

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair (in 9:20 a.m.)
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member (in 9:23 a.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Leslee Matthews, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Christy Chung, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Seated in the audience:

Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly T. King
Gary Saldana, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Michael J. Molina
Trinette Furtado, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Keani N.W.
Rawlins-Fernandez
Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Cary Kayama, Ocean Safety Operations Manager, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Greg Jenkins, Captain, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Jeremy Irvine, Fire Fighter III, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Mike Sparling, Ocean Safety Officer III, Department of Fire and Public Safety

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka kakou. Aloha. ...*(spoke in Hawaiian)*... Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 9:04 on this on April 10, 2019. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order? I am your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. ...*(spoke in Hawaiian)*... Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakou ...*(spoke in Hawaiian)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakou. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, as my ex-husband would say, bom dia in Portuguese. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Bom dia. Chair Kelly King will be joining us shortly and so will Member Riki Hokama. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have to learn how to say this like you, aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I have to go down. Aloha. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Member Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha ...*(spoke in Hawaiian)*... Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha ...*(spoke in Hawaiian)*... And with us from the Administration, Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. Good morning. From Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Jeff Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Our Committee Staff, we have Leslee Matthews.

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MS. MATTHEWS: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Christy Chung.

MS. CHUNG: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Shelley Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And at our District Offices, we have Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana; Denise Fernandez in Lanai; and Zhantell Lindo on Molokai. Members, we have our one item on today's agenda, EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. We'll begin with testimony on EDB-1. To testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and who you're representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. I understand that we do not have any testifiers at our District Offices. Did you hear anything differently, Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: No, Madam Chair. I've not received any notification of testifiers at the District Offices.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our first testifier here in the Chamber?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first testifier signed up to testify is Gary Kayama, testifying on EDB-1, to be followed by Greg Jenkins. I'm sorry, Madam Chair, Cary Kayama.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MR. KAYAMA: Good morning, Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MR. KAYAMA: --and Committee Members. Thank you for having me here. My name is Cary Kayama. I'm the Ocean Safety Operations Manager and I'm here to support the FY 2020 Ocean Safety Bureau's budget and here to support Tamara Paltin's proposal or recommendation for some added positions, expansion positions. The Ocean Safety Bureau has requested for years for expansion position, but has not been successful. This year we was hoping to get it through, but this year we had some support from

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one of the Councilmembers, so we're very happy for that. You know, these additional positions will help support the Ocean Safety Bureau's budget and will help with our staffing each day, will help increase the Junior Lifeguard Program and beef up the coverage at the seven jet ski towers we have. Currently, normally we have three guys. If one guy goes on to lunch, if there's a 911 call, we would like to send two guys, but then that would leave the tower vacant and the captain will have to cover. So, you know, additional coverage will be helpful. You know, we came from Parks Recreation and we kind of was just be able to watch the beach park and fronting the beach, you know, 100 feet, 100 yards up. But now, under the 911 system, we have jet skis and we respond now almost island-wide to Peahi, Nakalele, toward La Perouse. Our job capabilities has grown. So, you know, I ask for your guys' support for our budget and to support Tamara Paltin's recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Kayama. Members, any clarifying questions for our testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I had a couple.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you for being here today. I just was wondering do you know how long Ocean Safety has been on the 911 system?

MR. KAYAMA: Roughly about, say about 2003, maybe. Roughly. I'm not sure. It's been awhile and, you know, back in the day we were just requesting just give us skis, we need skis so we can respond and expand our operations. And we finally got skis and then the union got involved and they recognized our capabilities and they requested that we get compensated for and then for a few years we finally got money to help compensate the jet ski operators any time they respond on the ski.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, to clarify, we didn't get compensation for like the first 15 years or so?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes, correct, for just about 15 years.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No compensation?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then from the time that we went from, or you guys went from watching just the beach part to watching the entire coastline, was there any increase in positions to cover that added responsibility?

MR. KAYAMA: No, we had not received any additional positions. I think so was back in 2003, we expanded to Hookipa. And Hookipa, when was originally funded, it was for one tower, but we felt that it was important to put two towers. So, the staffing that was assigned for Hookipa instead of at one tower now we split them into two so now

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there's two towers, but now both towers are kind of like almost short-handed because instead of everyone being in one tower, they're in two towers now. And since 2003, we have not had any expansion positions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you added a tower and added the, added two towers, added the 911 system, but you only get expansion for one tower basically?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes, that is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, in hindsight, would you have asked for money to go from just watching the park to watching the entire coastline? More money?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like, do you have an estimate about how much the expenses actually turned out to be?

MR. KAYAMA: No, I don't have the numbers, but we can get that numbers to you if you need it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll yield the floor in case anybody else has questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you for being here. You know, yesterday we talked about some of the additional trainings that was, you know, for some of the personnel. Can you speak a little bit about that?

MR. KAYAMA: So, --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mandatory training.

MR. KAYAMA: --the lifeguards go through, when they get hired, they go through emergency medical responder, first responder training, which is about a 56-hour training. It's recommended. And then we'll do a USLA training which is, you know, six weeks and then...so, that's annually. So, annually we need to go through three days of USLA training, United States Lifesaving Association training; that's the open water lifeguarding certification. So, every lifeguard, we have 61 lifeguards right now, including I, need to go through this three-day course every year included eight hours in emergency medical responder training and eight hours in CPR first aid training. That's like the bottom what we do. There's other trainings like ATV training, rescue water craft training to be certified to operate the jet ski, and, you know, there's all the other violence in the workplace training, the EEO training. There's a lot of different types of training that we go through every year. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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MR. KAYAMA: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. I have a question. Mr. Kayama, the proposal is for an expansion of ten E/P, five full-time, ten half-time positions, and one...oh, I'm sorry, OSO II, one E/P OSO III, and one E/P Secretary I. Is that what you support?

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah, I support that. Well, yeah, definitely 100 percent support that, but that is just to help us where we're at right now; just to help us with daily operations daily. I mean, in the future, we definitely would want more positions to expand our services. You know, Hookipa is another place where we would like to have a captain there; so, OSO IV. That would definitely help with operations at Hookipa 'cause right now we have just a lieutenant with five OSOs or four OSOs. But having a captain there with a truck being able to transport equipment for repairs, services, picking up first aid supplies, stuff like that would definitely help us out.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The proposal also includes two vehicles.

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, this would be the bare minimum --

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to satisfy the conditions currently?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes. Correct. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Kayama. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just had a additional question. You mentioned that a tower with a rescue water craft should have three people and I agree. But, the way that CPR is taught to first responders, the high-performance version, how much is the ideal number of first responders to give high-performance CPR?

MR. KAYAMA: It would be the more the merrier. Three would be ideal, but four would be better. You know, if you have four guys on the tower, they all need to take a 45-minute lunch break. So, most of the day you have only three guys on the tower; that's with staffing of four.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And so even towers without rescue water craft are responsible for providing professional-quality CPR, right?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I mean, realistically there should be three guys everywhere at all times; kind of like how the fire companies have three guys at all times.

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MR. KAYAMA: Yeah. Ideally would be three minimum at even the non-ski towers.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. KAYAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing...oh, Member Sugimura? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here. I love seeing the support and I know I told Tamara she must feel like her troops have come and I appreciate this. I wonder if the, your Department or your Division, lifeguards, you folks have a master plan for what you need and if we're, I wonder if we're meeting it based upon what you said today?

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah, so this is just the beginning. This is what we want just to kind of beef up our staffing right now. And then in the future we want to expand, get a captain for Hookipa, we're looking at Puu Kekaa, Launiupoko; there's lot of beaches out there that we do not have lifeguards at and we would like to staff them some day in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, is there a master plan that you work from or how does, how do we...

MR. KAYAMA: I am currently working on with one of our staff members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you're working, this is like your project?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And when will it be done? Or are you or you have a target for...

MR. KAYAMA: Right now, what I'm looking at is right now we have OSO IIs that are being compensated to operate the jet skis. My goal is to instead of asking the union and the Councils for money to support that, we want to create a position. So, my recommendation is eventually create a rescue water craft position for those guys and possibly do, you know, roving patrols have a truck and a ski and couple guys on the skis.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, one last question. So, you're operations, correct?

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're in charge of operations?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I guess my question is do you have like a operations then master plan that you're working from because I can tell that you have a vision for where you're trying to go to and how many positions, but is it something that you've put together and you've shared with the Department and that it has come to the Council?

MR. KAYAMA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You will?

MR. KAYAMA: We've talked about it. We created some org charts, but we have not proposed anything yet.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. 'Cause I think when you go through position changes, there's a whole series of --

MR. KAYAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --steps that you need to take within the administration before you can get to hiring that first person or --

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --that person. So, that --

MR. KAYAMA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --hasn't been done, either?

MR. KAYAMA: No, we've talked to DPS on how it can be done, also.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin, one last question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you for your indulgence. I just wanted to clarify that rescue water craft position that you're talking about, it would be like kind of comparable to how the Fire Department has a position for the driver for the truck?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And that, even if we don't have towers at Puu Kekaa or Launiupoko or even Paia Bay, we still do respond there if we --

MR. KAYAMA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --get called. So, I mean, we're still giving the coverage even though we're not getting compensated for that coverage, right?

MR. KAYAMA: Yes. Yeah, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Just clarifying.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no further questions, mahalo for your testimony this morning, Mr. Kayama.

MR. KAYAMA: Thank you for your time. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Greg Jenkins, testifying on behalf of Hawaii Fire Fighters Association to be followed by Jeremy Irvine.

MR. JENKINS: Good morning, Council Committee Members. My name is Greg Jenkins and I am the Maui Division Chair for the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association. I'm pleased to be here with you guys this morning. Also, who will be testifying is Jeremy-Bo Irvine, after me, who is my recorder. The issue of ocean safety in our County is no new topic to us and how important that particular public safety role is for our community and the men and women who provide that service. And because of the issues of duplication of effort of services, the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association has very clear direction on its position of what we think should happen with regards to specific areas of the service they provide. Specifically, Ocean Safety Officers are professionals. They're accredited. They have higher training levels. They have more qualifications and capabilities to operate jet skis in the extreme ocean environments that we have in our County than do the Fire Department, with the exception of our rescue resource who comes close to meeting that same capability. These men and women do this job every day. They do it in extreme conditions. They train constantly; hours far beyond what the Fire Department does. And so, they are the correct resource to provide this service to our community. They are the efficient and sufficient and any word you want to use resource to do that. So, the Hawaii Fire Fighters' official position is to move, transition all fire rescue jet ski operations to the Ocean Safety Division as soon as possible. The only exception to that would be Rescue 10 and any unique capabilities that they have and Jeremy can allude to that where duplication of effort would be warranted based on specific operational needs. And you had passed out to you this morning, two articles; one with the death of one of our members, Cliff Rigsbee, with a jet ski accident in Honolulu gives you an overview of that. It was a needless death. It was preventable. It was due to a lack of training and proper leadership of this program in that department. And nothing really has been fixed since that time. It can happen again today. We've had injuries in our Fire Department in Hana and unresolved to this day. I've also passed out an article that has the official position of the HFFA that was done on a KITV4 news piece. And if you go to this website, you can click on the video and see the full story of our position. And then I could be happy to answer any

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questions. I have a lot to say about this issue for this panel and some suggestions of how this all works. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Jenkins. So, I didn't receive the documents that you're referring to. Ms. Matthews, do you know?

VICE-CHAIR KING: The articles that you were talking about?

MR. JENKINS: I think they're right in front of the computer screen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll locate...oh, I see. Okay. Thank you. So, we'll get that distributed. Okay. Members, Chair King and then Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here, Greg. And when we talked last night and I don't know if you just didn't want to prolong the meeting last night so you didn't want to testify, but I appreciate all the, our local firefighters being there. But, on this issue of water safety and expanding these positions, are you part of that group that's working on the master plan for that and how we get to that point or is there, is that written in somewhere where you've been asking for those positions and we have the justifications and the impact on the Budget? You know I mean, any time you add any positions you're adding plus benefits, plus retirement, and all that, so I know that's gonna come up and I see my colleague, Mr. Hokama, just showed up so I'm sure I'm asking one of his questions. But, you know, that's, I think that's part of what I heard Member Sugiyama [sic] talking about with the whole master plan where we're gonna get to coverage that we need. You know, what was actually required for full safety.

MR. JENKINS: That's an excellent question and to best answer it, I can answer it in two parts. One would be kind of the existing service that we provide and how that needs to be transitioned. And then the second would be strategic planning which I know many of the senior members of this Council have seen documents from our Department in that area before and it's been important for this Council to look at our strategic planning of what we're trying to do so that you can see it and then look at the Budget considerations thereof, right? So, the first part would be, I call it the no-brainer. You have jet skis in Molokai. You have two. You have at Hoolehua station in Kaunakakai with capability that serves the whole island because there are no Ocean Safety Officers on Molokai and I believe strongly that needs to change. You have a jet ski in Hana that exists; no Ocean Safety Officers in Hana. That needs to change. So, you're looking at just minimum the existing capability that Fire provides at wrongful duplications of service in this area that creates safety issues that are known and capability limitations. The public doesn't see the difference between us and Ocean Safety when they look at us, but on capability, there is a difference. That's one part of it. So, that would kind of be transcend planning. That'd be just kind of our current situation. But, you know, being that I'm representing the union I can be a little bit more harsh. The Ocean Safety Officers, again I alluded to their professionalism and I believe that I work with them every day, everything I know and I'm a jet ski guy I learned from Ocean Safety and things I do with them off-duty. And they've been

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treated like stepchildren by Parks and Rec in the past, by our Department in this transition, and it's been a long struggle. So, they've, you know, I appreciate Cary, you know, being humble, but he hasn't had his fair crack at strategic planning to be considered and all the needs that Ocean Safety has and there are a lot. So, I wouldn't say that Ocean Safety is remiss. I would say that the Department needs to step up and include them in the discussion to have real strategic planning to guide this. So, from the union's side, I don't want to get into the weeds on the how-to. I can, you know, talk about things like capabilities. For example, when I say jet skis, we, the Ocean Safety Officers cover from eight o'clock in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. Anything on the flanks of those times is Fire, right? And we don't even recall them for special stuff after hours. They're the professionals that need to have this capability and we need to expand those hours to cover from dawn to dusk and Fire shouldn't be doing that. I do want to say I'm not suggesting that we close down the operations that we currently have in places like Molokai and Hana and nor am I suggesting that we don't support the budget requests for replacement equipment. Now, all that can be later transitioned to Ocean Safety, but we have to look at that process is what I'm saying. So, from the planning side, that's the best kind of answer I can give you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then, if I can follow up, Chair? So, on the, so, you know, I think we're still transitioning all of us in the County and especially in government leadership into the mindset of being Fire and Ocean Safety because that was in the recent past that that happened. So, we're trying to figure out how to integrate that. Is there any crossover points where you can have, you know, if you've got folks in one in, you know, close proximity geographically that you could have people with those higher skills that encompass both rather than having, you know, three, four, or five Fire Department and then three or four Ocean Safety people in the same proximity. Is there any way of, are there any positions that it would make sense to have somebody with all those skills, you know, at a higher level that are available for those geographic areas?

MR. JENKINS: The answer would be yes. I mean the first thing I would say is in order to coordinate this and it goes back to your planning question is the organizational leadership of the Division itself. Right now, we are far past the transition phase. I've heard discussions about pilot programs that go on forever. You know, why do we still have an Ocean Safety, excuse me, Ocean Safety Battalion Chief that oversees that department? It should be, it should be coming from Ocean Safety. They should be in charge of their own destiny within the organizational structure of the Fire Department up the chain. You know, for example, Cary Kayama is Operations. That should be, we should be looking at the reorg and how we get them to run by themselves 'cause then the advocacy exists. It's not being suppressed by Fire and any of our turf wars or testosterone poisoning; let's just call it that. It's what it is.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, wait. So, you're suggesting like kind of like a separate division under the Department?

MR. JENKINS: They already are a separate Division.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. But, I mean --

MR. JENKINS: It has to do with the leadership.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I mean the structurally a separate division?

MR. JENKINS: I'd like to see Ocean Safety run Ocean Safety and see that from an Ocean Safety Officer I that they have a path all the way to the top of running their Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. JENKINS: Or not their Department, their Division.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I guess I thought that was happening through the Ocean Safety Battalion Chief, but you're saying...

MR. JENKINS: He's a firefighter.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. JENKINS: And we have other uses for that position potentially. I'll let the Fire Chief talk about that, but that would be the right thing to do for that Division.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. JENKINS: But to answer your question about duplication of service or personnel, it takes...whenever we respond with Ocean Safety from Fire, I can speak from my district in Kihei, it's an integrated response. I have a four-person minimum staffing on my apparatus. I'll give you an example. Let's say we have an ocean rescue off of Kihei Canoe Club, right? Common. Someone reports that. So, I respond with my Fire apparatus. I gotta go last point seen, meet with the caller, I drop off spotters at say Kalepolepo Beach Park to get eyes because sometimes you're downwind paddlers. We don't want to go behind them. We want to get in front of them. JS6 is coming from Kamaole I. OS6 is coming from those beaches as well to meet up with my spotter. I go to the last point seen. I'm coordinating with Rescue 10 by the way who's going to the hangar depending on a lot of reasons getting ready to launch the aircraft if we need to; especially when daylight's an issue. I get to the last point seen with possibly MPD. We locate the caller and then my engine company with only two people left now, I usually will have them start to back feed in the response area that we just went past to search for people. So, there's a lot of people involved with quickly resolving these issues and if it's really is a rescue, we want to be on it. And to their professionalism, you know, we solve our incidents and make contact and resolve it quickly. But that's because of the number of people. And there's many other types of emergencies that we respond to together. But, you also have to realize that if we don't resolve these incidents quickly with the way we currently we do it, then that engine company is out of service longer. That EMS unit is out of service longer. Ocean Safety is out of

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service longer. There's less resources and who backfills that? Rescue 10 is at the hangar waiting for us. So, the right number of people for the right situations is what solves the problem. So, I agree that where we could find where those resources are better blended is a possibility. I'm not saying that's not possible. But, we have to first ensure that we're effective and we're struggling to do that now, both from the Fire side and the Ocean Safety side. We have to be effective and then we can be as efficient as we can to figure out if we can get the right number of resources.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate your advocacy, you know, broadly because I know you're highly critical of operations and that you're looking at things from both sides. So, I appreciate you being here. Thanks, Greg.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. A lot of my questions got answered. I had just a couple more. Having worked with you on the ocean I think that you're very capable on a jet ski and I was wondering if you could share who pioneered the Fire side of the jet ski program and if they would be alright with giving up that role? First question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And, Mr. Jenkins, if you could be as concise as possible 'cause we have a lot of work to do today? Mahalo.

MR. JENKINS: First, I can say that everything, I do jet ski stuff both on-duty and off-duty in my prior assignments with the Department. Everything I've learned came from Ocean Safety Officers or the things that I do with them off-duty. It did not come from the things the Department taught me as a primary. That's all my success stories with my, in rescues I've been on with my firefighters have been, I have to be honest about that. With that said, the original jet ski that we had in the Fire Department was in Hana and that was under Councilmember Carroll. And then at that same time, Pat Kawano was the Chairperson of this Council and we worked closely with the procurement of that jet ski for Hana as well as Molokai because of capability gaps. We had firefighters going in on situations with no backup or very delayed resources with the aircraft and it wasn't...and we needed that tool. So, it was myself and the union leadership at that time collaborating with the Fire Department and this Council. Member Hokama was around for that. Councilmember Molina was around for that and we appreciate that support. But, this is a different day and time. So, it's a little ironic for me to be arguing against the very program that I helped to expand or, I don't want to say create, I can't take the credit for that. But, and the training came from Ocean Safety, from Archie. So, it's important that we recognize where we're at right now in the safety limitations and capabilities that exist. Firefighters are not trained to the same level as Ocean Safety Officers and that's a fact, in our County and in Honolulu. And you'll see examples of that in the documents I passed out.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And my second question is you ran us through a scenario in a daytime when Ocean Safety is on the clock. Is it comparably different when you have an ocean rescue and Ocean Safety has clocked out or has yet to clock

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in? If you can compare or the percentage of time more it takes to respond to that type of situation when Ocean Safety is off the clock?

MR. JENKINS: Absolutely. When Ocean Safety is on duty and that ski's on the beach, it's amazing how fast those Ocean Safety Officers get it launched, either with their operator and their grabber and get it underway. I'm very impressed at how that works for me in my district. But, when they're off-duty, that turns into a totally different situation. Now I have to rely on a Fire ski that's at the Wailea Fire Station or from Rescue 10 in Kahului and then there's competing interests there because they have to get to the hangar potentially. When you get past 4:30, depending on what time of year it is, we run into daylight issues and the worst thing that can happen is we lose light. And so, in our helicopter contract, for example, I can explain this a little bit more, is that the bird can't take off from the hangar until ten minutes after published civil twilight and it has to be back at the hangar ten minutes before. And it's pilot discretion, of course. But, that's the contract. The reason that's important is that imagine me when I was on Molokai at Hoolehua Station, I had a cutoff time where if I didn't launch that aircraft, I may have five minutes of light left by the time they can get to that incident back to Maui. So, they may not go. So, in Maui, the situation is that the whole operation becomes more complex. It becomes delayed. We're not potentially reaching people that need our help in a timely manner. Whereas if the Ocean Safety Officers were available with a vehicle and a ski and an operator and a grabber that covered these respective Fire districts, they would be ready to go just like they were when they were at the tower, if not even better 'cause they can launch more efficiently if they can drive there and then they can also back each other up. That's something we can't forget. When a resource goes in, we have to have someone to back them up. We do that with the helicopter, with the skis; I mean, for example, and this is difficult for these guys say even South Maui, JS6 from Kihei goes to North Kihei to Maalaea, their backup is either Rescue 10 in Kahului who's going to the hangar or JS14 from Makena. That's a long ride in rough weather. So, having these resources of mobile, roving patrols and capability, it is real and it makes a difference and also protecting our own. We have people in the water rescuing people and we need those resources.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no additional questions, mahalo for your testimony today, Mr. Jenkins.

MR. JENKINS: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier signed up to testify is Jeremy Irvine testifying on behalf of Hawaii Fire Fighters Association.

MR. IRVINE: Aloha and good morning.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. IRVINE: Thank you for having us and letting me speak today. My name is Jeremy Irvine. As you guys heard, I'm here representing the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association and I'm also a member of the Maui Fire Department stationed at Rescue 10 on A watch. I'm here to support the expansion positions, jet skis expanded positions, expanded hours for our lifeguards and our Ocean Safety members. As we are all aware, Maui County our community is growing exponentially. Our tourism population grows every day. You know, Southwest just came; so more flights, more tourists which means more people going to the beach, going to the ocean. And with the expansion of things like social media, the Internet, people are finding out about these secret or hidden places which means they're taking them even to more remote, more dangerous places that they should not be and they're getting into trouble. So, when those people do get in trouble and call 911, it's the responsibility of Ocean Safety and the Fire Department to go out to these remote and dangerous places. So, things like jet skis, more staffing, they're vital and I can't say that enough that it really is people are going to just places they should not be. So, with the, with our jet skis, with our staffing, it's one thing to have these pieces of equipment, but we also need the support of funding, we need more training, and we just need more support to get these things done in a more safe...you know, safety is the key issue for our Ocean Safety members, for our Fire Department members and I know we've touched on it, Captain Jenkins just touched on it a lot, but safety is our key, our number one thing we wanna get covered. And as he talked about with Rescue 10, the suppression companies that have the jet skis, they have a lot on their plate; they have to be suppression company firefighters and then from the hours of 14 or 16:00 'til dark then they have to be jet ski operators. We already have trained professional jet ski operators that come on in the morning and maybe should clock out a little later and create those, create a safer work environment. So, for the people working at the helicopter, people working on the jet skis, the more people in the water, the safer for us, the more efficient we'll be in the rescue or recovery. So, like I said, jet skis are vital and I can talk more. I can answer any questions about Rescue 10 capabilities or the need for any of those things, but that's kind of what I just wanted to speak on. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, Member Sinenci and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Jeremy, for being here today. And thank you for bringing up about those rural locations. We've seen an increase in rural Maui where a lot of our visitors are going and it's not just putting...for us, it's starting to become a problem because it's just not putting them in danger and our personnel in danger, but it also kind of takes away from some of our, the services that kind of spanned, you know, the entire East Maui. So, my question was do you guys have any inventory or you guys are seeing more specific areas, rural areas, locations that visitors are visiting?

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MR. IRVINE: Yes. I couldn't give you like an exact stat or I mean I'm sure we could find that and print that out for you. But, definitely places like in Hana; Nakalele has been brought up. And it's not even just the ocean, but, you know, hikes in the mountains. So, West Maui, East Maui, just a lot of remote areas that aren't even very accessible and people are hiking in, trespassing for one thing, you know. So, like I said, I couldn't give you an exact stat, but yes, there's definite rise; correlation is definitely rising.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Your organization, you represent the Ocean Safety Officers?

MR. IRVINE: Do I represent the Ocean Safety Officers?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. IRVINE: No, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, where is their collective bargaining agent that should be representing them, speaking to us, and telling us why it's not on the god damn contract table right now since you guys are in negotiations?

MR. IRVINE: I'm sorry, sir. Could you repeat that?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You guys are in negotiations for a new contract, so why isn't the Ocean Safety bargaining representative here speaking to us about these kind of things?

MR. IRVINE: I appreciate your question but I can't speak for the Ocean Safety representative.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: 'Cause I find it interesting that they have their own representation and yet you're speaking for them today. You're part of your membership, right?

MR. IRVINE: Correct. I'm speaking on support of the expanded positions, more jet skis, more funding because it does impact my membership, impacts my work. So, that's what I'm here speaking for.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Take care of your guys' contract. Let that other union convince us why it's not taken care of at the table. Chair, one question here. So, Mr. Ueoka, if we do proper notification like we warn them do not enter the water because it is hazardous conditions and they enter, which means our employees go into a dangerous situation for rescue, I believe other jurisdictions have considered

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legislation to allow those that we give the service to to pay back to the County a portion or the whole bill? Is that something we can consider for Maui?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: 'Cause we've warned them not to enter the hazardous condition. Okay for whatever smartness they did, and now we jeopardize our employees to perform a rescue that should not even take place or should've happened, occurred. So, now we jeopardizing what three employees for possibly one bad decision after being warned not to enter?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I believe there's a lot of policy considerations in that, but the Council does have the authority to set rates and fees. So, that's up to you guys. Please contact our office and we'll help you work on legislation regarding that if you'd like to move forward. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, from...just a quick follow up, Chair, and I'll be done. Where does the County jurisdiction end regarding the water?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Where is our responsibility 'til?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Six hundred yards in the water? Is that our jurisdiction?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you. I believe ownership of property stops at the high-water mark. So, I'm not overly familiar with the maritime responsibilities and stuff, but for our County beach parks we've always viewed it as we do take care of the water at our County beach parks just as...since they are our parks and we are inviting people to those places. That's been the County's view on it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: A park, right? 'Cause that's our land. The water is not our ownership. That is the State of Hawaii. And that's one of the reasons we ask for the tort liability protection; we're entering State jurisdiction. And then it becomes Coast Guard maritime law, maritime jurisdiction. I don't have a problem taking care of our responsibilities. I hate to tread into other jurisdictions 'cause we gotta find how to pay for our requirements. So, if you not able to answer it at least I know it's on the record, my concerns.

MR. UEOKA: Chair, if I can just briefly respond?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

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MR. UEOKA: I understand Member Hokama's concerns. I think it's a more complex issue than everything stops at this point for liability purposes. But, I understand where you're coming from. If you guys ever want to go into it more in depth, we can our office can probably look into that further. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin and then Chair King and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. On the, regards to I had a few questions about, you know, when you were talking about safety and protecting our own staff. I also had added into my proposal funds to include uniformed OSO in the annual physical exams, position appropriate medical exams, and fitness assessments, and be included in the tracking of work-related injuries to incorporate applicable exercises into the fitness routine. All things that are listed in the budget for uniformed Fire officers, is that something that you're supportive of?

MR. IRVINE: Well, yes. Well, supportive of anything that has to do with physical fitness and the wellness and the upkeep or maintenance and the health of our members or our employees.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And I was wondering if your services that, the rescue services that go out into the ocean or things like that, is there...how do you make sure that your jet ski won't get lost? Like, you know, if you have whiteout conditions and maybe you don't know which direction is north because it's all you can't see the shore and like that, do you guys have like GPS or EPIRBs available? Or how do you keep track of your guys so that they don't get lost in the ocean?

MR. IRVINE: So, quick answer, yes. GPS and that comes down to staffing also as far as we prefer two people on the ski. If conditions were that dangerous, perhaps a helicopter escort, the rescue boat escort. So, to answer your question, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You guys have GPS and EPIRB?

MR. IRVINE: Yes, on our boats and mostly all of us have our own or handheld GPSs or our cell phones.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you would support Ocean Safety getting those things as well for safety?

MR. IRVINE: Again, I'm here to support anything that has to do with safety, anything that has to do with expanding positions, expanding staffing for our Ocean Safety that works in conjunction with us, I support 100 percent.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. One more question and I'm not sure if it would be for you or Mr. Ueoka, but if folks call 911 and the location is on private property, not belonging to the County, do you still respond?

MR. IRVINE: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What if it's on State property?

MR. IRVINE: We still respond.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What if it's on Federal property?

MR. IRVINE: We still respond.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And the County pays your paycheck for that?

MR. IRVINE: Yes, ma'am. Short answer, yes, ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I just was, wanted to clarify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair King and then Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Actually, Chair, I just wanted to...I appreciate Irvin's testimony and coming out. I'm just wondering we're getting kind of into the weeds and it looks like we're deliberating on the issue already and if we have somebody who could be around when we get to this revisit that could act as a resource and, you know, we can listen to the testimony 'cause we're gonna have more questions probably, too, and they're gonna go beyond what we can ask you right now and all the details that, you know, to try to retain to apply to that issue. So, just kind of wanted to bring that up as maybe a way of expediting the testimony.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the revisits aren't gonna happen until decision week which starts on April 22nd.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I thought we were gonna try to get to them at the end of the, when we get to the priority, go back to...we're not gonna go back to the revisits? Okay. Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Then I rescind that suggestion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, let me just open up by saying I appreciate if we can stay on the Budget item itself. I mean, the discussion of union contracts, visitor safety, ocean safety, all good stuff for another committee, but again we're supposed to be focused on Member Paltin's cost item here. And I want to thank Mr. Irvine and also Mr. Jenkins. We got the right guys, got a lot of stamina; we've kept you guys standing up here all morning, yeah. My question would be basically very simple. You mentioned the advent of Southwest Airlines coming in, increased visitors, and so forth. What would you say the percentage of the rescues you do as it relates to the ocean and I guess even in the mountains and wherever else are visitors? Would you say like 90 percent of them are typically visitors?

MR. IRVINE: Sorry. Again, I can't give you an exact stat on that. But, I mean, it is a high percentage. But, it's also, I mean it, we don't discriminate, local people go to some places where they're not necessarily easily accessible also. But, we do see a high number of visitors going into these remote places.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It seems like every time I read in the papers, it's visitor-related, yeah?

MR. IRVINE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then have you seen or has there been uptick in rescues, an increase? Because I guess as more visitors come then --

MR. IRVINE: Well, like I said --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --it correlates?

MR. IRVINE: --you know, again, correlation we know it doesn't equal causation, but like I said with the advent of this social media things and people finding out these remote hikes and these remote, you know, areas to go down to Nakalele Blowhole's not that remote, but Chutes and Ladders, Olivine Pools, whatever these places are that maybe was all hearsay before, you can easily access it from your phone and they just, they're going for it because other people have and getting themselves into trouble. So, to answer your question, I guess would be yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And I ask these questions because, you know, we're looking at a request here that to bolster our efforts with ocean safety and maybe even perception from the public, have you had feedback from the members of the public or visitors about the perception of our performance as it relates to ocean safety? Do people, do you get a sense that people feel that Maui County is doing a very adequate job with ocean safety or is there people saying that maybe we need more visibility out there or more efforts, equipment, et cetera?

MR. IRVINE: I personally haven't, you know, done any type of survey like that, but when we're there it's obviously everybody's always appreciative and, you know, thank you

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and you guys are professionals. But, maybe they don't understand that we got it done, but, you know, if we had more staffing, if we had more jet skis, if we had more equipment that we would've got it done even better or maybe we could've prevented some of these things. And kind of retouching on what I said, people don't stop going to the beach at four o'clock, you know, so there is that, those gaps that we need to at least discuss and figure out.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. I think that perception of our efforts or at least for the public and the, you know, visitors is very important 'cause especially as it relates to our visitor industry, our revenue generator, and so forth. But it's important that people come away that they know they feel safe when they go out there in the water at least. So, if there's a mishap that occurs, we're adequately staffed and have the proper equipment. Thank you very much, Mr. Irvine. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Seeing no additional questions, mahalo for your testimony this morning.

MR. IRVINE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, we have one, at least one more testifier signing up to testify and I will get their paper shortly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can that testifier make his way down soon? Come, come. Quickly. And please state your name for the record. Thank you.

MR. SPARLING: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MR. SPARLING: My name is Mike Sparling. I'm a Ocean Safety Officer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Sparling?

MR. SPARLING: Yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you please adjust your mic so we can hear you clear? Thank you.

MR. SPARLING: So, I'm here today because I'm supporting Ms. Paltin's proposal here. And half the reason I'm here is we have training every day. All of our training is very dependent on if people are hurt or not. We run a fine line of running an efficient workforce or we're very shorthanded. So, today we were supposed to have training for five or six, we were trying to pull four or five people off the beaches to train them, more jet ski training, other things like that. So, a lot of the time they get cancelled because we don't have the sufficient workforce to maintain the training to pull people off the

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beach to get them trained; that's why I'm here. But, to address Mr. Hokama, our union rep, Howard MacPherson, he's actually on the frontline today 'cause we're shorthanded. So, he could not make it today. He is gonna come by and testify tomorrow. He does have a lot of statistics as well to address. The couple things that I wanted to address, I think we were talking about them, was our coverage and I'll just pull this up pretty quick here. This was, the source of this information I'm gonna give you is by Dan Galanis. He's a epidemiologist, Injury Prevention and Control section of EMS and Injury Prevention System Branch, Hawaii Department of Health. We're a little unprepared so we can bring these documents to you, but with us being shorthanded, we have to stay right at our beaches, we have to stay right at our towers. We can't do roving patrols. We can't do quad patrols down the beach. So, the stats that came up was Maui's beaches at the lifeguard stations, at their exclusive beaches, Maui is of all the islands, they are the one that has the least amount of injuries. But, when you go, when you expand half mile away from the beach, you expand a mile away from the beach, two miles away from the beach, we're overloaded. We actually have the most injuries and the most incidents that occur in the State. So, being said, more resources, more staffing would allow us to do more patrolling, water patrols, safety contacts outside our own beaches, to make contacts, to make public safety contacts to keep people out of trouble before they do get into trouble. And my time is already done, so thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I can answer for you. I'll try.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I appreciate you coming up this morning and trying to give clarification.

MR. SPARLING: I apologize.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no, no, no. I think you showing me some concerns internally that, you know, I mean I appreciate you guys being here, I'm just surprised the Battalion Chief or someone of that rank is not here also. But, one of the concerns Council stated upon the transfer from Parks and Rec to Fire was about SOPs, standard operating procedures. Has that been completed by your Division?

MR. SPARLING: I believe it's in negotiations with the union right now. Our half has gone to the union and they were waiting for feedback or approval.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: 'Cause I think that would be a, something that needs, should've been already 'cause I think some of the issues that are, we are, Ms. Paltin is having us address, hearing your comments and others, I would have hoped the SOPs would have addressed those concerns; that that would already be in place as part of your operating day-to-day requirements whether it's the training components, staffing levels. And when you say one to two miles, you talking about mauka or further into the ocean?

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MR. SPARLING: Coastline, like yeah, I mean, both. Coastline, further up the coast, down the coast, on the beach, you know, or half-mile out from shore.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, it's maybe a two-mile radius then --

MR. SPARLING: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --from the tower itself you're talking about?

MR. SPARLING: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. I can understand that comment then.

MR. SPARLING: Yeah, so it's a just to speak on the staffing. We have been, as I'm told, minimum staffing standards are only at the pool. Those are established by the, I believe it's the American Lifeguard Association for the pool which actually states that every, for every 25 people in a pool you actually need one lifeguard. So, if you actually try to translate that and make that part of our guidelines, we would probably need about ten lifeguards at each beach.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I would say your fellow colleagues really need to jump on your representatives because I cannot believe at this time there is no adopted standard operating procedures, guideline for you folks. It's very disturbing to me.

MR. SPARLING: Well, it's like I said, I believe it's in the union's hands and it has been, it has been worked on. I was part of that review process before it went to the union and it is in the union's hands right now.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: How long have you been part of Unit 14 now? Two years?

MR. SPARLING: Since, yeah, since inception. Yeah. Three years.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's long enough, yeah. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much for being here this morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin, try not to go too deep into deliberations.

MR. SPARLING: I just wanted to clarify for Mr. Hokama, I'm also a union steward. I'm not the, I'm not probably the one you want to talk to, but I am a union steward. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My question was, you know, in the staffing amounts, the minimum amounts, and in your time in being a lifeguard when I started we had like the flat bottom Yamahas and I was wondering in your estimation the poundage

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increase in the rescue watercraft equipment and the correlation to the amount of guys it would take to lift one up?

MR. SPARLING: Yeah, so it seems to be the theory is bigger is better. We've gone from, I've been a rescue craft operator since 2004. Back then our skis were about, you know, 600 pounds and still pretty heavy once, until you get in the water. But, these days, you know, like you said we had the flat bottom Yamaha four-wheelers. Yeah, so these days we are, you know, it's not us choosing, it's like the manufacturer options are always bigger and we can't really get away from using smaller equipment. So, yeah, everything's gotten better. The demand on the workforce has increased I would say, you know, even injuries have increased just due to that fact. You know we have more demand for more rescues, so we are more busy and we are moving heavier equipment. So, yeah, that all adds up, if that answers your question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What would be your estimation as a safe amount of people to carry one of the existing jet skis?

MR. SPARLING: Well, you know, these days when they're full of gas they're 800-plus pounds. So, the latest standard for jet ski rescue operators is to be able to lift 200 pounds from a dead lift. You know, so you equate that that's four people right there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. SPARLING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no further questions, mahalo for your testimony this morning. Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, there's no other testifier signed up in the Chamber and I've checked with our District Officers...Offices and they don't have any other testifiers either.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Members, if there are no objections I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Public testimony closed.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, okay. We are on EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. I'll first ask Members if they have additional departmental questions or follow up questions, please let Staff know so they can pick that up now. Okay. And a quick update for Member Sugimura on your request for that spreadsheet yesterday. We're working on having that available online so that it'll be updated in real-time and hopefully that'll be completed today. Yes. Okay.

PRIORITY MATRIX

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, we'll continue deliberations on the compiled priorities matrix. We have 27 more priorities to go and then we'll move on to the Budget items concern matrix which includes another 32 items. We will follow the same review process as yesterday's deliberations as we seek consensus from the body for each item listed marking it as a revisit if we do not have consensus and moving on to the next item. To clarify revisits, it became clear yesterday that we would not achieve consensus on some items and for that reason, it seemed more appropriate to revisit them during decisions week so that we can take a vote and decide on those items. Today, I'll request that you limit your comments if you support an item and simply I'll ask for, I'll have the Councilmember who proposed the item present on the item, I'll ask for consensus, and then we'll move forward. If you do have a question or need for clarification on the item before you decide, then you may proceed; but, again to be precise and mindful of time. We have a lot accomplish today, so without further ado let's begin where we left off on number 16 which is my proposal. Okay. So, number 16. Under Public Works, Road Bridge and Drainage Program Highway Fund, my proposal is to increase two full-time expansion positions for Molokai and this would be E/P and not LTA. As I explained the other day, Public Works still takes on the kuleana of picking up the trash island-wide whereas on Maui, DEM takes care of that kuleana. And so, every week Public Works loses two operators and a laborer which interrupts the work that they're doing every week. And so, my proposal is for two operators to help to avoid those interruptions. So, I'll now ask for consensus and if there's questions then we'll...okay. Okay. Chair King and then Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I do have a question. So, it says Public Works Department, but are you asking for two positions in DEM to cover those, the, is it the trash pick-up and then that would allow that the other Public Works Department folks to stay in Public Works and do their job?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It doesn't seem like they have a plan. It doesn't seem like DEM has a plan for that trash pick-up. I spoke with them about it. I also spoke with Public Works about it because that would be...I don't think there's enough work to justify DEM expanding those two positions for the two days every week.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, then we're expanding those two positions into Public Works and there's --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --is there enough work for them if they're under Public Works?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, they would do other things?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, trash pick-up would stay under Public Works in Molokai?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Until DEM figures something else out.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. So, they basically refused to do trash pick-up on Molokai even if they get the positions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, as they explained to, Public Works explained, it used to fall under Public Works, for Maui as well. But, when they expanded and created DEM, that trash pick-up fell under DEM and it was removed from the Public Works.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, they didn't do that for Molokai?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On Molokai and Lanai.

VICE-CHAIR KING: They kept in Public Works?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, that's...I...

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what, I'm just kind of confused is like, you know, how can we if DEM if supposed to do trash pick-up, how can we get them to do trash pick-up, you know, on Molokai? So, I don't know, maybe we can ask that question of the DEM coming from the Council like why, what is the reasoning why they wouldn't do trash pick-up over on Molokai? And how many people do they have on Molokai?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: DEM or...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. DEM.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can ask the --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. 'Cause if Public Works needs more people for Public Works, then I can see them asking for that. But, just to do, just to cover the trash

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pick-up, it seems like DEM should be doing that. Anyway, I'm just kind of curious as to why that's not happening. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Who did I say? Member Paltin and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I had a similar question to Chair King, but the answers you provided her led me with a follow-up question and I was wondering if, you know, being that we have a newly appointed Director of Environmental Management, I was wondering if you would like to give him the chance to properly address the situation and organize it? But, that being said, I wouldn't be adverse to funding limited-term appointment positions until they can figure out like the big picture. 'Cause I kind of agree with Chair King that we should have consistency and if Department of Environmental Management is tasked with picking up rubbish, we should have consistency throughout the County. But, seeing that, you know, we're in a transition period and possibly getting a new director, I wouldn't want to throw everything on his plate right now. So, to appreciate your situation, I would consensus like a limited-term appointment in Public Works to address the needs right now until Department of Environmental Management can come up with a plan and that way we have consistency throughout the County that Department of Environmental Management does trash pick-up and Public Works does what they're tasked to do in the long run.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just so that we're clear, so then for Molokai's operation DEM Special Funds is transferred to Public Works Highway Special Highway Fund and that's how we paying this out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes. There's an interfund transfer between Solid Waste and the Highway Division to pay for the services that Public Works provides.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then, Chair, you're recommending for this expansion, whichever way we go, to be funded from Highway Fund, right? As I read the proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. My only concern is if we look at the trend of Highway Fund, we getting less revenues, but we adding more expenses. So, we're gonna need to make adjustments in what feeds the Highway Fund. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. We have a similar issue in rural Hana. And so, I guess my question to Ms. Yoshimura would also be is that the same for Hana on our trash day pick-up? Those funds, DEM transfers funds to the Public Works for Hana?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Yes, for the Special Funds, if one department does services for another, there is an interfund transfer between the departments --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --or between the funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm in line with Member Paltin's suggestion. You know, consensus for this. And, of course, all of this is first pass through and by the time we get to decision-making week if we do need the directors here or the written responses from the departments then we can address to help us make our decisions. And just an opinion for the rest of the way as we, I know your time, bit concerned about how we're progressing here, maybe a little bit behind your schedule. If there's a way we can kind of, you know, move this along. Just simply go with consensus and then, you know, like Member Paltin suggested then, you know, get the written responses by the time we hit decision-making week and that way we can cut through the chase on a lot of this. We keep our commentaries to our self. And, Madam Chair, I'm not adverse to you cracking the whip on us, too. No scared. This is your Committee. You scold us if you have to, if we get out of line, yeah. So, no scared 'cause I know we want to move things along, yeah. So, anyway, I'm consensus with this. I'm fine. Let's go. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just a suggestion to, in light of moving it along. Can we change the section from Highway Fund to DEM interfund transfer? So, it keeps being funded by, if we're funding people to do the trash pick-up then we continue the interfund transfer?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I would be open to that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, it looks like we need more details on this. So, I'll mark this as a revisit. Any objections to this being a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, okay? Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Make it limited-term appointment and then consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I guess I've never worked for the County as a civil servant. If it's an LTA, is there a date, would I have to put a date certain?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You can continue to extend it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's appointed for the year. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not...you can . . . *(inaudible)* . . . to extend it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would be open to that. Okay. So, two LTA instead of E/P. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Okay. Next proposal is Member Paltin's.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I'll try to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you guys get that? Did you want a clarification? Sorry, I just need to check with OCS if they need clarification on what we agreed to?

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair, I just want to clarify that we're changing it from Highway Fund to DEM and it's two LTA.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct.

MS. MATTHEWS: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. I'm sorry. Member Paltin, go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no problem. Thank you. I'll try to talk fast. So, I went on the Soil and Water Conservation District tour and I got a chance to see Kahananui debris basin and a bunch of other basins and, you know, I always knew that Highways maintained the stream drainage canals, but I had never been to this debris basin and I think, I don't know the specific exact, but it was built like something like 30 years ago and for the last 20 years it hasn't been operating the way that it's supposed to. There's a lever that I guess they can drain the water and the lever is not able to be found or working. So, the amount of water in that basin is like to the top and it's, doesn't get a chance to de-water and then when we have flooding events like say Tiny Town and like that, a lot of people that I know that live in that subdivision like their garages and their houses get flooded out. So, you know, it's been around for 30 years and it's been not fully operational for 20. And, you know, I don't wanna give anyone lawsuit material, but it's kind of a liability to the County to not properly maintain these debris basins and the estimate I got was from the Highway supervisor, you know, to remove an estimated 31,400 cubic yards at \$40 per cubic yard removal. And, you know, ultimately, we'd like to fix this debris basin so that it's operational. And, you know, part of it, too, is the effect on the near-shore waters. It's not doing what it was designed and purposed to do which is remove sediment from the runoff so the near-shore waters are brown, this is a high tourist population area, not healthful, and that's about it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members...okay, we have a question. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll be open to a consensus thing on this one. It seems like an urgent problem, but I would like an explanation from the Department in writing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We will get that transmitted to the Department and await a response. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just had a couple questions. One, so at that rate of \$40 I came up with 1.256 million instead of 1.5 million. But also, I had a question about why this is coming out of Highways Fund?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It looks like a maintenance issue or something.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because Highways is tasked with maintaining the stream channels, basins. I mean like, you know, Kahoma they have to maintain that and with the water being returned, it's really difficult as well because you're not supposed to bring your machinery into the channel when the water's running and now the water's always running. That's, I guess, that's one of the, if you read through Highways, that's one of the things they're tasked with. And it's weird because Highways you think highways, but like yeah, I guess it's a highway for water.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, so I would like to support the concept, but I think we need to revisit in light of what the Highways 'cause right now if the Highways Funds are balanced, we have to look at where that 1.2 million would be coming from.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I guess capital improvement or bond...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think Member Lee may have something to add.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I mean I would support, you know, putting money in to do this, but generally the Highway Funds balance out what the Highway Funds pay for. And so, if it's if we were given a balanced budget, I know there's a lot of corrections in there, so which I haven't looked at. But if it's balanced right now, then we have to look at where that's coming from. So, that was my concern is that I think I needs to be done, but not sure if we need to add in to the Budget somewhere else to get it done or if we just need to revisit the Highway Funds revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm open to changing the funding source.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would suggest that these types of issues be handled by you and the Budget Director because you both know, you know, the status of each fund and the appropriateness of whether a certain fund be used or not. That way we can just concentrate on the item itself and the merits or demerits and then move on. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mr. Ueoka, did you want to add anything?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, you might wanna, when reviewing this there's specific uses that are allowed, the Highway Fund is allowed to be used for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll take up, if there's no objection, we can take up Member Lee's advice and work on that detail.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair, would it be appropriate then just to make, just to come to consensus on the actual item and if we could put that actual amount in there 'cause I did the math and it's 1.256 million?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I did round up.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then, you know, leave the funding section open and we can review the Highway Funds uses. And then we'll be able to consensus on the issue?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh you don't have any questions. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I do.

VICE-CHAIR KING: He has questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We'll mark it as a revisit. Okay. Eighteen was stricken and we're on 19 which is the proposal by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eighteen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was stricken.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it was stricken?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We combined it with item 36. That was Member Lee's proposal yesterday. Okay. And so, we're on number 19. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I'll keep it brief. There's an existing study amount that's been appropriated for this study for looking at more properties, potential sites for affordable housing. I'm proposing a \$320,000 increase in this study to expand our horizons to not just look at public lands, let's look at private properties as well. I recall maybe about a month and a half ago we had a gentleman named Mr. Scott Shapiro, I guess a retired developer. You know, he had some very interesting suggestions at other sites we could look at. And so, I believe we should take a very, very aggressive approach with affordable housing if we truly mean what all of us have said during the campaign and over the years and now's the time to take the bull by the horns and do what we gotta do to seek out these properties that could be beneficial for affordable housing. So, that's basically it. Let's expand our priorities and not just look at our County-owned properties, but look at private properties as well. That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. We have questions. Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I won't be supporting this at this time, Chair. I think Planning Department needs to do their job and provide us with all the conditions of zoning that requires the housing on private land. I don't need to spend more money on something that our Department should be providing us regarding compliance. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Chair King and then Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. And I, you know, I know there was a proposal to put money into three separate, looking at three separate lots. I don't recall that that was approved because I think that we had concerns with just picking out three sites and then spending money to...and that same argument came up that Mr. Hokama just made that, you know, Planning should be doing this anyway. Why do we need to allot extra money to go look at these lots? They should be part of...maybe Planning working with Housing since we heard from our new Housing Director, Acting Director that she's working on a plan that we raised a lot of questions as to why we have to actually allot extra money to go assess a piece of property. So, you know, I think they should be assessing these properties, but I'm not sure that putting more money in to do it is necessary. So, I would kind of agree with Mr. Hokama that this is, should be part of the Housing plan working with the Planning Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I had information. I don't know if it's like to present it as a question if you guys were aware that Planning Director McLean had given a list of 16 properties publicly and privately-owned to former Director Spence for this very purpose. And I believe it was submitted to former Councilmember Carroll's Land Use Committee and if I dig around in my e-mails I can probably find that. Or we could just ask Director McLean if she still has those 16 properties. And, you know, I feel like that would be a good starting point before we spend an additional 320,000, just work off that list that she already had put together of 16 properties throughout the entire County. Might have been 19, but sometimes I turn my numbers around. Sixteen or 19 properties. So, just was wondering if folks were aware of that and maybe I'd vote for a revisit maybe after those initial properties were assessed as viable or not viable.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. So...oh, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you. I can...I just wanted to offer my thoughts on that. And, yeah, I don't like spending any more monies than the next Councilmember, but studies is what it takes. So, you know, as Councilmembers we try to give the departments the tools which is the resources and we hope that they act on it. And, well, if this is the case, a concern for some Councilmembers who not getting the appropriate response then maybe, Madam Chair, under your signature, if we could get it an update from the departments 'cause maybe it's just a management or maybe a priority issue or what. But, yeah, I mean I'm willing to shake the trees. If

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it takes money to get people to move on this stuff, then fine. And then if not, then maybe there needs some policy changes or awakening of our leadership in the various departments to get this information to see where we're at and public's tired. They, you know, they want to see us get aggressive with this matter. So, I'm just kind of throwing out the kitchen sink and everything else. You know, you gotta try everything so things can move. So, anyway, if it's, if this Council decides that not to spend any more monies, then so be it. But, my general hope is with or without this extra funding that we get to, you know, look at not limit ourselves and then get this plan or updates on what's going on with the assessment of all of the various properties for affordable housing. So, I'm kind of fed up with the wait and so please forgive me, but I just expressing my frustration and we're doing everything we can to get aggressive on this. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I would just say I want to thank Councilmember Molina for shaking the trees. I don't think we need money to fall out of them though. I think we need action. So, I would say if we could refer this item to the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee rather than funding it in the Budget and ask them to follow up on what's being done with these assessments, that might be a better way to handle this issue. If everyone's amenable to that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Maybe the Housing Committee, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would say whichever standing committee has jurisdiction over Department of Management, okay. Because, you know, part of the problem to me is the lack of direction from Department of Management. So, I expect the Managing Director to pull in three departments - Housing, Planning, and because of conditions of zoning that applies to the housing is Parks. Okay. We have conditions that require three departments to coordinate and make this work because we provide through the conditions of zoning the housing requirements. They're assessed park assessment fees to take care of the development's park requirements for the potential resident, and then Planning to ensure compliance of zoning. So, I think the MD needs to do his job and get these departments to start talking together and coming up with a proposal to this Council. It's not one department. And the overall head should be the Managing Director and he needs to get going on this. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah I think that's a good suggestion from Member Hokama. And ironically, my Committee has oversight of the Management. So, I'm just giving myself more work. But, that's okay. That's alright. You know, that's our objective is to see what we can do to bring these departments together, shake the trees. I'm a

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victim of my own words, yeah. But, that sounds good to me. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. So, if there's no objections I'll add, mark this as a revisit? No?

VICE-CHAIR KING: This is a consensus to refer it to GET.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus to refer to GET?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. The next item is a proposal from me, item 20. And it's similar to Member Molina's item 11 which we decided to revisit. But, mine's included a proviso to use for the program and not for salaries, that able to require financial and performance benchmark, quarterly reporting broken down by district to the Council for future funding for consideration for the next year. And since this is similar to Mr. Molina's, I'll mark this as a revisit. Okay? Any objections to that?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No objections. But, Chair, just one question. Are these new programs or are these already in the Budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Existing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, they're already on a list?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair, for the recognition. Met with the Housing and Human Concerns Director this morning before your meeting and I would say she gave me some interesting comments about it's not necessary about throwing more money at the problem it's how is, effective is the money being utilized. So, I would say I would ask you to allow the director to give us some informed information because I do not believe she just believes adding more money is the answer to the issue. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Next item is item 21 and that is a proposal from Chair King.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I think I...did they hand out...I gave some handouts to OCS on this property. This is about the Kulanihakoi Greenway Park. And if you look at...I'll wait until everybody gets the map. It's being handed out. This is an open space issue and it's sort of in limbo right now so I'll explain the request. Some of the last Councilmembers, I'm not sure if anybody if any of the other two who are here were did a site visit to this site last year during the Budget Session. And this goes from below the new high school, there's a section between the highway and the North South Collector Road, which is Kenolio Road at that point, it changes names further down, but there's a section at the very top that's outlined that belongs to a church. So, that section is going to be completely separate. But, the section that we're talking about possibly acquiring goes below Kenolio. It goes all the way down to South Kihei Road. And I met with the owners. This has kind of been an ongoing project. When they bought it, they were intending to develop it along in those three black squares that are zoned for various housing zonings. We convinced them in Kihei, we showed them pictures of the flooding that goes down that area once in a while. It's not consistent. It's when there's a big storm so we might get floods down there three or four times a year. But, they, then they changed their design to put this kind of a walking pathway, biking pathway, but the third square at the bottom in the middle section, if you look at those three red sections; there's the bottom one that fronts South Kihei Road, there's the middle section and that's the one that has zoning that could possibly be developed into 42 lots, single family or multi-family lots. And the top section is pretty much now decided that there can't be any development on there. So, the assessments of these three pieces of properties, the top one was assessed at \$1, the middle one was assessed at 2.5 million, and the bottom one because previous Councils had already stated that they would not allow any development fronting South Kihei Road on the bottom section, which is kind of like an L-shape, that one is assessed at 360,000. So, we were, in the last Council's term, trying to negotiate to get this property. The top part they're willing to basically give us because it's basically assessed at no value. But, they were trying to negotiate for \$2 million which I think is exceedingly high and I don't think the...I think what, I know what the community wants is to stay open space because if you look at the handout, there's a lot of density on either side of this and what the Public Works wants to do is to utilize the middle section, if you look to the left of it, that's a major flooding area. So, it's almost like a river coming through there when the storms are raging. So, because there is some value to the County as far as that area being part of a drainage system and there is value as open space if we can alleviate any development in there and there's value as a park system, a walking, biking greenway. So, my proposal is to fund this through the Open Space Fund which would keep any development out of there in perpetuity. But, I didn't put a...we're still negotiating so my proposal would be if we're getting the entire property to have it somewhere south of a million and I kind of expressed that to the developer is that we wouldn't do anything more than that, they're right now exploring the idea of keeping that middle section and possibly doing the housing that they originally had planned for which that's where all the value really is in that middle section. So, we would have to renegotiate if we were just gonna get the bottom and they would give us an easement, but the proposal right now is for the entire section and, you know, I kind of, you know, in line with...the problem is if you put \$1 amount on there then it will be that \$1 amount. You're

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basically telling them what you're gonna offer and you lose all negotiating, you know, position. So, just with the understanding that it would be somewhere south of a million, I just put that in there as open space funding. It will not exceed that. So, that's my proposal if we can come to consensus, we'll continue. We're waiting for the developer, the owners to...they're actually talking with some other developers in the County to see if there's any interest in that middle section. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just a question for clarification to Ms. King, please, Chair. Because it's the drainage and I'm gonna make an assumption that the Corps of Engineers will be part of a review because of the potential flooding?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, yeah, I've been talking to Public Works, so if they, do they use Corps of Engineers for this type of thing because we've had...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: By Federal guidelines, the Corps automatically gets into flood zones and everything else.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's a...yeah, I think that's a wise move. It's not a, it's kind of rarity in South Kihei because we traditionally haven't had a lot of storms. But, we're having a lot more; climate changes really been affecting South Kihei. So, I think about two years ago people have stopped referring to our district as the desert. It used to be known as really dry and we hardly ever got rain, but so it's kind of we're in flux right now with our climate, with the climate change and that is kind of where we're at. So, this area, you know, I'm liken it to having ocean conditions where you wouldn't tell people to stay out of the ocean, but when it's stormy or there's a bunch of jellyfish you put out flags and you tell them not to go in there. And so, for the three or four times that we have flooding, we would obviously close this off and not let people go down there. But, to tell them not to use it any other time of the year because there's flooding once in a while, I don't think it's practical. And, it's a nice piece of property; it's pretty green. It separates the density of the housing in that area so there's value there as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thank you for that response, Ms. King. I know that between Kulanihakoi Road and Kaonoulou Road, this is an area of concern for me. I've seen it when it gets flooded. Okay. Kulanihakoi captures all the rain from mauka, Upcountry, comes all the way down. So, I know that this can be a very, as Ms. King says, at times not very dry. So, I'll be supportive of moving this forward, Chair, 'cause I prefer that we have sufficient grounds to allow seepage into the ground before it reaches the shoreline. And so, I'm not in favor of any development along this corridor at this time. So, I'll be supportive of making sure that it stays what it should be, a natural drainage way and catchment. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin and then Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You know, I agree with my colleague from Lanai. I think a lot of these areas should have really been zoned wetlands, Aha Moku calls it Kula Kai because all the water comes down from Kula. But, for me, I have a hard time to spend open space funds on what should be wetlands and my question is has any thought been or research been done about either eminent domain or conservation easement because really these shouldn't be developed because if it's a flood zone? You know, three or four times a year, if your house floods three to four times a year that's a lot of cleaning and lot of, you know, I mean my house flooded once in four years and I wouldn't want to go through it three or four times one year. So, I mean, I can't see paying open space funds for what should be eminent domain or conservation easement.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Is it remarks?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we respond? Yeah, I just want to respond.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I kind of want to speed it up a little bit more. So, can I give you an opportunity at the end to...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just wanted to respond --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --about the wetland because part of the Open Space Fund is to preserve that wetland and we have other wetlands in South Maui where people have where there's private ownership and actually the community has, you know, asked to have Open Space Fund just buy it outright. Because, you know, there is some value there that you just can't do a taking and take property away from people, but this would be a way, and we're obviously getting a better value keeping it open space than having that development. But from the developer's point of view, that one area is still developable and that's where the value is; the assessed value is 2.5 million for that middle lot. So, that is part, I forgot to mention, that is part of the intent is to preserve that wetland; which is part of what open space funding is for. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Lee and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So, looking at this map, where...how many owners of the property are we talking about? One?

VICE-CHAIR KING: All three parcels.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All three parcels. Okay. And, well, my concern is pretty much the same as Member Paltin, but I'm also concerned about maintenance and would the departments have sufficient resources to take on a project like this?

VICE-CHAIR KING: This, and this is actually from the Department, so the Department...and the Parks Department has been supportive of this greenway for, I know several years now, so.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But, nobody's proposed...how come the Department didn't propose something like this?

VICE-CHAIR KING: We have. We've been working on it for a couple of years. It's just been negotiating the price from the owner.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Molina and then I'm going to recommend revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah, I'm with you on that. My issue was a lot like Member Lee and Ms. Paltin about the flooding and potential and any liabilities that we may inherit should we decide to go and purchase this. I mean, I wanted to ask Chairman King if, are you able to disclose who the owner is of this property, these properties?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's a person named Doug Palin and, you know, he's got some partners in it. But, he's had a couple of different representatives and the previous representative that we were negotiating with in the last couple of years is not his rep anymore so now it's Raymond Cabebe.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Yeah, Madam Chair, I'll support your revisit recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Members, any objections to marking this as a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Our next proposal, item 22, is from Member Kama.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. You know, on my sheet it says open space with a question mark. I think that's a mistake 'cause my original didn't have open space.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, just pretend that's not there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll strike that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And, so, the ask was to acquire property for the purposes of piloting experimental housing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We have two questions. Members, you're making this very difficult. Member Paltin and then Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering if you'd be okay to pilot experimental housing on lands that we already own?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I don't see why not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then we don't need to acquire the land 'cause we already own it and then we pursue it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, we could do it on land we own and maybe want to get land that we don't own that may have infrastructure on it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair King and then Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I think, you know, I was kind of trying to work on something, that experimental and demonstration ordinance. But, I would rather wait 'til we actually identify the parcel that we can do it on and then either...I mean because we can always even after the year starts and the Budget's finished, we can go back in and we can identify...if we can identify a site we want to do this on, we can access funding from affordable housing funds or we can do bond funding to do that. But, if we don't have something, you know, right now in front of us I think to put money aside for a project that's not identified would be, you know, the money's going to be in affordable housing. So, if we can identify an actual project where that could work and get through the initial phases of it then I wouldn't be adverse to having whoever's proposing that, you know, bring it to the Affordable Housing Committee and have it vetted and decide if we should put monies from affordable housing in there.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Chair, so could we refer this to the Committee?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Affordable Housing Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee...so the proposal of this item is requesting to refer it to the Affordable Housing Committee. Would Member Molina and Member Lee still have questions if we do that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, I was gonna suggest that Ms. Kama consider that item actually be combined with item number one. So, that if she does want to do a demonstration project, it could be added to number one. Yeah? Okay. Is it okay, Tasha?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm okay with that, too.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Let's do it then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any objections to adding item 22 to item 1?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it would be a proviso?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, item one...Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes. So, we could add it to one and then refer one to the Committee, also?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Item one was marked as a revisit. Are we saying now that we're not gonna revisit and we're gonna send it to Committee?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? Can I try to clarify?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause I think item one's gonna turn into this affordable housing proposal that, you know, how much more funding do we want to put in there; whether it's 4 percent or whether we put a dollar amount. But, I think what Member Kama is focusing on with this item is the actual experimental housing ordinance. And so, I, you know, if...she can still take that up in her Committee and we, you know, we can

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put it on the master agenda and put it in your Committee for discussion outside of the budget discussion. So, you know, maybe that's the better...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Keep it separate, you mean?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. Yeah. Just keep it separate and like figure out how we're gonna move ahead with that experimental housing ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That works, too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we'll keep them separate. Thank you, Member Lee and Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just wanted to add my thoughts. I like the concept of doing experimental homes and however way we get to it, you know, again I hearken back to my, the previous item I was talking about when we had Mr. Shapiro here. We were talking about potential sites I guess near the Wailea Fire Station and also out in Kahana, County-owned properties. Those might be appropriate sites to try things like tiny homes or all these other new experimental-type homes. That seems to be the rage these days. So, yeah but I want to thank Member Kama for bringing this issue to light. Experimental housing, good idea. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, so am I marking this as a revisit or a referral to your Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Referral to the Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, does anyone have any objections --

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to referring this to the Affordable Housing Committee? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Item number 3 is a proposal from Member Kama...Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. Members, I'm going to ask for a revisit. I just met with both Parks Director and Housing and Human Concerns Director this morning specifically regarding this project. Part of the, you know, they've moved quite

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ahead with some preliminary designs and the main issue here before I can ask you for money is to have an agreement on the site. It will be on County land. But, at this point we have not made a determination exactly where, Chair, so I would...it's a little premature for me to ask this Committee for consensus on this at this time. So, I would request a revisit, please. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. I was really excited to support this. Members, we will mark this as a revisit. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Item 24. Proposal by...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair? Sorry. If I may Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You know any chance we can take a brief morning break?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. No breaks. No breaks for us.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: For personal leave, personal privilege. For your consideration.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we just finish this page?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll finish this page.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll be fast.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Let's push. Come on. We're doing good. We're on a roll. Okay. Member Sinenci, item 24 is you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll be fast. Thank you, Chair. For my third ask is to designate Kapueokahi Hana Beach Park as a cultural site under the heading to honor our host culture. As everyone knows, Hana Beach Park is our town hub. It provides a safe swimming area for our keiki and for Sunday picnics for our ohanas. It's also a site of where a lot of tour vans and tourists come to have their lunches, stop, walk around, and use the facility. So, it is a high-traffic area with high trash and sewage concentration. Kapueokahi Bay is a significant historical and cultural site, the birthplace of Queen Kaahumanu, and traditional akule koa gathering spot. Cultural practitioners used the site to offer hookupu, petitions. The Department of Environmental Management is doing a pilot program to address some of the sewage issues. And the Administration has appropriated 800,000 under the Parks and Recs for improvements of the Helene Hall. And those improvements include replacement of windows, resurfacing floors, painting of the interior, acoustic ceiling, replacement of lighting, and other much needed improvements. So, I'm asking that we increase that budget to 100,000 to designate this as a site. Part of the monies will go to signage,

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educational signage, of the historical site and to add a monument of the Kuhina Nui Kaahumanu to honor her presence there. We also wanted to include the Aha Moku Councils and to pursue this as a future site for coastal marine management designation.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You just snuck a whole bunch of other stuff in there, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I mean it's just the whole area.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and Member Hokama and Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to suggest that, I mean this is the type of thing that in South Maui we've used the district monies for it for the Cultural and Economic Development Funds. And so, we did the signage with Aha Moku through that. So, that would be a fund that you would like as a district representative have direct control over that you could designate these funds towards as additional projects. And generally when you do those kinds of projects they become public-private partnerships and then maybe it wouldn't cost as much because you have, you know, we had a signage project where we, you heard about last night where we designated the ahupuaa through South Maui and that project was, with those district funding, came out to 25,000 because the community put in the effort and the design work and all that. So, maybe I mean I just wanted to make that suggestion that it also engages the community and it's the exact perfect use of that type of funding.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I would just say maybe put this as a proviso from the district funding, the East Maui District funding, for the Cultural and Economic Development Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Under OED?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. That's under OED and every district has, you know, like 140,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. I just wanted to, I know last year there was some line items for certain things so I would just need to look what's available in that fund. Question, would some MVB funds also assist? Would that be a potential fund to tap into? Aole?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama, Member Sugimura, and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. I want to thank first my colleague 'cause this is great idea. This is a great seed that's been planted and we should nurture it. I would just say though, Chair, that I don't have a problem with the County participating, but the Queen was not the Queen of Maui. She was the queen of our islands. And I believe the State should have some responsibility, whether it's through OHA or other State mechanisms, to also participate in us providing the appropriate honor to our Queen. It is not just a County thing. This is for a whole State, all our islands benefit from this type of project. So, I would say ask for a revisit, Mr. Sinenci, 'cause I would like to and I'm going to the Capitol tomorrow for, you know, various County requirements, but I will be asking people like Mr. Dela Cruz, the WAM Chair, is there opportunities for the State to participate with us to give the appropriate honor of the queen as well as the monument that will be a physical statement of the birthplace. And we do this appropriately because I think, in my opinion, Chair, yeah, even those of us on Lanai, we honor the Queen. But, I think this is not a County thing anymore. This is a native issue of Statewide importance.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Holiday.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I won't go to that level yet, but again, so I would just ask Mr. Sinenci if he would allow us some opportunity to look at other type of funding support --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --to help make this become a reality.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: 'Cause I support the --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Yes, I'm open to that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --project. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Sugimura and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Last year, there was a whole celebration about this and there was a gentleman that painted the Queen. Does that sound familiar? And I wonder what happened to it? I think it's probably, I don't know if he donated his

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services, but I think it was probably, I hope it's a OED connection of services that was connected to that whole celebration. And I wonder if you could...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We can find out.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. If you could inquire about that artist and see if somebody has the painting and maybe it could go here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Molina and then Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. First, I was into consensus mode to move this along, but now with the suggestion from Member Hokama and others that maybe we can do, have a broader reach with this, getting the State involved and OHA and everything else. So, I'm in agreement with them. Just hopefully that there's...delays are minimal 'cause you know how it is trying to extract money or lobby for money from the State for something like this. I just hate to see it sit on the backburner too long. But, you know, I commend Mr. Sinenci. It's high time that our Queen gets honored in a place that she was born, you know, instead of having to go Kahului and Kaahumanu Shopping Center to see a statue of our queen. I mean, it's certainly it's deserving to have our queen recognized in her birthplace. So, hopefully it doesn't take too long to get this approved, but certainly all of us here are for it. And thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I, too, would like to revisit this so we can have a deeper discussion. And, you know, King Kamehameha has, around the world, nine statues. We don't even have one for this lady, his favorite wife. And I think we should do that honor, too, and hey, consider it a holiday. So, I want to revisit this. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, it sounds like this body is in favor of a revisit. So, if there are no objections, I will mark this as a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Members, it is 11 o'clock on the dot. We'll take a ten-minute break. Please return at 11:10. The Economic...I'm sorry...the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:21 a.m.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 11:21 on April 10th. We left off on priority 25 by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My number two got moved off so I'm just gonna read my number two as my number four.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Member Paltin is proposing to move the current number five, which will now be item 44, and the item that she's gonna propose to us is currently not on the matrix. And, Member Paltin only had four priority items on the matrix because she asked to leave one open. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks. So, my number two priority, like I mentioned the other day, was when they did the zoning change requests for Kapalua Mauka, the affordable section was proposed to be at below Kapalua Airport which was gonna be Pulelehua which never did get built yet. But, that was proposed to be open space park in our West Maui Community Plan. And so, part of...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Member Paltin. I just want to clarify 'cause everyone's flipping pages. What she's proposing is not in our matrix. It's on her, it was on her list of proposals from Monday, but it's not on this matrix.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, we're not on number 25 right now?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're on number 25, but it's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The current number 25 will be number 44.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, so you're changing your third priority?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, 'cause this was my second priority really. But, it wasn't on the printout, so I just noted that it was...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because she wanted to just have four to leave one open for her community.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, this goes to number 44. And what you're proposing now is...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's Shane's.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, Shane's?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is that clear? Okay. Mahalo, Members.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you guys for your patience. Sorry to...but this is like my, a really high priority for me, my community that it, originally in our existing West Maui Community Plan, the area that they proposed for the affordable housing component of their luxury development was below the airport. And so, one of the conditions of the zoning change was during the next West Maui Community Plan update that another location would be selected that is owned by Maui Land and Pine property and the County could purchase it at ag land rates to replace that open space park that they had designated in the 1996 West Maui Community Plan. So, I think there's some copies that's gonna get circulated of the Ordinance 3889 for the 50-acre park. And so similar to what Chair King did I'm not wanna put like a dollar amount and make that be how much the parcel costs, but with Mahi Pono's recent large ag land purchase somebody said what it does is it sets a rate of like what the going rate is for ag land per acre. So, you know, we can figure that out. But, West Maui is getting like developed and there's no way that we can create any more open space or park space. This is right near just mauka of the water treatment facility in Mahinahina. And when Kapalua Mauka achieved its zoning changes, there was a lot of controversy about this issue because the areas north of Napili is very rural; like you go from like Waikiki to Honolua. You know, like you're in Lahaina, Front Street and it's all built out and once you pass Mahinahina is the wind line already so it's, you know, sometimes it rains more, it's more windy. It's nice. You're getting out of the hot and so it was really hard fought for this condition. They got to develop luxury homes. You know, Honokahua got developed. There's two really beautiful houses just mauka of D.T. Fleming's and in the seven years it took to build those two homes and provide the infrastructure and grade the lots, every time it rains D.T. Fleming's was brown water. And, I just wanted to say, you know, our DSA workers they hiked up Mokupea and everyone said the dirty water was coming from Honokahua and they investigated the situation and turns out when they were grading the land, a bunch of landslide came across the golf course thing and into the gulch. And so, a stop work order was issued for that project. And, you know, this is, to me, this 50 acres of open space is like, is kind of like blood money for open space 'cause even though the houses are really nice, it was more nice without the houses.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. So, we'll be asking for consensus on the concept since we don't have funding for it. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, I just wanted to ask Member Paltin. I kind of lost you as you were going along. You started off at Pulelehua and were you talking about the 50-acre park at Pulelehua or someplace else?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not gonna be a park anymore because they allowed for zoning for development for the affordable component of the luxury project at Pulelehua. So, the condition was that when the West Maui Community Plan update comes around again, which it's up right now, that another 50-acre parcel could be selected from all the agricultural lands that Maui Land and Pine owns and that the County can purchase it at what ag land rates are. So, you know, that condition in this...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. But, we are owed 50 acres at Pulelehua?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That they sold. It was an affordable housing project that never got its full entitlements.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. No, what I'm saying, this park dedication runs with the land, yeah. It runs with the land. So, we own the park wherever it is. We own it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They changed the zoning. So, it's no longer park space.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Well, I don't know who they is, but it had to be the Council. You know, I would strongly suggest, I mean, it's quite possible we can get this land for free, you know. So, we should...it's very important and I think it should be sent to committee because, you know, when a developer gets zoning and promises a 50-acre regional park, they cannot turn around and sell it.

MR. UEOKA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It's ours. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you. Just from what was handed out with Ordinance 3889 and I think you guys do need to discuss this a little more in committee. When I used to advise Parks, this was an issue a long time ago also. But, it does state in the conditional zoning that designate an offer to sale, offer for sale to the County of Maui. So, we need to buy the 50 acres per the condition of zoning. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Quick question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Jeff, you mean to say there was no park requirement for the zoning?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I'm not sure. I wasn't around when this was there, but typically there is a park assessment requirement, but if Council...Council often does stuff also in conditions of zoning in addition to what was required under 18.60.320, the park assessment. I'm not sure if and there was a lot of developments out on the west side, but that's why you guys probably should go to committee for this. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, is it gonna be in response to Member Lee's comments? Can you make it quick?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If you look two numbers above it, number 13, that's the park thing that I think you were talking about. But, I think in addition to that, number 15 is the one that is my priority because it's really a small, small amount, five acres for what was done to Honokahua and what'll happen in the future.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, consensus on the concept?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I would like to...Chair? I would like to, I mean I support the idea of sending this to committee because I do think that there is a possibility of getting us as an exchange and because there's been a change in ownership, I think there's some other stuff to be worked out. So, either revisit or refer to the committee on probably be Ms. Paltin's Committee because it's Planning and Land Use. It was part of that original deal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, would you be open to referring it to your Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, should we mark this as a revisit? Are there any objections to marking it as a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No. She does not...wait, you said no, thank you? To her Committee, she said no, thank you, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. She declined. Thank you. Okay. It's marked as a revisit. Okay. Number 26 is a proposal from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Wow, thank you, Tamara. So, where is my paperwork? This item is a CIP item and I noticed we're taking Public Works CIP on Monday. So, this is in your program book, Page 844, CIP for Public Works and this was in response to having like the Waikapu Community Association meeting where we had those four projects that came before us. But, last term, as two of the projects came before us, there was a cry or a call from the Waikapu Community Association as well as some of the members that we should look at having a transportation plan. So, I reached out to Lauren Armstrong from MPO and through her, they get 25 million Federal funds and then there's some State funds and County, but of that 25 million, a

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portion of it is for planning money. And so, she said that she would be able to ask for and get, as a Federal match to this which is \$100,000 ask from us, from the County of Maui, \$400,000 towards Planning for this 500,000 total study to be done. And I just wanted to bring it up to the Committee to let them know that I think this is important 'cause it ties to a lot of things in Central Maui. Part of it also is to look at things like roundabouts; I think there was another discussion in Member Lee's Committee which she sent over to my Committee so we could take this up at the appropriate time, take it up at the appropriate time. But, to do this long-range transportation study as it would tie into Multimodal and roads. So, Members, I'm just asking for your support on this CIP request.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Clarification, --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Sugimura. So, this study is already in the CIPs?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're not proposing to add more money...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's already there. I just wanted to bring emphasis to it and I noticed that you're taking it up on Monday, you're taking up Public Works CIP, so I may have jumped the gun. But, I want you to know that this is important, too, to myself as a priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. So, is this the...this is the State bill that was supposed to be for 500,000? So, that's additional monies?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That bill that's running it's still alive?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The transit-oriented development is a bill that has moved through both Houses, that's separate.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that's separate from this study?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Separate.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And this study's gonna be done by Public Works?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's Public Works and with funding from, yeah, MPO.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, they put in 100,000 to match the 400,000 they're already getting from Federal funding?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The MPO is gonna designate 400 for this.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then our County put into to CBS-553 is the extra 100,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: CBS? Oh, yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's the CIP number.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, just for clarification, good question, Member King, because the transit-oriented development you're gonna see in Planning, there's \$100,000 to match what the State Legislature we're asking them to put into the Budget. And so, we have to wait 'til the Budget is over, but we're hoping that Gil Agaran, Senator Agaran, and Member Hashimoto, Representative Hashimoto, they had the two companion bills that went through the Legislature and I think right now that we're waiting for the Conference Committee to happen for the State funding to come through for the, for their 400 or 500 whatever they're gonna decide to give TOD which a completely separate project which narrowly looks --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --at that corridor.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. No, --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I think that's good, but I'm surprised that there's any matching funds because the version I saw on that bill didn't have any matching funds. Maybe you could share --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think it's...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --with Member Hokama after during the next break because he's going to the State Legislature on Friday to talk to them. But, no, I support the concept and I think it's important that we map that whole thing out because this is what we talk about whenever we start piecemeal'ing things together; that we should have a plan for the whole area and so, I'm supportive of them. I'm ready for consensus.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just a question for clarification, please? So, in your verbiage, Ms. Sugimura, you mentioned prioritized transportation solutions. Would traffic impact fees be part of that options?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That was gonna be my next statement. So, where we're gonna go to on this is actually another item in my Committee and it talks about traffic impact fees. And as you know, because it was started I want to say it was when Linda Lingle was mayor, just this discussion or even I heard Velma Santos, I mean that's how long ago when the traffic impact fees were being talked about. But, it's never been finalized or formalized with all the different districts. So, as part of my Committee work that is gonna tie into this is I want to get to the traffic impact fees so that developers know what it may be, you know, and what the...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, this will be driven by County Public Works, not the MPO?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right. They're helping pay and they're gonna help, first they'll help, have input, too, but, yeah, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Number 27 is a proposal by, from Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. And this is in, would be a pilot project whose purpose is to conserve water. And this pilot project we haven't decided where so I'd really like this matter to be sent to my Committee after it's placed in the Budget. This would be a project similar to the Pulama Lanai Water Conservation Project which seems to be extremely successful on that island. And the purpose of the project, again, is to develop water conservation measures to manage our freshwater for the future, save money, and preserve our precious resource. And the estimate of \$500,000 is an estimate based on essentially what it cost the Lanai project. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. DHHL is doing this on Molokai and it seems to be successful. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thank Ms. Lee for this consideration. But one thing I will add as some general information - when the Council provided all the districts,

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including Lanai, Lanai was with General Funds for watershed protection and enhancement. The landowner chose to decline public funds and that is one of the reasons they were able to do what they do within their own parameters. And that is something I think that maybe we should also consider is require the owner of the land, the watershed land, to participate and implement this type of conservation practices. If you want to own this type of land then you need to be responsible as an owner to protect and maintain it appropriately. And I would say that is something I can commend the previous efforts of the old Castle and Cooke and Pulama Lanai now that as a property owner they understand their role and they have spent their money to protect their property which includes the watershed and I find that to be a commendable share. Declined public funds. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes, thank you. I was ready to consensus this. I just wanted to, you know, in light of Mr. Hokama's question or concern, is this meant to be on like a County area, County property? Are you going to be looking for potential private...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I'm thinking that we start in Central Maui. I'm thinking that we need to identify a place where actual owners, like in a big subdivision, are able to afford this project.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you want them to pay for it or matching funds or something?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, they're gonna need certain, you know, pieces of equipment that might cost a couple hundred dollars. But, the \$500,000 is for the essential study of the area and we need equipment as well, the County needs equipment as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, yeah, I'm --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --in favor of this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And just a reminder that Member Lee did say that it would go to her Committee after we achieve consensus so we can continue to deliberate on this item. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just for a clarification, Chair, it says to the Pulama Lanai Water Conservation Project?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Similar to.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It would be for that purpose?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's similar to.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, based on that. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, consensus? Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Consensus. Thank you. Okay. Next one is from me. Number 28. is a request for \$500,000 for the Molokai, for a Molokai Master Plan for managed shoreline retreat. As we all know, sea level's rising. You know that Kaunakakai Town and a lot of our residents and infrastructure are on the shoreline and we should've started planning years ago, but we should definitely start planning now since we didn't years ago. Roads are already falling into the fish pond and, you know, knowing that Molokai only gets so much money each year that we need to have a plan so that we can prioritize the infrastructure or items that need to be funded first because it will likely take a long time before all these projects receive funding. So, that's why we need to develop a plan now. Okay. Member Paltin and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was, my question was that, you know, based what the guy said last night in Ms. King's district about where the water would come up to in the existing roads, maybe we can expand it for Maui and Molokai because we have similar issues on Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I like the concept. I think we need to broaden it because while Molokai is very important, I understand the Pukoo side of the island that you mentioned regarding the ponds and where the road is, right next to the ocean. I get it. But, I would say, Chair, that I think we need to be broader because for Maui County the top ten taxpayers are basically oceanfront properties, top ten taxpayers. So, if we're not gonna look at it Countywide, especially the revenue generators, who's gonna pay for all these things down the road? Top ten taxpayers. Look at it, it's basically our resorts. Our taxpaying base, they the ones that provide us with the revenues for us to do benefits for the community. And so, again, I think we need to look at the whole thing; where we're gonna agree to do the managed retreats. But, certain areas we are going to need to harden. We are not able to retreat. And then also, how are we gonna pay for that component of sea-level concerns. So, Chair, I would be asking you and the Members to look at it in a more broader sense because I can see major impacts to the future revenues of this County if we do not make this a Countywide thing and look at who our ten top taxpayers are. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. If I will direct Members' attention to Page 801 in our Program Budget, there's a CIP for assessment of County of Maui coastal roads for effects and climate change, sea-level rise, and shoreline erosion. I will argue that an assessment is not enough. We need a plan. Like an assessment? We already know where we're gonna be affected. And it's for \$700,000. Eight-hundred and one. And so, I'm absolutely open to broadening it beyond my district. I

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just don't want my district to get the short end of this deal and get slated for last because there's a lot of things that need attention. And so, if we can just make sure that, you know, Molokai doesn't get the shaft then that would be great. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, so, if it's for the County of Maui, it should include all three islands, the assessment, that probably comes first before developing a plan. But, I, so I think we should, the plan should be for the entire County and one of my...I think it should go under...I think Emergency Management is not the right place for this because they're usually a reaction to disasters that happen. So, really, if we're talking about planning, it really needs to go under Planning and Sustainable Land Use. I think that's exactly what they should be doing. There probably are, I don't have the Molokai Community Plan in front of me, but I'm sure there are items that they can take care of off of that implementation list that, with such a plan. So, if we could revisit this and look at what it would take to create that kind of a plan based on the assessments, Countywide assessments, of where those, you know, priorities 'cause we know that there are areas that are already getting eroded, but out of those areas, I don't think we're gonna approach it from the point of view of what's getting eroded first. It's going to be looking at the facilities that affect everybody. You know, rather than going to one hotel and saying we're gonna do something about this area because the hotel's eroding, we're probably gonna be ending up looking at what's happening with our wastewater treatment facilities, with our first responder facilities, with all the things that are Countywide issues that affect all the taxpayers. And so, hopefully that assessment will include, you know, what County facilities are in those inundation zones that, you know, we can justify putting taxpayer money into. Because I remember when, you know, a few years ago when we had a Budget Session up in West Maui and the folks from the Kahana condos came out and they said well, we're getting eroded, we need to have you guys pay for an EIS for a potential re-nourishment of the beach and then other people came out, you know, Aha Moku representatives came out and said, you know, we told them when they built that condo not to put it so close to the ocean and they did anyway and why should we use taxpayer money to help private property. So, that's gonna be part of the balance of the assessment and the plan is balancing out what should be a taxpayer dollar response versus what should not. Because if we try to go around the island and take care of everybody's home and hotel and condo that's on the beach first, we're gonna run out of money in the first five years and we're not gonna have the money to take care of the County facilities that everybody pays into. So, I'm hoping that assessment will take those things under consideration, take like priorities into consideration, and then build the plan around that. But, I do think we need the assessment and maybe we phase two is the plan and maybe we put that start funding the plan so that they know that's coming and that we're not just expecting, you know, here's a map of where everybody might be at risk, but that we actually have a plan of attack of where the priorities are. So, I'm not sure if that's a, maybe it's a revisit because maybe we need to look at bigger funding if we're gonna go broaden the, you know, the actual geographic area.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. In light of your comments, I think I would prefer to leave it for Molokai because it sounds like the attention again will be on Maui and Molokai won't get the attention immediately as it needs. And if this is a

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priority for other districts, then perhaps we can work on it at that time if it's a priority for the other districts. But, I'm willing to mark it as a revisit if that's what the body is wanting to do. Okay. Okay. Item 29 is a proposal from Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Again as I mentioned the other day to my fellow colleagues, the proposal is to increase the homeowner real property tax exemption from \$200,000 to \$400,000. The last time the homeowner's exemption was revised or adjusted was in 2011, roughly eight years ago. At the time the Council decreased the exemption from 300,000 to 200,000 and the reduction was justifiable because at the time it was the recession and the recession was contributing to the reduction of real property tax assessments. However, since 2011, real estate prices, as we all know, has increased from 410,000 to 790,000 in February 2019. So, 410,000 to 790,000, so almost double, yeah. And so, in these last eight years, you know, my feeling is we should double the exemption to offset the increases in assessments and, you know, provide some relief for our homeowners. It may add a few extra dollars of disposable income that our residents can either save or spend for goods and services that could, you know, help our economy, our small businesses. The funding source for this reduction could be offset by making adjustments to certain real property tax classifications. So, that is my proposal and I yield the floor to the Members for their comments. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was, this the minimum tax depends so much on what the property tax rates are. I don't feel comfortable giving a consensus unless we know what is the real property tax rates.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so with this kind of...I think another part of the discussion is how many properties or I don't know if we probably need to talk to Real Property just to see what the impact is of having this and what would it do to our taxes and would we have to even look at the, you know, minimum tax amount also. So, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think there's more discussion.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll, I'll mark it as a revisit. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objection, but just a comment. So, again, --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --yeah, I can agree. Let's look at all the rates and decide from there. But, again, you know, our residents are getting hit with possible rate increases in other areas, so I think we gotta think about, you know, our long-time kamaaina's who own homes and so forth. So, it's kind of my spiel on that part. So, let's provide relief where we can because, you know, our residents going get hit in other areas. So, anyway, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If you look at the history of the last 20 years, homeowners are the most subsidized tax category in this County. And previous Councils have worked hard to ensure that the Residential and Homeowners category pay their fair share. If you look at it every district, residential housing, homeowner housing is the least of our revenue sources. Okay. Everybody else, categories is the major financial revenue engines of this County. And yet, we provide tremendous amount of service to residential and homeowners under General Fund. Okay. So, I would say, like with Ms. Paltin, unless you make the appropriate adjustments, I would say the majority, the great majority, would just pay minimum tax and this County cannot deal with just minimum tax revenues from these components, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. We marked it as a revisit and we're gonna move on to the next item which is item 30 from Member Paltin. And if you remember we amended this yesterday from the excavator to the crack sealer. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, for me, Public Works is the public safety arm of heavy equipment and, you know, like my colleague from Lanai said west side is a revenue source. And this past year with Hurricane Lane, West Maui was cut off, you know, all the Fire engine personnel, all the Fire Department was in West Maui except for like maybe two engines. Everything that we had was in West Maui and they saved the whole town except for a couple houses and there was heavy coordination with, you know, other heavy machinery, private, Goodfellow's and all the companies and also with public safety and, you know, our equipment in times of disaster is sometimes the only thing we get from the outside side and there's not only us residents that we have to be concerned with it's also all the tourists that are in the hotels. So, the things that

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Public Works asks for highways, the machineries, they need it. Never have any pCard scandals for the west side. I just am saying that those guys are above all the board, so if they ask for something, they need it and I think the testifier last night, Daniel Kanahele, spoke to the effectiveness of the crack sealer hotpot. I mean, maybe even south side might want one too 'cause they want an extra, but this one is replacing an existing one we had so we need it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, just a question? So, is the amount changing?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I amended it on the floor. It was \$120,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hundred twenty. Okay. But, is the 440 still...is that already in the Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we're not doing anything with that? We're just adding 140 as a new item?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hundred-twenty.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hundred-twenty as a new item?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: From Public Works right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Whichever one that Ms. Yoshimura recommends.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I marked it as a consensus. Okay. The next item is 31 for Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mic.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I was, I want to be able to defer this to my Committee if it's okay with everyone. But, I'd like to read it nonetheless again. It's to be able to swap outstanding real property arrears and penalties owed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Land beneficiaries on existing homes and lands for a lease of Hawaiian Home Lands for the creation of an affordable housing subdivision. So, if I might ask indulgence of the Council to refer to the Affordable Housing Committee.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, Member Kama would like to refer this item to the Affordable Housing Committee. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: This is kind of a unique approach. So, I thank the Member from Kahului 'cause we're the only County that Hawaiian Homes has not settled this issue with. They have settled this with the three other counties and for whatever reason the Department and Director went against their own trustees' decision to settle. So, you know, I'm open to this. I'm open to this option because if it does become fruition, shame on that Department for not taking care of the beneficiaries, shame on them. But, I would say either that or I'm happy to go to litigation and take them to court. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. So, if there are no objections, I'll mark it down as a referral to the Affordable Housing Committee.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Item 32 is a proposal from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members. As you know, as you may or will find out that part of my passions are the veterans, right? They fought hard for us. They gave their lives and were there when we needed them and to provide us our freedoms. And the Veterans Council asked for an additional \$2,000 and in light of everything else we're talking about this as very small, but I tell you, it's really big for them. I think for years and years and years their funding was basically flat. Last year, we added on and which is in the Budget, thank you very much, Ms. Yoshimura, that there's \$1,000 for the Vietnam vets and \$1,000 for the Korean War when they had their candlelight service in front of the gym because the Parks Department is not able to provide the tables and chairs, so we accommodated and we took care of that. And when the Veterans Council looked at their budget for this coming year, they asked if we could increase it by \$2,000. So, Members, this would be for \$2,000 added to the Veterans Council which would take care of their increase of insurance and increase of and to pay for the various events that they take care of throughout the year for the veterans in general. So, I ask for your support. I hope it's consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, sorry to hold things up a little bit. But, I want to thank my colleague, Ms. Sugimura, for this. I can certainly appreciate it. I'm a veteran.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: He's a veteran.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And I'm a card carrying member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and we do participate with the Korean War vets and the Maui Vietnam vets in these ceremonies which also include the Memorial Day event. Just wanted to just check with Corp. Counsel if there's any conflict with my being a veteran and also a member of a veteran's organization if I support this appropriation? Just want to make sure everything is clean.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: You guys should check your internal policies on it. But, I don't believe there's a conflict there. You're just one member of a big organization.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't believe there's a conflict there.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. If it's okay with the body then I'm...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there any objection to Member Molina having consensus on this item?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You're not making money?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina, for checking.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Item 33 is an item proposed by Councilmember Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. For my fourth priority, we listed under the Economic Development Program, Agricultural Program in support of the Hawaii Farmers Union to increase their 2020 budget from 210,000 an increase of 150,000 to

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340,000. And then, the second part of the ask is to increase the CTAHR at UH from 75,000 to an increase of 25,000 to 100,000 to consider some of their, for the CTAHR to consider some of the projects that were not funded, including organic weed management demonstration project and promotion of sustainable honey bee cultural programs on Maui and Molokai and some other projects that were not funded. For the Hawaii --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --Farmers Union, we received testimony from the different chapters around Maui. And so, a total of 69,000 would be going to the different chapters for their marketing of produce along with educational outreach as described in the handout that was passed out; also, for their convention on Maui. And so, as an investment to Maui nui's agriculture and food security, I ask the Members for consensus today. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Is CTAHR the same thing as CTAHR?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Yes, Chair. Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that clarification. Okay. And then, the clarification is to increase HFUU's currently budgeted amount to 340,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: From...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The handout, the testimony we just received says 350,000. So, is it 340,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Three-hundred fifty.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's 350,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We have questions. Member Lee, Chair King, and Member Hokama, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Is this a priority or top concern, Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. As the Agricultural Chair, we wanted to support our farmers' chapters around the County.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, because, you know, we're all going over our priorities and concerns which had deadlines on them. So, I thought maybe this, you're adding this to one of those previously listed priority?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Says number four.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Number four?

VICE-CHAIR KING: His number four priority.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's item 33.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, item what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thirty-three.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thirty-three? Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I kind of want to revisit this just because what I would like to see in this whole section here on Page 414 is the FAM program proviso'd separately because the FAM program alone was 221,000. I thought that was part of that 340,000, but the way it's broken out here, it just shows Hawaii Farmers Union United with 210,000. So, I don't even see the FAM program, the farmer apprentice mentorship program on here. If you look at Page 414 which is unless it's separate somewhere else, but...that was the page number given...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I don't see that on 414.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. That was...I'm looking at your priority 33, it says Page 414 of the Budget. I don't even see the FAM program on there.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That would be part of the Hawaii Farmers Union.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. But the FAM program alone, as we heard last night from the director, that program is 221,000. The Hawaii Farmers Union United four chapters was only proposed for 210,000 and that includes some of the other things you talked about. So, you know, Chair, if we could revisit this. If Member Sinenci is willing to do that, if we could revisit this whole page of agriculture promotion to try to figure what's going where. And I do support putting CTAHR back up to 100,000, but I'm just a little bit worried about I would like to see under the total amount that we give to Hawaii Farmers Union that the FAM program become a proviso under that amount so that we make sure that 221,000 is going directly to the FAM program. And if we want, and then maybe at that time we can also talk about the potential expansion to Lanai and Molokai that was not given in this Budget. So, there's a lot of things, I think, that need to be reworked in this, on this page, if we could do that when we get to that section? Are you amenable to that?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I am.

VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause I support everything you're talking about, but I just don't, I just think this is, this format that it's in is not giving us that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: For now, Chair, I'd ask consensus on the UH --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: CTAHR.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --CTAHR.

VICE-CHAIR KING: CTAHR. Yeah. I would consensus that for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And then revisit the Hawaii Farmers Union. If that's okay. Separate it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Does that affect any Member Hokama or Member Sugimura's questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have a question on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Hokama and Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Two questions. Thank you, Chair. Regarding the request for the Farmers Union component, I'm very open. I'm supportive of their efforts. But, I find it interesting 9 of the 16 officers are not Maui County people. Okay. They're Kauai, Big Island, Oahu. What are those islands or their entities doing to support this organization? Is it only our Council that puts up this money? Where is their money to support this Statewide organization's efforts? So, I have a concern if we are funding the whole Statewide program, this County only 'cause I don't think that is fair. I understand our need to support our farmers and I understand we can share best practices, but I find it, you know, you got Kona, you got Kauai, you got North Shore, Oahu, you got, you know, Puna, I mean, East Hawaii, Waianae. What are those entities doing to get their support from their own counties? So, that's my question 'cause I don't have a problem putting up our fair amount to support our efforts. Well, it's a concern. I'll give the consensus 'cause I think this is good stuff. I have my druthers with CTAHR. I'm disappointed the State always assumes this County is going to carry their tab and continue to fund their requirements. So, I won't give consensus on CTAHR's request at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Ms. Chung?

MS. CHUNG: I think, sorry, I think in the meantime my question was answered so we are processing a letter right now. Yesterday, Member Hokama asked what the State is funding the Hawaii Farmers Union and I think it sounds like we should add what are

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the other counties' funding to the Hawaii Farmer's Union as well as to Chair King's question what are their plans for the expanded funds? Is that correct?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I mean that's, if you ask Mr. Hokama's question, that should answer mine because what I was originally looking for in this Budget...this is a Maui issue, the farmer apprentice mentorship is a purely Maui program. So, you know, besides that program, they had other monies in there and that's what Mr. Hokama's asking if they're gonna contribute to the HFUU Statewide, what are the other counties contributing.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair? For clarification, in the Budget, Page 414, it says Hawaii Farmers Union United for Maui chapters.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. So, I see where and I think also yesterday Mr. Mina mentioned about being level with what the Maui County Farm Bureau receives in terms of funding. So, I would like to ask that is this we're gonna revisit this to look at also the Maui County Farm Bureau. Maui County Farm Bureau just because of being involved in past Budgets, in their budget, which we should get some details from them, they help because the 4-H livestock or the Upcountry Farmers Market, Upcountry Fair got put under them. So, it was proviso'd then that there are they basically are fiscal agents for other things which makes up the 350 that's in the Budget for them for this year. So, it's not only...there's provisos that are included. So, we should find out what, you know, what is all included. The Hawaii Farmers Union, if the FAM program is 221, then this is underfunded for this year. I think maybe was a mistake because of the other programs that were going on? I'm not sure. So, we should ask for more details from both. If you could?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, I'll mark this as a revisit.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Number 34 is a proposal from Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, again, thank you, Members. My request was \$178,500; as indicated I had it broken down into various components. And again, regarding the 45,000 for the message boards and whatnot, I'm open. 'Cause I know Ms. Paltin has an item, I guess now number 44 regarding traffic calming devices, so I don't know if it's broad enough that it could be encompassed in there. But, for Lanai, this is something that has worked well. The message boards, again, the light towers is basically for night and emergency work requirements. And then the 80,000 for the tire roller is for me an OSHA issue. And, my disappointment with Public Works, I

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believe Council did fund sufficiently the need for that ice maker not to take care of not only departmental need, but community needs during emergencies; and I would say shame on them for not following through on previous Council's actions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I had a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just wondering if the Lanai Fire Station has a ice maker?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That was one of the...Public Works and Fire was the top two departments that Council made sure that emergency generation and ice-making requirements for community use was taken care of. Fire Department followed through and implemented and it's already in place. Public Works is still yet trying to install the emergency generator scheduled for this summer. And, as I said, shame on them for not following through on the second component which was the ice generation requirements. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my question is is one ice generator enough or...I mean, just, that's just the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The approach that Council took in consultation with the community and our departments is that we decided to spread it around. Police has a component, Public Works has a component, Parks should have a component, Human Concerns has a component, and Fire has a component because during emergencies our first response departments are where the community goes to for support and assistance. So, that was how we approached it, Chair; emergency response departments first. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just one more question. I don't know if anyone knows the answer, but what is the population of Lanai?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would say on the Census, I would say about 3,500. So, when we shut down, the whole island shuts down.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Members, consensus?

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Let's...do you think we can do this page before breaking for lunch?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Item 35 is a proposal by Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I might have to leave because I have to go to the Board of Ethics at 12:30. But, thank you for doing this page before the break. This is actually just a placeholder. So, I threw this in because I wanted to wait until after I heard from the community. But, and also because I thought if we're gonna get into funding school programs, we should do it in every district and not just one. So, but anyway, the actual item that I want to put in here as my fourth concern is on Page 813 of the Budget. It's CBS-5485 and it's 813 and 814 and CBS-5492 and these are projects that are sort of ongoing sidewalk projects. As you heard from my community last night, sidewalks are probably one of the most important things to the Kihei community. So, these are already in the Budget, the proposed Budget. Oh, the sidewalks along Ohukai was actually promised in this current Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Chair King. For item 35, so we're striking the shuttle?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we're striking the shuttle and we're replacing it with...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Infrastructure for, in the Public Works Department. And these are already existing items.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the Budget?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, if you go to Page 813, 814, that's where they are in the Budget document. CBS-5485 and CBS-5492. So, these are sidewalk projects and they're designated for portions of Kihei that have been promised for a long time; one of them actually was supposed to be done this year, this Ohukai one was supposed to have been started I think in our current one. But, I was going to add on to this the Keonekai Road that we kept hearing about last night. But, I checked with Department of Public Works and they're trying to negotiate the developer in a nearby project to actually do that. So, we're going to put in the light that was asked for in one of the other existing sections. So, I think we can take care of that. I think that was the biggest community concern we heard yesterday 'cause a lot of people brought up that

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sidewalk and how dangerous it is and so the first thing that needs to happen is the light. But, these sidewalk projects have been a long time coming and these have been promised to the community. So, I just wanted to highlight those concerns under my fourth concern and just get consensus on them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Is there...your...no increase or decrease to the...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, this is what the public voices are. I mean, they've been designing these sidewalks for a long time so this is what they've all been determined.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Item 36 is a proposal by Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, we already did that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. We --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, we didn't do this one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --struck item 18 and we added it to item 36.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. I thought we already...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You have a marvelous memory. Okay. So, the item is to activate existing reservoirs and construct new ones countywide. For obvious reasons, you know, we need to store our water and we do not have the luxury of lots and lots of water sources, so however we can conserve our water, save our water we need to do that and for every region. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have one question by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was gonna recommend to send this to committee because I mean there's a big public safety function with reservoirs like failing or things like that and, you know, I mean, if we're looking into that, the maintenance and the transmission lines and everything is a big upkeep and expense. And the reason why I was suggesting to committee is we can look at all a broader perspective of it; like, you know, just catching water at your own home for your own use when there is an emergency rather than the County's gonna come and save you, everybody when there's an emergency with a reservoir. But, that was just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Member Paltin, are you in favor of consensus --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Not really.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --or are you...okay. I will mark it down as a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Otherwise, you mean you're not in favor of this item because we could send this to committee anyway.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And move it forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Right. We can get consensus and send it to committee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And move it forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I have a question about that. So, if this...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: My note says that we combined it with something else, it's now 5 million plus 1 million? Is that...was that the issue?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, yeah. Exactly.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we're talking about \$6 million?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Exactly.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And would that be bond funded?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, if it moves to committee, then you could at that time decide if it comes out of there we can always add, do a Budget amendment and add bond funding, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. The reason why I like to do it by bond is we can approve the project, but not authorize the bond. So, in other words, we can go over the details in committee with the Department, but when it's ready, it can move subject to Council approval.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I guess I can live with that if everyone else can.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I prefer not do Budget amendments 'cause that takes time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, are you open to consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can't support it. We cannot even like, you know, maintain our own drainage retention basins and we're talking about...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll mark it down as a revisit. Okay. Revisit. Okay. Item 37 is a proposal from Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. This was to do a study to get a consultant to do professional services to study the need for housing authority. It seems that we don't or may not have a long-term housing plan, but maybe having a separate authority, a separate branch that just does housing and everything that has to do with housing and just making it a separate department or division from DHH [sic] and Human Concerns.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Question, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm very open to Ms. Kama's proposal. I would say also that the County of Hawaii tried this and they had a mixed bag of results; some good, some bad. So, I would say we don't need to reinvent the wheel on this one. Our sister county has already approached this as one of their solutions to housing for the County of Hawaii. And so, I would say I'm open to this. I don't know if we need this much money, but is this gonna come out of the Housing Fund, Ms. Kama?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That was my intent to.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we...yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Mr. Ueoka? Can this come out of the Affordable Housing Fund?

MR. UEOKA: I guess it just says professional services for study of housing authority, so I would need more detail to tell you definitely. I would need to know exactly what you're going to do to give you a better answer. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, this is --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Revisit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --in determining the fund, it's something that can be proposed later.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Or, Chair, could we refer this to the Affordable Housing Committee and then you could determine in Committee what the parameters of that 'cause we would put out an RFP for that and then you have to figure out the affordable housing funding from there? Could we just refer it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One-fifty. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And at the same time, too then maybe Corporation Counsel can prepare in advance for Ms. Kama's Committee whether or not this requires a Charter amendment for the creation of a housing authority. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I would be open to that, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it is my understanding that we are moving to consensus and referring this to Affordable Housing Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Consensus? And referral to Committee. Okay. I'm sorry. Number 38 is that's not correct. On Monday I proposed the CIP that is on Page 780 for the Molokai Police Station and it is my understanding that my proposed proviso that the land acquisition be for Holomua, the 11-acre parcel at Holomua, is the plan. And so, I think we're good. So, I think we can...so the proposal is to add a proviso for it to be the 11-acre parcel at Holomua. I'm sorry. Did everyone get to Page 780? It's the relocation of the Molokai Police Station. It's for a total of \$1,820,000 that is, that has already been budgeted for this item. No addition. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: For clarification, Chair, is this the site that Police Department has recommended that was supposed to be done in venture-ship with a private developer? Because that was what we heard from the Chief last term that they were looking at a third-party which was I, which I was not too supportive of. Is this the same site?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is the same site. There's no, there's \$400,000 for initial consultation, EIS, and design. So, I know the option was to go with Triple P which was that entity that helped to build or that constructed the Kapolei Police Station. I don't think that...and I don't know if Member [sic] Yoshimura would be able to speak on it, but it's still an option.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. 'Cause I'm in support of a new, smarter location for Police Department. I'm not sold about this site, Chair. And the Department never gave us sufficient responses for me to support it today, so unless the Chief can give us some better responses, I won't give consensus on this at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. I will mark it as a revisit. Okay. Number...

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes?

MS. MATTHEWS: Can Staff clarify whether or not the original 38 that's being stricken and replaced with CBS-5536? The item, to clarify the item...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Item 5536.

MS. MATTHEWS: So, we're striking the original 38?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, we'll just finish this page. If everyone's okay? Number 39 is a proposal from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Members, this is regarding my Upcountry proviso of 140,000 of which I wanted to not understanding how you're gonna do the details as we move our Budget process forward, I thought I wanted to get this in because it was requested from the Makawao Howard, not Howard, Dwayne Hamamura with Makawao Town Fourth of July Parade which they were asking for actually 15,000; 10,000 would come from my favorite Councilmember, Mr. Molina 'cause we share the Upcountry area. And then 15,000...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I thought I was your favorite.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, you are my favorite, Tamara. Fifteen-thousand for the Pukalani Community Association, their second Christmas Golf Cart Parade. I also wanted to put a word in for the MACC and I'm curious, Budget Chair, how are we going to address the rest of...we have our ten favorites and our ten...I mean five-five and then what about the rest of the Budget? Are we just gonna wait 'til you take up CIPs?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And then Operations and we're gonna take line by line? So, it's gonna come up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page by page. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page by page. Okay. Then I'm fine. So, please consensus. Thank you, Mr. Molina.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I had a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And I think, you know what, the next item is Member Hokama's and it's, I think it'll be pretty quick if Members are okay. It's 2,500. Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Again, Chair, this is for me an OSHA issue regarding workplace safety. So, I'm just gonna ask the Members if they would support this since it wasn't originally included in the Department's proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we have one, two, three, four more items and it's 12:30. We added number 44 which was Member Paltin's number 25. So, when we come back from break, we'll complete the last four items of our priorities and let's try our best to get through the concerns before we go to West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At 4:00. I'll adjourn at 4:00.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, I meant...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, what time are we gonna be back? One-thirty.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: One-thirty?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: There might be a little bit construction going on. It's posted for like April 8th to June 4th, but it's kind of intermittent right now; like when I went home last night, they were doing contraflow, but when I came over this morning they weren't. My Staff is gonna go ahead so maybe she can call and let me know or let us know how is the traffic.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. So, I'll be open to that. I'm hoping we can get through the concerns before then, but if traffic looks heavy then I'll be open to adjourning sooner than 4:00. Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Question. Were we given the concerns or will the Staff be passing that out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Staff will be passing that out when we get back from lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions or comments? Okay. If there are no objections, so we will now break for lunch. It's 12:32 on April 10th. The

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Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. Okay. Thank you.
...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 12:32 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:40 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(gavel)*... Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 1:40 on April 10th. And we left off on item 41 which is a proposal from Member Sinenci. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. For my fifth priority, under the Department of Public Works, we wanted to address the Nahiku Bridge of East Maui. And so, we're asking for an...this wasn't in any of the Budget, the Administration's Budget items. And so, we're looking at upwards 50,000 to upwards of 100,000 for the funding of title search survey assessment updates of the existing structure and of infrastructure upgrades. My office is in receipt of, from Mike Victorino correspondence dated March 11th, Community Plan Amendment, CPA, from Agricultural to Public/Quasi-Public, State land use district boundary amendment Agricultural to Rural, Change of Zoning from Agricultural to Public/Quasi-Public. Special Management Area Use permit for the Nahiku...well, that one, sorry, that was from the Nahiku community. So, more on the March 8th out of the Water and Infrastructure Committee meeting correspondence dated February 20, 2018 urging the Mayor to take the steps necessary to acquire and replace the lower Nahiku Bridge. So, my ask is just that the monies be put to update those just for the research, for the title research and survey the Nahiku area pertaining to the Nahiku Bridge, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Members, consensus? Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I just want to be clear, yeah, from what I've heard Mr. Sinenci 'cause I can support the monies for title search and survey 'cause until we get that answered, I'm not willing to grant anything else. Is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's correct. That's the ask.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Then, that's fine. I have support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the proposal is limited to title search and survey only. Is that correct, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Up to 100,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Alright.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other...okay. So, we are moving for consensus for a title search and survey for up to 100,000. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Item 42 is a proposal from Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Just want to make a clarification for you and the Members. It's actually what should've been listed there was the Haiku Fire Station and the Countywide Bikeway should be put in as a concern and not as a priority at this point. So, if the Members are...change the department from Public Works to Fire and delete Countywide Bikeway and insert Haiku Fire Station and the appropriation would be 100,000. Cross out 150,000 and then you can cross out all the other stuff. No, this is again, of course, this is not for the cost of the fire station itself. We know it's going to cost way more than that, but this basically to add some additional funds into the current study that's already been appropriated for; only because they were concerned about the initial site and the additional funding, I believe, for the study would provide the opportunity to do additional assessments of other potential properties in the area. So, again, trying to expand the options for the Department as far as looking for potential future sites for this fire station. So, again, that is basically what this is; much like the other proposal I had with the inclusion of extra funding to increase the County's options as far as land sites. So, that's basically it for this proposal, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What page number?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For clarification, this is, you're saying that there's already funding in the proposed Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I believe there's existing funding for roughly 170.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, not under CIP?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah. It's 7...was it 796, I believe. I'd have to double check. Yeah. Yeah, 796. It was a previous amount that was allotted for this study.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's not Bikeways. Seven ninety-six is the Bikeway.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, it's not Bikeways, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it would be under Page 723 lists the CIPs that are in, under the Fire and Public Safety Department.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I know, Madam Chair, we had submitted it as a, initially as a proposal and somehow it got caught up in the mix. So, just wanted to clarify that for everyone, yeah. That it is listed as a priority rather than a concern.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, it's basically a flip-flop. The Bikeway would be a concern and this is a priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, but for the \$100,000 for --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Haiku Fire Station.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the Haiku Fire Station --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --you said that there is currently funding in the proposed Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. This would be just an additional \$100,000 add-in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you know where in the Program Budget it's located and how much it's currently funded for?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I believe it was 170,000. I'd have to look up where the exact portion of the details it is in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would it be under CIP or no?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I would guess it would since it's a proposed fire station.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's Page 723 is the list of CIPs for the Fire and Public Safety. Oh, okay, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in the Budget Details on Page 7-6, under Index Code 911008B, it's professional services for \$170,000. One hundred fifty-thousand dollars is for the Haiku Fire Station assessment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Will you please repeat the page number?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Page 7-6 of the Budget Details.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Details. Okay. Okay. So, Member Molina's proposal is to add \$100,000 to the currently proposed \$170,000 for a total of \$270,000 for the Haiku Fire Station.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is he adding money on to that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. He's adding 100,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --or is he just...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. It is an add.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the add is 100 and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's 100,000 to the existing 170.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, it would be 270?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Two-seventy total.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Is that because the professional services are gonna cost more or is there more to do or are you adding a more...more substance?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. As I mentioned earlier, if I may, Madam Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm sorry. I apologize 'cause I was just coming in and sitting down when you were starting this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, the rationale for this was the initial site there were some concerns, so upon discussions with the Chief we had felt that maybe if we looked at some other sites, you know, to locate this fire station that, you know, maybe we might find something better. But, it will probably cost a little bit more to add to the current study which is I guess focused primarily on the original site.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you're adding to the scope of the study?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Exactly.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, is it 270 is what they're proposing or is it up to 270?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Up to 270.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: The initial proposal was for 170 from the Administration --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --and then I'm proposing to add 100,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: To expand the scope.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I support it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just clarification, Chair. Is this the land we bought that now the Department is telling us no?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Well, they...if I may, Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I believe there were concerns about the proposed waterline and if you recall there was a neighbor in the area that had expressed some concerns about the location of that, the fire station. So, ...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We spent big money to go acquire. Jeez. No, I understand what you're asking for. So, I got no problem regarding fire protection for your district and the adjacent areas, Mr. Molina. I just find it frustrating that they told us to go and buy and we spent millions and then now we are told not good enough. I get problems, Chair. But, I'll support consensus for Mr. Molina's request.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Item 43 is from Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Almost like we should have a consensus with reservations sometimes, right? So, this item is sort of a Countywide issue. It's, everybody knows about the lawsuit regarding the Lahaina injection well litigation. And so, and that's being spearheaded by the Earth Justice group with Sierra Club,

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Maui Tomorrow and other various enjoinders on that case. There was a, back in 2014, there was a settlement that was proposed and actually signed off on by the then Council for 2.5 million. And in the language, and I can provide that for everybody if they want it. It's several pages long. But, this is the settlement that was signed off on and it calls for either 2.5 million in fines or to use that 2.5 million in various actions to mitigate the actual problem. My feeling is that whatever happens at the Supreme Court, whether it ever makes it to the Supreme Court and however it gets decided, Maui County is still going to be having these issues with the effluent coming in to ocean and all the problems are not gonna go away. It's just gonna be a lawsuit that's settled and there might be some jurisdiction issues that are settled, but regardless of what happens and this is totally separate from the outcome of the lawsuit or whether it ever gets to the Supreme Court, but regardless, I would like to be able to spend that 2.5 million on action items. So, that's what this is and there are some defined action items, but I think it needs to be, I'd like to put this money in here and then I'd like to have it go to the, be referred to the appropriate committee for a discussion on what those items are, the action items, because it's kind of a, no pun intended, but it's a bit of a fluid situation where we're finding new biological means of mitigating water issues. Last year, I put in a proviso for a Kihei wastewater system to hire a consultant to do a biological nutrient removal project and that seems to be working really well. So, there may be different technologies that come up, too, in that time, but that was the amount of money that was in this settlement that was basically agreed to. So, I think we can go a long way towards fixing the actual problem regardless of the court case if we can actually take those steps and put that money in the Budget this year. So, that's my proposal and that addresses...that is going to be and I've been talking to the groups that have brought this lawsuit and they don't really want to cost the County a lot of money. They don't want us to have to pay a lot of fees. They want us to fix the problem. And so, this will also inform my district in South Maui because we have the exact same issues in South Maui, but we just haven't had a lawsuit yet. So, before it gets to that, I would like to figure out what the solutions are.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. And our last priority item, number 44, was Member Paltin's number 25. So, if you want to flip back to 25 it has the details of what this new 44 is. Okay. Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. You know, and so, kind of lucky that we're going to Lahaina tonight and I would just encourage everybody as you coming off the bypass taking the curve down Keawe just take a look to your right and left coming off the bypass onto Highway 30 and imagine when there's school and getting off work and guys trying to turn left out of there, it's very hazardous; you know, plenty accidents and, you know, that's part of the larger problem of extending the bypass, but that's a different story. Over there also, I mean, like the situation with crosswalks and the standing right-hand turn and even up by the car wash and the Island Grocery Depot entrance like by Emerald Plaza, if you can just take notice it's kind of a public safety concern. Also, in Honokowai by Times Supermarket, there's two crosswalks. It's under a big tree so it's kind of shaded and there's constant tourist traffic back and forth and it's kind of treacherous because it's dark with the tree, it's hard to see. And Napilihau, I think, you know, maybe the County bus ran somebody over in the crosswalk, so flashing lights would be my recommendation, but I defer to the experts on the best traffic-calming device. And so like, you know, knowing that those types of calming devices are like ten grand each then I just put in for eight and hopefully that covers the priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Okay.

CONCERNS MATRIX

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will Staff now distribute the matrix of concerns? Good job, Members, I think we're making progress.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You want to take a five-minute recess?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. While Staff is distributing, I'll explain how it was organized. Okay. So, after collecting everyone's top five concerns, it was organized by everyone shared top concern, then by Member's...so the shared top concerns their, you know, commonalities and then Members' top concerns, individual concerns. And then they were organized alphabetically by department. And so, there were several common areas, so I think we'll be able to get through this before we adjourn to go to West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, may I?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, as we were receiving the concerns list, can you give us directions on how you plan to do the rest of this Budget?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The rest of the Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, after we review our top priorities and concerns then we're gonna review the CIPs, and then...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Based upon the calendar?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you're gonna take up DEM first and you're gonna call the Department here?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No. So, we're just gonna look at the DEM priorities and then if we have questions we'll send, if we have questions regarding the project, we'll send them letters? Is that what you plan to do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If the questions haven't already been responded to.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, proceed and then?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the departments' operating budget review. And that should take us to decision week and then we'll that's when we'll vote on our revisits.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, the departmental operations, you plan to go line by line in this detail Budget book?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page by page in here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page by page?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page by page? Okay. So, there's questions then we'll be addressing it the same way. So, you're thinking that based upon your calendar that you gave us, so we have CIP for Friday and then Monday and then operating on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and you're gonna give us a holiday on the 19th?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you guys behave. If you behave.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It is a holiday. I think it is a holiday.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I know it's a holiday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, she's just asking if I'm gonna give you guys a holiday.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And then on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th is decisions and then 29th is corrections. What does corrections mean? Or when are we gonna do the revisits maybe?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the decisions week.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Decision week? So, on the 22nd...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, between April 22nd, starting on April 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, all the revisits from the, what we're going through now will be on the 22nd?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Alright. Thank you. Oh, Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just a follow-up on the issue of the schedule. So, on the decision week and then also I was gonna ask you for parts of the deliberation, are we gonna be adjourning and opening every day or are we going to recess and continue certain discussions? You know, especially for decision week, are we going to...and the reason I'm asking is because we have these Budget sessions for the community to come out and voice their opinions, but if we're going to adjourn every day and start up, we may be spending the first half of the day, you know, in testimony and lot of it is repeat testimony. So, you know, I'm happy to receive new concerns from people and they can do it in writing, but I just wanted to be prepared because that's what makes for a really long day if we can't get started until after lunch.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was that how it was done last year, Member Hokama? During decisions week, did you, was it just a recess every day?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I believed we adjourned and took testimony every day because of previous concerns that by recessing we hindered public comment as they saw the Committee making adjustments to the proposal. So, to take away that criticism, we posted for meetings every day.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Alright. Yeah. So, that's good to just know in advance because that's when we do want to be prepared for late night meetings on that decision week. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. We're gonna get started on the concerns matrix. And the first two, the first item is a shared item by myself and Member Molina and it's regarding premium pay. I have proposed to place a cap on overtime premium pay for all departments, reduce back to flat from the Fiscal Year 2019, and add a proviso must, that the departments must request a Budget amendment from the Council to increase if needed. Member Molina, will you present your concern?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair, and I, too, share the same concern like you although we are taking a different approach, but whichever way works. I think the major concern is that it's gotten out of control and my proposal is simply 20 percent reduction across the board because, you know, premium pay has gone up in the millions and usage and just to make that how it's being used it's being used, you know, not to say strict, you know, stricter directors or supervisors or whoever approves the premium pay that they should be very cost-conscious and maybe it's a management issue. I mean, maybe you need to utilize your employees more effectively if they're not getting their work done in the normal workday, so to speak, yeah. So, it's just a message from us 'cause since the Council we're the gatekeepers with the public dollar, so we have a charge, too, as well to, you know, keep a handle on things like this. So, but, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Chair King, Member Hokama, and Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, is there a...I know they're all different, but is there a general percentage of increase that's being requested this year across the board? Maybe...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For premium pay?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, maybe Budget Director Yoshimura can answer that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura, are you able to answer that question?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I believe the premium pay is based on historical and each time you have a collective bargaining increase and your base pay increases, of course, it'll have a direct correlation with the amount of premium pay costs 'cause if you're already, you know, as your hourly rate increases, of course, your overtime rate will increase. And so, we'll take that into consideration as well.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, I think as Mr. Molina said, there, you know, that if, you know, perhaps it's a management issue and managing your employees better would cut down on overtime. So, I guess my question may be to Corp. Counsel is there a problem with either of these approaches with either a 20 percent reduction across the board or going reducing it back to flat with last year?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss...oh, Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Oh was it...I'm sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, it was to you. It was to Corp. Counsel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. It's hard for me to tell you yes or no 'cause I'm not sure what the minimum requirements for overtime are, like certain jobs they, there is certain overtime built in and I should say premium pay built in to certain jobs. So, if you were to reduce that and the A Account was below what they needed to pay salaries and the required...I guess it's not illegal, but it'd be extremely problematic for the departments. And, just generally speaking, the portion that says must request Budget amendment from Council to increase if needed, if you have that in there that assumes there's a funding mechanism or there's money available to fund the Budget amendment at a later date which can be the case, but it's not for certain I should say. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, they come to us all the time with, you know, Carryover/Savings money. So, that's what they would have to be looking at. But, saving it somewhere else to pay that. But, so if, I mean, in light of just, you know, your comments, I guess to me it would be safer to go back to flat with last year because if we do a 20 percent and they haven't increased it, if they've only increased it 10 percent then 20 percent would put it back below what it was last year. So, it might be safer to go with the first approach, Chair, which I think is your approach to put the premium pay back to flat with last year's request? So, I would support that. I don't know how Mr. Molina...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, so with the Mayor's current proposal, has there been an increase in premium pay for various departments? I don't know if that's a question for Administration?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, that's why I was asking and they said there has been..

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I'm fine with going back to being flat. And it's just an issue of accountability and being a little bit more conscious, conscientious about the maybe possibly excessive use of premium pay and to focus more on the management

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aspect, you know. Maybe, like I said, it could be a case of directors or supervisors not utilizing their employees to their full maximum efficiencies. So, maybe a way to get their work done in a normal work day to minimize the use of premium pay or overtime. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. And the percentage increases, you know, vary like it's some --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. That's why I was saying if some of only...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --like a 198 percent increase.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. And some only went up to 10 percent increase and we decrease it 20 percent across the board then that would really affect some departments over others, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. First, I would just say that with premium pay, especially first responders, when there is an emergency, as you've heard like our Ocean Safety, they respond. And so, we understand that type of premium pay in response to public safety. So, I understand that component of the premium pay that I support. Second, I understand the component of contract increases. So, that I understand it impacts premium pay. What I would ask is how the Administration is looking at comp time because I look at comp time as premium pay. Are you folks, does Administration look at it in that manner, Ms. Yoshimura?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, we did have that discussion about comp time and I believe by contract, collective bargaining, there is a ceiling that's set in each bargaining unit agreement. So, yeah, we are looking at comp time, the use of comp time and if we can actually put restrictions on the amount of, you know, on how it gets paid out when it's --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --a separation or a promotion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. Because that's where I feel, as an employer's rep, I'm being abused on when comp time is actually paid out. I think that we should allow a fair amount of time for the employee to use it, but not hold it for 10 years, 15 years and wait upon retirement to cash it out at the very high end of the cost spectrum. One other question I would have, Chair, so I can follow up is Administration's view on when does the overtime or premium pay comes to a point where it is smarter for us to look at an additional position than continue the overtime payout? Do you have any comment that may guide us on this, Ms. Yoshimura?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that question. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I think we look at the amount of overtime that's being used in each department, what the cost of the overtime is and what the cost would be for an additional body with the fringe costs.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, like in the area, I think, in one position here we requested in the Department of Prosecuting Attorney where their overtime for clerical support was really high and the cost to have an additional body there outweighed, you know, the having just overtime being used in their Department. So, we take it case by case.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: And I'd also like to, there was a report that was provided to you on comp time and the comp time balances. It's FN-5 and that'll give you some idea of how much comp time has been earned and what the carrying costs are.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Just a quick one. Will Workday help us improve the efficiency of how we're calculating comp time and premium pay? 'Cause I would, my understanding of what we invested in was supposed assist us in ensuring that payroll is squared away and that comp time and all the other calculations as it regards to payroll, including fringes and retirement and health fund costs, should be calculated accurately and timely. Is this a good understanding of the Committee's understanding?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Member Hokama, I will look into that and then respond to you in writing, but I believe with the payroll, with the new Workday we're supposed to have better tracking, better reporting out of our system.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin and then Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just, I support the intent of this concern, but I think the issue is too much details for it to be realistic because, you know, each department is different and like my colleague from Lanai said, first responders during an emergency like, you know, I had to fill out my timesheet after Hurricane Lane and Olivia and you gotta check those boxes, night shift differential, whatever extra hours. The other thing written into our contract is the jet ski pay is a supplement, so that comes out of premium pay and we just fought 15 years to get paid for jet ski pay and if you make it flat, nobody's gonna even want to do your program anymore because it's just strict

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around too much. So, you know, like there's certain departments that work in a building and if it's a hurricane they stay home, but Parks and Recreation is also have to be out if they need to close the parks and like that and it's, to me, it's little bit insulting to our County workers that we're gonna take such a broad view of how to restrict it. Like restricting overtime to certain departments is, you know, the way to go, but to me, this is not gonna be a realistic balance of the Budget. I think that the Mayor and the Administration is very wise to budget it realistically and that we should respect that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I, too, have concerns about a flat, leaving it flat as far as the premium pay goes. As a former administrator, I know that there are many times when there are emergencies where our staff, our workers have to be called to do their work and it's hard to anticipate all of these times, these instances. If anything, if there is a strong belief that there is a misuse of premium time, perhaps we should request an audit to filter out exactly, flush this out rather than just across the board, you know, penalize people who actually deserve premium time, pay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And let me just also state for the record that, you know, I, too, support our first responders and overtime for that is certainly justifiable when there's an emergency. It's the other times overtime is used in maybe non-emergency situations; that's where more of my concern was at. But, I'm in total agreement with Member Lee. Maybe that's, that may be the answer, have an audit done. So, this way all of us can understand the whole scope of the concerns like what Member Paltin had mentioned. But, again, you know, it's our charge as the gatekeepers of the public dollars to have to make some hard assessments and investigations, whatever you want to call it, but yeah, I'm, I think that's a wonderful suggestion by Member Lee. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I would consensus Member Lee's.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. I agree with you that, you know, for our emergency, our departments that respond to emergencies I understand the need for higher premium pay, but in reviewing the entire Budget, it just, I mean, 198.5 percent increase from \$46,000 to \$137,000 and change of almost \$100,000 in premium pay. Like it's just...I don't and it's through all the departments. So, I don't know if we would like audit all the departments. But, I also wanted to bring Members' attention to response that we received from Ms. Yoshimura, BD-1, and it kind of goes over some of the itemized report premium pay expenses by fiscal year, department, division, program index code, and pay type. Okay. Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. I think there's really good comments and, you know, I like the idea of auditing. I wonder rather than auditing every department, and I wanted to ask Corp. Counsel, is it possible to do an audit of premium pay across the departments as a single audit? Or do we have to go to each individual department and do separate audits for each department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I think you could scope the audit however you guys want. I...just single audit has a specific meaning I think in terms of our CAFR, so...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, yeah, and that was just a term I was using.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, okay. Just wanted to clarify. Wanted to clarify. Yes, but you, it's all about how you scope the audit and --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MR. UEOKA: --write the RFP up.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, yeah, if we wanted to do an audit on premium pay across the departments, I think we could that. There is some, there's money in the Council's Budget for audits and I believe that I don't think there's any year in the recent past that we've actually used that entire amount of money. So, we may not even need to increase it. But, I'll take a look at it and talk to our OCS Director to see if we would need to increase it to do that type of an audit because I don't have any idea and I think she has a better idea of what it would cost to do something like that. And then the decision that could help inform the next year, but, you know, I agree with my colleagues that there's different needs in different departments and especially our first responders. So, this might be a better way to handle, get a hold of the issue first and then figure out how to react to it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. So, now the next question is if we decide to go with the audit proposal then do we leave premium pay the way it is as proposed by the Mayor? So, I guess that's what we have to wrestle with come decision making, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I'm not sure if that was a response to my idea of an audit, but I think when we go through the departments, we could address maybe at that time if something looks outrageous, like a 195 percent increase, we could just make a decision on that department at the time 'cause we're gonna through the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Operating Budget.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --Budget, the Operating Budget...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, I guess we'll just pick and choose which ones that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, if I could, Chair? Just indulge me --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --a couple of minutes. When the Chair and myself as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee met with Kalbert Young, who was a wealth of information on budgeting, and he's worked for the County and he's worked for the State and now he works for UH in their Finance Department. One of the things we talked about was fixed costs and that pretty much all the civil servant positions that have been through collective bargaining are fixed costs, but then you have the other discretionary parts of that account, you know, the A Account, you know, like the vacancies. You want to look at the vacancies that have been vacant for a long time. I know that was one of our Committee Chair's concerns and premium pay was, you know, part of that discretionary. So, you know, we, I don't think we want to spend a whole lot of time talking about personnel that's already been, you know, that's already a civil servant and been in collective bargaining, but then the discretionary parts are parts that we could look at, you know. So, hopefully that will...we're trying to look for ways to make the discussion go more efficiently and that was one of the things that kept coming up, you know, fixed versus discretionary.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I mean, however way we approach this, but I think it's good that we're taking a closer look and deep look into this as we move along with this process. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And I think, Chair, that having just this discussion is really meaningful because then it shows what kind of concerns this Council has. So, I appreciate you both bringing that issue up 'cause I think we would all the same concern, but, you know, it's just everyone's trying to find ways to get other issues onto the table.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh no. I'm fine. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, it sounds like the body would come to consensus on an audit of premium pay and we will review the premium pay change amount differences while we review the departments' operating budgets. Consensus?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: And did you want me to talk to OCS to see if we need to add any additional funding into our Council audit fund?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For this audit?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. Well, for this, yeah, if this is gonna cost, if this has a larger scope, we might want to add some into when we get to our Council Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, I have a comment --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --before you finalize this. So, what about vacant positions and, you know, those kinds of situations that may add to premium pay or people having to work overtime because of the vacant positions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You got the list of vacant positions. You can compare the vacant positions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, no. I'm just trying to in terms of this audit, if you could add that so that it's more realistic. Sometimes there are other situations that impact. So, vacation, sick leave, you know, vacant positions that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --then contribute towards premium pay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can add that to the scope or --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --ask Chair King to add that to the scope, vacant positions. Okay. So, we're gonna come to consensus on an audit on premium pay including the impact vacant positions has on the premium pay, add, potentially add additional funding for this audit under OCS, and review individual...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We may as well add comp time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and comp time. Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: I think we'll put all, you know, premium pay and all reasons for premium pay will be, you know, in that scope.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then review individual programs, premium pay during the Operating Budget review. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, the second item, there was an amendment to Member Sinenci's top concerns. So, Member Sugimura, the next item is yours.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, it looks like Shane and I both were thinking the same thing, I think, after listening to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: He had an amendment to his concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, you added an amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it's just your concern.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, that was, Chair, sorry, that was part of my concerns. I think that one was mine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, you didn't amend this item?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, yeah, there are some amendments, but I'll let Member Sugimura go first and then I'll...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, is this item still one of your top five?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, I'll let Member Sugimura and then Member Sinenci speak on it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this is of course regarding from that Hana meeting that we had or just thinking about the Miconia problem. So, I just added on the detail Page 19-19, in Budget Details, Water Supply, Water Administration Program, professional service, Miconia and other invasive species containment and removal. So, I added 240,000 to take us back to the 500,000 level that we had in Fiscal Year 2019 as we heard that there's a growing concern with the Miconia problem. So, I put it back to the level so hopefully we don't run out of funding to, you know, attack that growing invasive species problem and protect our watershed. I would love to hear what my, what Mr. Sinenci has to add on to this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Member Sugimura. Yes, my increase was for 250,000. But, after speaking with Mr. Radford, he had broken it down a little bit further, so he thought well, this is what his e-mail said. A Miconia crew of five would cost 243,000 with an additional position of 62,000 from the Piipholo plant crew that would assist in the Miconia eradication. So, that would bring it up to 305,000 in addition to the --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two-sixty.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --to 260; would be 565,000. He did, in his e-mail he did mention that there were places that only the helicopter could access and in his estimates, it was in previous years, 100,000 was appropriated for helicopter. So, it's something that the Members might want to consider. So, if we add helicopter service, that would boost it up to a total of 665,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Five hundred sixty-five.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two hundred thousand on top of this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two hundred sixty plus 305.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Three hundred and five is with the six-member crew; one of them is from Piipholo crew. And then if the Council wants to consider helicopter eradication methods, that would be an additional 100,000 according to Mr. Radford.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Mister...could I?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, then what was the initial...there's 260,000 there already, so what does the 260 then cover if he's broken it down this much?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Maybe we should ask him.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, so according to him, so with the additional five-crew member, it would bring it up to 565,000 just for the boots on the ground.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then the helicopter was another 100?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Another 100 if, to reach those areas that the crew couldn't.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, was this only for Hana, then that he's talking about or is it island-wide? 'Cause we have this problem all over.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: You know, he did say this would be for Hana.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think Hana ran out of money, yeah? That's what is happening.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: This would be for Hana and the crew on the ground. I mean we could proviso it in the Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The crew on the ground in Hana?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, all of this for Hana, specifically?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: 'Cause this one he's addressing Hana.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Miconia crew of five anticipated costs.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, can we...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: The additional one was from the Piipolo crew that would be assisting the Hana crew; that was the additional 62,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, can I ask a question then?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I wonder if we can get more information from them because I'm curious if we have Miconia in other parts of the island, I was thinking it was more like island-wide and then for Hana we wanted to make sure that they didn't run out of money 'cause it sounded like you ran out of money or they ran out of money and weren't able to accommodate Hana, right? It sounded like, but is, I think Miconia is farther spread than Hana. We don't want it to get too far anywhere else. But, maybe we can ask him. Can we ask MISC? Yeah? And then how's the audit going? Just curious, Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The audit of the MISC. How's that going?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, the audit was due April 15th. They asked for an extension, but I wanted to get it before we get into decision making, so I asked them for...their extension request was 'til the 30th, but I asked them to on the 15th give us an executive summary of where it's going because we need that audit to make our decisions on

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these types of things. So, we might want to revisit this and in light of the fact that it's about two separate areas; now we're talking about additional funding. But, also I had some concerns that if it's coming out of DWS, they're all self-funded. So, it has to be a proviso out of their funds otherwise you gotta put it somewhere else, you know, for those watersheds because, you know, the Water Department is supposed to be balanced between what they bring in and what they spend. So, I think it's probably a revisit maybe after we get the audit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It sounds like --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It sounds like yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Members would need additional information --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on the proposed 665,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Total.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The new total. So, I'll mark this as a revisit? Any objections to this being a revisit? Oh, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And can we also include the amount that the State has also appropriated to support this program? And whether we can potentially access US Parks for some additional funding support? Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm glad that we're talking about putting more funding because of this growing problem. So, thinking on the same wavelength. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura and Member Sinenci. I'll mark this as a revisit. Okay. Number three and four are similar proposals, so I thought we would discuss them together. Number three is a proposal from Chair King and number four is a proposal from Member Lee. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. My, I mean this was my top concern because I think it's all of our top concern for the County. So, my biggest concern is just to make sure that we have the funds in the Affordable Housing Fund that we can actually take action, but that we also can use that funding that were not just putting money in that we can't...and I would like to see us be able to use that money every year instead of having it just build up because we don't seem to be taking the action, you know, in

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the past that we've needed to. And so, I've heard from people in the community, you know, there's money that just sits there. So, that was my big concern is that, you know, I don't really have an amount of money. I think we're already discussing in the priorities putting the different amounts of money in there. So, I'm just concerned that we do that and then it's relative to a plan of action or to have some items in there because I don't want to like last year when, you know, there was a \$9 million request by the Department to put some money in there and there was just a list of possible items, you know, and they were just...none of them were developed. They weren't developed into actual projects. So, I don't have, you know, I don't think there's anything to be, you know, have consensus there. It's just a matter of my, one of my top concerns. So, I want to see more people moving into houses this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We all do. Mahalo, Chair King. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, mine is more specifically geared to the homeless. I think we've talked, in the priority areas we've talked about projects, but mainly rental and for sale and I'm thinking that we need more money for the homeless because actually this problem is getting out of hand and they're all over the place. So, I think that the Department can and knows where to apply these funds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Yeah? Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I would be in favor of that, but if we can get a response from the Department on what they would do with the extra million. You know I mean we have specific programs that are serving the homeless and I would have no objections to putting more money into those, directly into those programs. But, if we're gonna give it to the...I'm not sure I think what's his name? David...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nakama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Nakama. To that department, can we get just a response from them on how they would apply that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll have that question sent to Mr. Nakama. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If I can just request consideration in addition to Ms. King's proposal? I find it interesting what the media had written, but from my, what I witness on the streets and on the easements, I find it interesting that the media thinks we have less homeless in this County which I find interesting. So, I'm not too sure how they do the counting of the numbers, but I would agree that we should place appropriate funding to provide the appropriate services that those that want the services, Chair. And so, I'm very open and supportive of the request and maybe we

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can also ask them how has the State counted the numbers 'cause it befuddles me that they believe we're winning the war and there's less homeless out there. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We need something better than the point-in-time count.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll include that in our correspondence to the Department. Okay. So, Members, we'll mark this as a revisit. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Revisit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Revisit. Okay. And our next top concern, number five, is from Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, as I was looking through the Budget Details, I came across this subject matter of the need for a baseyard storage building, but I didn't think that...it didn't tell me enough in there. But, since that time, our Finance Director, Ms. Michele, has spoken to me, so I'd like her to share with all of us that concern. So, can you share that with me? Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Budget Director.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Budget Director, I'm sorry. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Seven sixty-nine. Seven sixty-nine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, on Page 769 of the Program Budget book there's a proposal for a Central Maui Regional Sports Complex maintenance, operations, and storage building. So, I think a couple of years back the Department proposed to split the Central District into two districts. So, you'll see in the Budget Details that now we have a Central District and a Wailuku District. And so, the Wailuku District will work out of the existing War Memorial Complex and the Central District now will kind of not have a base and so we're looking at proposing a new facility at the Central Maui Sports Complex. So, that's the reason for the proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. I'll just give a very short comment. This was discussed with the previous, I would say, three Councils because this was a project that then Senate President Tsutsui had initiated and then followed through as the Lt. Governor. So, we were already in an understanding that the State would pay for the brand new park and that the County would assume responsibility and ownership and part of that was manpower, equipment, and storage facilities. Part of it was a strategic plan to break it up so that we have appropriate personnel in each

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district to do the proper maintenance as well as cut down the potential overtime of shifting all the crews from one area to the next area. So, it was to provide consistency on the level of maintenance, of facilities, provide appropriate manpower under standard pay of standard work time and eliminate overtime, and provide them with the proper equipment that all facilities then are maintained in the appropriate condition for a community use, Chair. So, I would say that the Department is following through on implementing the Council's strategic plan to provide appropriate park and recreational facilities for our growing residential community. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus? Oh, and Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I support this. I just wanted to add the additional concern that Kihei will probably be looking for a baseyard. I was hoping it would be in this Budget, but I understand they can't probably build more than one anyway in a year, or start one more. But, they're having all those same issues because there's no storage in Kihei. So, everything has to be trucked over there. There's no place for people to house their...they have offices or anything and so this will probably come up in the next year as a South Maui issue. But, I think it is very important and it does cut down on overtime and it cuts down on people who are making full salaries and for doing something else which is driving equipment back and forth. So, I support it. I'm ready for consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Item six, the theme to this is MVB and there's a proposal from Member Sinenci, two from Member Sugimura, another from Member Sinenci, one from Member Paltin, Chair King, and myself. So, we'll start with Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And if you can take your two together?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, and this one, it looks like the Maui Nui Halau was not part of mine. So, I had an amendment to my original concern and my original concern was to adjust the Maui Visitor's Association projection, description, and funding needs to be adjusted to reflect a new proposal focused on visitor management and education upwards of \$1 million and these would be under the Office of Mayor, Economic Development Grants. You know, whether we needed extra signage in the visitor

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industry, it could be part of the videos that you had mentioned earlier, personnel to help direct visitor traffic, Aha Moku signs. We can leave that up to how maybe the director, Ms. Vencl, had stated prior that she wants to work with some of the communities and put some of these fees, funds towards education for our visitors and work with the communities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, that was my proposal, my concern.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, you're proposing to add \$1 million to the 4 million already...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: To adjust towards education --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Proviso.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --proviso for visitor management and education. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, \$1 million proviso from the 4 million allocated in the proposed Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Member Sugimura, will you speak to your two?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, similarly, for the Visitor Bureau, basically what I did was I provided that 300,000, this is a proviso, used for Maui Nui Halau entertainment, musicians, artists to be ambassadors of aloha spreading the aloha...Hawaiian culture in the forms of hula, music, language, and other arts on behalf of Maui County. And we got a very detailed breakdown of what the money was used for this current fiscal year from the Maui Visitors Bureau, that April 4th letter that, Chair, you talked at our last meeting. And basically, what they did was they took that \$300,000 at the request of the Council and basically used local entertainment. I love the idea of paying our and using our local entertainers here and used money at the Friday Town parties, including Lanai. And then also took \$90,000 and used them at trade shows in Boston and other travels that they went on and Philadelphia, Dallas, they went to trade shows. And the other thing they did was they took...do you remember that movie *Kuleana*? They took that movie and made it so that it could be used...I forget the new name, but they used it for Maui as a traveling tool. And I think they also had this on airlines. The other one for 200,000 which would be an add under the Office of Economic Development, it is a project that I think we're familiar with when Sherry Duong came and visited with us. She showed the four one-minute videos that the Visitors Bureau made on different subject matters that were asked for and I guess all of you have seen it, so wouldn't necessarily need to show it to you today. But, that was seen 1 million, over 1 million impressions, the videos were viewed, and it was

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shown at hotels and taken to different venues. I think they're trying to get it also shown on airlines when people come in just to give it more visibility on the sensitivity of tourism. And this, Members, was all a effort to manage visitor growth here and educate them in terms of what we would like them to learn about the reefs, learn about short-term vacation rentals. And this basically came from Member King during discussions last Budget Session. So, this 200,000 was added there and that's what they did. If money is given to them again, I did speak to both Terryl and Sherry as well as Kay Fukumoto in Office of Economic Development is they have this visitor group and what they would like to do is take these lessons learned and these successes from the videos and I think what Archie Kalepa told them was to go deeper into message. So, they're hoping that there'll be more funding put in so that education, visitor education can be enhanced. So, those are the basic two proposals.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. So, we have three different provisos and I'll take up the next three separately. So, we have Member Sinenci's \$1 million proviso for, I'm sorry, will you repeat what the 1 million was for again?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: For education...sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For education and signage?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Visitor management and education.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then Member Sugimura had the 300,000 proviso and the 200,000 proviso. So...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The 200,000 was a separate item with Office of Economic Development.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll separate that out.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll just --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: As a grant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the two provisos under MVB. So, we'll start with the \$1 million proviso. Chair King and then Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Since several of these relate to the MVB budget, I think it's gonna be hard to come to consensus on one or the other and some of them are kind of overlapping. So, you know, I would just suggest that everybody kind of give their explanation, then maybe we could revisit this at a later date?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I mean I noticed, I think Member Paltin's suggestion was, if I'm not mistaken, is to take 2.5 million of that MVB money to pay for the Ocean Safety Program? Was that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do Members have any objection to hearing all the proposed provisos and --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --revisiting? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. 'Cause I think that's going to if we come to consensus on one item another one is contradicting, then we have some issues.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Member Paltin, will you please present your proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your indulgence. So, I looked through the same handout that Member Sugimura was just speaking about and, you know, the beginning parts, the advertising and the magazines, like it just was feeling so hurtful, you know, because like one of those magazine amounts like 200-something would've run our jet ski program for the 15 years we never get paid for, you know, and to be on the frontlines of dealing with these tourists that they bring in every day like I love to be a host to visitors, but if we're not given the resources to accommodate all of their needs, then it's a hardship. And, you know, I know like how the guy was not willing to budge on his real property tax for the Hyatt, we rescue so much people in front of the Hyatt, you know, and I feel like that we tried to steer the Visitor's Association in that direction and they did try to make a good effort. But, the videos and stuff they make is made from like third-hand perspective and so it's not as meaningful as the firsthand perspective and it's like, you know, we can educate our junior lifeguards and hook them up with MEDB STEMworks and like make one production, you know, and not pay somebody else \$50,000 for 30 seconds Hollywood, you know. I mean, even the film production component of OED like foster local talent to tell our own story and be the masters of our destiny with the Visitor's Association; don't let them tell us how the visitor industry is gonna affect us. We tell them how the visitor industry is gonna be. And I think that...that's my proposal for consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your proposal is 2.5 million proviso'd for Countywide visitor and resident ocean safety and education reallocation to the Ocean Safety Program?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's a start, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama and then Member Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I agree and would support better education, Chair. I'm not sure what is a smart amount, so maybe for those that would like us to expand it, like for Mr. Sinenci, I'd like to know how the 1 million is gonna be broken down. If they have a plan on implementing a strategy of whatnot because I was thinking my experience are traveling to and from the continent, I'm always amazed at the attitude of the initial visitor when they receive the State of Hawaii form that is asking whether or not they bringing in anything into the State to make a declaration. And, you know, sometimes I look at the visitors and I going they think is a joke about impacts of invasive species and other environmental factors that now we put millions of General Fund dollars to try and mitigate or control if we cannot eradicate. So, I'm open to this education component 'cause I'm not too happy with that type of visitor that has no aloha for our islands. So, I'm very open to this educational component. The other thing though, Chair, I would also ask is that, again, I don't have a problem with the using General Fund because I think for many of our businesses that gets impacted it's to their benefit, too 'cause they're helping to pay for it that we also educate them how we using their money to enhance their ability to have a sustainable business environment based on our culture and our islands. So, I'm very open to it. And I don't have a problem about the County, if we can and I'm sure Mr. Ueoka going say that's stretching it, Mr. Hokama. You know, like our sister islanders like in New Zealand and whatnot, I don't have a problem that we fumigate the airlines coming in from the continent to ensure we mitigate invasive species. They bomb their planes with appropriate chemicals to ensure that nothing is entering their lands that is going to be a potential environmental issue. Okay. Maybe we should be learning from those other practices that they utilize, they currently utilizing these practices to stop invasive species because one of the things that we could've learned and have stopped from the South Pacific was dengue fever. Okay. So, I would say that these are things that we should be considering with this type of educational money 'cause I don't have a problem like I said to do the appropriate bombing of our aircraft that brings in a lot of things 'cause how does all these things enter the State then, Chair? It's coming on something that transports it here. Okay. So, we cannot be so close-minded that we're not gonna even look at the transportation system and its impact in bringing in this invasiveness. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Lee, I'm sorry. I forgot Chair King also has a proposal under this. So, I'll give the floor to Chair King and then Member Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Unless you have a burning statement to make?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have a burning.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The look on her face is like how could you?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's creams for that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, is it okay if we let her make her burning comment and then I'll...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, it'll be quick. You know, I don't know about fumigation, but quarantine might be another consideration. Anyway, I think 2.5 is probably a little too much to be taking from the MVB grant. And the description I think may be too broad at this point and I would prefer to have more details. The monies, I think the idea and intent of it is great. I think maybe General Funds, as Mr. Hokama mentioned, might be another consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, I wanted to...my, you know, my general concern that is written down here is environmental protection is kind of broken up into different sections. So, I'm just gonna address the part about, since we're talking about the Visitors Bureau, and then I'm hoping I can add the rest when we talk about the Environmental Management Department. But, I did want to thank Member Paltin for putting in her proposal 'cause, you know, it may be a little high, but I think the concept and I talked about this last year, the concept of the fact that the Visitors Bureau needs to care more about our environment and, you know, as we can see here, about ocean safety and all the services that go in to making our place safer for the visitor industry as well. Because this is the infrastructure for the visitor industry and our infrastructure is falling apart. Our environment is the biggest infrastructure, is the thing that attracts people to Maui and it's the thing that if we are, you know, overrun by invasive species and traffic and our reefs are dying, then we aren't going to get any tourists. So, you know, my attempt last year was to make the Visitors Bureau understand that the environment is their infrastructure and to start interacting. And so, I made these provisos and they're very small, but they were lobbied against and they were not voted into the program last year and one of them was tourist education to educate tourists about the negative effects of utilizing illegal short-term rentals. What that does to our, reducing our inventory for residents so that, you know, places that may be long-term rentals turn into overnights and then people here don't have a place to live that's reasonable, and also, driving up the cost of housing. And, to me, those, and I saw those videos that MVB made. They made them just recently like in December or something, but they need to be shown to people before they book their trip. So, once somebody gets on a plane, they already have their place booked. And if they're booking illegal, unpermitted short-term rentals, then they're affecting us. It's too late. They're not gonna get off the plane and cancel their reservation and find another place. So, these are things that...so I would like to do, you know, I mean I would like to do a review of the MVB budget and look at all the trips they're taking and how many people they're taking with them and whether all those are necessary because part of the industry and I think the hotel and lodging part of the industry recognizes that we need to do more of our visitor management, the industry management, and less of the bringing more people and more people. Because they're starting to realize we are over our capacity, our carrying capacity. So, the second proviso that I had was visitor-targeted environmental education and I think the others

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have talked about that so I'm not gonna go into that, but that's basically the impact that they have on our reefs and our ocean environment. And then the third was one little fire ant eradication outreach program because the Hawaii Tourism Authority had given last year's sum, I think it was less than \$50,000, to MISC to investigate our hotels and condos that our tourists are staying in over here. But, when I talked to them, they said really what needs to be inspected are the nurseries where all the plants and flowers and things are coming in from and stem it at that level, you know, and where is, where are our nurseries getting stocked from right before it gets to the hotels and condos. So, these are the three provisos and then when we get to that if we can revisit this and get to the point where we're talking about the overall MVB budget, you know, I feel strongly that one of the reasons why I put this into their budget and not from outside funding or tried to put it in as provisos is because it needs to be integrated into the thinking of not just bringing more and more people here and let somebody else take care of the problems that are caused, but being part of that solution and being aware of it so that when we bring people here, we're bringing in the right kinds or we're trying to attract the right kinds of tourists; tourists who are gonna care about our island and our environment and look for ways to reduce their own impact and understand the impact that they're having and appreciate that. So, you know, taking shuttles instead of getting a rental car, you know, just things like that. But, a lot of these things have to be in the mindsets of the people before they get, before they book their trip and get on a plane. So, anyway, that was what that section of that... 'cause I tried to group my concerns in term of bigger issues and the environmental protection kind of encompasses a lot. And I did have invasive species issues on there as well because that's one of the things that comes over, you know; they're hitchhikers with tourists. They're also things in addition to what Councilmember Hokama talked about in terms of air travel. We also have, we have a lot of shipping containers that come from the mainland and at the risk of making the Rotary Club upset, you know, I've always been wondering why we allow these giant containers of mainland trees to come in every Christmas and what's coming in on those? I mean, every once in a while you see some new kinds of spiders and stuff that comes in because we don't have enough inspectors. So, I do think it's a good idea to start looking at the shipments, the air travel, along with what's coming in and how it's coming in over the ocean, where it's coming from. So, that was my portion of addressing the MVB budget. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. So, the intention is to revisit Member Sinenci, Member Sugimura, Member Paltin, and Chair King's proposed provisos. Member Sinenci, did you still wanna share manao? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a comment about all of the proposals, you know, well, first starting with Member Paltin's one. Now, yeah, 2½ million to me is a bit steep, but I certainly support the concept whichever amount we decide, but I'm in total support of some kind of proviso to set aside visitor

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education. But, one thing we gotta think about is measurable's. How do we measure what we have proposed? Like do we do it as a survey and survey visitors that come to the, you know, return visitors have you learned anything from all of the educational material that has been put out there? Do we do surveys? And I think we should we also get some information from MVB on how they are educating the visitors so we kind of have an idea so we don't kind of do a duplication of what they may already be doing; so, looking at that aspect. And although, you know, 2.½ million, I've stated, it's a lot, but a friend of mine always told me shoot for the sky and you might get the world, you know. So, but, yeah, it's high time we definitely try to get our visitors on board with everything. So, you know, no matter whichever amount we decide as a body. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Hi. Thank you. As we're talking about this I just wanna state that the reality of our economic engine is comes from the visitor industry and I know that there's a tug and push with the residents and, you know, the visitors and the impacts that we make upon each other and that, after all, the hotel tax, you know, the greater tax I think that we get from real property a lot of it comes from the hotels and, you know, the people that come in and spend here. I mean, they provide a lot of economic benefits. If you remember when September 11th hit, maybe you're too young, but the economy --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I remember 2001.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --took a dive and I think I still remember us saying oh no, what are we gonna do now? And the impact of that...and just remember, we never want that to happen again, but let's not think of the visitor industry as like an enemy like we gotta take from them. If Mr. White was here when we would hear his whole, you know, speech about how much the hotels spend in terms of advertising and that this 4 million is relatively small in comparison to what those kinds of industries that are, you know, that employ all these people and I'm grateful for that. So, the numbers that I got was 50 percent of our workers are working because of the visitor or work in the visitor industry and it touches upon 75 percent with their families and, you know, the impacts of all these other industries and people. So, as I put these comments in, I wanted us to enhance the visitor industry and make it so that they come into things that are important to us as a community. I don't want us to sound like, you know, we're against them or the enemy or anything like that. But, there is education that I think they're willing to do. This Mayor has created a visitor group with Terryl Vencel, who was the previous director of Maui Visitors Bureau. She retired and she's come back to help us. I appreciate that and she's trying to gain information from people. In fact, she's the one who told me about on the Hana Road, Shane Sinenci, Napua Hueu, I think has set up a table there to just talk to visitors as they come driving and telling them where it's safe to park and has kind of taken the Hana Road challenges under her wings. And I think if you would talk to them and she's looking for things to give her volunteers like vests for security and a table as they're, you know, talking to people. But, the feedback I got is that her perspective is that 90 percent of the visitors

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that they talk to on Hana Highway are grateful for the information that this group does. So, they wanna gain traction like that and the community of the people telling us what they need and, you know, how can we make this visitor experience better for everyone. So, this is the kind of discussion going on and that I think is valuable. And I just wanted to say that the visitor industry is, it is our basic economy, you know. It is so important and I don't want us to destroy it and I just want to, you know, express it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're gonna revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any objections to revisiting?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. So, Member Sugimura and I looks like we are both on the same Page 412. There's a video, yeah? Member Sugimura, will you present your proposal? Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes. So, there's the Upcountry dual water line.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no. The 200,000 was actually not a proposed proviso you said under MVB, but it was under OED you said.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh yeah, right. Right. Correct. It's OED, the 200,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so that --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's a grant under OED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is separate.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The others, I guess, the other one, the 300,000 was a proviso for MVB.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Under MVB?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, I'm gonna --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: For my proposal, yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --take them separate. So, would you like to speak to that 200,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I kind of did already, but sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. I'll speak to my 100,000 then.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, on Monday, I proposed, you know, I saw the 30-second videos that MVB did, too and like Member Paltin I think it's really important that we empower our community members to really tell our story. And I know that on Molokai we have, you know, award-winning filmmakers that have done visitor education. During the canoe races, our near-shore fisheries were taking quite a hit every time the escort boats would come. And, you know, one of our filmmakers did a really well-done educational video that really helped to lessen that impact that, you know, Molokai was experiencing from the canoe races. And so, I think there was \$200,000 that was adopted in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for visitor education. It was grants and disbursements for visitor education and that was zeroed out in this Budget. So, was that the same line that you were looking at? And the 200,000 was open or was it for MVB in your proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it was written, I think, MVB ended up by talking to Sherry Duong, MVB worked with OED to create these four videos and then was working on getting it showed at different places. So, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, just to add to that. That was outside of the MVB budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right. Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I don't know. Is yours a proviso?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. It was the same line that Member Sugimura on Page 412 under the OED section, grants and disbursements for visitor education. Two hundred thousand dollars was allocated last year and there's zero this year. And so, I had proposed putting in \$100,000 for *Akaku*. But, it doesn't have to be *Akaku*. I was thinking maybe it could be an RFP and, you know, open it up to our community for, you know, our community filmmakers to help tell our story. So, that was the idea. So, I'm not sure how they manage the 200,000, but you wanted to just propose that 200,000 there again?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I actually I really would like to continue the visitor, you know, education component. Two hundred thousand was what was allocated last year and I think it, you know, based upon the MVB report, it looks like they tried to maximize and they're still trying to maximize exposure. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. So, I'm open to making it 200,000, but I would like it to go to our community filmmakers. Chair King, Member Hokama, and Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. And I appreciate the idea of having it go to local filmmakers. I don't know that that will necessarily happen if it's in the same component that's in, you know, this current Budget. You know, I mean I think if the MVB wants to put together videos, they should do it and they should do it within their budget. I mean, they get more money than any other visitor bureau, you know, in the State. So, you know, that was why I was trying to proviso these items in their budget because I want them to be working together with our environmental community, not seeing themselves as separate. And this is not an attack on the visitor industry. This is the recognition that we're moving into, I mean, reports have said I had lunch with Mufi Hannemann and the first thing he said when he sat down was we understand now that we do need to manage our visitor industry, we need to manage tourism. I understand what you were talking about now, Kelly. That's what he said to me, but, you know, getting them to partner with our environmental community and even our residents to understand the impact that tourism has I think bridges that gap between this idea of them versus us. And that's what I didn't like in my last term when I came into the term I realize that there's this idea of the visitor industry against the environmentalists and we should all be working together because there is that component of, you know, economic development that we need with the visitor industry. I also think that we, where we put our money determines where our environment, where our economic diversity goes. And if we put it always into tourism we'll always have tourism and that's why I think there's an effort to get more funding for agriculture because that has so much promise as economic diversity. So, I guess my point is that if we're going to put it outside of, this money outside of the MVB, it should not be given to the MVB. It should be given to somebody local who, like you said, will tell the story of how we see the visitor industry impacting Maui and our daily lives. But, what happened last time was that this money was put outside then it was accessed by the MVB. That wasn't my intent. I mean, and I think the MVB can tell their story and but they should use their funding.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm gonna recognize Member Hokama and then Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I would agree with what my colleagues have been sharing. But I will give you another perspective. So, for Lanaians, okay, I'm talking about Lanaians, not residents, Lanaians, particularly with some of our ocean-related companies 'cause I think we need visitor education for also those that provide services. You know, so we had certain ocean-related companies with their practices as they came to Lanai became enemies of our island. They totally disregarded our practices and priorities of our resources of our island. And so, we didn't view them as contributories. They were adversaries and competitors of our island resources. So, aloha was not given well from Lanai 'cause I believe those businesses was more concerned about money than aloha. And so, I think, you know, let's call it what it is. Residents give aloha when they understand and feel what the visitor is trying to return. Okay. Because paradise is not where our own local people are now being pushed out and have a lower priority than the visitor. Okay. So, if that's the case, they're a competitor and I don't need that kind of visitor. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity. I, too, feel that our Visitors Bureau, you know, we should be looking at changing that mission statement for our visitors; and only because we are in a different time, a different era of tourism. You know, we have invasive species that are attacking our resources and our environment, we have more international visitors and trying to move them throughout the island can be problematic. Safety is always prominent for visitor safety. Our infrastructural demands cannot handle the added traffic. So, I think we should be looking at some of the and changing the direction of MVB towards more of a management system. And, you know, we talked about even decreasing the funding for MVB only because we didn't see those funds helping our overall mission. So, --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Sinenci...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --these are just some of the things that I would like to consider as well. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Just to clarify for the Members, the item that we're discussing is the \$200,000 that's outside of MVB for visitor education. So, that...yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Member Sugimura proposed 200,000 and I think that's great.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just want to say something.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura and then...well, I'll let Member Kama speak first since she didn't get a chance to speak yet and then I'll come to you, Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you. I wanted to say, you know, our tourists they are visitors. That's what they are, they're visitors. And like a visitor that comes to our home, we help to educate them like when your friends, your children's friends come over. We try to educate the children about how to behave in our home 'cause we had hoped that they would respect that and we'd hope that how they treat our home is how they would treat their home. So, in terms of what we're talking about here is we need to tell our story as kanaka maoli to our visitors so that they have a really good understanding of who we are as native people. And when people really know who you are and they understand where you come from, there's a relationship that is built. And when that relationship is built, that's where the respect comes in. And I think that's what we want. All we want them to do is respect us and to honor us for who we are here. And I think what we're talking about this money is to help to educate them, to help them to understand us that we can have a better relationship with them, and hopefully keep them safe while they're here so that they can all go home safe and hopefully they would all go home. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Member Sugimura, can you keep it brief?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Real short.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, as we're talking, I got a text and basically that OED grant for the \$200,000 we put out there and MVB answered the grant request. And so that's why they did the videos. So, if you want to proviso it so they do not use or if, you know, this happens so it can't be from MVB, then I'm not too sure how you would grant something negatively. But, we could probably put something in there so that or just tell them not to apply for those money, but that's why it happened. So, it wasn't that MVB was given the 200,000. They answered, as OED does, right, they put out grant, RFP or whatever and MVB replied. So, that's how it happened. And I'm glad they learned something and, you know, it's to make it better for visitor education. And that's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. So, the idea behind this grant would be for community members. I don't know if we need to make it more...or like community filmmakers for visitor education and services that provide or businesses that provide service to the visitor industry like Member Hokama mentioned. So, is this something that Members would want to come to consensus to or revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there consensus?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Consensus? No consensus? Okay. Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: ...*(inaudible)*... a little too complicated, yeah it needs more discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, you are number seven.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Number seven, dual water line, Upcountry. So, Shane also has that. So, the Upcountry dual water line was built and it's sitting there. In light of everything going on in our community at this moment when we think about...I have to say that I'm one of those 34,000 residents Upcountry that I'm looking at what's happening at the Legislature because one day I'm gonna have an emergency and I'm not gonna have enough water to come to my home because of this conversation going on at the Legislature. But, I think that finding water solutions for Upcountry, Upcountry water is always a biggie for me. And to look at this dual water line that was built years ago and what I'm proposing is to do an engineering study to evaluate the use of the, possible use of the dual water line as an emergency water source vehicle. So, that's what I'm, my proposal is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus? Question. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. I think this should be a proviso in the water, budget for the Department of Water Supply because we don't put extra money into their budget, right? Their money comes from their revenues and fees, so --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --can we make this a proviso?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can we? I gotta ask Budget Director can we make it a proviso?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I see her nodding her head, so.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Yes, it can be a proviso under the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then you can maybe put up to 200,000 and then if they don't use the whole amount then it just stays in their budget, so.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, consensus? Oh, question.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm happy to give consensus because, Chair, this is something that Mayor Cravalho initiated in the '60s and then the late Representative Bob Nakasone had pushed regarding the State appropriation to support this agricultural line. So, I'm happy that we're gonna be following through now because both gentlemen supported reservoirs and dual water line to support Upcountry and agricultural needs. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Consensus, Members?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Although I do support Member Sugimura, I believe that was hers and there was a mishap.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Looks like there was like a small error.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Sinenci, will you please read for us what your, what is that, second concern?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. So, mine was under good governance equitable fees under the Department of Finance and it was to add 665,000 in revenues to raise fees to recover 25 percent of actual costs providing permits to reduce the taxpayers' subsidies of development permits to create a fair and equitable fee system and to generate additional revenue to fund priorities established by the Countywide Policy Plan and the Maui Island Plan and the individual community plans. The second part of my good governance concern was under the Department of Public Works to fund a user fee study to determine the actual cost of permitting and percentage of funds subsidized by taxpayers and identify best management practices and make

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recommendations, to analyze and examine taxpayer subsidies for building, subdivision and grubbing, and grading permits issued by the Department of Public Works. And so, Chair, I wanted to revisit this as we are awaiting some added information from both the Planning Department --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --and Public Works.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. And objections to revisiting?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Revisit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can we get it in writing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. I think it was on his list from Monday? No?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. It was on his list that was submitted on Monday. Okay. The next one...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And then, Chair, to support Mr. Sinenci's request I just would ask the Administration did the Matrix study take this into account regarding the offset to the General Fund? If it was already done, then I would say maybe we can get some highlights from that assessment. I'm not sure. I don't recall, but if it was, you know, we already spent money and if it wasn't, then I'm happy to spend appropriate funds to get it done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. OCS, did you catch that question? Okay.

MS. MATTHEWS: Can we clarify the question? Can...it was in regards to the matrix and taking into account...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Planning Department.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: They made an assessment of all the departments of the various programs on the actual costs, so I'm not too sure if the study also encompassed the concern that my colleague brought up. 'Cause if it did then we have some results that we could review. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just checking if you checked with the Lahaina folks if the traffic was clear?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, she left at 2:30. There was no contraflow and at that time traffic was good. So, I think the main part is there was no contraflow at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we're good to go to 4:00?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Don't dilly dally though.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Isn't the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm trying. I'm trying.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But isn't, doesn't the traffic get worse like around this time, 3:30 to 4:30? 'Cause...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Pau hana. Second shift.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, for the guys coming to Wailuku.

VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause we have to go to Lahaina, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. So, that direction is clear.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But we're going the opposite direction.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And there's no contraflow.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If there was contraflow, it would be a problem. But, there's no contraflow.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can you update that for us like, you know, 'cause I've been on my way to Lahaina before at 3:30 and you get stopped at Maalaea for traffic.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, if there's contraflow. But, she said there wasn't any contraflow.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. The next one is from Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. I believe, Chair, that when appropriate, if we have the department heads, the chiefs of the Police or Fire, ability to sit in front of us, I think we can get some responses really fast and not wait two, three days for a written response so that as we get nearer to deadlines and decision making, it may be to our benefit to have those that can speak with authority and position of the department to give us specific responses immediately from the Committee Members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm going to share a little bit and then we can decide. Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Let's see. Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. So, I compiled all three of Member Hokama's top three concerns into one item because they essentially address the same budget procedural concern. Since these three items are not budget proposal items, I'll deal with them with the budget review procedure. I will comment and then allow each Member to comment once, but I'll be limiting this discussion so we can get back to the matrix and try to get as quickly far along as we can before 4:00. With this process and in order to keep the hours we are keeping, there are certain changes that needed to be incorporated. I would like to provide some historical information to everyone present in the Chambers and observing on *Akaku* for a frame of reference on what your Chair is trying to accomplish with this new process. In May of 2014, the Cost of Government Commission presented, was presented with an item titled Discussion with Mayor Alan Arakawa on Suggestions on Investigative Areas for the Commission to Consider. The minutes from that meeting indicate that the former Chief of Staff from the Office of the Mayor appeared before the Commission on behalf of the former Mayor and recommended that they review the budget process. He provided a number of statistics regarding this significant amount of time and associated costs related with an annual review of the County Budget. For example, it was stated that the Council's Budget and Finance Committee met in 2014 for 168 hours over the course of 24 days during its six-week budget review process. And Mr. Andaya stated that he conservatively estimated the cost during the process to be \$184,800, 17 County employees, 9 Councilmembers, 5 Office of Council Services employees, a Corporation Counsel attorney, the Budget Director, and a department director at a cost of \$1,100 per hours for 168 hours. In addition, the Budget and Finance Committee sent 60 letters to departments asking for additional information which took 479 hours to respond to at a total cost of \$30,000 and that did not include the cost associated with the staff time it took to draft the letters by OCS. Mr. Andaya stated that his figures did not include other time and costs associated with Administration's preparation of the Mayor's Budget or the public hearings held by the Councilmembers in their respective districts. Finally, Mr. Andaya pointed out that for the past two years, the Council's resulting proposal did not seem to reflect any

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information garnered during the Budget process but rather used figures from previous years. Mr. Andaya also called attention to the relative ease of the State budget process as compared to the County process despite the fact that the State operates on a \$14 billion budget and the County managed at the time a \$600 million budget. Acknowledging that change is usually met with initial resistance, my strategy for this new process was carefully crafted to cut down a bit on County personnel time and to incorporate past wisdom to incorporate processes that worked and improve upon processes that could be enhanced. The priorities and concerns proposals that we are deliberating on are meant to capture those items that the body feels most passionately about. I have stated on the record more than a few times as well as directly to the Budget Director and to the Managing Director that I expect during this and the next two phases of our deliberations process that the departments may have concerns about items proposed for deletion or reduction, CIPs are next, then operations, rates, fees once more, and finally provisos that don't impact the budget total. As we saw today and yesterday, when Habitat for Humanity and Fire came to testify on items that they supported or had concerns with, there was time for the body to ask clarifying questions. And I again, invite the departments that may have concerns to follow suit and testify as to their concerns or to send letters to the body to explain their concerns and their rationale. I'll be looking at ways to further streamline the Q&A process for the next year so that we can make the best use of both OCS Staff time as well as the Administration's time spent in responding and especially in light of the fact that statistically, rarely do responses result in a vastly changed proposal. The reason for not having departments on the floor, which I stand by, is an attempt to save time spent asking questions that can sometimes be answered by thorough self-review of the proposed Budget which is why the Members were given almost a full week to do just that. The Members were in support of maintaining regular working hours through Budget review concluding no later than 5:00 p.m. And in order to satisfy that request, streamlining departmental Q&A into writing was the most efficient way to do that. And the rationale behind the remaining questions sent in writing is four-fold. One, questions from the Members could be specific to their review of the Budget and/or the Members proposed changes to the Mayor's Budget. Two, we don't need to rely on memory as to what the departments' responses were. Three, the departments won't be winging it on the floor and have time to research accurate responses. And four, it is a matter of public record and easily reviewed by the public now rather than needing to review the video or await posting of the minutes. And even with questions in writing, we are not always receiving adequate and accurate responses from the department, so I'm not fully confident that having the departments on the floor will result in the outcome this body is wishing for. If the majority of the body is adamant that certain departments should be allowed on the floor at some point, like Police and Fire, I will try to find a way to make that happen without risking the process in place and in light of the hard deadline which is quickly approaching. But, I will have to strictly enforce any verbose discussions that tend to occur already and I cannot guarantee a 5:00 p.m. end time after district Budget meetings have concluded. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I thank you for your comments 'cause I appreciate your perspective and your approach. However, I find it to be less transparent from comments I get from the community. I believe if we count, we sent Administration,

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what, 125, 150 written requests for clarification and a lot of the questions were multiple. In, it's one question, one request. And again, Chair, our job is to ensure and I find it interesting that the Administration, Mr. Andaya, in his response who never had to do the Budget himself, again, what was the Administration's proposal that they sent down to us? I would say from the past Administration, two of the four years of the last term was horrible proposals. They couldn't even answer basic questions from the Committee on the floor. Okay. So, we needed clarification. Okay. And this past Administration was always greedy in its estimation where Council had to whittle down to a reasonable request before the tax base, the amount of revenues it actually took to run this County. Okay. The complaint was why are we growing in to a \$1 billion budget process? If we are not going to look at the details, that's what's gonna happen real quickly. And I can tell you as one of those rare middle-class taxpayers, I'm getting tired of paying that bill. And I want our people to know that we look at the weeds and the details because I can tell you the boogeyman is there. It is my experience of doing 40 years of real property reviews from 1978 to now that that's where the devil is and it's always there in the details. That is what we get paid as Councilors. Our number one job is appropriators of people's money. That is our primary job - appropriations of the Budget, accountability of the Budget. Time is one thing, but fulfilling the obligations of the Charter to the tax base has a higher goal and standing to me as a legislator. Okay. And if the Administration could have think about it, why didn't then they send a smarter Budget proposal that made sense so the Council can then expedite the review? Time to review it is because that's where the condition of the proposal was; very broad and didn't answer questions. Easy to put a lump-sum amount and for us to guess how much of it is true. 'Cause many times when you look at what the past Administration did, how did they grow a 25 million carryover into 50 million over two years? Where were they burying all that additional monies that the tax base paid? 'Cause we felt that 50 million carryover was unfair to the tax base. There was more than sufficient savings and compromise made to ensure operational efficiency and where is the component of savings of efficiency as it regards to vacancies and retirements? All the last Administration did was add positions, add positions, grow the Budget, grow the Budget. They show no plan of discipline to bringing efficiency and reduced cost of governing. That is why your Council had to do what it had to do. And we did it in front of the people through that TV and they knew exactly what we were doing. Okay. And I think that is what the people want and that's what the people deserve; the Councilors to do their job and not just pass a Budget and state ten concerns because I can tell you I have a lot more than ten priorities and ten concerns. And if not, you'll find me having, not giving consensus to majority of requests.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Appreciate my colleague's perspective especially with his longstanding experience. But I, too, have experience as being Budget Chair and I have to say that, you know, sometimes it's good to change. One of the downsides of our process in the past in dealing with every single department most of them read what was already in the Budget and, you know, that was a total waste of time. I can see where, in some instances, you may want to have some of face-to-face

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interviews, but overall, I think that your process has been a very good attempt at making a change and improving the system. Of course, yeah, of course there's gonna be some areas where you want to re-evaluate and see if it can be improved upon. One of the things that we never used to do before was spend so much time on priorities and concerns. When I first started, the Chair would just hand you a paper and say, you know, this is my proposal and that lacked a whole bunch of transparency 'cause we never came to that conclusion together, you know. So, that's I think one plus for you is that we're doing it this way. Of course, for me, a person like me, it's taking forever, but that's just me. But, I think overall I see many, many good things about this process. I can see, I can understand Mr. Hokama's concerns, but I really believe that an occasional, depending on the circumstances, face-to-face interview might be warranted, but overall, this process it really requires us to work together and come to a consensus and see other people's point of view whether you agree with them or not. And, I certainly appreciate this process. I just want to let you know that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Okay. So, Member Paltin, did you have an update on traffic?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Traffic is still good. But, don't dilly dally, yeah? I just wanted to say I agree and I don't have any frame of reference to compare it to, but I think, you know, to me, my best time was spent just reading the stuff that comes in, reading the thing like over and over and over and over again 'cause some stuff doesn't make sense and like, you know, if the numbers don't match I kind of like little bit OCD out. But, I'm not OCD, but it irritates me when the numbers don't add up. But, you know, like once you figure it out like, you know, it's plus or minus 10,000, not plus or minus, you know, and all that kind of stuff then. Like you gotta put in the work and you gotta read the answers and you gotta think ahead of your answers. Like if I was just asking the directors questions right now, I would just ask them whatever I want, but then because I have to write it down then I'm trying to make good questions 'cause I don't want it to be memorialized like whatever is on the top of my head, you know. So, I think it takes a little bit more discipline, I don't have a frame of reference, but I'm supportive of it and how it is. And like kind of like premium pay, I don't think like, you know, every department needs to come or every department needs to keep their premium pay flat. Like I think what we should take into consideration is if we're happy with the way the department is looking and the numbers make sense, then why talk to them? But, if there's like red flags like I sent in some red flags of why the premium pay like the question why this specific department had a higher premium pay based on historical thing? Like if you're just continuing the trend, like if last year they had a big jump and this year they're having the same big jump, was the big jump not addressed with the last year's Budget, you know? So, it's just I think that if we all commit to putting a little bit extra time into the reading of the documents and the answers, then maybe we'll feel a little bit more comfortable and then when it's like an issue that hasn't been resolved between the back and forth's, then like then address it with the person. So, kind of hybrid, I guess.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I'm willing to, and I'll figure out a process that won't affect this new process too much. Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Good comments from everybody and I understand everybody's point of view. I also understand if you don't have a frame of reference, it's difficult to know. But, so, you know, I'm frustrated with, the part of the process I'm most frustrated with is not being able to talk to the departments because I did have a couple of conversations with department heads in the last week, but then the last time we tried to just call them and get an answer we were told, you know, very apologetically I'm sorry, but the Mayor has mandated that you put it in writing, send us a letter, and we take three days to answer it. So, that's to me the most frustrating part of this whole process is not being able to talk directly to department heads and save us all this paperwork. 'Cause if I have a question that I don't think is a Council-wide question, I should just be able to take care of it rather than making OCS write another letter and waiting three days to get the answer. And, you know, I thought we were told during the campaign season by this Mayor that he wasn't gonna do that process that the previous Mayor did where, you know, if you want to talk the departments you have to go through a procurement process. But, this is making it really difficult, communication really difficult during a really important time when we should be able to communicate with the directors. So, I understand Councilmember Hokama's frustration and I would support, I'm glad you're flexible, because I would support us bringing in like the department director. And I think what took a long time in the previous sessions I've been part of was having the departments sitting here in the Chambers waiting with their, they would bring three or four people and they would sit there and they would wait 'til their time came up and sometimes we would take so long with one department they would have to come back the next day. So, if we can and I think we've done with our, we've done a lot of background work with our, the stuff that I've read anyway and going over the Budget. I mean, I really appreciated it having a week to go over the Budget ourselves because that, being able to comprehend that instead of trying to wing it on the floor is really important. But, the conversations about priorities and concerns, I don't think we all kind of took the same approach; you know, some were more detail-oriented and specific amounts than others. You know, I tended to, on my top concerns, look at broad issues. But, I think it gives us a good background going forward so we can kind of streamline from here. And I'm hoping that we don't spend a lot of time looking, you know, going through every line item in every department and asking, you know, why did your miscellaneous supplies go up \$200 this year or things like that. So, I think we have like a better focus. So, but it would help if something comes up and we have a question, and especially about premium pay or something that someone's asked something about that hasn't been memorialized in writing, to be able to have the director, just the director, not, you know, the department here to be able to ask that question quickly so we don't have to generate a letter and wait three days. I think that would be beneficial. So, I don't have a, you know, Committee, Chair, so I don't...a chairmanship, so I don't have a specific department to ask for, but I would say that if any of the Members on the floor have a specific department head that they want to hear from that maybe when we get to that department, we can have that person standing by. And then if we want them, you know, they're not that far away. If we want them we can call them into the meeting. So, that would be my take on it is, you know, have some interaction if we feel like it's needed with the department head. Just don't require, I mean, just ask

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them to come by themselves and not bring a whole bunch of people who are sitting by 'cause that's what racks up those dollars and the expenses. So, that's my perspective from having been, in the last two years, and then this process. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. I tried contacting the Managing Director to find out about that concern. I wasn't able to get a hold of him during lunch. I don't know, Ms. Yoshimura, would you be able to comment on whether Councilmembers would be able to contact the departments directly or if the departments would be able to come and testify as I invited them to? If you have a comment? If not...okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, it's...and if you have a comment on this. It's not a matter of whether we would be able to, we tried to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And people I've had conversations with in the last week and then all of a sudden they're clammed up and they're like I'm sorry I can't talk to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Members, okay. So, I think we'll move forward from this item.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I don't think we need to return to this. I think what I've heard is that we all willing to make improvements and that and so I'm happy to move this forward and take it off the list of potential return reviews.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And, Chair, just looking at the schedule, you know, we have to drive to Lahaina today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: What's your intention?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have...I was hoping we could do ten more items. Just kidding, just kidding. Okay. We're on item ten and we have 32 total, so tomorrow we'll take up the last 22 items and hopefully we can, you know, get through that quickly. Okay, Members, any last questions, comments, or concerns? Member Molina and then Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just one last point of information as it relates to traffic here today going to Lahaina. Tomorrow we have Paia, rush hour into Paia Town. So, some considerations for, you know, looking at an adjournment time as well. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to thank the Councilmembers and yourself for allowing this little respite during the Budget to kind of go through some things and reflect, so to speak. It's part of the process for me and I think it's helpful and healthy as we move forward from here. So, mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: This is a respite?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, I'm really enjoying this and I really appreciate your willingness to, you know, stick it out and like I said I'm also willing to do a hybrid, but I really enjoy the discussions that we've been having. So, thank you so much for making this process really enjoyable so far. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, yeah, I just wanted to let the Councilmembers know that we, Councilmember Hokama and I, will be at the HSAC meeting on Friday. So, we'll be on Oahu and I know you're gonna be addressing some things, so I've spoken to Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and so Mr. Hokama and I will get a list of CIP, you know, from your list of which CIPs you're gonna be looking at and we will let you know which ones we individually support and then any others you can just assume that we're asking for a revisit or don't support them and that's the only input we can really give for that day since we'll be on Oahu. But, we'll be on Oahu representing the Maui County Council.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King and Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I'm sorry. So, you're saying that all the work that we do on Friday, we cannot come to a consensus 'cause you both are not here?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I'm saying that we're gonna let you know which CIP items we support and if it's, it'll be part of the consensus if you all, the rest of you support those ones.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So as long as we're not violating Sunshine Law, I see Mr. Ueoka's expression.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's his normal expression.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka, do you have something on your mind?

MR. UEOKA: After the meeting I can talk with you, Chair, but that could be problematic. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, we'll figure something out for Chair King and Member Hokama so that their voices are included in the discussion somehow that is in compliance with the laws. Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Uoka. Okay, Members, any last comments? Okay. So, we'll see everyone in West Maui tonight at 6:00 and...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Five?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, 6:00. And then we're gonna have community members, we're gonna see them at 6:00.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It is 3:51 on April 10th and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 3:51 p.m.

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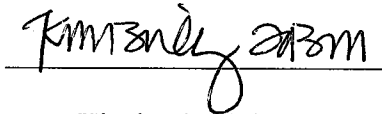
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