOUT YOUR YOUTH AND HOPEFULLY HOW OTHER YOUNG FOLKS GATHER AROUND AND FOLLOW YOUR LEAD. I AGREE WITH THAT, BUT I HAVE BEEN REALLY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR INTELLIGENCE. THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEED IN OUR YOUNG LEADERS AND OLD LEADERS -- ELDERLY LEADERS I WILL JUST SAY THAT. SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I WILL BE HERE RISING IN FULL SUPPORT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION, I GOT REMAILED BY THE SECRETARY TO CORP. COUNSEL TAKAYESU AND SHE CONFIRMED THAT PA'ELE TURNED INTO BOARD OF ETHICS FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE. AND HE IS GOOD TO GO, AS A SIDE NOTES, I WOULD HAVE LET MY TWO KIDS SKIP SCHOOL TODAY, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TWO MORE TESTIFIERS. THEY WERE BEGGING, BUT I -- THEY HAVE TO GET THEIR GRADES UP. >> THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD ALL RECOGNIZE THAT IT TOOK MEMBER PALTIN. EVERYBODY READY TO VOTE? ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> SO WE HAVE SEVEN AYES, TWO EXCUSED, MOTION CARRIES, CONGRATULATIONS! [APPLAUSE] >> CHAIR, IF WE'RE GOING TO LUNCH NOW, CAN WE GET A GROUP PROBLEMING? PICTURE? >> OH, SURE, OF COURSE. COME, LAHAINA STRONG. >> I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GO TO LAUNCH FIRST?\r\n\r\n>> HUH? >> IF YOU WANT TO GO TO LUNCH AND WE CAN DO THAT OFFLINE? >> OKAY, WE'RE IN RECESS UNTIL WHAT TIME EVERYBODY? 1:30. 1:30. OKAY. RECESS UNTIL 1:30. [GAVEL] CAN YOU COME DOWN, FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND LET'S TAKE A GROUP PHOTO. [GAVEL] >> WILL THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY2ND, 2025, PLEASE COME TO ORDER. RECONVENE.\r\n\r\nIT IS 1:38 IN THE AFTERNOON. MS. CLERK, LET'S PROCEED WITH RESOS . YES, CHAIR FOR REFERRAL TO THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE IS RESOLUTION 25-99 AUTHORIZING

SETTLEMENT OF MELISSA MAGONIGLE V. COUNTY OF MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT , ET AL., CIVIL FILE 2 CCV-23-00 8030. >> ANY OBJECTIONS MEMBERS TO REFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE GREAT COMMITTEE? SO ORDERED. NET. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-100, AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TO NA HALE KUPUNA LESS EIC 4310 LOWER HAAN PI'ILANI ROAD, LAHAINA, HAWAI'I. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, YOU INTENDED TO ADOPT. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> RESOLUTION 25-100, MADE BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, AND SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA. DISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? THIS IS THE ONE THAT JOLIE JENKINS. >> YES. >> TESTIFIED. >> TESTIFIED, AND THEN CAESAR GRAZILO. >> FROM THE CAMERON CENTER.\r\n\r\n>> SO BASICALLY AS YOU HEARD, THIS PROPERTY IS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE, IT'S ONE OF THE EIGHT PROPERTIES, AND A NEW TENANT IS READY TO MOVE IN JUNE 1ST. SO I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT. >> MEMBERS, ANY MORE DISCUSSION? OR QUESTIONS? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. SIX AYES, AND THREE -- SEVEN AYES, AND TWO EXCUSED. >> VERY GOOD, THANK YOU, MEMBERS.\r\n\r\n>> NEXT. MEMBER NOHE UU-HODGINS AND MEMBER JOHNSON. THERE IS MEMBER JOHNSON. >> OKAY. >> SO ONLY NOHE. >> ONLY ONE, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ DID RAISE HER HAND. SO WE DID 25-103. >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> AND WE'LL BE HOLDING RESOLUTION 25-104 AND 25-105 UNTIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ IS IN CHAMBERS. >> YES. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-106 RECOGNIZING 2025 AS THE YEAR OF OUR COMMUNITY FORESTS. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-106. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCITO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-106. DISCUSSION, MEMBER JOHNSON.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. PLEASE PROCEED. >> RESOLUTION 25-106, RECOGNIZING 2025 AS THE YEAR OF OUR FOREST WHERE WHEREAS, GIVEN JOSH GREEN PROCLAIM 2025 THE YEAR OF OUR COMMUNITY FORESTING AND WHEREAS, WE ALL RIFE IN COMMUNITY FORESTS SURROUNDING OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES; AND WHEREAS, THE PRESENCE OF TREES AND COMMUNITY FORESTS HAVE BENEFITS INCLUDING FOOD SECURITY, ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PLANTS STRESS REDUCTION, REDUCED INCIDENCES CARDIOVASCULAR AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES; AND WHEREAS, THE PRESENCE OF TREES ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES HAVE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDING REDUCED STUDENT STRESS, IMPROVED TEST SCORES, AND HIGHER GRADUATION RATES; AND WHEREAS, THE PRESENCE OF TREES AND COMMUNITY FORESTS HAVE VIRTUAL BENEFITS INCLUDING CLEANER AIR AND WATER, NATIVE SPECIES HABITAT, CARBON STORAGE AND REDUCED EROSION; AND WHEREAS, THE PRESENCE OF TREES AND COMMUNITY FORESTS HAVE ECONOMIC BENEFITS, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR ROUTES INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR URBAN FORESTRY JOBS, INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES INCREASED SPENDING AT BUSINESSES NEAR TREES; AND WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI COUNTY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES STRENGTHENED THE PI'ILANI TO 'AINA THROUGH GROWING TREES FOR FOOD, MEDICINE, AND CULTURAL PRACTICES; AND WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI COUNTY CAN PREPARE A HOME FOR OUR NATIVE SPECIES, TO RETURN TO KANAKA BY CREATING URBAN KIPUKA IN THEIR YARDS AND COMMUNITY FORESTS; AND WHEREAS, INVESTING IN FOREST STEWARDSHIP REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE DEDICATION, EFFORT, EXPERTISE, TOOLS AND HUMAN RESOURCES OVER TIME AND IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE LAND; AND WHEREAS, THERE ARE EXISTS A NEED FOR COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND AGENCIES THAT RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT; AND WHEREAS, IS UP FOR COMMUNITY FOREST STEWARDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR MAUI COUNTY 'OHANA; AND WHEREAS, IN THE COMING YEAR MAUI COUNTY WILL DEVELOP THE FIRST, FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MAUI TO GUIDE THE CARE AND GROWTH OF THE ISLAND URBAN FORES; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: NO. 1, THAT HEREBY RECOGNIZES 2025 AS THE YEAR OF OUR COMMUNITY FORESTS IN MAUI COUNTY; AND NO. 2, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO MAUI CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL; DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE; KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY

FOREST PROGRAMS, MAUI COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING AND AGRICULTURE; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI. >> I ASK THE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT MY MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> OKAY, THERE SHE IS. SO EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIES.\r\n\r\nEXCUSED IS -- >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS. UU-HODGINS, MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, FOR REFERRAL TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS RESOLUTION 25-107 AUTHORIZING THE OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 41 3 SQUARE FOOT IDENTIFY AS TAX MAP KEY 2-3-4-017:027 SITUATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAI'I FOR THE AMOUNT MOTTO EXCEED \$3.2 MILLION. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> NO OBJECTIONS. IT WILL BE REFERRED TO MY COMMITTEE NO OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE BFED COMMITTEE, BILLS 63 AND 64, SO ORDERED.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, WE'RE INTO ORDINANCES FOR REFERRAL TO THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE IS BILL 55 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.56.010 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS VIOLATION PENALTY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE GREAT COMMITTEE? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> CHAIR, FOR REFERRAL TO THE WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE IS BILL 56 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.10.010 MAUI COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER RATES FOR PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE SPECIALS HABITATS. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING TO COMMITTEE? >> NO OBJECTIONS, >> SO ORDERED. >> FOR REFERRAL TO THE HOUSING AND LAND USE BILL 57 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3.34 MAUI COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM. >> WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ TO TAKE THIS UP. SKIP OVER THAT.\r\n\r\n>> SO CHAIR, FOR REFERRAL TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ARE THE FOLLOWING: BILL 58 (2025), A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE COSTS REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR PROJECTS DISQUALIFIED FROM TAX-EXEMPT BOND ISSUANCE. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING THIS TO THE BFED COMMITTEE? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> BILL 59 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WEST MAUI COMMUNITY MAN AREA OTHER PROJECTS GENERAL FUND KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT HOUSING WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS REBUILD.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 59 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY MEMBER PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILL 59 ON FIRST READING. DISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> BILL 59 (2025) AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 25 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE \$500,000 OF THE INSURANCE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FOR THE KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS WHICH WERE DAMAGED IN THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES THIS BILL AUTHORIZES USING THESE FUNDS FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES TO SUPPORT PRE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR REBUILDING THE APARTMENTS. MEMBERS, A TOTAL AMOUNT OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS THAT WERE RECEIVED WAS \$4.5 MILLION AND THIS IS JUST A PORTION OF IT FOR THIS.\r\n\r\nI ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN? >> CHAIR, I DID HAVE QUESTIONS THAT I STATED TO TESTIMONY AS TO TIMELINE AND CAPACITY, YOU KNOW? IF THEY ARE REBUILDING LIKE FOR LIKE, YOU KNOW? WE COULD SEE PEOPLE IN HOUSES FASTER. BUT ABOUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE, YOU KNOW, THEY MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF IDEA, AND YOU KNOW, SEEING THAT THERE'S APPARENTLY NO NEW HOUSING ON THE HORIZON, AND THERE'S 80% OF LAHAINA WAS RENTERS, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nPEOPLE ARE DYING TO KNOW WHAT IS THE SCOOP HERE? SO MANY KUPUNA SAID THAT THEY JUST WANT TO DIE IN LAHAINA, AND THERE'S NO PLACE FOR THEM TO LIVE. SO WE NEED -- WE NEED SOME

INFORMATION. I MEAN I'M ALL FOR IT WE NEED TO KNOW, LIKE, IS THERE RENTAL HOUSING COMING UP? >> PERMANENT, NOT TEMPORARY? >> WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT YOUR QUESTIONS IN WRITING AND WE'LL FOLLOW-UP WITH HOUSING. >> I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE HERE.\r\n\r\n>> TIARE, >> SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT. HER NAME IS TIARE. TIARE, ARE YOU ON THE LINE? >> I MEAN, INDIVIDUALS, AND KOMOHANA VILLAGES HAVE BEGUN REBUILDING. WHAT IS TAKING US SO LONG? WE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PERMIT PROCESS? I'M NOT SURE SHE WAS ENABLED.\r\n\r\nSHE IS RAISING HER HAND. >> MS. CLERK, CAN YOU GIVE US THE STATUS OF WHERE SHE IS? >> TIARE, CAN YOU UNMUTE ON YOUR END? >> HI. >> IS SHE TALKING. >> CAN YOU HEAR ME?\r\n\r\n>> YES, PLEASE. >> I CAN'T SEE MYSELF, I'M SORRY, CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> JUST TALK. >> OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, MEMBER PALTIN. WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO GET THE RIGHT ANSWERS FOR YOU. I HAVE REACHED OUT TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAUMALU AND HE IS AWARE.\r\n\r\nHE WILL BE THERE SHORTLY AND WILL GIVE YOU A MORE DEFINITIVE AND CLARIFYING ANSWER IN A FEW MINUTES, IF WE MAY ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE ON THAT? >> OKAY. I JUST WAS ASKING, BECAUSE I HEAR THAT THE THEME IS KAMA'AINA HOUSING AND WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW, YOU KNOW? WHEN WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS HOUSING? TEMPORARY HOUSING AT HFDC LANDS THE CLOCK IS ALREADY RUNNING OUT. >> THANK YOU, I WILL SHARE THAT WITH SAUMALU VIA PHONE, SO HE IS PREPARED. >> LET'S SKIP OVER THIS FOR A FEW MINUTES.\r\n\r\nNEXT ITEM. >> BILL DEPARTMENT OF WATER COUNTYWIDE WATER RESTRICT APPENDIX A PART 2 AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, COUNTYWIDE AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE ED VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, I MOVE TO PASS BILL 60 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILL 60 ON SECOND -- DID YOU SAY SECOND AND FINAL READING? >> NO, FIRST. >> FIRST READING.\r\n\r\nDISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> BILL 60 (2025) AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 25 BUDGET TO CORRECT THE ALLOCATION MADE IN BILL 37 FOR WILDFIRE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS FUNDED HOW TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND. SPECIFICALLY IT INCREASED THE APPROPRIATION FOR WASTEWATER REPAIRS TO \$8,111,000 AND DECREASES THE APPROPRIATION FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS FOR \$8,557,000. I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? OKAY YOU WILL THOSE IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> WHERE IS MS.\r\n\r\nMOLOKA'I? THERE SHE IS. EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, WHICH IS MEMBER UU-HODGINS. MOTION CARRIES. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.\r\n\r\nBEFORE YOU IS BILL 61 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES BOND FUND COUNTYWIDE BP K BASEYARD FACILITIES PROGRAMS AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE BASE YARD PROGRAM. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, MAY I PLEASE ASK THE CLERK TO CALL UP BILL 62 (2025) BILL 62 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659 BILL 62 CD 1 (2024) RIOTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 6 AND 62 ON FIRST READING. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILLS 61 AND 62 ON FIRST RAIDING DISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, MEMBERS. THIS IS TIME-SENSITIVE. BILL 61 (2025) AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET BY INCREASING BOND REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$4,200,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 2220 LALO STREET IN KAHULUI TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL SOUTH BASEYARD. BILL 62 MAKES THE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BOND AUTHORIZATION BILL. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS INDICATED THAT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THIS ACQUISITION AS WELL AS APPRAISAL AND PRELIMINARY TITLE REVIEW REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED ON MAY 9TH FOR THE MAY 16TH COUNCIL MEETING FOR OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING,

AND ON THIS, MEMBER COOK HAS AGREED, I BELIEVE, TO HEAR THIS AT YOUR NEXT WAI MEETING, IS THAT CORRECT P >> THAT IS CORRECT, CHAIR, THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE WAI COMMITTEE AGENDA SO THIS MATTER CAN BE FURTHER DISCUSSED. >> 7B, SO THAT WE CAN THEN UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT IN DETAIL.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> SO WE'RE LOOKING AT SEVEN NOW. >> AYE. >> OH, THERE SHE IS.\r\n\r\nEIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED. UU-HODGINS. MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.\r\n\r\nFOR REFERRAL TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ARE THE FOLLOWING BILLS BILL 63 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES BOND FUND ACQUISITION OF 105 NORTH MARKET STREET BUILDING AND PROPERTY AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, ACQUISITION OF 105 NORTH MARKET STREET BUILDING AND PROPERTY, BILL 64 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5639 BILL NO. 62 CD 1 (2024) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OFS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT. >> THIS IS FOR THE BFED COMMITTEE. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> YOU ARE GOING TO REFER TO BFED; RIGHT? >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING THESE ITEMS TO THE BFED COMMITTEE?\r\n\r\nSO ORDERED. WE HAVE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM HOUSING HERE. CAN WE GO BACK TO THE OTHER ITEM? WAS THAT BILL 59. >> 59. >> GOOD AFTERNOON. >> GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> I WAS WONDERING IF WE'RE REBUILDING KOMOHANA HALE LIKE FOR LIKE, OR IF THERE'S GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL DENSITY, OR IF YOU KNEW THE TIMELINE FOR MOVING IN?\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR, THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER, FOR THE QUESTION. SO THE FUNDING THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS \$500,000, WHICH IS FROM OUR INSURANCE PROCEEDS THAT WE RECEIVED. AND THE FUNDING IS GOING TO BE USED FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN. AS WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS IN WORKING WITH FEMA, AND WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT -- AND WE RECOGNIZED THAT LAHAINA CROSSROADS ISN'T THE BEST PLACE TO REBUILD. SO WITH THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS WE WANT TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS OF ADDING MORE DENSITY TO THE KOMOHANA HALE SITE AND WE HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH DEM AND WATER, WHERE THE TRANSFER OF WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPACITY, GOT THE INITIAL THUMB'S UP TO MOVE TO KOMOHANA HALE. THAT IS THE INTENT WITH THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS TO GET A CONSULTANT ON-BOARD TO PLAN OUT WHAT THE EXTRA DENSITY MIGHT LOOK LIKE ON THAT PROPERTY. >> DID WE RECEIVE ANY INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR LAHAINA CROSSROADS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY INSURANCE FOR LAHAINA CROSSROADS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE INSURANCE FOR THAT PROPERTY. >> AND TIMELINE FOR FOLKS TO BE ABLE TO MOVE? ? >> WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS GET OUR CONSULTANT ON-BOARD WITH THE \$500,000 TO HOPEFULLY EARLY SUMMER IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. WE ALREADY HAVE THE SCOPE OF THE WORK TO BE DONE QUEUED UP. SO IF YOU DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FUNDING TODAY ON SECOND READING WE'RE PRETTY READY TO GO ONCE WE GET SOMEBODY ON-BOARD TO HELP DESIGN AND PLAN. WE ESTIMATE THAT MIGHT TAKE PROBABLY INTO 2ND QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO HAVE ALL THE PLANNING AND DESIGN.\r\n\r\nBECAUSE WE'LL INCORPORATE THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT INTO THAT PROCESS AS WELL. SO WE'RE HOPEFUL AROUND FEBRUARY/MARCH TO GET THE PLANNING DESIGN DONE AND TO TURNAROUND AND RE-RECOGNIZE THE INSURANCE FUNDS TO GO TO THE CONSTRUCTION PIECE OF IT. SO LOOKING HOPEFULLY AT THE EARLIEST FY'2027 IS WHEN WE HOPE TO AT LEAST BEGIN THE CONSTRUCTION PIECE. >> AND WITH KOMOHANA HALE AND CROSSROADS WHAT IS THE TOTAL CAPACITY, LIKE 32 OR MORE? >> SO IN LAHAINA CROSSROADS THERE WAS A 20-UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL PROJECT, AND THEN THE SAME FOR KOMOHANA HALE. IT WAS A 20-UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL PROJECT. >> WHAT IS THE TOTAL ACREAGE OF KOMOHANA.\r\n\r\n>> I DON'T HAVE THAT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, SO I'LL GET BACK TO

YOU. >> WHAT ARE GOING TO DO THE OTHER ONE. >> WE'RE IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATING AND WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH PROPERTY? WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SOLID RIGHT NOW, BUT WE HAD EARLY CONVERSATIONS WITH PARKS TO SEE IF THAT MINOR LEAGUE BE A PARCEL THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT, BUT NOTHING ON PAPER YET. >> THAT WAS ON 20 UNITS OVER THERE? >> YES. >> OH, I THOUGHT IT WAS BIGGER.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPUTY WHILE HE IS THERE (THANK YOU FOR COMING OVER. >> THANK YOU. >> READY TO VOTE ON THIS ONE? >> YES. >> MS.

CLERK.\r\n\r\nCHAIR, THIS IS BILL 59 AND WE HAVE PULLED IT UP. >> DID WE TAKE -- DID YOU MAKE A MOTION ON THAT ONE? >> YES. >> LET'S TAKE A VOTE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF BILL 59 PASSING ON FIRST READING, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> THAT WASN'T WORTH SPEEDING . NEVER. >> SO WE HAVE EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED.\r\n\r\nUU-HODGINS. MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU. GOING BACK TO IS IT 65? >> YES. >> DO YOU WANT TO FINISH UP THAT PART AND THEN GO BACK TO MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ' AFTER THIS? >> YES, GIVE HER A CHANCE TO CATCH HER BREATH. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 6 A5 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICER OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SOUTH MAUI DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, MAY I PLEASE ASK THE CLERK TO CALL UP BILL 66 AND 68 (2025)? >> ANY OBJECTIONS, MEMBERS? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> THESE ARE JUST DISTRICT FUNDS. NOT VICE-CHAIR, BUT CLERK -- MS.

CLERK. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 66 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE OF THE MAYOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, WAILUKU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.\r\n\r\nAND BILL 68 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SPORTS AND EVENTS PROMOTION, AND GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER, ARTS, TOURISM AND CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILLS 65,66, 67 -- 68, I HAVE A TYPO HERE, ON FIRST READING. >> DID YOU READ 68? >> I DID READ BILL 68, I DID NOT CALL UP BILL 67; WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO INCLUDE THAT? >> NO, BECAUSE THAT IS TO FILE. >> 67 IS TO FILE. >> 65, 66, 68 OKAY, DISCUSSION, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA DID YOU MAKE A MOTION?\r\n\r\n>> WOULD YOU SEPARATE 68, CHAIR? >> SEPARATE 68, OKAY. LET'S TAKE 65, AND BILL 65 AND 66. >> OKAY. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 65 AND 66 ON FIRST READING. >> OH, CHAIR? I'M SORRY, CAN WE THROW 68 IN THERE, I GOT -- I'M SORRY, THERE WAS SOME NUMBERS -- MY MISTAKE. >> WE CAN INCLUDE 68 THEN.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. CLERK, CAN YOU ALSO CALL UP 68, SO 65, 66 AND 68. >> THANK YOU, YES, I HAVE CALLED THAT ONE UP. >> YOU DID 68. >> I DID. >> LET'S HAVE THE MOTION ONCE MORE ON THESE THREE. >> OKAY, SO I MOVE TO PASS BILL 65, 66 AND 68 ON FIRST READING >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA AND SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILLS 65,66 AND 68 ON FIRST READING. DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nVICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> BILL 65, 66 ADAMS FISCAL YEAR BUDGET BY REVISING A FEW OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS RESPECTFULLY. BILL 68 WHICH IS FOR LANA'I AMENDS FISCAL YEAR 25 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM SPORTS AND EVENTS PROMOTIONS LINE ITEM TO THE CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM LINE ITEM FOR THE LANA'I PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL. I DEFER TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE RESPECTIVE AREAS, THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MEMBER JONHSON. >> YES, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. THIS BUDGET IS A SUPPLEMENT TO FUNDING THE LANA'I COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL MOVING \$20,000 FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYORS SPORTS EVENTS TO THE CULTURE ART PROGRAM EARMARKED FOR PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR A DRONE SHOW,

BECAUSE THEY PROHIBITED THE USE OF THE FIREWORKS IN THE DOLE PARK. SO JUST PASSING IT OUT TODAY WAS PROCESSING THE GRANT FUNDING A LITTLE FASTER, AND THEN SPEAKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR PROPOSING THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? >> CHAIR? >> YES, MEMBER COOK.\r\n\r\n>> THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED BILL IS TO DELETE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION \$5,000. AND THE KIHEI YOUTH CENTER \$50,000 AND INCREASE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL, AND ADD A NEW CONDITION FOR THE ASSOCIATION FOR \$50,000. THE FUNDING FOR KALANI HIGH SCHOOL TO BE USED FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING FOR THE VALLEY ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO KNOWN AS MAUI RACEWAY PARK WILL ASSIST WITH RETROFITTING THE LIGHTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIGHTING BILL AND ADDRESS CORRECT SAFETY ISSUES AND CONCERNS. >> OKAY, AND MY DISTRICT HAD TO DO WITH MOVING SOME MONEY LEFTOVER MONEY, \$5,000 TO 'IMI PONO CHALLENGE AND THE REST TO THE PAKAKOLO FENCE PROJECT. ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, MEMBER UU-HODGINS, MOTION CARRIES, MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, WE'RE ON BILL 67 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI APPENDIX A, PART 1 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> OF I MOVE TO FILE BILL 67 (2025). >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO FILE BILL 67, DISCUSSION, NOT PRO TEM, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> BILL 67 (2025) PROPOSES TO INCREASE GRAND REVENUES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING BY \$373,057 TO REFLECT THE NEW FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS. HOWEVER, THE BUDGET OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT APPROXIMATELY \$700,000 REMAINS AVAILABLE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 25 GENERAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS THIS GRANT TO BE AMENDED WITHOUT A SEPARATE BUDGET AMENDMENT. AS SUCH THE BILL IS UNNECESSARY AND MAY BE FILED. >> ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED. UU-HODGINS. MOTION CARRIES. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. BEFORE YOU IS BILL 69 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION DETERRENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY PROGRAM.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 67 (2025) ON FIRST READING. 69. >> 69 (2025). >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILL 69 ON FIRST READING. DISCUSSION,. >> BILL 69 AMENDS FISCAL YEAR 25 BUDGET BY STRIKING \$100,000 APPROPRIATION FOR FRUSTRATE FOR PPUBLIC LANDS FOR DUE DILIGENCE ON PROPERTIES ON MALIA AND REAPPROPRIATING IF TO SUPPORT ACQUISITION IN WEST MAUI. ACCORDING TO THE BUDGET DIRECTOR'S TRANSMITTAL THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND CAN NO LONGER ASSIST THE COUNTY WITH DUE DILIGENCE IN MALIA PROPERTIES AND THERE'S A CURRENT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING WEST MAUI PROPERTIES. I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND? EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, UU-HODGINS, MOTION CARRIES. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 70 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY'2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEMS. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nIF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO PLEASE REQUEST THE CLERK CALL UP BILL 71? >> NO OBJECTIONS. SO ORDERED, MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BILL 71 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659 BILL NO. 62 CD 1 (2024) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR. >> PROPOSES TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR THAT BUDGET TO

TRANSFER \$8 MILLION CIP FOR THE FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO ALIGN WITH ENTERPRISE FUND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. BILL 71 AMENDS THE BOND APPROPRIATION BILL TO REFLECT THE TRANSFER OF THE FIRE FLOW IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MAY I ASK FOR THE MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. >> WE JUST NEED THE MOTION, PLEASE. >> OH, SORRY. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 70 AND 71 ON FIRST READING.\r\n\r\n>> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILLS 70 AND 71 ON FIRST READING AND WE ALREADY HAD THE DISCUSSION. >> YES. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL HOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, UU-HODGINS, MOTION CARRIES.\r\n\r\nOKAY. I THINK NOW WE CAN GO BACK, OR DID WE MISS ANY OTHERS? WE JUST HAVE TWO LEFT. TWO RESOS. >> AND MY BILL, BILL 57. >> AND BILL 57. BILL 63 AND 64 WE MISSED? >> WE DID HOLD BILL 57. >> SO JUST THREE. TWO RESOS AND ONE BILL?\r\n\r\nOKAY. YOU GET THE CHOICE. MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO? >> BILL 57. >> BILL 57, OKAY. >> I WILL JUST RECALL BILL 57 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3.36 MAUI COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM.\r\n\r\n>> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT BILL 57 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO PASS BILL 57 ON FIRST READING. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE BILL 57 (2025) WITH THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION, SIGNED BY COUNTY CLERK AND CORP. COUNSEL. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO SUBSTITUTE THE ORIGINAL BILL WITH THE ASF THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED. DISCUSSION ON THAT? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. THIS BILL IS THE SIGNED BILL. >> OH, THAT IS ALL?\r\n\r\n>> WELL, THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION HAS BEEN APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL . >> OKAY. >> YES. >> DISCUSSION? YOU JUST WANT. >> YOU WANT MY DISCUSSION NOW AND WE VOTE TWO TIMES? >> WE'RE GOING TO DO THE ASF, BUT FIRST, YES, MEMBER COOK? >> SO WAS IT MOVED AND SECONDED FOR DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\n>> YES FOR SUBSTITUTION, WHICH IS THE SIGNED BILL. >> DISCUSSION? >> IT'S JUST SIGNED IS THE ONLY AMENDMENT. >> DISCUSSION? ANY MORE DISCUSSION ON THE RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ MOTION? >> CHAIR, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GIVE MY DISCUSSION ON THE BILL NOW? OKAY MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO THIS BILL IS IN RESPONSE MAHALO TO OCS FOR HELPING ME QUICKLY GET THIS TOGETHER TO MY PRIORITY PROPOSAL, WHICH IS THE \$500,000 TO THE HOMEOWNER PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND. AS YOU MAY RECALL IN BUDGET SESSION, DEPUTY CORP. COUNSEL TOSHIKIYO THAT AT THE MOMENT THERE ISN'T A DEED RESTRICTION, A VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM ENVISIONED IN THIS HOMEOWNER PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND. AND SO THAT FUNDING THAT WE HAD APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO DO A PILOT PROGRAM ON MOLOKA'I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THAT REASON UNTIL WE CHANGED THE CODE. AND AS YOU MAY RECALL, IT DOES SAY THAT SIMILAR FUTURE PROGRAMS TO BE NAMED IN THIS SECTION UPON ESTABLISHMENT AND APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL. SO THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS BILL TODAY TO ESTABLISH OR TO PERMIT VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM TO BE USED UNDER THIS FUND, AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY WE WILL ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ON HOW THE DEED -- THE VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION PROGRAM WILL WORK. MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> I DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM IF IT ONLY APPLIED TO MOLOKA'I, BUT NOW BECAUSE OF TECHNICALITIES WE HAVE TO APPLY COUNTY-WIDE, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE DEED RESTRICTION PART OF IT. >> SO I MADE IT GENERALLY COUNTYWIDE APPLICATION. I DON'T HAVE TO. I CAN MAKE IT RESTRICTED TO MOLOKA'I. >> WELL, I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ALL OF COUNTYWIDE, BECAUSE -- I WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM, BECAUSE THIS PROJECT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A PILOT PROJECT TO BEGIN WITH. THAT IS FINE, IF YOU WANT IT JUST FOR YOUR ISLAND, BUT I THINK IT WOULD REQUIRE MORE DISCUSSION IF IT'S COUNTYWIDE. >> THE FUNDS CANNOT BE USED OUTSIDE OF MOLOKA'I. >> WELL, WE CAN

STILL WORK ON THE CHANGES RATHER THAN RESTRICTING ALL OF MAUI COUNTY TO SOMETHING WE MAY NOT WANT TO DO. >> IT'S A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM, AND LAHAINA WANTS IT.\r\n\r\nSO IT'S NOT JUST YOUR CHOICE. >> WELL, IT'S A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE -- YOU WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THIS RESTRICTION, IF YOU USE THOSE FUNDS YES. SO IT'S VOLUNTARY, YOU CAN USE THOSE FUNDS OR NOT. RIGHT NOW NOBODY USES THOSE FUNDS BECAUSE IT'S NOT LIKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS. >> CHAIR, RIGHT NOW THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS STILL GETTING OFF THE GROUND. SO IT DOESN'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO MORE THAN MOLOKA'I RIGHT NOW. I HAD TO STRONG-ARM OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR IT GET THIS.\r\n\r\n>> LET'S HEAR FROM OTHER MEMBERS. DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS? >> CHAIR? >> I PERSONALLY WANTED IT FOR ONLY MOLOKA'I. MEMBER JOHNSON? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I SPEAK FOR SOME HOMEOWNERS ON LANA'I, I'M SURE WE WOULD LOVE THAT. SO I THINK THE WIDER THE NET, THE MORE FISH YOU CATCH.\r\n\r\nIT IS VOLUNTARY, SO IT'S NOT FORCING. I'M NOT SURE THE RESISTANCE TO HAVE IT ONLY FOR MOLOKA'I? IS IT BECAUSE I THINK LANA'I WOULD WANT IT AND WE HEARD FROM COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN, WEST MAUI WOULD WANT IT. THAT IS KIND OF MY THINKING ON THIS. IS IT JUST BECAUSE IT'S A PILOT? IS THAT THE CONCERN? WE'LL RUN OUT OF MONEY? >> MY CONCERN IS MAUI COUNTY IS DIFFERENT FROM MOLOKA'I, AND MAUI COUNTY -- MAUI ISLAND IS DIFFERENT FROM LANA'I. AND OUR NEEDS ARE WAY WIDER, THE RANGE IS WIDER.\r\n\r\nSO I AM NOT A PROPONENT OF A LOT OF REGULATIONS, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW. AND SO THAT IS MY CONCERN. BUT I SEE ANOTHER PERSON'S HAND UP. PRO TEM KAMA, AND THEN MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD WANT TO SEND THIS TO COMMITTEE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THAT MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ WOULD LIKE TO USE THE FUNDS FOR MOLOKA'I FOR PILOT PROJECT.\r\n\r\nI'M OKAY WITH THAT. I THINK TO NOT TAKE THIS TO COMMITTEE, AND NOT TO HAVE PEOPLE WEIGH-IN ON IT, PEOPLE TESTIFY, THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, NOT A GOOD IDEA? I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO DO THAT. >> CHAIR, REALLY QUICKLY. THAT FUNDING, IF YOU RECALL, CANNOT BE APPROPRIATED NOW. THAT IS WHY IT'S URGENT AND THAT IS WHY I THANK OCS FOR HURRYING IT FOR ME, BECAUSE IT HAD HAVE TO BE STRICKEN FROM THE BUDGET IF WE DON'T PASS THIS BILL AT THE SAME TIME AS WE PASS THE BUDGET. SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR MOLOKA'I IF WE DON'T PASS THIS BILL.\r\n\r\nTHIS BILL -- AND MY COMPROMISE, CHAIR, BECAUSE I HEAR YOUR CONCERN, AND I STATED TWO THINGS, MONEY, AND RESOURCES. THE MONEY IS RESTRICTED FOR MOLOKA'I. AND THE CAPACITY IN THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT HANDLE MORE THAN 3-5 -- FIVE IS STRETCHING IT. THREE, WE COMPROMISED AT THREE, THREE POTENTIAL HOUSES FOR THIS TO WORK ON MOLOKA'I JUST SO THAT WE CAN GET THE PROGRAM GOING. MY COMPROMISE IS IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED TO PASS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES BEFORE THIS PROGRAM CAN BE LAUNCHED, WILL RESTRICT THE ADMIN RULES TO MOLOKA'I. >> I LIKE THAT ATTITUDE. YOU KNOW WHAT? AT LEAST I'M OPEN, ACTUALLY, TO THAT SUGGESTION. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS, AND NOT WEIGHING IN ON THE VALUE OF THE PROS AND COULD CONS OF THE PROJECT, I THINK IT HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL.\r\n\r\nI JUST DON'T WANT IT TO TURN OUT TO BE LIKE THE 'OHANA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WHERE IT GETS ALL SCRAMBLED UP, I WANT IT TO GO FORWARD. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I HEAR YOUR PTSD. >> THANK YOU. IF YOU DON'T MIND, THE FUNDING IS ON FOR MOLOKA'I. >> I CAN AGREE TO THAT. BECAUSE MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ IS A WOMAN OF HER WORD.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> OKAY. ON A GOOD DAY. [LAUGHTER] >> TODAY IS A GOOD DAY. >> TODAY IS A GOOD DAY. OKAY. ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nEVERYBODY CAN WE -- . WE'RE STILL ON THE SUBSTITUTION; RIGHT? . >> YES, ON THE SUBSTITUTION. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE SUBSTITUTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, UU-HODGINS, MOTION CARRIES. NOW THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. ANY MORE DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nMEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT FOR -- THIS IS NOT FOR THE POT THAT THIS COMES FROM, THAT THIS PILOT PROGRAM COMES FROM. BUT IN REFERENCE TO DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY HAS SPENT ON

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND SINCE FISCAL YEAR 2008 \$4,295,169, FISCAL YEAR 2009, \$4,411,022. FISCAL YEAR 10, \$17,255,057. FY'11, \$4,279,860. FISCAL YEAR 12, \$4,150,784. FISCAL YEAR 13, \$4,256,325. FISCAL YEAR 14, \$4,466,363. FISCAL YEAR 15, \$4,754,564. FISCAL YEAR 16 \$ 5,111,683. FY'17, \$5,469,783. FY'18, \$6,063,114. FISCAL YEAR 19, \$6,429,714. FISCAL YEAR 20, \$14,321,450. FISCAL YEAR 23 \$32,695,216. FISCAL YEAR 24, \$43,016,123. AND FISCAL YEAR 25, \$61,402,910 FOR 17-YEAR TOTAL OF JUST ADOPTED BUDGETS NOT COUNTING AMENDMENTS \$260,386,008 WITH A LOT OF THOSE HAVING DEED RESTRICTIONS OF ONLY FIVE, EIGHT AND TEN YEARS. SO OVER THAT TIME SPAN OF 17 YEARS, ALL THE ONES THAT IS OVER TEN YEARS AGO, WE LOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING. NOT COUNTING STUFF THAT BURNT DOWN. SO YOU KNOW, THIS BODY'S RESISTANCE TO DEED RESTRICTIONS ENDS UP LOSING US AFFORDABLE HOUSING YEAR AFTER YEAR. AND THIS PROGRAM THAT KEANI IS PUTTING TOGETHER AS A PILOT FOR MOLINA IS BASED ON REPRESENTATIVE MIYAKI'S WHICH DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE GUARDRAILS, BUT IS BASED ON I BELIEVE GOOD DEEDS PROGRAM THAT THEY CAME TO PRESENT TO ALL OF US AT THE LAST HAWAI'I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE.\r\n\r\nSO THE RESISTANCE TO DEED RESTRICTIONS IS CAUSING MORE AND MORE OF OUR FAMILIES NOT TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD HOUSING, BECAUSE WE'RE THROWING MONEY INTO AN EMPTY BLACK HOLE, THAT ALLOWS SINGLE-FAMILIES TO BENEFIT OFF OF A ONE-TIME PURCHASE. AND YOU KNOW, IN THE LAST 17 YEARS WE SPEND OVER \$260 MILLION AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HOUSING FOR OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE WHEN IT TURNS OVER, THE NEXT FAMILY, I MEAN IT'S A LITERAL LOTTERY THAT THEY ARE WINNING BEING ABLE TO BUY A HOUSE FOR \$300,000 TO \$5,000 AND ABLE TO SELL 1.3 TO 1.5 MILLION IS ONLY BENEFITING THAT ONE FAMILY WITH ALL OF THESE TAX-PAYERS MONEY. WE OUGHT TO DO BETTER. >> WE NEED TO HAVE A LONGER DISCUSSION ON THIS BECAUSE THAT IS NOT MY EXPERIENCE. I HAVE BEEN HERE A LOT LONGER THAN ALL OF YOU AND EVERYBODY SUBDIVISION I LIVED IN THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ARE STILL THERE, BUT LIKE MY SUBDIVISION, RIGHT NOW. THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE STILL THERE. THE REASON WHY WE HAVE HOUSING PROGRAM IS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INVENTORY AND THE REASON WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE STAYING PUT, BECAUSE THERE'S NO PLACE THAT THEY CAN MOVE TO.\r\n\r\nTHEY CAN'T AFFORD IF YOU SELL YOUR HOUSE FOR \$ MILLION, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? SO IT'S A MULTI-PRONGED ISSUE THAT WILL TAKE A HECK OF A LOT MORE DISCUSSION AND FACT-FINDING THAT JUST A DISCUSSION TODAY. >> IT'S NOT THE TRUTH FOR WEST MAUI, WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO THE CONTINENT, BECAUSE A MILLION, \$1.3 WILL TAKE YOU VERY FAR OVER THERE. >> THAT IS TRUE. THAT IS TRUE. BUT FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SAY HERE, IT'S NOT ONLY HOUSING. PEOPLE DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH.\r\n\r\nLOOK AT THE COUNTY, YOU KNOW? YOU DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH, THE COST OF LIVING IS SO HIGH. SO IT'S HOUSING AND A LOT OF OTHER ISSUES. FOR TODAY, WE'RE ON THE MOVE AND READY TO VOTE FOR THIS MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? MR. JOHNSON.\r\n\r\n>> YES, CHAIR. THANK YOU, CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS AS -- I MEAN I SUPPORT IT COUNTYWIDE, BUT AS A PILOT I WILL SUPPORT IT AND I'M SURE THE SUCCESS THAT THE MOLOKA'I FOLKS WILL HAVE WITH THIS PROGRAM WE'LL BE JEALOUS AND NEXT YEAR OR WHENEVER WE GET READY TO SEE IT, WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT IT ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT'S LIKE WE'RE WATER FALLING THROUGH OUR FINGERTIPS WITH THESE SUPPLIES OF HOUSING WITH THE DEED RESTRICTIONS BEING SO SHORT. JUST LIKE TRYING TO CATCH WATER IN YOUR HANDS, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK. I THINK LANA'I WOULD BE GREAT, WOULD BE A GREAT SPOT FOR IN AND THEN LAHAINA AS WELL WITH ALL OF THESE FOLKS WANTING TO STAY JUST LIKE WHAT WAS DISCUSSED. I WANT FOLKS TO STAY AND I THINK DEED RESTRICTIONS AS A VOLUNTARY DEED RESTRICTION IS A GOOD WAY TO GO.\r\n\r\nIF THE BODY DOESN'T HAVE THE APPETITE TO DO IT ACROSS THE BOARD, I'M SURE MOLOKA'I WILL LEAD THE WAY AND SHOW US. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> I'M WISHING THEM ALL THE SUCCESS IN THE WORLD. ANYBODY ELSE? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED.\r\n\r\nUU-HODGINS.

MOTION CARRIES >> MAHALO, MEMBERS. >> THAT WAS THE EASY ONE. MOVING ON. >> RETURNING TO RESOLUTION 25- -- DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE UP 25-104 OR 25-105? >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> 104, PLEASE PANNING DIRECTOR RESOLUTION 25-104 OPPOSING THE INCREASE MANY SHIPPING COSTS PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS. >> >> >> DO WE HAVE THAT PERSON ON THE LINE?\r\n\r\nWHAT IS HIS NAME? MR. WHO? MR. ANA. >> JAY ANA. I CAN MAKE MY MOTION AND READ MY -- >> OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. ALL RIGHT, I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-104. >> OKAY. MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 104. YOUR DISCUSSION. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 25-104 WITH THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO SUBSTITUTE THE ORIGINAL MOTION WITH THE ASF THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERYONE. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS. WHEREAS, YOUNG BROTHERS YB, AN INDEPENDENT SUBSIDIARY OF PHOS MARITIME PART OF THE SEATTLE-BASED MARINE FAMILY THE COMPANIES IS HAWAII'S MONOPOLY INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING COMPANY; AND WHEREAS, ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2024YB FILED AN APPLICATION REQUESTING HAWAII PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF TOTAL REVENUE INCREASE OF \$26,368,923, 27.06% OVER REVENUES AT CURRENT EFFECTIVE RATES IN DOCKET NO. 2024-0255; AND WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 7, 2025YB FILED A MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RATE INCREASE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STEPS A 20% INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST, 2025, AND AN ADDITIONAL 5% INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2025. ; AND WHEREAS, THE PUC HELD HEARINGS ON YB'S PROPOSAL MANY MAUI COUNTY ON MAUI ON APRIL 30TH, LANAI ON MAY 1ST, AND WILL BE ON MOLOKA'I ON MAY 9TH, 2025; AND WHEREAS, ON APRIL 21ST, 2025 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE FILED PROTEST AGAINST THE RATE; AND WHEREAS, NOT TO PROPOSE THE REQUEST TO YB'S 2025 REGULATED RATES FOR THE PURPOSES, BUT RATHER RECOMMENDED AN INCREASE OF 3.2 MILLION VERSUS \$18.5 MILLION IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET; AND WHEREAS, THE CONSUMER ADVOCATES RECOMMENDED AON PRE-APPROVAL FOR ANY DIVIDENDS, PAYMENTS FROM YB TO ITS PARENT COMPANY SALTCHUK RESOURCES, INC. AND INVESTIGATION INTO THE COMPANY'S RELATIONSHIP TO ENSURE THEIR DEALINGS ARE IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST; AND WHEREAS, AS REPORTED BY THE HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT, THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE SAID YB'S MANAGERIAL AND FINANCIAL DECISIONS HAVE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT SALTCHUK HAS NOT TREATED YB LIKE A PUBLIC UTILITY AND VITAL SERVICE FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII, BUT RATHER PURELY LIKE A FINANCIAL ASSET FROM WHICH RESOURCES CAN BE EXACTED IN GOOD TIMES, BUT FOR WHICH NO SUPPORT IS MAINTAINED DURING HARD TIMES; AND WHEREAS, IN AUGUST 2020 THE PUC APPROVED A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE OF 46% FOR YB AT THE ONSET OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO PREVENT POTENTIAL BANKRUPTCY ON THE CONDITION THAT YB'S FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT; AND WHEREAS, THE 217-PAGE AUDIT CONDUCTED BY NEVADA-BASED INDEPENDENT CONSULTING MONROE ACTUALLY CITED PROBLEMS WITH THE COMPANY'S LABOR MANAGEMENT, COST CONTROLS, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT FOUND THAT YB'S MANAGEMENT HAD GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO PASSING ITS INCREASING LABOR COSTS ONTO CUSTOMERS VIA RATE INCREASES ROUTINELY APPROVED BY THE HAWAII PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS REPORTED BY HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021,; AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT FOUND THAT YB'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS STARTED LONG BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, AND THAT THE ROOT CAUSES DEVELOPED OVER SEVERAL YEARS, INCLUDING RISING PERSONNEL COSTS COMBINED WITH NO PLANS TO OFFSET COSTS HE IS WHERE. ; AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT SAID THAT AS OF JUNE 30, 2021, TEN MONTHS AFTER THE APPROVED EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE, YB GENERATE A MONTHLY PROFIT OF OVER \$2 MILLION PRIMARILY DUE TO THE RATE INCREASE RAISING A QUESTION OF WHETHER RATES SHOULD BE REDUCED? AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION CONSIDER REDUCING THE EMERGENCY RATE

INCREASE TO REFLECT THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION, AND TO PROVIDE SOME RATE RELIEF TO CUSTOMERS; AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT FOUND THAT DESPITE MOUNTING LOSSES PREVIOUS YB MANAGEMENT MADE MINIMAL EFFORT TO EITHER ADDRESS OPERATING EFFICIENCIES, OR TO CONTAIN COSTS, AND INSTEAD FOCUSED THEIR EFFORT GROWING REVENUES BY CARRYING MORE UNREGULATED CARGO, RESULTING IN GROWING OVERALL REVENUES, BUT ALSO ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH THAT OPERATING LOSSES CONTINUE TO GROW.\r\n\r\n; AND WHEREAS, THE AUDIT RECOMMENDED THAT YB IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED PACKAGE OF 15 ACTIONS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUC IF THE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE IS TO REMAIN IN PLACE WITHOUT A REDUCTION INCLUDING AGREEING TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CUT COSTS BY AT LEAST 3.4 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE SHORT-TERM AND TO ASK FOR ANOTHER RATE INCREASE AND TO NOT ASK FOR ANOTHER RATE INCREASE UNTIL AT LEAST 2023. EXTENDING CREDIT LINES, MAINTAINING \$10 MILLION IN CASH AND AGREEING TO OBTAIN PUC APPROVAL BEFORE SPENDING ANY OF THAT MONEY ON OPERATIONS, INVESTMENTS, OR DIVIDENDS AND HAVING AN INDEPENDENT OBSERVER FOR ITS OPERATIONS; AND WHEREAS, THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO INCLUDED COLLECTING AND SHARING MORE GRANULAR COST DATA, IDENTIFYING COST ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN REGULATED AND UNREGULATED BUSINESS; AND WHEREAS, YB'S PATTERN OF MEDIA SHIFTING COSTS TO RATE-PAYERS RATHER THAN IMPLEMENTING COST-REDUCTION MEASURES IMPACT MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON SHIPPED IMPORTS AND WHEREAS, IMPORTS FROM OUTSIDE OF HAWAI'I ARE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO O'AHU AND YB SHIPS TO OUR ISLAND CHAIN ADD A HASTY COST PARTICULARLY TO LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I AND WILL RESULT IN HIGHER PRICE STO ESSENTIAL GOODS INCLUDING FOOD AND OTHER CARGO; AND WHEREAS, HIGHER PRICES WILL INHIBIT ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE GOODS AND SERVICES, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RESIDENTS; AND WHEREAS, THESE RATES WILL IMPACT OUR FARMERS, AND OUR RANCHERS PRODUCTION COST BECAUSE SHIPPING COSTS FOR SUPPLIERS INCLUDING FIBER FENCING, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY AGRICULTURAL INPUTS CANNOT BE EASILY OFFSET WITH INCREASING AND SELLING PRICES; AND WHEREAS, OUR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNCERTAINTY OF TARIFFS, AND THE DISPROPORTIONAL IMPACT THAT THEY WILL HAVE ON OUR COUNTY; AND WHEREAS, THE PRICES INCREASED PROPOSED BY YB WOULD EXACERBATE THE ALREADY CHALLENGING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR MANY FAMILIES BROUGHT ON BY THE UNCERTAINTY OF COST OF LIVING IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, INCLUDING THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION, RISING HOUSING COSTS, AND ENERGY PRICES; AND WHEREAS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS INCREASED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MANY TO MAINTAIN A HOME, AND FORCE THEM TO LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE MORE AFFORDABLE; AND WHEREAS, THE EFFECT OF NOSE RESIDENTS LEAVING WILL DISRUPT THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY WHICH WILL FURTHER DIMINISH THE ECONOMY AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ONE STRONGLY OPPOSED THE INCREASED SHIPPING COSTS BY YOUNG BROTHERS RECOGNIZING THIS HARM COULD CAUSE FAMILIES, RESIDENCES; AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY, 2, THAT IT'S DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THE WELL-BEING OF ITS RESIDENTS AND STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL FAMILIES CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN MAUI COUNTY, MAINTAINING THE UNIQUE CULTURE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE; 3, THAT IT REQUESTS THAT YOUNG BROTHER RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED PRICE INCREASE AND THAT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT CAN STABILIZE COSTS AND MITIGATE THE IMPACT ON MAUI COUNTY'S RESIDENTS SUCH AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CONSUMER ADVOCATES PROTEST. AND 4, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING FOLKS: MAHALO, CHAIR. >> ALL RIGHT. >> I WILL SECOND THAT, IF THERE WASN'T A SECOND, CHAIR. I DIDN'T HEAR A SECOND. >> YOUNG BROTHERS REPRESENTATIVE JAY ANA IS ONLINE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. MR.\r\n\r\nANA. >> I CAN'T SEE IF MY CAMERA IS ON. >> IT'S ON, WE CAN HEAR YOU. WERE YOU ABLE TO HEAR THE RESOLUTION AS READ BY THE COUNCIL MEMBER? >> I JUMPED ON A LITTLE BIT LATER, BUT I HEARD THE MEAT OF IT,

PROBABLY THREE-QUARTERS I WOULD SAY. >> WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND, BECAUSE I KNOW -- DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT THAT YOU HAD TO GO TO? >> YES, I HAVE CLEARED MOST OF THAT.\r\n\r\nI JUST HAVE A WINDOW TO KEEP ME UNTIL 3:30, BUT I'M FINE. >> 3:30. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS? WELL, YOU KNOW? >> IN RESPONSE TO WHAT WAS JUST READ IN THE RESOLUTION? >> YES. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I RESPECT COUNCIL PERSON RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ PERSPECTIVE AND CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WE EXPRESSED IN MY TESTIMONY. I MO, I DON'T INTEND TO ADJUDICATE THINGS IN THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT.\r\n\r\nWE HAD A DOCKET AND THAT WAS HE HAD RELATIVE TO THAT WAS CLOSED. THE PUC AGREED THAT WE DID NOT OVER EARN AND WE MET THAT REQUIREMENT AND THEY CLOSE THE DOCKET WITHOUT TOUCHING THE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE. SO I THINK THAT IN ITSELF WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT. AS I SAID EARLIER, YOU KNOW, WE LIKewise TAKE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT VERY SERIOUSLY. AS AN ENTITY, WE HAVE NOT HAD, BUT TWO RATE INCREASES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE SAME RISING COSTS THAT THE COMMUNITY ENDURES AT CURRENT WE ARE IN AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS; RIGHT? IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO PAY OUR BILLS LIKE INDIVIDUALS, WE HAVE MORTGAGES THAT WE'RE SUBJECTED TO, THE ASSETS THAT WE OWN ARE I GUESS MORTGAGED AGAINST THE BANKS. SO IF WE CAN'T PAY THE BANKS BACK, THE ASSETS WILL BE SECURED BY THOSE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE ENTERPRISE TO BE ABLE TO FUND THE ENTERPRISE'S NEEDS, AND AT CURRENT, WE'RE WITH EACH DAY EVERY DAY WE OPERATE WE LOSE MONEY. AND THAT IS NOT A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL. WE CAN EMPHASIZE BECAUSE WE'RE SUFFERING FROM THEM; RIGHT? OUR COSTS HAVE RISEN IN THE SAME WAY. YES, LABOR IS PART OF THAT, THOSE ARE ACTUAL WAGES THAT ARE PAID TO LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT LIVING WAGE EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE WHERE WE HAVE 400 EMPLOYEES STATEWIDE, HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, HIGHLY SKILLED LABOR I THOUGHT ALL THE PORTS OF HAWAI'I THAT WORK EXTREMELY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DELIVER WHAT MATTERS MOST OF OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT WE AS A BUSINESS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE FINANCES TO BE ABLE TO FUND NOT JUST WAGE BUBS CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPECIFICALLY AS I MENTIONED FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF MOLINA AND LANA'I, JUST IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS WE MADE \$30 MILLION IN INVESTMENT IN THOSE GO COMMUNITIES ALONE WITH LANA'I MOLOKA'I WITH A NEW BARGE AND SHORT TENSION SYSTEM DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE LOSE \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR OPERATING JUST THOSE TWO PORTS. >> QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nMEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU. MY QUESTION, MR. ANA, IS WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATEMENT? >> SO THEIR OPPOSITION TO OUR TEMPORARY RATE REQUEST? >> FROM MY UNDERSTANDING IS BASICALLY THEY HAD AGREED TO THE RATE INCREASE, BUT REQUESTED THAT IT BE REDUCED TO 3.2 MILLION, AND SOME ACCOUNTING CLARIFICATIONS OCCUR TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE NEED? >> YES.\r\n\r\nIS I GUESS WHAT I WILL SAY, WE SUBMITTED A RESPONSE TO THE CA'S RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, 3.2 MILLION IS NOT GOING TO OFFSET \$18 MILLION LOSS AND IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A CPA TO UNDERSTAND THAT WON'T ALLOW US TO REPAY LOANS. WE ALREADY VIOLATED THE DEBT COVENANTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOTES THAT WERE UTILIZED TO ACCESS THE VERY BARGES AND TWO NEW TUGS, AS WELL AS THE LIFT EQUIPMENT THAT ARE ON THE FACILITIES AND IN THE PORT SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. THOSE ARE PLEDGED ASSETS ON THOSE NOTES. I CAN'T SAY WHAT THE BANK WILL DO, BUT THE BANK HAS THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SECURE THOSE ASSETS. I THINK ULTIMATELY, AND I GUESS, I APOLOGIZE IF I'M READING IN YOUR QUESTION, COUNCIL PERSON COOK, I GUESS THE NEXT QUESTION, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T GET ENOUGH? THAT WILL HANG IN THE BALANCE OF WHAT THE BANK'S RESPONSE IS AND OBVIOUSLY DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY DO, WE'LL HAVE TO MANAGE ACCORDINGLY. I WILL SAY IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO SECURE THE FINANCES NEEDED TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE SERVICE, WE HAVE TO MODIFY THE SERVICE;

RIGHT?

WE PROVIDE A FREQUENCY OF 13 -- WELL, 13 SAILINGS EVERY SINGLE WEEK INCLUDING KOHALA SAILING THAT IS A BARGE THAT NAVIGATES THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS EVERY SINGLE WEEK, SO THERE'S CAPACITY THERE. FOR OFFERING WE'LL HAVE TO BE REVISITED AND REDUCED LIKELY BECAUSE INHERENT IS WHAT WE DO IS COST, EVERY BARGE WE SELL WHETHER IT'S ONE CONTAINER OR 300, THERE'S A COST OF SAILING; RIGHT? WE PAY MARINERS, MEN AND WOMEN WHO LIVE ABOARD FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DELIVERING CRITICAL CARGO TO COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DEPENDENT ON THIS. SO YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO EVALUATE AS THIS UNFOLDS. >> FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS? >> FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, THANK YOU, SIR. YOUNG BROTHERS IS A VITAL PART OF ALL OUR COMMUNITIES AND I HAVE FRIENDS THAT WORK FOR YOUNGER BROTHERS AND I TOTALLY RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE BARGE AND THE TUGBOAT OPERATORS AND EVERYTHING.

IS THE STATE HARBOR CHARGES, IS THAT SIGNIFICANT AND IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THE STATE COULD POTENTIALLY ASSIST IN REDUCING THE CHARGE, THE COSTS THAT WOULD MITIGATE PRICE INCREASES TO SOME DEGREE? >> I CAN'T SAY WHAT THEY WOULD DO. I GUESS I WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION SEPARATELY. I WOULD SAY ON AVERAGE A FREIGHT BILL THAT IS CHARGED TYPICALLY THE CONSUMER WILL SEE IS ABOUT 30% OF THE ULTIMATE FREIGHT BILL AND THEY PAY IS -- AND SO IT'S NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER. I OFTEN TIMES THE STATE'S WHARFAGE INCREASED I THINK 26 SOMETHING, DON'T QUOTE ME ON IT, BUT IT'S SOMETHING TO THAT AFFECT. WE HAVE USED THAT IN OUR TESTIMONY FOR THE RATE CASE, THAT WE'RE LIKELY NOT IMMUNE; RIGHT? WE PAY FOR CRITICAL HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE, I MENTIONED EARLIER, JUST SINCE 2018, OVER \$200 MILLION IN CAPITAL INVESTED.

OVER THE TENURE OF THE CURRENT COMPANY'S OWNERSHIP, SO IN THE 25 YEARS I THINK SENATOR COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ REFERENCED OUR PARENT COMPANY, WITH A RETURN OF 1%. MR. JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MR. ANA FOR STAYING WITH US TODAY. I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO TODAY'S MEETING BECAUSE I TESTIFIED AT THE LANA'I PUBLIC HEARING YOU GUYS HELD. AND I, TOO, LIKE COUNCIL MEMBER COOK KNOW WORKERS THAT WORK FOR YOUNG BROTHER AND I LOVE THEM, BUT THAT IS KIND OF IRRELEVANT TO THE DISCUSSION TODAY.

I MIGHT LIKE THEM, BUT WHAT YOU ARE ASKING IS KIND OF A LOT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I WILL JUST LAY IT OUT. SO FIRST OFF, YOU MENTIONED COVID BEING A BIG CHUNK OF THE FINANCIAL HIT YOU -- HAS TAKEN. WE HAVE ALL TAKEN THAT FINANCIAL HIT. NOBODY WAS IMMUNE TO IT, ACROSS THE BOARD OF, RICH AND POOR, EVERYBODY COULD GET COVID. SO THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU GUYS WERE ABLE FOR COVID LOANS, BUSINESS LOANS SBA LOANS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC MOST OF THE TIME WERE NOT. SO I'M CURIOUS IF YOU DID TAKE ANY COVID LOANS AND IF YOU DID, DID ANY OF IT GET FORGIVEN, THAT IS MY FIRST QUESTION?

>> NO, WE WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ANY COVID FUNDING. ONE FROM A SMALL BUSINESS STANDPOINT WE DON'T QUALIFY FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS AND OTHER THINGS. THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION. >> WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING. >> BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO GET AN EMERGENCY INCREASE IN THE RATES FROM THE PUC, CORRECT? >> WE GOT AN EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE, BUT WE ACTUALLY ALREADY HAD A RATE INCREASE REQUEST IN FRONT OF THEM. SO ALL THEY DID IS ACCELERATE THE RATE INCREASE WE HAD IN FRONT OF THEM. FRONT OF THEM.

>> YOUR RATE INCREASE IN FRONT OF THEM WAS 2019 OR 2020. >> FILED IN 2019, BUT BEING HEARD IN 2020, THE CASE WAS FROZEN WHEN COVID HIT. >> THAT IS SOMETHING THAT MAKES ME REALLY KIND OF WARY THAT YOU GUYS, AT THE HEIGHT WHEN OUR ECONOMY WAS EXPLODING WITH TOURISM WHEN PEOPLE WERE GOING GOODS AND GOODS WERE GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN ISLANDS, THAT IS WHEN YOU ASKED FOR A RATE INCREASE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, AND YOU KNOW COVID KNOCKED OUR NUMBERS DOWN. NOW WE NEED A RATE INCREASE. 2019, THE NUMBERS ARE OFF THE CHARTS, YOU REMEMBER THE TRAFFIC THE CARS GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN ISLANDS HAD A BIG PART OF THAT AND THAT IS LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WOULD ASK AT THIS POINT. YOU KNOW? BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU DID AND GOT IT.

SO THAT IS YOU UNLIKE ANYBODY HERE. WE

COULDN'T GO AS A FARMER ASK FOR EMERGENCY RAISE WHEN I WAS WORKING. SO THAT IS I'M TRYING TO MAKE YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, THE FIRST POCKET YOU GUYS ASK IS THE CONSUMER'S PROSPECTS. HAVE YOU ASKED FOR OTHER PEOPLE? OTHER SUBSIDIES GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, YOU SAID YOU HAVE A PARENT COMPANY, AND I MEAN THAT IS WHAT THE PARENT COMPANY'S JOB IS TO MAKE SURE YOU GUYS ARE AFLOAT. NO PUN INTENDED, IS IN YOU GUYS ARE THE ON CARRIE. IT'S ALMOST A MONOPOLY; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nI DON'T KNOW HOW THAT EITHER OF THE -POINT COMPANY DOESN'T KICK IN WEATHER THE STORM BECAUSE WE KNOW THESE ARE ECONOMIC TIMES ARE TIGHT AND THEN YOU ALSO DON'T YOU BUYS ASK FOR OTHER POCKETS? YOU GO AND ASK FOR CONSUMERS POCKETS, I MEAN MORE THAN EVER. AND THAT SIDE NOTES, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE REBUILD OF WEST MAUI -- . >> MR. JOHNSON, COULD YOU LET HIM ANSWER THE QUESTION. >> THANK YOU. I WILL START WITH SAYING. >> MR.\r\n\r\nANA, BECAUSE WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE WANTING TO ASK QUESTIONS. >> I DON'T WANT TO DEBATE YOU. YOU CAN JUST GO TO THE QUESTIONS. >> A COUPLE OF THINGS, SO AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, SOME OF THE CHALLENGES ARE JUST SYSTEMATIC. IN OUR PROCESS FOR HOW WE RECOVER RATES REQUIRES THAT WE FILE FOR RATE INCREASES. >> WITH THE PUC. >> WITH THE PUC.\r\n\r\n>> IN 2019, CALLED FOR A RATE INCREASE. WE HADN'T HAD A RATE INCREASE PRIOR TO THAT IN THREE YEARS. AS I MENTIONED WE ONLY HAD TWO RATE INCREASES IN TEN YEARS. SO I GUESS THAT INHERENTLY ALMOST ADDRESSES THE COMMENT, DO WE ONLY -- I THINK IT DISPUTES THIS ARGUMENT THAT WE ON LOOK TO THE CONSUMER TO RECOVER COSTS BECAUSE WE HAVE ON HAD TWO RATE INCREASES IN TEN YEARS. OUTSIDE OF THOSE YEARS WE WERE LOOKED INTERNALLY, WHICH INCLUDE OUR PARENT COMPANY EXPERIENCING LOSSES OF \$22 MILLION LEADING UP TO COVID AND \$14 MILLION IN COVID, IN 2020, \$35 MILLION IN ALSOS THAT WERE FUND BY THE PARENT COMPANY. BUT THE PARENT'S COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT TO FUND OPERATING LOSSES. A PARENT COMPANY'S RESPONSIBILITY IN A UTILITY IS TO MAKE SURE IT HAS ACCESS TO CAPITAL SO THAT SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR UTILITY.\r\n\r\nOUR SHAREHOLDER HAS MADE SURE THAT WE HAVE HAD ACCESS TO CAPITAL, WE MADE THOSE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS, BUT THE REGULATORY PACT, THE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE SAYS WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EARN A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN, AND IN A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN IS 10% AS I MENTIONED OVER 25 YEARS WE BARELY MADE 1%. THAT IS NOT A RECIPE FOR CONTINUED INCENTIVE FOR CAPITAL, AND MY CAUTION IS THAT OVER THE COMING YEARS OUR COMMUNITY IS GOING TO NEED MORE CAPITAL. TO INVEST HARDENED INFRASTRUCTURE. COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON YOU WERE WITNESS TO THE LANA'I SHORE TENSION. I THINK WE MIGHT RIGHT WHEN YOU CAME OUT. OF ITS KIND TECHNOLOGY TO ENSURE RELIABLE CONSISTENT SERVICE AND EVERY PERSON I HAVE TALKED TO LANA'I SINCE WE INSTALLED THAT HAS AGREED TO IMPROVED THE SERVICE FOR LANA'I, AND THAT IS \$2 MILLION INVESTMENT BY ITSELF. WE JUST CAN'T KEEP FUNDING THAT OUT OF POCKET. >> I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND.\r\n\r\nMY TIME IS UP. I WILL LEAVE IT TO OTHER MEMBERS, BUT YOU KNOW THE WHOLE POINT OF HAVING THAT IS THAT YOUR BOATS DON'T TURN AWAY IN THE STORM. WE LOST MONEY FOR ALL OF THE GOODS THAT WERE ON THERE. AND THEN YOU GUYS LOST MONEY. NOBODY WAS WINNING WHEN THE BOAT COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE HARBOR SO I GET WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM YOU KNOW? HELP ME HELP YOU. YOU KNOW YOU GUYS ARE MAKING GOOD -- MY TIME IS UP SO I WILL LEAVE IT TO FORGES, THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> SO THE DIFFERENCE IS COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON, REGARDLESS OF WHEN WE MADE EVERY DELIVERY OR NOT WE LOSE \$7.5 MILLION ON LANA'I MOLOKA'I REGARDLESS. SO IF WE MADE EVERY SAILING WE'RE GOING TO LOSE MONEY TO MATTER WHAT JUST TO PLAIT IT. BUT THAT IS RESPONSIBILITY AS A RESULT, AND WE NEED THAT EVERYWHERE WE LOSE MONEY. THE UTILITY IS WITH MY CONSTRUCT EARN A REASONABLE RATE. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. IN THE OPENING REMARKS YOU SAID YOU DID NOT TOUCH THE EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE?\r\n\r\nDID I MISUNDERSTAND THAT. >> THE QUESTION WAS WHEN WE REDUCED EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE FOLLOWING A SHORT PERIOD OF PROFITABLE SO I WOULD

LIKE TO CORRECT THE RECORD WE DID NOT EARN \$2 MILLION EVERY SINGLE MONTH. IMMEDIATELY AFTER. THERE WAS A SHORT PERIOD THAT WE HAD PROFITABLE, BUT MOST OF THAT PERIOD WERE WE STILL LOSING MONEY AND AFTER THE FAC, AGAIN WE'RE CONTINUING TO LOSE MONEY. SO THE QUESTION WAS DID WE REDUCE IT? WE HAD A HEARING WITH THE PUC WHERE THEY EVALUATED WHY THAT RATE INCREASE SHOULD BE REDUCED? THEY DECIDED ALONG THE WITH THE CONSUMER ERI, 46% WAS SUBSTANTIATED AND REMAIN INTACT.\r\n\r\nTHAT DECISION WAS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2024, I BELIEVE. >> WHEN YOU SAID, "REMAIN IN TACT," WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? >> THAT RATE BECOME PERMANENT. IT WAS NO LONGER TEMPORARY AND BECOMES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BASE RATE. >> OKAY. >> THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE DEPENDED ON YOUNG BROTHERS TO HELP US AND HAVE HEARD CONCERNS WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT GO ON, AND I UNDERSTAND THE TESTIFIERS' CONCERNS ABOUT THE COST OF REALLY THE COST OF LIVING EVERYTHING IN GENERAL, NOT ONLY YOUNG BROTHERS, BUT I THINK EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE ARE REALLY AT THE WHIM OF BEING THESE ISLANDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, AND TO COMMUNICATE WITHIN OURSELVES WE HAVE TO DEPEND ON YOU ALSO, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A FERRY SYSTEM OR SOMETHING THAT OPTION. SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR, AND IT WILL IMPACT AS THE TESTIFIERS SAID.\r\n\r\nI THINK ALSO JUST PART OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO KIND OF WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY. MY LAST QUESTION THEN, MAYBE YOU COULD SHARE WITH US SOME IMPORTANCE ABOUT WHAT YOU DO IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF SUPPORT OR DONATIONS, OR BIGGER THINGS THAT BIGGER THAN THIS ONE DISCUSSION? >>ABSOLUTELY. YOU KNOW, SO AS A SINGLE ENTITY AS I DON'T KNOW BROTHERS WE'RE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. ME PERSONALLY I SIT ON A NUMBER OF NONPROFIT BOARDS SUPPORTING THEM WHETHER THROUGH PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO AN EXTENT CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS. OBVIOUSLY, WHEN WE'RE STRUGGLING LIKE THIS, WE HAVE TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS. SO SOME OF OUR LOSSES ARE CONTRIBUTIONS AND WE'RE STILL CONTINUING TO FUND COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DIFFERENT NONPROFITS.\r\n\r\nWE MOVE A LOT OF CARGO GRATIS, WHICH MEANS WE ATE IT FOR FREE, DURING THE LAHAINA WILDFIRE, EVERYTHING RELATED TO THE LAHAINA WILDFIRE WE MOVED FOR FLEE, AND IN SPECIAL CASES FOR THE REMAINING FEW MONTHS WE MOVED IT FOR FREE. SO THOSE THINGS ARE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE CONTRIBUTE AS A FAMILY OF COMPANIES; RIGHT? WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE STATE THAT ARE AFFILIATED ENTITIES. WE AS A GROUP ON AN ANNUAL BASIS CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$300,000 TO \$500,000 TO DIFFERENT NON-PROFITS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MR. ANA. I WAS WONDERING DID YOU ASK YOUR MEMBERS AND WORKERS NOT TO TESTIFY TODAY? >> DID WE ASK THEM NOT TO TESTIFY? NO, WE DID NOT -- WE DO NOT ASK THEM NOT TO TESTIFY. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nAND I DID HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO GET REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN, IS THAT CORRECT? >> THAT IS CORRECT. IT'S NOT PROMISED, BUT WE'RE ALLOWED, BUT IT'S NOT A GUARANTY >> AND WE'RE ALLOWED TO OPPOSE A RATE INCREASE AS WELL; RIGHT? >> CORRECT. >> BECAUSE YOU KNOW, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING WITH THE LAHAINA WILDFIRE, BUT IF THESE SHIPPING INCREASES TAKE EFFECT, IT WILL ALMOST BE FOR NOTHING, BECAUSE LAHAINA WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME AND REBUILD THEIR HOMES AT THE ESCALATING PRICES OF LUMBER AND WHAT NOT, AND THE SHIPPING OF ALL OF THE THINGS. YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU SAID, THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY A MORTGAGE, MANY OF MANY RESIDENTS, MY CONSTITUENTS ARE PAYING TO A MORTGAGE THAT THEY CAN'T LIVE IN, RENTS THAT ARE SKY-HIGH, AND NOW THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GO HOME. SO IF YOU'RE ALLOWED TO GET A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ALLOWED TO OPPOSE THE INCREASE, BECAUSE IT WOULD DEVASTATE MY COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CHAIR. >> NO QUESTIONS. MEMBER SINENCI. NO MORE QUESTIONS? ANYBODY?\r\n\r\nANY FINAL COMMENTS? MR. ANA? >> NO, I JUST APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. MAHALO. >>

SO I JUST HAVE ONE. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE PROCESS, NORMALLY WHEN YOU AMI FOR A RATE INCREASE, NORMALLY HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET APPROVAL?\r\n\r\n>> IT'S A LONG PROCESS. BY STATUTE IT SHOULD BE SIX MONTHS; HISTORICALLY IT'S BEEN ANYWHERE FROM 9-18 MONTHS. AS AN EXAMPLE -- >> DO YOU APPLY FOR A RATE INCREASE KNOWING IT TAKES THAT LONG? YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? >> NO, OUR HOPE IS THAT IT'S SOONER BECAUSE IN EACH INSTANCE WHEN WE'RE ASKING FOR A RATE INCREASE, WE HAVE ALREADY ABSORBED THE COST INCREASES. SO WE'RE ALWAYS LAGGING. THAT IS WHERE I MENTIONED THE SYSTEMATIC ISSUE AND WHY WE THINK A MECHANISM LIKE THE WIKI WILL ALLOW US A MORE CADENCE INCREASE THAT IS NOT JUST PALATABLE FOR US AS A UTILITY TO MANAGE OUR CAPITAL PLAN, BUT FOR THE CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY, SO THEY CAN ANTICIPATE AND PREDICT AND 3-5% INCREASE ANNUALLY VERSUS THESE BIG SLUGS, YOU KNOW -- THOSE ARE NOT PALATABLE INCREASES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS THE SYSTEM THAT WE OPERATE IN; RIGHT?\r\n\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE TRYING TO DELIVER REGULATORY REFORM NOT JUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UTILITY, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. >> IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE WORKS WHERE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE YOU SOME SUBSIDY IN ORDER? BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT NO MATTER WHAT, I DON'T THINK TOO MANY PEOPLE CAN AFFORD -- IF YOUR RATES KEEP GOING UP AND UP AND UP, IT'S NOT LIKE THE CUSTOMERS' INCOME GOES UP AND UP AND UP THAT QUICKLY. >> RIGHT. >> SO WOULDN'T YOU NEED TO GET SOME KIND OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY? >> YES. CHAIR, WE HAVE LOOKED AT BOTH FEDERAL, AS WELL AS STATE SUBSIDIES.\r\n\r\n\r\nWE HAD SOME SUCCESS ON FEDERAL, BUT NOT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANT. ON THE FEDERAL SIDE WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE SOME SUBSIDIES TO SUPPORT CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO AND WE WOULD HAVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THAT. WE WERE ABLE TO GET A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO SUPPORT THAT. WE HAVE APPLICATION PORES OTHER TYPES OF FEDERAL GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES, BUT HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. IT DOESN'T MEAN HAD A WE WON'T CONTINUE MANY THE SAME VEIN, BUT CONTINUED TO EXERCISE AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND STATE SUBSIDIES. TODAY I WILL REMIND THE GROUP THAT WE PROVIDE AN AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDY THAT ALLOWS 35% DISCOUNT ON OUR FREIGHT RATES.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHAT SUBSIDY IS SUBSIDIZED BY US; RIGHT? SO INTERNALLY WE'RE FUNDING ONE POCK FROM ANOTHER POCKET, BUT WE HAVE GOTEN TO THE POINT THERE'S NO MONEY IN THE OTHER POCKET, WE CAN'T SUBSIDIZE THE OTHER SIDE. SO OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO ASK FOR AN INCREASE SOONER, BUT BECAUSE OF THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT, AS WELL AS THE DELAY IN THE COST OF SERVICE APPLICATION, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO DO SO. WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE COST OF SERVICE DOCK, ET CETERA BEING FILED, FINALIZED WE FILED FOR A RATE INCREASE. I SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP, WE FILED A REQUEST IN EARLY PART OF 2024 TO TRY TO ACCELERATE THE WIKI MECHANISM, ASKING JUST FOR A 3-5% INCREASE TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF WHAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE THE INCREASE, BUT THAT REQUEST WAS DENIED AND DEFERRED AND CONSOLIDATED INTO THIS DOCKET. . >> IT SEEMS LIKE A VERY -- I DON'T KNOW, DIFFICULT DOESN'T EVEN CUT IT. IT'S ALMOST AN IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE YOU ARE FACED WITH.\r\n\r\n\r\nMEMBER PALTIN. >> IF WE WEREN'T SUBJECT TO THE JONES ACT, WOULD THAT CUT COSTS? >> YOU KNOW THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR COST STRUCTURE IS IN A MIX OF THINGS, LABOR COST AND VOLUME. SO RIGHT NOW MUCH OF THE RATE INCREASE THAT YOU SEE TODAY IS COST ESCALATION, OPERATING COST ESCALATION WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS THAT WE NEGOTIATE. THOSE ARE NEGOTIATED IN GOOD FAITH, AND OUR MEMBERS OUR EMPLOYEES GET A FAIR DAY'S WAGE FOR A FAIR DAY'S WORK. SO I'M NOT SUBJECTING THAT THEY DON'T. THEY DO HARD WORK AND ARE PAID ACCORDINGLY. WE HAVE COST ESCALATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS, BUT VERY IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE SEEN A CONTINUED DECLINE AND DEGRADATION OF OUR VOLUME, PARTICULARLY ON THE REGULATED SIDE OF THE BUSINESS, INTERSTATE VOLUME HAS NOT REBOUNDED POST-COVID AND THAT IS A CHALLENGE.\r\n\r\n\r\nAS A UTILITY, WHETHER IT'S ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHERWISE, OUR BUSINESS IS FOUNDED ON THE PREMISE THAT WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF VOLUME. AND WHEN VOLUME

GOES DECLINES, IT WORKS CONTRADICTORY TO THE MODEL. >> SO YOUNG BROTHERS DOESN'T GO TO THE CONTINENT? >> NO. >> IT'S ONLY INTER-ISLAND. >> IT'S A CAPTIVE MARKET, CAPTIVE VOLUME. >> IF THE BARGES THAT CAME TO GO TO THE CONTINENT COULD DROP OFF STOP WOULD BE CHEAPER FOR OUR RESIDENTS ALONG THE WAY.\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE INTERSTATE VESSELS THAT DOES EXACTLY THAT. THEY COME FROM WEST COAST AND DELIVER AND WE ACTUALLY ALSO HAVE ARE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS, SO CONTRARY TO WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVE, WE HAVE ASIAN CARRIERS THAT COME TO HAWAI'I DIRECTLY FROM ASIA AND TO THAT EXTENT WE LEVERAGE BARGE SERVICE YB'S BARGE SERVICE TO CARRY ADDITIONAL CARGO TO OFFSET COSTS. FOR OUR REGULATED CUSTOMER AND THE MORE VOLUME, I THIS IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN COUNCILWOMAN RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ WITH THE FOCUS ON PURSUING MORE INTERSTATE CARGO THAT ACTUALLY HAS A BENEFIT TO THE REGULATED CUSTOMER. THE MORE INTERSTATE CARGO WE GET THE CHEAPER IT IS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBER. SO WE ABSOLUTELY TRY TO OPTIMIZE INTERSTATE CARGO. OUR CHALLENGE TODAY IS THAT IN LIGHT OF THOSE VERY SAME CONCERNS WHETHER IT'S TARIFFS OR OTHERWISE, INTERSTATE CARGO ISN'T A PLACE FOR US TO GROW VOLUME. THAT IS DECLINING AS WELL.\r\n\r\nSO WE DON'T HAVE ANOTHER MEANS TO EFFECTIVELY SUBSIDIZE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS' PRICE AND THAT IS WHY RATE INCREASES ARE THE PRIMARY MECHANISM. WE CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK AT AND WE ALWAYS LOOK AT OPERATING EFFICIENCIES, BUT ULTIMATELY TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO, AND I THINK THIS WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT AS WELL, THE WAY THAT THE BUSINESS IS, THE MODEL WITH REQUIRED SAILINGS AND REQUIRED DESTINATIONS IS EFFECTIVELY A FIXED COST, A FIXED PRICE AND IF WE WANT TO MAKE CHANGES WE HAVE TO MODIFY WHAT HAD A SERVICE LOOKS LIKE. >> AND YOU SAID IT'S LABOR COSTS AND VOLUME, AND VOLUME HAS BEEN GOING DOWN. HOW LONG HAS THAT TREND BEEN GOING ON? THAT THE VOLUME HAS BEEN DECREASING? I MEAN, TO THAT CONVERSATION, I DON'T KNOW THAT RATE HIKES IS GOING TO DO ANY GOOD FOR YOUR VOLUME. >> WELL, YOU KNOW, IN BUSINESS, AND IN CARGO SHIPPING EVERYTHING IS CYCLICAL; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nSO I WILL SAY IF I TALK ABOUT IT IN TWO SEPARATE TRANCHES THERE'S OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT COMMODITIES THAT CHANGE IN DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT IF I COULD JUST SEPARATE THE LOCAL REGULATED CARGO HAS BEEN IN DECLINE. IMMEDIATELY POST-COVID, ALL VOLUME DROPPED 40%. THE AREA THAT STARTED TO REBOUND FIRST WAS INTERSTATE CARGO, STUFF FROM THE MAIN LANER. THAT REBOUNDED PRETTY QUICKLY AND I WOULD SAY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, UP UNTIL 2022, THAT VOLUME ACTUALLY ECLIPSED THE VOLUME THAT WE SAW PRE-PANDEMIC WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY REGULATED CARGO, WE DID NOT SEE THE SAME THING; RIGHT? IT FELL OFF THE CLIFF WITH COVID, BUT IT WAS A SLOWER DECLINE, AND IT NEVER REBOUNDED TO 2019 LEVELS. AND, IN FACT, NOT COINCIDENTALLY ALONG THE SAME TIME AS LAHAINA WILDFIRE, AND WE HAVE AN AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER WITHIN THE ISLANDS. ALL OF THESE FACTORS ARE REDUCED OUR INTERSTATE VOLUME; RIGHT? THE PARADIGM HAS SHIFTED AND THERE'S A CYCLICAL SHIFT IN CONSUMER BEHAVIOR, WHICH EMPHASIZES GREATER E-COMMERCE AND LESS BRICK-AND-MORTAR CONSUMPTION, MORE BIG BOX CONSUMPTION, LESS SMALL LOCAL SHOP CONSUMPTION.\r\n\r\nI THINK ALL OF US EXPERIENCED IT; RIGHT? WE ALL PROBABLY TO SOME EXTENT BUY AT COSTCO, AND THAT IS GREAT; RIGHT? BECAUSE PRICE MATTERS, BUT IT DOESN'T HELP OUR VOLUME, AND TO SOME EXTENT, THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. >> THANK YOU. >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. CIVIL BEAT REPORTED IN MARCH THAT DESPITE LOSSES AND 1.4 BILLION HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC EXECS POCKETED HUGE RAISES WITH A BUMP OF \$1.7 MILLION AND HIS AT THE END OF THE HOK PAY IS \$3.2 MILLION AND THE OTHER EXEC GOT A BUMP TO \$1.5 MILLION AND ANOTHER 2.6 MILLION AND THAT DOESN'T EVEN ACCOUNT FOR THE STOCKS THAT THEY GET, WHICH IS 6.5 MILLION DOLLARS, 5.4 MILLION, 2.6 MILLION.\r\n\r\nCAN YOU SHARE WITH US WHAT YOUR EXECS MAKE? >> I'M NOT PRIVY TO SHARE WHAT MY EXECS MAKE. WE DON'T MAKE EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS. >> EXCESSIVE IS AN SUBJECTIVE WORD. MAHALO, MR. ANA. MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> MR. ANA, YOU KEPT

MENTIONING VOLUME DECREASING, AND THE INTER-ISLAND VOLUME. WHAT KINDS OF PRODUCTS ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? >> FOR WHICH CATEGORY? I GUESS -- >> INTER-ISLAND. >> SO OUR REGULATED INTRASTATE CARGO, CHAIR? SO WE MOVE COMMODITIES, FREIGHT OF ALL KINDS.\r\n\r\nYOU KNOW, THE AREA THAT IS HAS NOT REBOUNDED THE MUCH IS PALATIZED CARGO AND I WOULD SAY THIS PART OF OUR BUSINESS AND IT'S DOCUMENTED IN OUR RATE CASES WE LOSE \$20 MILLION ON LCL ANNUALLY. THAT IS STATEWIDE. SO WE POUND THE ABILITY TO CONSOLIDATE CARGO SMALL PACKAGED GOODS WHETHER IT'S MIXED OR LCL TO \$20 MILLION ANNUALLY. AND THAT IS THE CHALLENGE WITH OUR BUSINESS; RIGHT? WE HAVE ALL OF THESE AREAS WHERE WE WANT TO MAINTAIN A LOW-COST OF SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT WHICH I DON'T DISAGREE IN CONCEPT, BUT WE CAN'T HAVE EVERY AREA NOT COVERING THE COST OF HE ITS SERVICE. BY COMPARISON, THERE'S FREIGHT FORWARDERS AS AN EXAMPLE THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN USE TO CONSOLIDATE LOADS AT FRANKLY A MORE EXPENSIVE PRICE, BECAUSE THEY ARE CHARGING THE COST THAT IS NEEDED TO COVER THAT SERVICE. BUT THEY ARE NOT DOING IT ON THE TERMINAL.\r\n\r\nTHEY ARE NOT HAVING TO INVEST IN THE CRITICAL AND EXPENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WIFE AS I MENTIONED OUR INVESTMENTS ARE OF THE HUNDRED MILLION VARIETY. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS JUST TO MAINTAIN THE CAPITAL THAT WE HAVE IT'S ABOUT \$10-11 MILLION. NOT INSIGNIFICANT. IN MY PUSH HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CAPITAL TO FUND INVESTMENTS THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT ON OUR COMMUNITY RELIES ON. BECAUSE AT SOME POINT, I THINK THE REALITY IS IF THIS GOES AWRY, I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE THAT COULD COME IN AND DO THIS? HONESTLY THE ANSWER IS NO. THERE IS NOT ANOTHER OWNER THAT WOULD WALK IN AND SAY I WILL VOLUNTEER TO LOSE MONEY, BUT OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE THE ONE WHO SUFFERS, BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IT.\r\n\r\nI STAND AGAIN SAYING THAT I RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT THAT THIS HAS ON OUR COMMUNITY AND WE DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO MUTE AND MITIGATE THOSE IMPACTS TO BENEFIT EVERYONE WHETHER THAT IS THROUGH NONPROFIT SUPPORT, WHETHER THAT IS THROUGH THE SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE, BUT ALSO BY PROVIDING GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN THESE COMMUNITIES; RIGHT? IN MOLOKA'I-LANA'I WE HAVE 12 STEVEDORES THAT FRANKLY THOSE ARE GREAT JOBS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, BUT YOU SEE THE SAME THING IN MAUI, YOU SEE THE SAME THING IN HIALEAH, KAWAIHAU AND, KAUA'I AND NAWILIWILI AND I'M EXTREMELY PROUD TO LEAD AN ORGANIZATION TO BE ABLE TO EMPLOY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE LIVING WAGE JOBS. A LOT OF MY CURRENT PARTS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CAN'T SAY THE SAME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SERVE THIS 125-YEAR LEGACY COMPANY . >> YOU KNOW, WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS WELL. I'M THINKING, IS IT REALLY THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A VICTIM TO THE PROCESS, OR IS IT MORE A PROBLEM OF PARADIGM SHIFTS, WHERE YOU KNOW, YOU LOOK AT OUR SHOPPING CENTERS? THEY ARE BECOMING GHOST TOWNS. EVENING THAT OR PEOPLE DON'T LAST VERY LONG.\r\n\r\nSO YOU JUST HAVE TO SHIFT THE WAY YOU MARKET, AND THE WAY YOU OPERATE; RIGHT? >> ABSOLUTELY, CHAIR. A BIG PART OF THIS EFFORT, THIS CURRENT RATE CASE IS TO HIGHLIGHT A NEED FOR REGULATORY REFORM. WE NEED SOME FLEXIBILITY TO SHIFT OUR BUSINESS MODEL TO MEET AND ADJUST TO THE MARKET CONDITIONS. YOU KNOW, AGAIN WE'RE KIND OF BOUND TO DOING THINGS THE WAY WE DO BY WAY OF THE TARIFF, AND WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN NAVIGATING THAT, WE'RE MAKING A CONCERTED PUSH TO SAY WE NEED TO TRANSFORM THE BUSINESS. BECAUSE THE MARKET AROUND US IS CHANGING AND CHANGING FASTER THAN IT EVER HAS. >> OKAY, AND WE THOUGHT WE HAD PROBLEMS.\r\n\r\nANY MORE QUESTIONS? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I THINK WE HAVE ASKED ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. >> THANK YOU EVERYONE. HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR AND MAHALO, MR. ANA FOR ANSWERING THE MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND FOR BEING HERE. MAYBE WE'LL SEE YOU ON MAY 9TH AT THE MOLOKA'I PUC MEETING, MAYBE NOT? MAHALO, CHAIR. SO I WANTED TO ALSO MAKE NOTE THAT THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE WASN'T ALSO HERE TO PROVIDE ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE WE ONLY HAVE

THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMPANY. MY DAD WORKED FOR YOUNGER BROTHERS FOR OVER 33 YEARS. SO I ACTUALLY HAVE A LITTLE MORE INSIGHT THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON.\r\n\r\nIT'S IRONIC THAT MR. ANA DESCRIBED, YOU KNOW, ALL RISK AND NO REWARD, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF FINANCIAL REWARDS IN WHAT THEY DO. I THOUGHT YOUR COMMENTS, CHAIR, WERE VERY APPROPRIATE. >> HOWEVER, YOU KNOW, YOU WANTING US TO TAKE ACTION TODAY? >> YES. >> WHY? WHAT IS TIME-SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS?\r\n\r\n>> BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE ACTION, THE FINAL HEARING IS MAY 9TH ON MOLOKA'I. SO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS NOW. >> I SEE. >> WHICH IS WHY WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON IT TODAY. >> I SEE. >> I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED IN TESTIMONY, AND I HOPE THERE ARE MORE WAYS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A LITTLE MORE EFFICIENCIES, OR WHATEVER THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THERE. BUT THAT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT THE AUDIT OR THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE BROUGHT UP. THESE RATE INCREASES AS WE KNOW WILL IMPACT THE COST OF REBUILDING LAHAINA, IT WILL NOT HELP WITH EXPEDITING GETTING OUR SENIORS AND KUPUNA TO LIVE OUT THE REST OF THEIR DAYS IN LAHAINA AS REQUESTED.\r\n\r\nTHIS EFFECTS OUR KEIKI AND OPIO AND THEIR ABILITY TO COMPETE IN CANOE RACES AND RODEOS. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AG HAS TAKEN A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF OUR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. AND THEY'LL HAVE THEIR OFFICIAL TESTIMONY SOON IN OPPOSITION OF THE RATE INCREASES AS WELL . I THINK ONE OF OUR TESTIFIERS SUMMED IT UP REALLY CONCISELY, WHICH IS THIS IS A LIFELINE, IT'S NOT A LUXURY. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> I HAD A QUESTION. YOU KNOW WHEN THE PUC IS GOING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AND THEY HAVE HAVING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.\r\n\r\nSO HOW MUCH WEIGHT DOES WHAT THE CONSUMERS SAY TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES IS ACTUALLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT? >> MAHALO FOR THAT QUESTION, MEMBER KAMA, BECAUSE I CALLED THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE YESTERDAY AND ASKED THAT QUESTION. THEY SAID THAT PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND INPUT IS SO CRITICAL. AND YOU MAY HAVE HEARD IN TESTIMONY EARLIER THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE INDIVIDUALS THAT TESTIFIED AT THE MAUI HEARING ON APRIL 30TH. AND IT'S HEARTBREAKING BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO AFFECT US, AND THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING OUT AND BEING ABLE TO DESCRIBE THEIR STRUGGLE AND THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS, AND THE PUC IS A LITTLE MORE FOREIGN, YOU KNOW? AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS I WANTED TO INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT FOREIGN. YOU KNOW, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS KNOW US, AND THEY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE COMING HERE AND BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE YB RATES, AND THEN WE AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVES CAN THEN TAKE THAT TO THE PUC, AND SUPPORT THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.\r\n\r\nMAHALO, PRO TEM KAMA. >> OKAY, EVERYBODY READY? MEMBER COOK? >> SO I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ADDING OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN SHIPPING COSTS PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS AND ENCOURAGING THE PUC TO CONSIDER FLEXIBLE TARIFFS? HE WAS INDICATING -- WHAT I HEARD WAS THEY HAVE -- THEY ARE VERY STRUCTURED IN HOW THEY PROVIDE THE SERVICE. AND IF THEY HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR ABILITY TO CHANGE THEIR SERVICE AROUND SO IT'S MORE COST-EFFECTIVE BUT IT'S STILL SERVICING THE COMMUNITY, THAT IS WHAT I HEARD HIM SAYING.\r\n\r\nTHEY WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY. SO I'M JUST SHARING THAT OBVIOUSLY OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN THE SHIPPING COSTS PROPOSED BY YOUNG BROTHERS AND ENCOURAGING SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HOW IT WORKS. I DON'T KNOW THE VERBIAGE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MEMBER COOK. IF THAT IS PERMITTED FOR US TO PASS IT OUT, IF IT DOESN'T SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE THE RESOLUTION, I DON'T THINK IT DOES.\r\n\r\n>> I DON'T THINK IT DOES EITHER. >> I'M OPEN TO ADDING ENCOURAGING THE PUC TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH YB. >> WELL, I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BECAUSE THEY ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE OKAY WE DON'T WANT THEM TO RAISE RATES ON THE PEOPLE. BUT IF THEY ARE GOING TO GO BROKE, AND THE PEOPLE WON'T HAVE THAT SERVICE. SO WHAT CAN BE DONE? FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THE GOVERNMENT

SHOULD BE HELPING TO SUBSIDIZE. BUT SECONDLY, MAYBE THE RULES RESTRICT THEM SO THEY CAN'T MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE SAYING; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nMAYBE THE WORDSMITH PERSON RIGHT THERE, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ CAN THINK OF THOSE WORDS AND WE CAN PASS THIS, AND GO HOME. WELL, FINISH THE NEXT ONE. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD JUST NOT PIGEON HOLE -- I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING AND I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. I JUST WOULDN'T WANT TO PIGEON HOLE THE PUC IN HOW THEY ARE FLEXIBLE. SO IF WE SUBMIT IT A LITTLE MORE GENERALLY, THAN PERHAPS IT GIVES MORE LATITUDE, NOT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DICTATING TO THEM HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS. THIS IS JUST TESTIMONY FOR THEM TO CONSIDER.\r\n\r\nI WOULD BE OPEN TO ADDING THAT, I GUESS I WOULD JUST WANT TO CONFIRM THAT IT'S PERMISSIBLE FOR SUNSHINE LAW? I THINK IT IS. BUT JUST WANT TO CONFIRM. >> EVERY DOCUMENT THAT IS POSTED, MIMI RIGHT? IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. YES, THAT IS CORRECT.\r\n\r\nTHIS IS A RESO AND ALSO A RESO THAT STATES YOUR INTENT. SO I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM. >> YOU GOT IT? ALL RIGHT. SEE HOW QUICK SHE IS. >> YES. >> CAN YOU REPEAT THE INTENT?\r\n\r\n>> MAYBE A QUICK RECESS? >> OKAY. QUICK RECESS. CAN YOU REALLY QUICKLY EXPRESS THE INTENT OF THIS? >> TO ENCOURAGE THE PUC TO >> COME ON MIMI, I KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF SOMETHING. MS. DESJARDINS.\r\n\r\n>> I THOUGHT I HEARD MIMI, BUT I WASN'T SURE. I THINK IF YOU JUST ADD THAT PHRASE, THAT MEMBER COOK IS TALKING ABOUT, COMMA AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PUC TO SEEK OTHER ALTERNATIVES OR WHATEVER WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH HIS TESTIMONY, I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM WITH THAT IN TERMS OF SUNSHINE LAW, IF THAT IS YOUR QUESTION? >> FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. >> OKAY. >> BOTH TO THE TITLE AND TO THE FIRST WHEREAS-CLAUSE OKAY. >> YOU HAVE IT? >> AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PUC TO SEEK OTHER ALTERNATIVES.\r\n\r\n>> ALTERNATIVES TO WHAT THOUGH? YOU HAVE TO SAY THE IDEA IS FOR IT TO ENCOURAGE COST-SAVINGS OR SOMETHING, WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT MEMBER COOK? >> ENCOURAGING THEM TO REVIEW THEIR RULES. IT SEEMS LIKE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IT'S A PUBLIC UTILITY, SO IT'S VERY STRUCTURED. AND THE RULES THAT THEY ARE OPERATING UNDER FROM HIS TESTIMONY WAS THEIR LACK OF FLEXIBILITY TO ADAPT TO THE MARKETS AND TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT WHAT THEY ARE MANDATED TO DO AND PREVENTING THEM FROM PURSUING COST-SAVINGS MEASURES THAT WOULD ASSIST THEM IN NOT LOSING MONEY, BUT PROVIDING SERVICE. THAT WAS MY INTERPRETATION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE VERBIAGE IS.\r\n\r\n>> AGAIN, I WOULD REMIND US THERE WAS A FINANCIAL AUDIT AND THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S PROTEST THAT MAY NOT COMPLETELY ALIGN WITH WHAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE COMPANY ITSELF TODAY. SO I WOULD BE OPEN TO THE LANGUAGE THAT FIRST DEPUTY DESJARDINS SUGGESTED AND THAT ENCOURAGED THE PUC TO FIGURE OUT. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M NOT STUCK ON ANY VERBIAGE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THIS HOPING THAT THEY DON'T INCREASE THE RATES, AND THAT THEY DO SOMETHING ELSE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THE COMPANY POTENTIALLY, WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE HAS ISSUES AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES IS MAKING THE DETERMINATION ABOUT THE RATES IS ALSO MAKING DETERMINATIONS ABOUT OTHER THINGS. AND SO ENCOURAGING THEM TO NOT RAISE RATES, BUT ALSO NOT JUST SAYING TOO BAD, SO SAD. I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR PEOPLE TO GRASP OR BELIEVE, BUT ON ONE EXTREME, IF THEY JUST SAID WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THIS AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE OF WORLD CHANGES IT'S NOT PRACTICABLE AND WE'LL LIQUIDATE OUR SEATS, BUT WE NEVER THINK THAT THEY DO THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO VESTED.\r\n\r\nBUT THE EXTREME THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THEM AND WE HAVE TO GET SOMEBODY ELSE AND THERE'S NOT REALLY ANYBODY ELSE. SO KIND OF LIKE WORKING WITH -- THIS IS JUST MY PERSPECTIVE, WORKING WITH THEM TO HELP THEM. BUT TO ALSO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. WE'RE NOT REALLY MAY POSITION TO DO THAT. THAT IS WHAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DOES. I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO MS. DESJARDINS, COULD YOU REPEAT WHAT YOU SAID.\r\n\r\n>> SURE, CHAIR. THANK YOU. THE ONLY CAVEAT, I HEAR WHAT I DON'T KNOW BROTHERS IS SAYING AND I'M NOT FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THE PUC'S ADMIN RULES TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF FLEXIBILITIES

DO THEY HAVE TO SUPPORT YOUNG BROTHERS OTHER THAN A RATE INCREASE? I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW IF THE LANGUAGE WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE SEEK ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT I DON'T KNOW BROTHERS IN THEIR OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE A RATE INCREASE? IF THAT IS THE WILL OF THE BODY, IF THAT IS WHERE THIS DISCUSSION IS GOING, BUT I CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE -- I REALLY DON'T KNOW. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER JOHNSON HAS HIS HAND UP. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> CHAIR, I WAS GOING TO HOLD OFF BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE WE WERE GOING SOMEWHERE WITH THE AMENDMENT. I DON'T WANT TO DISRUPT THE CONVERSATION. I DON'T WANT -- I DID WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE VOTED. AND I WILL BE QUICK. SO I THINK I LIVE ON LANAI AS YOU KNOW, WE RELY ON YOUNG BROTHERS, BUT WE EVER THE FERRY THAT HAS REALLY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE CHANGING OF OUR CONSUMER HABITS NUG YOU CAN CARRY YOU CAN PUT ON THE FERRY AND THAT IS THE CHANGING OF HOW WE BUY THINGS REALLY EMPHASIZES HOW IMPORTANT THE FERRY IS AND I'M REALLY GLAD THERE ARE THREE PAGES DEDICATED INTO THE BUDGET.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nTHAT REALLY SHOWS THAT PEOPLE ARE CHANGING THE WAY THEY DO, AND ONE TIME I WAS ON THE FERRY AND THERE WAS A COFFIN ON IT. SO THERE'S PEOPLE THAT CAN'T AFFORD THE HIGH COST OF YOUNG BROTHERS SHIPPING A COFFIN AND EXPEDITION GUYS PUT IT ON. I HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE PAST. I DON'T WANT TO DERAIL FROM THE AMENDMENT, BECAUSE WE WERE CLOSE. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING ABOUT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO COME WITH A CONDITION ON CAPPING SALARIES BECAUSE THAT IS JUST RIDICULOUS.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nOUR SALARIES ARE CAPS AND YOU HAVE PEOPLE MAKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IT'S AN EXTREME EXAMPLE ON THE SPECTRUM. AND HAVING THIS MONOPOLY JUST LIKE MOK LELE FEELS LIKE COERCIVE. OKAY. SO WHAT I HAVE IS ENCOURAGING THE PUC TO SEEK OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE RATE INCREASE. >> SO I WROTE SOMETHING OUT ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUNG BROTHERS OTHER THAN APPROVAL OF RATE HIKES OR RATE HIKE. >> I LIKE THAT. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nDID WE GET THAT FOLKS? GOT THE WORDS? ALL RIGHT. SO WAS THAT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, OR WE NEED ANOTHER MOTION? >> FRIENDLY. IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND THE SECONDER AGREED. >> WE'LL TAKE THE VOTE -- >> THAT'S A GOOD ONE.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> WE DIDN'T DO THE ASF; RIGHT? >> WHAT ASF? >> NO, WE DIDN'T. >> OKAY. BUT YOU MADE A MOTION. YOU MADE A MOTION. >> I DID. >> SO WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THE ASF, WHICH INCLUDES THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> SO WE'RE GOING TO VOTE ON THE ASF, OKAY? >> YES. >> MEMBER COOK? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nUU-HODGINS. MOTION CARRIED. THAT WAS ON THE ASF WHICH INCLUDES THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. AND THEN NOW THE MOTION AS AMENDED. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. ROLL CALL.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON?\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> EXCUSED.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL CHAIR LEE? >> AYE. >> CHAIR, SEVEN AYES, ONE NO, ONE EXCUSED. MOTION PASSES. >> NOW WE HAVE ONE MORE.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nONE LAST ONE. >> RESOLUTION 25-105 SUPPORTING COUNTY'S INTENT TO ACQUIRE REAL PORT FROM KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKA'I, HAWAI'I AND TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE COUNTY AND OTHER LANDS VITAL INTEREST TO MOLOKA'I. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-105. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-105. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. CHAIR, MAY I REQUEST THE CLERK READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n>> MS. CLERK. DID YOU SHRED YOURS ALREADY? >> THANK YOU, RESOLUTION 25-105. SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO ACQUIRE

REAL PROPERTY IN KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKA'I, HAWAI'I AND TO EXECUTIVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE COUNTY AND OTHER LANDS OF THE VITAL INTEREST TOT MOLOKA'I. WHEREAS, FOR DECADES MANY MEMBERS MOLOKA'I COMMUNITY HAVE SOUGHT TO PLACE MUCH OF THE 'AINA IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF MOLOKA'I COMMUNITY; AND WHEREAS, THE COUNTY SUPPORTS MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST, A NONPROFIT LAND TRUST CORPORATION, IN ITS EFFORTS TO RESTORE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF ANCESTRAL LANDS ON MOLOKAI; AND WHEREAS, THE COUNTY AND MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST SHARE THE VISION THAT LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MOLOKAI PEOPLE BE OWNED BY ENTITIES DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE MOLOKAI PEOPLE; AND WHEREAS, SINCE 1981, THE COUNTY HAS LEASED 5.411 ACRES IN KAUNAKAKAI TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN CRITICAL OPERATIONS AND TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' WELL-BEING; AND WHEREAS, SINCE 2014, THE LEASE HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEGOTIATION, POTENTIALLY MAKING THE COUNTY SUBJECT TO UNTENABLE TERMS OR AT RISK OF LOSING THIS LAND THAT SUPPLIES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE MOLOKAI COMMUNITY; AND WHEREAS, THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MOLOKAI HERITAGE TRUST AND COALITION PARTNERS TOWARD A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO DEFINE THE ENTITIES' RELATIONSHIPS AND THE LAND-ACQUISITION APPROACH; AND WHEREAS, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE COUNTY, MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST AND THE COALITION PARTNERS TO REALIZE THIS UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE PROTECT PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THESE LANDS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE MOLOKA'I COMMUNITY, AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE MAUI COUNTY; AND WHEREAS, REGULAR STATUS UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL ON THIS ENDEAVOR'S PROGRESS NOW THERE ARE BE IT RESOLVE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY ON MOLOKA'I AND 2, THAT THE COUNCIL FINDS THE COUNTY'S ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND 3, THAT THE COUNCIL INTENDS SUBJECT TO FURTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO APPROPRIATE AT LEAST \$30 MILLION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY USED BY COUNTY FACILITIES, AND OTHER REAL PROPERTY ON MOLOKA'I OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY AND MOLOKA'I COMMUNITY, AND THAT CERTIFIED AND NO. 4, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOLOKA'I HERITAGE TRUST; JOSIAH NISHITA, MANAGING DIRECTOR, COUNTY OF MAUI; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI. >> MEMBERS RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> DISCUSSION.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. AS YOU KNOW, I HADN'T PLANNED TO BE HERE IN-PERSON TODAY. AFTER BUDGET SESSION, I HAD PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE TODAY REMOTELY, SO I COULD STAY ON MOLOKA'I WITH MY FAMILY, WHO I DIDN'T GET TO SPEND MUCH TIME THIS MONTH AND SUPPORT MY SON IN THE HIGH SCHOOL MAYDAY COURT. THIS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF AND IT SHIFTED EVERYTHING. I DIDN'T HAVE FLIGHTS. I PRAYED I WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN-PERSON. WE KNOW WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE LUXURY OF TIME.\r\n\r\nMAHALO TO YOU ALL, MY COLLEAGUES FOR ACCOMMODATING ME, JUGGLING BEING THERE FOR MY CHILDREN AND SIMULTANEOUSLY BEING THERE FOR MY COMMUNITY IN DOING THIS. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN PASSING THIS OUT TODAY. MAHALO, CHAIR >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MET WITH A COUPLE OF MOLOKA'I FOLKS YESTERDAY IN MY OFFICE AND WE HAD A REALLY GOOD DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS. STILL HAD SOME QUESTIONS WHEN I LEFT. WHEN I CAME THIS MORNING AND HAD A LITTLE MORE DISCUSSION WITH CORP.\r\n\r\nCOUNSEL, AND I NOW GOT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I MET WITH THEM ABOUT. SO I WANT TO SAY THIS. I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION, BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION IS AN INTENT. I INTEND TO SUPPORT THIS. THAT IS ALL I INTEND TO DO IS SUPPORT THIS. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE, BUT I'M COMMITTED TO INTENT TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION. SO I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES TO INTEND TO SUPPORT AND WHATEVER COMES ALONG AS WE GO ALONG, WE CONTINUE TO ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, WHATEVER AND I UNDERSTAND THAT.\r\n\r\nAND I WANNA ALSO GO TO

HOME QUICK I TOO. >> YES, I AGREE WITH YOU BECAUSE I CALL ON EVERYBODY ELSE, THAT IS MORE I CONCEPTUAL PLAN, AND THERE ARE MANY DEALS TO COME, BUT THIS REQUIRES OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND DOES EXPRESS OUR INTENT. >> MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WILL ALSO SUPPORT THE INTENT. MY VARIOUS TRIPS TO MOLOKA'I WITH THE COUNCIL, AND THE FACT THAT THE REALIZATION THAT MUCH OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES ARE NOT ON COUNTY LAND AND THE FACT THAT THE TENNIS COURT IS NOT ABLE TO BE REPAIRED BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOESN'T OWN IT. THAT IS SORT OF LIKE THAT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PROPERTIES.\r\n\r\nTHE FACT THAT WE DO NEED TO DO A MANAGED RETREAT FOR THE POLICE COMMISSION STATION, FOR A VARIETY OF THINGS, THE LANDFILL OVER THERE IS AN ISSUE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS TO SUBSTANTIALLY SUPPORT THE MOLOKA'I COMMUNITY AND ALSO THE COUNTY OF MAUI. I HAVE -- I LIKE THE UP TO \$30 MILLION INSTEAD OF AT LEAST \$30 MILLION. SO THAT IS A NUANCE. THIS IS AN INTENT. SO IT ISN'T A CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENT TO AGREE. BUT I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR COUNCIL CONVEYING THAT THERE'S A SERIOUS INTEREST AND A RECOGNITION TO PURCHASING THE PROPERTY ON MOLOKA'I IS IMPORTANT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I TOO, HAD THE REALLY PRIVILEGE OF MEETING THESE PEOPLE HERE IN THE BACK WHO ARE WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS RESOLUTION, OR WHERE THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING FOR MOLOKA'I. I HAD QUESTIONS, AND THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAD WERE HOW MUCH IS THIS? HOW MUCH PROPERTY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY USES OF MOLOKA'I RANCH? AND HOW MUCH? I THINK THE WHOLE RANCH IS FOR-SALE.\r\n\r\nSO NOT PORTIONS OF IT, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. SO I WONDER IF SOMEONE CAN TELL US IS IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO PURCHASE WHERE OUR BASEBALL FIELD OR POLICE STATION, ALL THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW, DMV AND IS THAT THE PORTION OF LAND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE IS MY QUESTION? >> CORP. COUNSEL, I DON'T KNOW -- I THOUGHT YOU JUST MENTIONED CORP. COUNSEL. >> WOULD CORP. COUNSEL KNOW THE ANSWER?\r\n\r\n>> NO, BUT I THINK YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS RESOLUTION. >> OH, YOU ARE? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. ALL OF THIS THE INTENT IS TO FLUSH ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS OUT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS TO AT LEAST COMMIT TO STARTING THAT PROCESS. AS THE RESOLUTION MAKES CLEAR, FURTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED, BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE WILL HAPPEN. SO FOLKS FROM THE COUNTY, FROM THE ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO ENGAGE IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING THAT LAND, AND SO I THINK THAT IS THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE RESOLUTION IS TO TAKE A STEP FORWARD AND START THOSE DISCUSSIONS. >> SO IF YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT THEN, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT.\r\n\r\n>> I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT, I'M SORRY. I ONLY KNOW ON MY WORK OF HELPING TO PUT THE RESOLUTION TOGETHER, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION. BUT JOSIAH JUST WALKED IN AND HE DOES. >> DID YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO -- >> IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK TO THIS? >> NOT TOO LONG, JOSIAH. >> IF I HAVE TO BE HERE, ALL OF YOU HAVE TO BE HERE, TOO. [LAUGHTER] I WOULD ECHO WHAT MIMI IS SAYING.\r\n\r\nOBVIOUSLY WE WOULD HAVE TO DO CONDUCT OFFICIAL APPRAISALS ON THE PROPERTIES BEING CONSIDERED. MOST OF THE TYPES OF PROPERTIES WE'RE LOOKING AT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED FOR COUNTY SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THINGS NEEDED BY THE COMMUNITY, ALREADY CURRENTLY USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES UNDER SOME TYPE OF LEASE AGREEMENT, OTHER ARRANGEMENT OR FOR FUTURE USES THAT THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY NEED. SO YOU KNOW, WE OBVIOUSLY WOULDN'T -- WE WOULD GO THROUGH THE FAIRS APPRAISAL PROCESS TO IDENTIFY THE PROPERTIES, THE PRICE OF PROPERTIES THAT WOULD BE ACQUIRED AND THEN WOULD COME FORWARD BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR THOSE ACQUISITIONS AND THE FUNDING NEEDED. >> QUESTIONS? >> THANK YOU. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE INVOLVED IN THIS. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE MOLOKA'I RANCH LAND THIS INTENT IS TALKING ABOUT ONLY FOR THE PROPERTIES THAT THE -- ONLY WHERE THE COUNTY USES LANDS EXISTING LANDS?\r\n\r\nSO IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S LIMITED TO WHAT WE SEE WHEN WE GO TO MOLOKA'I

AND HAVE MEETINGS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THERE ARE EXISTING LANDS WE'RE USING ALREADY, BUT THERE'S ADDITIONAL LANDS LIKE MANAGED RETREAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE NEEDED. YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS A LOT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE DEPARTMENT, OR OTHERS. YOU KNOW, THERE MINOR LEAGUE BE IN A FLOOD ZONE OR TSUNAMI INUNDATION AREA. SO THERE'S COUNTY NEEDS THERE TALKED ABOUT THE LANDFILL, AND OTHER TYPES OF THINGS THAT WILL HAVE TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY WITH TO SEE WHERE IS APPROPRIATE? AND WHAT IS APPROPRIATE?\r\n\r\nAND THEN MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN SECURE THAT LONG-TERM, JUST LIKE WE HAVE DONE IN OTHER AREAS WITH LIKE THE KULA COMMUNITY CENTER AND OTHERS, WE WANT TO GET OUT OF HAVING TO HAVE THESE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS THAT ONE DAY THE PROPERTY OWNER UNFORTUNATELY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON IS ALL TOO AWAY THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER SAYS WE'RE NOT LONGER GOING TO BE TENANTS TO THAT. SO WE WANT TO SECURE THOSE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THANKS. >> ONE LAST QUESTION, YOU ARE ENGAGED WITH MOLOKA'I RANCH? >> CALL A RECESS, PLEASE? PLEASE. PLEASE.\r\n\r\n>> ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS. [GAVEL] WILL THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 2ND, 2025 PLEASE RECONVENE. MEMBERS, WE'RE ON OUR LAST ITEM, AND FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TAKE THE VOTE CORRECTLY. MS. CLERK, TELL US WHERE WE LEFT OFF? >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE ON RESOLUTION 25-105, AND THERE WAS A MOTION MADE BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECOND BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT. >> OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ANY MORE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? WE'RE READY FOR THE VOTE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> OKAY, I COUNT ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, TWO EXCUSED.\r\n\r\nMEMBER UU-HODGINS, AND VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. MOTION CARRIES. DOES THAT CONCLUDE OUR AGENDA? >> MAHALO, MEMBERS. >> YES, MADAM CHAIR. >> OKAY. ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND. SAFE ONE. THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]