

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **MINUTES**

**April 24, 2019**

### **Council Chamber**

**CONVENE:** 9:06 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member  
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 (out 12:06 p.m.)  
Clarita Balala, Substitute Committee Secretary (in 1:30 p.m.)

Seated in the audience:

Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly T. King  
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:** Mahina Martin, Manager, Government and Community Relations, Maui Electric Co.  
Others (5)

**PRESS:** *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka kakou. *E ono minuke I ka hala o ka hola `eiwa, ma iwa kalua kumaha o Apelila, I ka makahiki `elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalu ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kālā. ‘O wau ka Iku Ha‘i o keia komike* Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 9:06 on April 24, 2019. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I am your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. *I keia la, me ko kakou,*.. Committee Vice-Chair and Council Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And was it, our resident linguist, Member Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, habari, and habari is in, is Swahili --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --which is spoken in Africa. Many, many countries in Africa.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Abari?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Habari.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Habari.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Habari.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I left it under your tea. You got it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for teaching us new languages, I love it. Member Riki Hokama.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura will be joining us in just a second. Member Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And mai ka Administration, Michele Administration, Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. From Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Jeff Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Member Yuki Lei Sugimura has joined us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And our Committee...Leslee Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and Yvette's still here, Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Christy Chung.

MS. CHUNG: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Shelly 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 on Lanai, and Zhantell Lindo on Molokai. Okay. Just a reminder for everyone to please silence your cell phones or any noise-making devices. We have one item on today's agenda and we're almost pau with this item. EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. We'll begin with public testimony on EDB-1. Testimony will be limited to...oh sorry, to

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testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony will be limited to three minutes. If you're still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name, and who you are representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. We'll first check in with our District Offices.

**. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros in the Hana Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Fernandez at the Lanai Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Lindo at the Molokai Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. LINDO: This is Zhan at the Molokai District Office and there is no one here to testify.

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 Mahina Martin, testifying on behalf of Maui Electric Company in her role as the Manager, Government and Community Relations.

MS. MARTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

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MS. MARTIN: --and Councilmembers. I'm here on behalf of Maui Electric to offer support for funding for the Department of Public Works in order to address the removal of hazardous trees in either or all their right-of-ways, County right-of-ways or identified problematic areas. I know that Councilmember has also, Councilmember Molina has also addressed some of that issue. With the expansive growth due to climate change, rainy weather, or just all of that, we can see the need and the rapid growth of forested areas, residential areas and the impact to both commercial and residential areas is growing by literally it used to be the decade, but now the years. So, Maui Electric and the County through the Public Works Department has worked together and done so very, very well. Each time there's a storm response in motion, our crews go through the areas with outages followed by Public Works. Both the Director and Deputy over the years, along with myself and our liaison team from Maui Electric become stationed within the Emergency Operating Center down at the, not Civil Defense, Economic [sic] Management Agency. And together, we work in tangent. So, that relationship is outstanding, effective. In the best conditions, you know, even then it's difficult because it's just every situation is different, every storm response is different. But what we've noticed is it's now more often than ever. So, I have been in discussions, so has Sharon Suzuki, our company president, with the County of Maui to see how best we can work on hazardous trees. Part of that has been the limitations due to cost for removal of hazardous tree area. Maui Electric continues to hire contractors, Asplundh in particular, to deal with what we can. The big trees for example in Awalau in Haiku, we worked with the County of Maui, we identified what they are. There are miles and miles of big huge trees. Those residents become very isolated. So, we do the best we can. To questions about can we underground those areas, undergrounding in our County, and I would venture to guess all of Hawaii, becomes challenging for several reasons. One, and we can have a different discussion if the Council is curious about it down the road, but ideally, we would avoid it when necessary because of iwi, because of the cost which is borne by all ratepayers, and also because some areas are too treacherous to put underground. If there is an outage, it'd be hard for us to get to. When we see the lines, we can go and address them quicker than figuring out how, what part of the undergrounding is required. So, we support it and we hope that the Council will consider the Department of Works' budget request with regards to removal of hazardous trees. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Martin. We have questions from Chair King and Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha, Mahina --

MS. MARTIN: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --thanks for being here and that was a really good explanation of why, of the cautions of going underground. But what I'm wondering is, our item that's in the Budget, the 500,000, would Maui Electric Company be willing to do any cost sharing on that as a preventative measure? Because I think we need to start going forward in a preventative way, especially when we have these invasive trees like eucalyptus that don't have deep roots.

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MS. MARTIN: We had that discussion also with Public Works. Because we're a highly regulated utility industry, or company, I think we'd have to look at that carefully because we do have our vegetation management cost as well. And with that in place, it would, it's spread out all over 'cause there are chronic areas in a number of areas and as well as what we do on Molokai and Lanai. So, I don't know. I don't know that we can commit to that. I'd be happy and go and do a more formal look and see.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. MARTIN: But those are the cautions about it. Almost half of our outages are caused by trees and branches. And the landowner is responsible, to some degree of course, for the upkeep of vegetation management, including large trees. So, for us to commit ratepayer funds for a specific area, we have to look at that carefully and see how that matches up with what we're required for spending...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Supposedly, what we're doing is on public property because, you know, County property because that's what we're liable for.

MS. MARTIN: Oh, right-of-way.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that might be --

MS. MARTIN: Oh I see.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --something that we could, you know, we're not, I don't think we're going on to a private property and chopping down trees for people. But when we have these big areas that are of County concern and County liability, that would be where we might ask you to partner in cost sharing.

MS. MARTIN: We can certainly do a more formal review of that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Okay. Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Sinenci, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mahina, for being here. This year at the Conservation Conference, or Energy Conference, I met with some of the students at Waldorf School and they mentioned about losing electricity every time a branch fell on the wires. But they were looking at some suggestions, some solutions. I don't know if grounding a wire was one of them. They did mention maybe smaller plants, electric plants Upcountry so that if, you know, certain areas did go out, the

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other areas could still be operating. They also talked about maybe generators, a generator system that could kick in for certain areas. So, this was, I just wanted to mention that I'd be remised if I didn't mention them, the Waldorf students from Kula.

MS. MARTIN: Terrific. Thank you. Those are good considerations. Your new Energy Commissioner Alex de Roode is also the founder of, the acronym is HiPER Comm, High Performance Energy Resilience Communities. And in that discussion, they are looking for resiliency solutions with regards to energy. So, and I also know that the Civil Defense, oh I keep calling them that, us old school people, the Maui Emergency Management Agency folks have had numerous discussions about generators in times of, especially in catastrophic conditions in small pocket areas. You know, one of the challenges is knowing how long the outages will last. So, it's really difficult to understand what size generator, how big, how long. But those discussions, they should bring to the table. So, I appreciate that. We can check in with Waldorf.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Mahina, nice seeing you this morning. And --

MS. MARTIN: Yes, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --I'm glad to see you participating in this discussion because in time of storm, I think, well Upcountry I get calls from people who are concerned about MECO having to do your emergency work in the midst of the trees that are, you know, obstructing your utility lines. So, does MECO have a program? Do you have a program that you have in place to look at situations like that and possibly involve us in the discussion?

MS. MARTIN: Sure, we have...so, our hope for funding is primarily to preempt, you know, get ahead of it. We can identify and we have, we are working with Public Works to say these are our chronic areas. In actual storm response, a few things get set in motion. So, before any storm conditions, we're already in contact directly with Public Works, supervisor to supervisor so that the rest of us get out of the way. And so, our, the safety of our employees in high, in difficult areas like Upcountry when the big trees fall down, is always for us an extraordinarily high consideration. We don't go into areas where our staff will be in danger. We have safety personnel on alert from minute one, literally they get called out as well. So, everything is evaluated from the point when we send out an assessor to see what is going on, to check if there are live wires, 'cause we must also work with the Police Department because they have to go and close off the road. If we get reports of wires down, we respond accordingly, and then our crews go out. Our crews are extraordinarily trained for safety issues with regards to utility wires of course. It's the public safety that we sometimes are challenged with. I think

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Mayor Victorino talked about seeing once a pizza delivery guy walking over lines despite everyone saying don't go near the lines and a police officer nearby. And it's just challenging. It is the nature of urban, our urban world today, you know, with the power needs. So, the instances are more and more, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you do have a committee that you work with, or a group within MECO, and you work with Public Works and I see that Emergency Management is also involved in time of need. But before that, do you have a group that is working on this that the County can...

MS. MARTIN: On tree specific?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, of these kinds of emergencies, or these kinds of situations.

MS. MARTIN: We have what is called an Incident Management Team. Our Incident Management Team is called together immediately once a storm escalates.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. MARTIN: Part of that discussion is what can we do to make sure our crews get through the roads correctly. And in that, we trigger an Incident Commander, and the different layers of our team get called in. So, with regards to working with Public Works, immediately in past instances for example, between David Goode at that time and Rowena Dagdag in her Deputy position, even if it's the middle of the night, we are aware and making sure that our ground crews are in contact with each other. So, in terms of a standing effort, I think my being here today is part of that, outside of a storm, just trying to see with hurricane season coming up, you know in summer, what do we need to look out for.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'll reach out to you, then, after we're done with Budget --

MS. MARTIN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --just to give you kind of an update of other problem areas Upcountry.

MS. MARTIN: Definitely.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I will do that so we can do some mitigation. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I appreciate it.



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MS. MARTIN: If you have constituents that are coming forward in chronic areas, please flag them to us. I'm sure they'll pair up with what we see as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, I appreciate that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Oh, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Mahina.

MS. MARTIN: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thanks for being here. Do you folks have a program, or an education program for property owners who have large trees on their property near power lines, just to kind of send a little friendly reminder that you may want to trim this branch or, you know --

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --more preventative measures so people can, property owners can, I guess that would include us --

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --the County as well. So, before the incident happens, at least take the necessary measures now so we know these things don't land on the power lines.

MS. MARTIN: Yes, we have a consumer education, our three companies, Hawaiian Electric, Hawaii Electric Light, and Maui Electric. But Maui has our own as well. So, we do have material collateral. We make it available when we go out on different road shows, or booths, or special events. We run ads periodically in advance of what we know is going to be that. When we have high wind warning we, you know, try to forewarn folks and our, we get calls through our dispatch center. People will report their neighbors, you know, trees are too big, you know, somebody do something. Our...we'll send out an assessor and talk to that landowner. There are a lot. Sometimes the landowner can't afford it. That's part of the challenge, right? They can't afford to remove their big trees. And that's where we get into a little bit of a difficult situation.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, well they can afford their land. I guess they take the preventative measures, so it doesn't happen. But whatever, everybody's...

MS. MARTIN: But we would like to expand that, definitely. And I encourage all of you, if you have communication with your constituents, a newsletter, a district meeting, if you want us to come and talk about whatever those topics are. But if you want to include something about P.S. by the way, you know, trim back your trees because you could be impacting something, please do so and we can help you with that.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright, okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony, Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Okay. Mahalo. Thank you. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, we don't have any other testifiers signed up in the Chamber.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

**. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Public testimony closed. Okay. Mahalo.

**ITEM 1:           PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY  
                    OF MAUI (CC 19-61)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, we have, today we will begin our final review of the remaining portions of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and complete all decision making before Friday, or by Friday. Last night we distributed the working documents to be used for the rest of the week. Today you will need the draft ordinance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget handout which looks like this one. But before we start with that, we'll be using Appendix B, Page 14 so we can discuss the weight tax in order to meet our posting deadline should there be any proposed changes. Page 14. And, Members, you requested some approximate figures so that we can gauge where we're at currently. So, my Staff has crunched some very preliminary figures. And that will be handed out now? Okay. Okay. It's being handed out now. Okay. Okay. This calculation is based upon all of the priorities and concerns, proposals, review, the proposed increases to all special funds, proposed adjustments made to the Affordable Housing Fund, most of the CIP decisions made, including...excluding decisions that were made yesterday, and Section 3 additions that have yet to be approved today are all assumed to be included. I have included on this page for your reference the total amount above the Mayor's proposal we would garner with the proposed RPT rates which will be up for discussion, \$71,979,153 is from the RPT proposal, and \$51,139,162 is from the, every proposed increase approved or still pending from every Member. And that's why I said this is our proposal as I mentioned last night, it's not mine, all of ours together. Member Lee, you have a question?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, so that people can compare where the Mayor proposed his Budget, maybe you should keep the number 780.8 million as a guide as where the Mayor is and where we are, yeah, and if that matters to people, whether we want to stay close to that number or it doesn't matter. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The total number that he proposed wasn't...maybe, Ms. Yoshimura? Oh shucks, \$869,490,871. Oh, you're talking about the RPT?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, yeah. Okay. Well, anyway I just wanted --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --a reference point for everybody to use that same reference point number.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The RPT or the balance of the Budget?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: RPT.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Sorry, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay. So, with the proposal, the proposed amount that we would generate from the proposed RPT minus the additional proposed...proposals from the Members, we, there would be an additional \$20,839,991. We'll note that this figure does not account for the four proposed items that require a dollar amount to be presented by a Member. None of the four proposed actions are really large costs. Possible options if we approve every proposal within Section 3 today, we would be able to discuss lowering certain RPT rates a bit until we are balanced, or we could apply a portion of the additional revenue to aggressively paying down our debt to EUTF, or we could do both. Okay. Any questions? Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I think what Member Lee was getting at, so that your proposed, this is your proposal for increase, tax increases and it's \$71,979,153 above the Mayor's?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the Mayor's would be...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and the \$338 million is...

VICE-CHAIR KING: But we also have an additional 3 million plus I think in, because of the valuations that increased. Do we, can we add that number in? 'Cause that number should be added in to the Mayor's and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, I think those is incorporated.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: That, or at least subtract it from yours, I think. Because that came in after your proposal and the Mayor's proposal, right, the additional revenue.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I'll double check. But I, because we got that this, I believe this is an updated sheet. But I'll double check on it to see what was distributed --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, so you updated your figures?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because I believe we incorporated those changes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You incorporated those, the valuations --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the certified valuations before...so this is a new sheet that we're getting?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I'll confirm that --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --with Staff to make sure that that is what you received. Okay. Any other questions? Okay. Okay. So, we'll first get started on Page 14 of Appendix B motor vehicle weight tax. The Mayor didn't propose any amendments to this section. I didn't propose any amendments. So, I'm opening up to the Members to see if the Members had any amendments to this section.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, basically, you're looking at, if you're asking if we have any changes to the vehicle, electric or hybrid?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: To this section --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, to the section.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --so the motor vehicle weight tax.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Miss...Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I did have a proposal regarding the electric vehicles and the hybrid. But I had asked and I'm not sure if it got put in writing or if it was a verbal ask that I was told by our Public Works acting Director that we, to get a figure for what the expected revenues are for this first year for the electric vehicles and hybrid because it's hard to know what to do with the fees unless we know what the total revenue is. Is it significant? Is it not significant? Does the Budget Director have any figures on at least the first half of the year --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --for 2019?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, when checking with the DMVL, there's about 950 electric vehicles, 300...oh 3,400 hybrid vehicles. So, the hybrid vehicles were assessed \$50, the electric vehicles were assessed \$100.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I don't need that. I just need the total figure. Like can you just give us the six-month figure for what we...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How many hybrids?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thirty-four hundred. I'll give you a figure as we go along. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. While we wait for Ms. Yoshimura, did you have any additional questions, or...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, but I, I mean I just think that, you know, if we're really serious, we keep talking about climate change and sea level rise and, you know, why are we taxing the, what's considered to be the solution, part of the solution to our problems when we could probably cover this with taxing the problem. But I just want to find out what the revenues is that we're looking at.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, would it be 915 times 100, and 3,400 times 50? Is that, so, \$261,500? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's the total?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes, and then if you want the half, it would be half of that, so, \$265,000 the estimated revenue for electric and hybrid vehicles.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And hybrid...oh, for the year?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: For the year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, did you have more questions? Or did you want to kind of think about those numbers first?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I want to think about those numbers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Budget Chair, I mean, Budget Director, so, what kind of a discount are we giving the electric vehicles and the hybrid vehicles? Have you any idea?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Discount for what?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, they're not paying the regular price like the rest of us, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, last year I believe the Budget and Finance Committee looked at, with the assistance from the Public Works Director what the average driver pays for fuel tax in a given year, and that's how the electric vehicle and the hybrid vehicles assessment was derived.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And what is that average?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, it came out to about \$100 per vehicle. So, the electric vehicles, because they don't put any fuel was charged \$100, hybrid vehicles were assessed half of what the electric vehicles are being charged.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. I somehow thought we were giving them a discount of some kind. No?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Not that I know of, but I can go back and check with the notes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, no don't have to.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. If maybe, we could get information from DMVL about delinquencies? Because I was looking at the penalty,

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you know, I presume that if you're late in paying your I guess registration fee, is that what you get hit, \$8? If we had a high rate of delinquencies I'd like to know, because if there are, maybe we should increase that penalty. That'll serve as a deterrent and ensure people pay on time, yeah? So, I'm just curious if we could get that information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. That'll help in my --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm guessing Ms. Yoshimura doesn't have that information.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --if I have a proposal, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: At a later point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, if I may, I would like to know what is our balance in this fund after our adjustments, including last night, so I can see what is fair that I might want to adjust in this component of Highway Fund. I think we increased a lot of projects in that category of this fund. So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --if your Staff can give us those numbers?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That would be of assistance. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. We'll try to crunch those numbers. Members, would you like to take a quick break and I can try to see if we can get some of that information?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I'm just supporting that, you know, if we want to take a recess --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --I'm good with that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any objections to taking a quick recess to see if we can get some of those numbers for Members to make decisions on the vehicle weight tax? Okay. Maybe 15 minutes? I'll try to see if I can get some numbers for you. Okay. It's 9:37...9:50, we'll just say 9:50. Okay. We'll recess 'till 9:50. The Economic Development...it's 9:37 on April 24, the Economic Development and Budget Committee meeting is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:           9:37 a.m.**  
**RECONVENE:      9:58 a.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 9:58 and we were, we are reviewing the vehicle weight tax. We tried to get some information for Members to be able to make some decisions on this. Okay. So, I have some information. Ms. Yoshimura, I'll need some guidance from you. So, from the departmental response BD-8, there's a Carryover/Savings of \$7,261,014. You have that information? Okay. My question is, is that 7 million, \$7.2 million a Carryover/Savings after the Mayor's proposed \$9,641,267 worth of expenses? Or is that Carryover/Savings from Fiscal Year '19 and we're actually...the Mayor's proposal was actually \$2 million over what the balance is? Let me know if you don't understand the question.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, okay, I'm not sure I'm understanding the question correctly. But the Carryover/Savings that you requested the breakdown for, the Carryover/Savings. So, the amount that we factored into the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget has already been allocated throughout the Fiscal 2020 Budget. So, I think we put in like \$7.8 million from the General Fund into the Fiscal 2020 Budget. So, that's the anticipated Carryover/Savings from Fiscal Year '19 based on the CAFR. And I think we gave you a breakdown on the calculation. So, that has already been computed into the estimated revenues moving forward into Fiscal 2020.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, do you have the balance, the projected balance of the Highway Funds after the Mayor's proposed \$9,641,267 projects, worth of projects?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay, so, the Mayor's Budget took into consideration all of the estimated revenues per fund, and then the projects and the operations. So, I'm not sure I'm understanding your question about the \$9 million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, the \$9 million came from the total of all the projects that were in the Budget. But if that's not a correct number, do you have that numbers from the balance minus the Mayor's proposed projects, the total cost of all



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the Mayor's proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2020, and then, the remaining balance after that?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, I think they're getting confused on the definition of projects is what I'm seeing in their faces.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, Chair...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Are you clear on what that is?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, in putting the together the Mayor's proposed Budget, we estimated X amount of dollars for revenues and with that then we allocated the funds towards operations in the Highway...in the Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, and then the CIP projects. So, whatever revenues we recognized from the Highway Fund has already been expended. So, right now, there's no additional amount unless the, this body adds revenue or deletes projects.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, what you're saying is the projected revenue equals the funds for operations and CIPs?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, there's a zero balance, projected zero balance?

MS. YOSHIMURA: When we submit it to you, we submitted it balanced with there's no additional. If you want to increase projects or operations, then you need to increase revenue somehow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Okay. Mahalo. Is that clear for the Members?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. So, the only additional project that we proposed for, to use Highway Funds was the \$100,000 study for the guardrail in Kahakuloa. So, we can either...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Use General Funds?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, use General Funds, or we can figure out how to generate \$100,000 through the vehicle weight tax to increase the Highway Fund, or increase the Highway Fund somehow. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are we only on the subject of Highway Funds? I was wondering if I could ask a question on Open Space.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're on vehicle weight tax because we have a posting deadline.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then we're going to complete that from Appendix B and then we're going to go into the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, I was researching, there's a 150,000 energy grant in OED which, of which 100,000 is going for the charging station, legal fees for transfer, customer self-center. So, basically 100,000 is going into the EV system. And I wanted to propose that, because I'm really not in favor of any renewable energy taxes. We're spending a lot of money on climate change mitigations, on looking at sea level rise, and then, the type of energy we need to use to help mitigate that we're taxing. And we're not recognizing the greater good that it's doing because we're so narrowly focused on user fees. We subsidize a lot of things in this County that we want and need and one of that is mass transit through the bus. We subsidize parks, our golf course, the things that we value in this community and yet, we're so narrowly focused on user fees for the road that we're missing the big picture. And every year we talk about this when renewable energy fees come up for transportation, we talk about putting together a working group to figure out how we're going to go forward. At what point do we start taxing them when the industries are strong and can compete with petroleum which they can't right now because it's so highly subsidized and it's becoming more and more subsidized every year by, under this current Federal Administration. So, you know, I would like to propose that we eliminate, or at least cut in half, and I kind of leave it up to the will of the body, but the electric vehicles fees, because we want this industry to thrive. Right now, they're struggling even though there are a significant number of electric vehicles, Hitachi I guess it was the company that used to run the electric vehicle charges pulled out. There's MECO stepping in, we're in this flux now where you can't find chargers at the same level. So, we're actually going backwards in our infrastructure for electric vehicles and we need to, you know, people are going to stop buying them if we put fees on them. So, I would like to just see us, and I know I can't make the proposal for biodiesel because it's a conflict. But I would just like to see us at least in this section eliminate the EVs, and then in another section make up for that with, I mean, we could make more than make up for this amount with a half a penny, or a quarter penny on petroleum, which no one would even see. I did the numbers last year and it was, you know, like \$2 to \$4 a person who's driving on fossil fuel per year that it might affect them if they drive 15,000 over the year. But it's a real concern for me. I think it's extremely hypocritical for us to be taxing the solutions to the problems that we keep talking about on an hourly basis with our, with what's happening with climate change and the carbon emissions. So, anyway, that's my, I guess my proposal is to eliminate the EV fees until we figure out this infrastructure so that we don't lose drivers of EVs. I actually

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know that there's a lot of EVs being leased. And I have a friend who's at the end of her lease and trying to decide what to do next because she said there's a lot less places to find charging. So, I see this as going backwards in our renewable energy goals, if we actually had them. I mean, all four Mayors last year made a commitment to renewable energy and then proceeded to tax them. So, I'm going to make that proposal amendment so that we eliminate the EV fees and the hybrid fees. Well, I'm going to ask to eliminate the electric vehicle fee and, you know, I'll leave the hybrid because they are using fossil fuel alone. And then, I think we can make up for it in another section of the Highway Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Members, the proposal is to remove the fee for electric vehicles at \$100 per year. We heard from Ms. Yoshimura that there are 915 EVs. And so, that generated \$91,500 and that went to the Highway Fund. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, that's, I think that's nine thousand one...

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: It's \$95,000, it's 950, 9-5-0.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay, 950.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, 9-5-0, not 915? Oh, got it. Okay, sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, \$95,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nine five zero, so 95,000. Okay. Okay. So, that's the proposal, Members. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean, are we going to vote on it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the...I'll take that a motion if someone wants to --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --second the motion to...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Discussion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Alright, I understand and kind of support what Member King has said. But I really believe that these vehicles have had, you know, certain breaks already. And, you know, because of the usage on the road, these vehicles create potholes just like the other ones. And so, and our maintenance fee, our maintenance costs keep going up, and up, and up. So, under the circumstances, I really cannot support this proposal. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, to contribute to the discussion...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Into the mic.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh sorry, to contribute to the discussion, electric vehicles have charging stations. And the difficulty of finding charging stations, may be some of the frustrations of electric vehicles. But like Member Lee said, it's to use the roads, this is what it is, right? It's helping to pay for all the repairs and maintenance and potholes and things that we hear about from our constituents. And I think that it's a fair share tax to the electric vehicles, \$100 per year. They do get free parking at the airport and if you have a...if they're...like you go to Costco there's these chargers. Every parking, every commercial parking lot that has 100 parking stalls or more is required to have a charging station. So, you see that at Maui Marketplace or different places. So, that's provided free also for the users of the CHAdeMO system, which is the Leaf electric vehicle uses a special charging, or a regular, you know, house line. But I believe that this is for a highway use tax is what this is. So, I support the \$100 last year when we talked about it when it was first proposed. It was actually closer to I think 200 per vehicle and it was brought down to 100. And even the, for the hybrid electric it was, of which I drive one, so, I agree that, you know, I pay, I buy gas, so I do pay towards the use of the roads through that. And for me, you know, it's a great convenience to have the car and I appreciate that the taxes as low as it is actually. It's not called a tax, right, it's called a user fee, as low as it is. So, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you for the Members for bringing this up and chiming in. I just wanted to add that I wanted to, I want to support Chair King's proposal. And I know where she's coming from. We're looking at down the road. And yeah, the electric cars use the roads. But we're looking down the road where, no pun intended, even with the conservation code I think that that was part of the addition in the new conservation building codes that we rough in new housing units with EV capability. So, even the housing industry is looking towards these goals. So, I can appreciate if we want to subsidize the industry so that they can kind of get on their feet to the point where they can sustain themselves. So, I mean, I want to support Chair King, if the Members want to come some compromise, I'm willing to do so. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. My concern right now is, I know one of the Members is going to call it like Christmas, so, we know we've added a lot of projects that impacts the Highway Fund. And that's why it's difficult for us to even look at what is a reasonable weight tax adjustment, not knowing where we are in our funding. Do we need to make up \$20 million? Do we need to make up \$2 million? We'll raise the revenues in the various accounts that make up Highway Fund to be fair in our assessment. Because for me right now, okay, this is for Mr. Ueoka, I don't think we can post a range on, in this component under vehicle weight tax for the hearing, correct? We must post a specific number for the hearing. Or are we like property tax, we can do a range?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Member Hokama, under HRS-249 13, 249-13 you guys need to post for a public hearing. And after the public hearing, the Council may fix the rate and the minimum tax at any amount deemed necessary. But the rate in minimum shall not be higher than originally proposed when the notice of public hearing was given. So, you have a, you post a ceiling essentially. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, then, a couple things then, Chair. My recommendation is, 'cause I can wait a little to get some feedback, but I think what is fair for the community is to know the status of the fund and where we are, even for ourselves to move forward. Then, I would say, I would have you consider posting for the hearing something with about 50 percent increase in those proposed numbers since we can go down and not up. And then, if we settle, we settle at the same number or we make the appropriate adjustments. But if you need something to post, and we don't have adjusted numbers before us, that's the only thing I believe is fair to the community and fair to this Committee. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. So, the numbers that I received regarding the Highway Fund is that we are, with the guardrail study we took it over \$100,000 so that we can either pay for that with General Fund, or we can figure something else out. And with the proposed elimination of the 100...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, none of the adjustments, I believe for Mr. Molina's one that was what, I know tree control, that's a big deal. Like we can blow half-a-million dollars in a quarter easily just Hana and Makawao, Paia. Kula we can blow at least couple hundred thousand on trees. So, I think we just need to know the numbers, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama, are you making new proposals?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, my proposal to you is to be safe for this Committee, you should post something that is higher than the existing numbers so that if in case we need to make an adjustment we can, but it'll be lower than what we post. But if we post the same numbers, then my thing is we're just spinning wheels in this area because then we just got to accept we're going to General Fund subsidize everything and do transfers. And I don't know if that's the right way because that's not the purpose of special funds. It was supposed to assist and take off the burden from the General Fund. Thank you, Chair.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, what we're doing right now is just this first section of the Highway Fund that's under motor vehicle weight tax?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On Page 14.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, just the first section. Is that what we're posting?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, just a clarification there, that Highway Improvement Fee is not part of the vehicle weight tax per HRS.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So...

MR. UEOKA: It's a County fee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, all we're talking about right now is the first three, the weight per pound of net weight for passenger vehicles, weight per pound of net weight for all other motor vehicles, and the minimum tax for any motor vehicle, just those three items? Is that what we have to post?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. That is my understanding, per HRS 249-13.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Is your understanding correct?

MR. UEOKA: Well, I wouldn't...

VICE-CHAIR KING: That is what we're posting. I guess I'm just trying to get confirmation.

MR. UEOKA: That is my understanding of what you're supposed to post. I don't know what you're posting, and...thank you, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You don't know what we're posting? Okay. We're...

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MR. UEOKA: Chair, I don't do the posting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If it's any...do you mean like if it's additional then what is required, by what you don't know what we're posting?

MR. UEOKA: I guess I haven't seen exactly what --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

MR. UEOKA: --you guys are going to post so I can't tell you if it's correct or not. But those are the items you're supposed to post. The...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, required.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, those are the items that we're required to post. Okay. So, we really should not even be talking about anything other than that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I mean, I thought we were doing that whole section. So, you know, I would be in favor of just, you know, either keeping the same or, you know, adding a minimal amount. I don't think we should double it. But to me, that's a pretty small section of this whole Highway Fund to be talking about trying to balance the whole Highway Fund with those three things. So, you know, I'm good with where we're at with those, with the actual weight tax that's listed here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Chair King, since we now received clarification on what it is that we're posting, would you like to withdraw your motion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I'll withdraw my motion and then make it later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee? Okay. Okay. Okay. So, the motion is no longer on the floor. Okay. Members, so, for the .035 per pound of net weight for passenger vehicles and truck and non-commercial vehicles not exceeding 6,500 pounds and the 0.536 per pound of net weight for all other vehicles. And the minimum tax for any motor vehicle, \$12, and then the penalty, right? The penalty for delinquent tax, \$8 passenger vehicle, or \$20 for other vehicles. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I ask a question? So, the minimum tax, the \$12 minimum tax, do we have an estimation of what that brings in on an annual basis?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I would have to check with the Department of Finance.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. 'Cause, you know, I mean, I guess if we wanted to post something higher, that would be the place to do it. But I don't know if it's even significant enough to change that amount. And I think we had a proposal earlier on increasing the penalty for delinquent tax. I'm not sure who made that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Mike.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Mr. Molina?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, just, like I had mentioned earlier if we could just get some numbers from the Department of Finance as to how much delinquencies are there, and my proposal would only be contingent upon if there were a high rate of delinquencies then I would consider proposing a higher penalty fee. But if the amount of delinquencies are minimal --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --my feeling is leave it as is. So, that's what it was. So, until I get that information...if we don't get it, we don't get it. But I don't know if the Department, Ms. Yoshimura has any idea. I guess that, maybe Mr. Vila, I guess form DMVL might be the best to --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --talk to, or Finance. Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For posting, are you interested in raising that?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Like I said, only if we see the amount, if the delinquencies are high, then maybe --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --I was considering doubling it as a deterrent, you know, so people pay their bill on time. So, 'cause it looks kind of cheap yeah, \$8 just for being late, you know. It's just my opinion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?



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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Do we know how many vehicles are actually in our County in terms of how many passenger vehicles we have, how many trucks, and how many non-commercial vehicles we have? Do we know that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I don't have the breakdown. But I did speak to Mr. Lito Vila, and there are about 170,000 registered vehicles in Maui County. I don't have the specific breakdown. I could probably get that for you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, if we did the math with the 170,000 vehicles at 0.035, what would that be? And let's say we increased it by 2 cents, and we went 0.037 times those 170,000. I mean, I would, I mean, I'm just throwing this out there because I probably wouldn't feel the 2 cents hurt. But I would probably, definitely feel the \$16 penalty. So, if we want to do something, let's try to not do such a great injury that we end up being punitive as opposed to asking our people in our County to help us to provide more services to them. So, I want to ask them to help us to help them, if possible, by increasing this by 2 cents. That's out there for consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. I have some information for you regarding the weight tax. So, the Fiscal Year 2020 estimated revenue for, estimated revenue of \$24 million for the weight tax is an increase of \$1 million or 4.3 percent from Fiscal Year 2019 adopted budget. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Member Kama, really not my area so I apologize. But a 2 cent increase, average car is about 4,000 pounds, that's \$80. And that's on top of everything else. But get all kind other fees too, get State fees and stuff. But that would be just the County. If you were to increase it by 2 cents, that would be a \$80 increase, well, relative, I don't know if it's substantial or not, but that's \$80. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's the registration. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It makes a difference, wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --mahalo, Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You know, I'm intrigued. Basically, that's one way to bring fairness regardless of the engine because it's based on weight and impact on the road. So, that might be a way to bring fairness in how we look and assess cars on the road instead of EV car or hybrid versus gas. We adjust it and bring fairness through

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weight. So, I'm open to that because then we can adjust other components that makes the registration bill. And that's why, Chair, you know, hearing this I'm, you know, that's why I said let's go pick a number high, whatever it is, post it, and if people say we don't want to pay any more in this area or there, we're still able to keep the current numbers. But if we post these numbers and people say I'm willing to pay more because I'd rather have you fix my road than deal with fixing my tire every time because of the pot hole and cracks on the easement shoulders. Okay. We're all paying, you know, one way or another. We paying for better roads or we going pay the mechanics to fix our cars more often. So, where do we put our money? So, that's my suggestion so that we can get to the hearing and get the input and still have the flexibility to maintain the current numbers. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay with that. I just was wondering, are we serious about the vehicle weight tax? 'Cause is the fuel tax currently what the Highway Fund gets money from?

VICE-CHAIR KING: All of it, all of it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The fuel tax and the weight tax?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the weight tax and the fuel tax, and the highway improvement fees.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, everything that's on this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, everything that says Highway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, the fuel tax is up for discussion right now, too?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not right now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're just doing the weight tax because of our posting deadline.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. But if we like...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The fuel tax is in here and we're going to discuss it after we do the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Okay. But the two would have to be linked if we want to assess everyone by weight?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: No, weight is separate.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Weight is one, fuel is one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I'll just wait 'till we discuss it 'cause I don't understand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I'm going to try to...so, what was the number of passenger vehicles you gave us again?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One hundred seventy thousand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: One hundred seventy thousand?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, that was 170,000 total registered vehicles.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Total registered, but not necessary passenger?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We don't know how many passenger out of that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, I'm...would have to get a breakdown from the Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just wanted to clarify. I think what...because I heard two different numbers. So, from Member Kama, so, if we go, right now it's 3.5 cents. And I think your original proposal you said to make it 3.7 cents, which is actually not a 2 cent, it's a fraction of a penny increase. So...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . it's .035 now.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, so, if you made it point...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . 037 . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Seven, that's actually not 2 cents, it's fractions of a cent.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

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VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause if you wanted to add 2 cents to it, it would be .055

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I...so, do you have --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two-tenths.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --can you put those figures --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --yeah, can you put that, do that math and...we're not talking about 2 cents, we're talking about, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Cents.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MR. UEOKA: It would be \$8 increase.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we're not, so that's not significant. So, if we wanted to make a higher ceiling, we would need to increase the significance probably up to at least a penny, maybe point --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that's...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --zero four five.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then, that would be that half a million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, point, adding .002 cents times 170,000 registered vehicles is \$1,360,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . it's by weight.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Why did you tell us it was eight?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 'Cause it's \$8. No, \$8, sorry.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Per vehicle?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the .002 cents Mr. Ueoka said would cost a vehicle, or a vehicle owner \$8 more for a year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, \$8 more. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, the \$8 times 170,000 registered vehicles equals \$1,360,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. So, that would be --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's by weight yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --significant. So, that's, but that's not, but that's a very insignificant increase per person, I think. Okay. And then, are we doing the same thing...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's by weight. It's by weight . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --for all other motor vehicles, so adding that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --.002 would take the next line up to .0556 per pound for all other motor vehicles.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, just for the Committee's reference too, if you do implement a weigh tax increase, it won't go into effect until January 1. So, for the first fiscal year you'd have to only estimate half of what the anticipated revenue is.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, right, so, if we...so but this is just for posting. So, this gives us a little bit of wiggle room as far as our Highway Fund. And like Member Hokama said, we can, we'll get input on this and, you know, we'll have the option.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so, Madam Chair, just to clarify, I believe Mr. Ueoka had stated his numbers were based on a 2-cent increase and therefore would be about an \$80 increase if you had a 4,000-pound vehicle, versus the -tenths of a cent that we're hearing now right? 'Cause I thought I'd heard from Member Kama initially was 2 cents, two full cents, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, she --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think she misspoke.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --said .037, and then she said 2 cents.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that was two different things.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I was just trying to clarify that if it's .037 --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Zero three...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, it's two-tenths of a cent, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --that's what she's saying, two tenths.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yes. Okay, Members, we're going to take a brief recess at the call of the Chair. It's 10:33 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS:           10:33 a.m.**  
**RECONVENE:       10:39 a.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 10:39 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mahalo for that recess to get some clarification. So, Members, we're on Highway Fund, and just to remind Members that the Highway Fund is not a revolving fund and that revenues must equal expenditures. So, if we're going to increase the weight tax and we're going to generate close to \$1 million, then we're going to have to very quickly figure out how, where we're going to put that \$1 million by Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We spend more?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, because we only went over by 100,000 and that may not necessarily, you know, even be the case if we just use General Funds to do that. Chair King, and then Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. So, I'm not sure if we have to have it balanced. Obviously, we don't have to have it balanced today to post. But we can

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bring it back down to where we need it to be when we actually approve it, you know, after we get public input. But also, I think we can go back into some of the projects in Public Works and replace, put Highway Funding where there's General Funding for some of these projects if we have extra money after we decide whether or not we're going to do this. But I think we're...I thought what we were talking about today is just posting it just to see what the public input would be, or, and possibly, you know, do we want more road projects done if we do raise this kind of money? So, I'm, I think we can do it. I have faith in us that we can do it, that we can balance it out if we need to. But, you know, at the very least, we just drop it back down to wherever we need to be to balance it when we actually pass the weight tax. So, that would be my suggestion is just put the upper ceiling in there so that we have that flexibility and then we can bring it down to wherever we need it to be. Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, one of the things your Staff can give us is, did we bond any projects that's going to have Highway Fund debt service payments? So, that's one way we can make adjustments, Chair, is take care the debt that the Highway Fund is owed. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are you going to make a proposal or how are we going to do this?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Member Kama already made the proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I did, I did make the proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would double everything.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I think we have a, is that the motion on the floor? Or is it Mr. Hokama's motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We didn't have a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We didn't have a motion; it was just a proposal and I just threw it out there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're, yeah, we're just discussion. No motion was made.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I have no problem with that. -tenths of what?

VICE-CHAIR KING: A penny.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: A penny.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And sorry, just for clarification, that estimated \$8 additional was based on a 4,000-pound vehicle. Okay. I know on Molokai, you know, a lot of us have older vehicles that are much heavier and the residents on Molokai I know would not be happy with an increase to the weight tax, you know, they're already paying like 300 to \$400 and this would be a lot of money for a lot of our community members. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I didn't think that we were going to change it today. It was just for posting right, purposes, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Only posting purposes, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I make...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I'll make a motion. Based on the posting to...,

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh okay, did you tell me, oh, I thought someone said hold on. Okay. I'll propose to post the, an increase to 0...I mean .037 per pound of net weight for passenger vehicles and trucks and non-commercial vehicles not exceeding 6,500 pounds, and .0556 per pound of net weight for all other motor vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Chair King and seconded by Member Molina. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, all in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All opposed? No.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.</b>
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	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:         None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, for the posting, the passenger vehicle and trucks and non-commercial vehicle not exceeding 6,500 pounds will be 0.037, and the, all other motor vehicles will be 0.0556. Yeah, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And, Chair, can I just ask if we can get a, for future decision making if we can get a, an estimate of what those increases would mean for both those categories so that we know when we get to the point where we can drop it back down.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I have a referral request. So, I'm going to look to the other side of the room.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Multimodal.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I think we should have all the categories under vehicle weight tax be referred to the Committee on Transportation for a complete review and then maybe provide us with a more balanced proposal for next year's Budget. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that including the penalty for delinquents' tax?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Everything under motor vehicle weight tax, yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Okay. Under Multimodal.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Great. Could I also...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Multimodal Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, I accept that. I think that's a good idea. It sounds like we're guessing over here. That I would like to include that in the study that the Department of Transportation is asking to do on fees as I think if the Committee would allow that would fit in to the study. No? I'm looking at Mr. Ueoka's frowning. Okay. I won't then.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, so, if there are no other comments...Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, Madam Chair, I propose doubling the penalty for delinquent tax --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --to \$16 for passenger vehicles, or \$40 for other vehicles. That's my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Member Molina, seconded by Member Hokama. Discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Yeah, for posting purposes I think this, I'm fine with this. I think that it's a penalty for an action that we don't, people don't have to take, you know, to be delinquent. So, I don't know that \$8 would deter me from being delinquent. So, maybe \$16 will, I don't know. But I'm happy to entertain these numbers for public input.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other discussion? Okay. I'll call for the vote. All this in favor of posting for a penalty for delinquent tax \$16 for passenger vehicles, and, or \$40 for other vehicles, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those opposed? No. Okay.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.**

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**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:    APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, that's what will be posted.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do we know, or can we know how many people actually paid their registration late? Can we get that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we're working on getting those numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, tied to that is, may we also receive information regarding minimum tax for any, I mean, how many vehicles actually pay minimum tax? I would think everybody would fall in the other categories by weight or, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, so I think Chair King had asked that question earlier too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we're going to try to get that information.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We're getting that information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And if we're not unable to get that information now, it's going to go to your Committee, and then we can discuss it then. Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Multimodal in action.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I just wanted to bring up a point where my office has received some calls about the registration tax and the vehicle tax, mostly from kupuna who are on a fixed budget. And I don't know if it's feasible for them to get a discount. I'm just throwing it out there only because, you know, I'm just relaying the message to this Council from some of my constituents. And I too have been late at times on my tax and only because, and I'm looking at families that, okay, here are some mortgage bills and some other bills that they have to pay on time. And so, sometimes the car tax, or the registration is probably a little down on the list when it comes to priorities of bills. So, I'm just wondering if, for at least the kupuna on a fixed budget, is there a way for them to, you know, get some kind of respite from this or at least...

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. You know, rather than trying to put it on the weight tax where we would have to ID people and check their ages, I think this might be something for our Healthy Families Committee that we could look at as far as we have a lot of kupuna services in this County. And maybe financial literacy can be one of them and maybe helping the kupuna, you know, with their budgets and the deadlines for these various types of deadlines might be helpful for one of our Kaunoa programs or something like that. I think that's a...it might be larger than just this. It might be like you said, just helping with financial literacy and how they are going to make ends meet and then maybe looking at coming up with further assistance from there. That's my input. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you. I understand your concern, Member Sinenci. But I think there's, you'd have to do it through a different mechanism than through the actual establishment of the weight tax. As it is a tax, we are granted the authority to do it under HRS from the State. And it kind of sets the limitations on, you know, those two categories, the passenger vehicles, trucks, and non-commercial vehicles 6,500 and under, or the others. It doesn't allow for like a special kupuna rate or anything. So, you need State amendment, you know, HRS amended to allow for it, or probably just have to find a different vehicle to, or mechanism I should say, to do it.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I hear what you're saying. God forbid I ask the kupunas not to drive on the road anymore. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. My question was sort of related to what Chair King stated about Member Sinenci's concern. My suggestion was maybe send it to Transportation Chair Sugimura for added discussion into what she already has, but whichever the appropriate committee, so be it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Healthy Families? Yeah, so I guess, Member Hokama and Member Sugimura can battle it out over who wants it. Anyway, just food for thought. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Sorry, I, for the record, for the last two votes all the Members voted except for the Chair in favor of the two posting increases. And just so Members know why I voted no, is, I know it's very tempting if we don't get testimony against this proposed increase, I know it's just for posting. But I'm concerned that if, you know, the community doesn't come out to testify against this, that we could get tempted to keep it at the .037 and .0556 and the delinquent tax charge of \$16 or \$14. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I think you bring a good point. But sometimes when we, when government proposes increases, that's the, why we have public hearings. It's by design to get, solicit reaction from the community. And I think if we are considering increases for the vehicle weight, we may get a lot of input because now you have ride sharing and Ubers and all of that. So, that's going to have an impact on them as well. Now, how much of that impact remains to be seen. But we may get a little bit more input than we've had in the past. So, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair, I just want you to know I got a text with the similar sentiments with what you're talking about for Molokai. 'Cause Upcountry we have farmers and we have people with trucks and, you know, kind of heavy equipment vehicles, not that they're all, not all over the island. But surprising how people listen to this. So, we hope to hear more on it. I share your sentiment. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Any last discussion before we move to the Budget Bill? Okay. Seeing none...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I guess. Okay. Members, it's 10:00...Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Were we going downstairs at a certain time?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh yeah, to see the...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, maybe we shouldn't take the break right now. Maybe closer to when the vehicle comes, the hygiene vehicle comes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I think we talked to Member Kama about this.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think I want to recess for a moment and get some clarification on this if you don't mind, Chair. So, yeah, we need a break. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. So, it's 10:56. We'll take a ten-minute break and reconvene at 11:06. Okay. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 10:56 a.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 11:11 a.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . ...please return to order. It's 11:11 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Okay. Members, we're going to start with our Budget Bill starting on Page 2. Okay. So, first revision to the Budget is, okay, under Office of County Council, Council Services Program. The proposal was to put back in the \$107,990 for the transcription services. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add some language because I did find out that we're going to be start testing closed captioning this year before the end of the year. And if we get a good system going, that will eliminate the need because it should automatically transcribe the meetings. So, I just wanted to put language in there that adds to the proviso to say, until determined unnecessary by Council. So, I would bring this back to the Council for approval if we decide to switch over to closed captioning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can add that. Would you repeat the language for me, please?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the proviso that...is there a proviso, or is there just a budget item?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's a budget item.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, just to put a proviso on there that says, until determined unnecessary by Council.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I believe there were three Members who proposed to put that back into the Budget. I think it was Member Molina, Member Paltin, myself, and Member Sugimura. Okay. So, I will entertain the motion, a motion, to reinsert \$107,990 back into Council Services for transcription services with a proviso until determined unnecessary by Council. Do we have a motion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, moved.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Chair King, seconded by Member Molina.  
Discussion? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, the...thank you. The \$107,000, you're saying that this is only for the transcription, right? Only for the transcription or are you talking about also adding in what Chair King...is that two separate items?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you think that once we do the television, we don't have to do the transcription?

VICE-CHAIR KING: We're looking for a...Chair, if I can respond?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. We're looking for a closed captioning program that will also capture all the transcription because it will be word for word what's being said. And basically, that's what the transcribers do, they just, they listen to the tapes, they watch the video and they just transcribe word for word everything. So, if we can do it electronically, and then have it available for Members, then we...that's totally unnecessary to have people typing that out on top of that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, your research...Chair, if I could? Your research --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --provides then, that it'll provide both services? Oh okay.  
At once?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what we're looking for. But until we find that actual, the, I mean, we have, we're going to be testing it out soon. And the County Clerk is kind of taking the lead on this. So, we just have to make sure it works. I mean if you have a, if you have that transcription potential on your phone, you know how funny it can be in the actual literal translation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, we, we're trying to find a technology that works. But when we do, we'll bring it to the Council and get approval to stop doing the transcriber.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And it still needs to be edited then. If it looks like my translation on my phone. I mean some of the words are pretty...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, that's what, we're trying to find something that works that doesn't need...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --kooky, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, we won't use it if it doesn't, if it's as kooky as our phones.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Technology is interesting. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Chair. I had few questions. So, the first question would be, are we voting at the point where the transcription services are no longer necessary, we vote that? And then, would the closed captioning say in the transcription, or the writing part, who is the person that is speaking?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what we're looking for.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I mean, that's why it's tricky because we have to find the right technology and technologies are becoming available, you know, as we speak.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, my final question was, I'm not sure if I understand the Ramseyer situation. But how come it says 107,990, but the increase looks more like 500,000 or so. If I understand the Ramseyer stuff correctly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the second comment below, CC4 is to purchase comprehensive budget software.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And there's no specific amount attached to that? Or it's just the balance?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, we'll discuss that in the next one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . the transcription issue?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.



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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, you know, well, just basically the reason for it is I guess it might be more difficult to, I guess summarize using summary minutes and it might cause a little bit more work to do all that. And, you know, what if there's some legal issues down the road and you don't have these type of minutes, transcribed minutes. It might be more difficult to interpret what was said way back when. So, to me, my feeling was just leave it as is for now, unless there's some, you know, better technology out there where we wouldn't require this. So, that was my reason for supporting this, or reinstating it back to the original --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --funding appropriation.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, to respond to that, you just said what I have in my proviso. Unless there's some better technology out there. So, that's what the proviso is, is to say that at the point that we determine that we can find a technology that works, we can release the transcribers because we do want to move forward in closed captioning, you know. That's a need for our community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I'm not...I will bring that back to the Council at that point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For approval?

VICE-CHAIR KING: For approval.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay. So, the motion on the floor is to reinsert the \$107,990 back, for transcription services back into Council of Services Program with the proviso, until funding is determined unnecessary by Council. And that'll, and we'll wordsmith that a little better, and for approval. Okay. Members, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All opposed?

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:         None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Unanimously reinserted. Okay. So, the next proposal for the OCS Budget is to insert funding to purchase a comprehensive budget software. And the cost is \$279,861 for the annual subscription fee, and a one-time setup, training, and configuration fee of \$120,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, sorry, reference page?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 2.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Two? Okay. Alright, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you repeat the first one, 279...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two seven nine eight six one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair, you're changing the language from purchase Open.Gov to comprehensive budgeting software?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, mahalo for that clarification.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That gives the flexibility if you find something better. So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair King, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:      APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Unanimously, the motion was unanimously passed.

MR. UEOKA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you. And I caught what Chair King said about it's just any software. So, but the numbers you gave were very specific. So, just a reminder that well procurement needs to be adhered to. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I also had a question on the numbers. It looks like there's 139 over, left over.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can fix that. Okay. One hundred thirty-nine --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Dollars.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --dollars or...okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do we need to vote on this deletion of the 50,000 for public education on real property tax?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay sorry, just for clarification, Member Paltin. The reason that it, the total is \$139 over is 'cause it was rounded up to an even \$400,000.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. So, did you want to make the comprehensive budgeting software round to 280,000?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, for a total of 400,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King, so, number two, provided that the 50,000 shall be for public education on real property tax.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That looks like it was redacted. So, do we need to vote on it? It's in brackets. So, it looks like it's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that a motion to delete it?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I didn't know where it came from. So, I thought whoever, did somebody put it in --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was in the original.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --or did someone else take it out, or was it just kind of a leftover item?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was in the original.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I don't know where that came from. So, I'm happy to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Keep it in?

MS. ESPELETA: Madam Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Espeleta?

MS. ESPELETA: I believe it was a one-time appropriation in the FY '19 Budget.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, for the previous budget? Okay. So, oh yes, okay, now I know what it was. It was the flier that went out on that proposal for...okay. Yes, we need to, so we need to delete that. So, I'll make a motion to delete that proviso.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair King, seconded by Member Sugimura. Discussion? Okay. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Unanimously approved. Okay. The next is under Department of the Corporation Counsel, County Facilities Security, provided that 178,000 shall be for security services to contract up to two security guards to operate security equipment at the Kalana O Maui campus once installation is completed. And provided that a surveillance system shall be installed at cashier stations...oh sorry. That's a separate one. Oh, but it's --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --together under that one cost.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. The 178...Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, the 178 did come from Corp. Counsel for the two guards.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, I have a question. And maybe before we take action if Finance could answer. Was this going to be for an outside service, a contracted-out service and including the equipment, right? So, it would be a packaged deal? Or are they looking at equipment separate and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We already purchased the equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: They already purchased the equipment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Member Sugimura. The equipment was purchased with FY '18 or '19, I think it was '19 funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's...

MR. UEOKA: And it will be a private security guard service hired with that 178. And just for clarification, I believe out of that 211, and that 50,000 in equipment, you guys are adding on the other part will also cover that proviso, the 178 is just for the security guards. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, the other part, you mean the surveillance system at the, for the cashiers?

MR. UEOKA: No, the extra 178 is the add, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Including the 389?

MR. UEOKA: Yes, that's just for --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --the, the extra 178 is for the security guards, the second proviso. I believe SeaRay guys said they could cover through the 211.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that's just a proviso?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh sorry. That's just a proviso, there's no money attached to that highlighted second portion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

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MR. UEOKA: Yes, and I believe the Risk Management guys will look into that and try and follow up this upcoming fiscal year. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr. Ueoka, what is the plan for back door on the first floor?

MR. UEOKA: In speaking with Risk Management, every door except for the front door on the second floor will be card access only, you know, like how you can, if you come after hours, you need to swipe in to get in --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But --

MR. UEOKA: --it's going to be like that 24/7.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --we're concerned with people coming during working hours on the second floor. But we're not concerned with people coming during working hours on the first floor? Are we going to have that locked and card access only during working hours as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. UEOKA: Yes, Chair, my understanding is --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --every opening except the second floor will be card access only 24/7.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, why can't we do that now if it's so dangerous? I mean, it's open all the time. And often it has a sign on there, after hours it says this door must remain open. So, if it's a dangerous situation, why aren't we already...all we have to do is close it and its badge access?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I'm not opining on whether it's a dangerous situation or not. But I believe if you guys wanted, we could probably look into making it card access for every opening except the second floor. But...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I'm just trying to make this make sense. 'Cause to me, if we're worried about our security, and I made this point last time, then there's, you know, people could come around the corner at 11 o'clock at night. I've seen those doors

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open at 11 o'clock at night on the first floor saying this door must remain open. And I don't know why we're doing that if we're worried about people coming in during working hours on the second floor, why are we...why is it...why are we not worried about people coming in on the first floor, you know, and getting on the elevator for instance? So, to me, this whole thing just doesn't make sense to me because we're leaving ourselves open. And I don't understand why we're taking such precautions on the second floor only.

MR. UEOKA: Well, my understanding is, the building when, during work hours, needs to have some access point. I believe after hours, like when we meet 'till, you know, after 4:30 here, the second floor is locked up and the only access is through the bottom floor on floor one. The idea is, there will only be one entry point for the public moving forward. And this is a security plan based on what Risk looked at to allow for public access and I guess a certain level of staff convenience also. And that's what they came up with. If the Council wants something else, I'm sure they would be open to sitting down and talking with you guys on how to move forward. But the plan right now is you need 178 to run the security, like it's a X-ray machine on the second floor. That will be the only public access point. All the other doors would be badge access and they'd have to figure something out for late running meetings when the Council runs late at night 'cause you need to have public access to the building while you guys have a meeting. So, that'll be something else that'll have to be looked at. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I kind of also don't understand how it works like because you know, I don't know if it's like common sense or like a courtesy or whatever, and then, plus too everybody's ingrained habits like plenty not County workers also still come in on the first floor currently. And, you know, like just regular style is you're going to try and hold the door open for somebody or what. So, is it then going to be like say a worker comes in on the bottom floor and we have to shut the door behind us, or we recognize folks? The safety plan to me feels like it has a lot of holes and it doesn't take anything into like the internal threat, you know, if we're trying to say that the outside external forces are something to be afraid of, I think the internal threat is just as much to be afraid of. So, if we're...I don't think we should hold ourselves again above the public, like oh you guys are so dangerous you got to go through the X-ray but we're all good, you know. If somebody's going through the X-ray, we should all go through the X-ray because otherwise, it's really a false sense of security. Like, you know, what's to stop like teamwork or, you know, just a kupuna coming in at the ground floor, are we going to say oh no, no, you got to go around the stairs and then go up to the second floor, and then go through the X-ray. Like I would never be able to do that, you know, like just the regular person coming in at the ground floor and like shut the door on them and say like, no, you can't come in here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?



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MR. UEOKA: Chair, all these points well taken. Risk Management, I'm sure they're aware that there are other issues and they will take them into consideration. I believe what we're discussing right now is the 178,000 to pay for the two guards which is necessary to run the equipment we already purchased, and the plan can be tweaked, naturally. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was just, Madam Chair, I was going to suggest we send this to committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I second that motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I support it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the motion is to refer this item to the appropriate committee, seconded by Chair King. Discussion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just wanted to say that I'm not in favor of adding more money to this plan until we actually discuss this plan in committee because we keep trying...this was brought to us last Budget Session, probably late at night, and we, there was no pre-discussion of this in the beginning. And so, I was against it last, the last funding of it. And until we get a comprehensive plan that makes sense to the Councilmembers, I think we should not spend any more money on it.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I kind of agree. I just don't like the implication that, you know, it's, we're afraid of the public. I mean, if we're afraid of anybody, we should be afraid of everybody. You know, nobody's above like losing it and violence. So, I don't...it just feels like, like if I was the public trying to come here and I tried to come in on the first floor like how I always do or something like that, I would feel kind of insulted. And if we are going to invest in security, it should be something that doesn't give us a false sense of security. And it's more comprehensive than what is being proposed. I don't like, to me the idea of like segregating the public and the County workers with a badge is not a good message, you know. I mean, it's like oh, we're County workers so we're all good. You know, and we are all good, and but I don't like

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the message that it's sending out to our people who we serve, and our people who we represent.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Okay. Seeing no other, so I'm also going to be voting in favor of the motion to not fund this at this time and instead to send it to committee. And so, if there are no other questions, comments, I'm going to call for the question. All those in favor of the motion to send this to committee and not fund this now, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those opposed?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and  
                              Councilmembers Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin,  
                              Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       Councilmember Hokama.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let the record show that eight Members voted in favor, and one opposed, Member Hokama. Okay. So, the next item was the...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks. Is the proviso part two that had no money?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was going to get to that one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sorry.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that second proviso under Department of Corporation Counsel should have been deleted. So...is my understanding. I guess it was withdrawn. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Are you done with that? So, we're going to delete that? But tied to this discussion is that I would like to suggest in there, active shooter training. And I think it's just something that Corp. Counsel does. And we had that during this last term. Mr. Ueoka?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It doesn't belong here.

MR. UEOKA: It's up to you guys. But it's kind of a weird item to put in the Budget. Please just contact Risk Management and ask them for training and they can help you out.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you. If we need more money to help with training, we'll request it next year. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. One more question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what's going to happen then with the equipment that was purchased? We just keep on holding it until we get this resolved in committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, we won't install it if we don't have anyone to run it. And hopefully we'll be able to...if you guys do find something out in Committee mid-year, we're not sure if we'll be able to find the funding source to pay for security guards' mid-year. So, it might not start until next year if anything. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, was your answer...question answered? Okay. Okay. I'm sorry, the reason that it's being deleted from here is because under surveillance system, it is, this request is already included under 905022B-6221. Okay. And sum, \$195,000 for Fiscal Year 2020. Okay? Okay. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: I believe the purpose of that proviso is basically saying as part of the County facilities' security one of the requirements is that surveillance shall be had or installed

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at cashier stations Countywide. I think that's just a proviso on it to make sure that happens with the money. I think that's what was intended. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, so is that our understanding that part two remains?

VICE-CHAIR KING: There's no funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Who's proviso was that? Was that Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, that was Member Hokama's. Okay. So, that proviso --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thought we had consensus to take care our cashier areas?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --would remain under County facilities' security. Is that where you would like to leave the proviso? Or would you like to move the proviso to...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I thought that would've been under Operations. So, is Operations still intact? Yeah, you didn't underscore it, so, I guess it's still there. It's not bracketed. So, I think the language for part two can stay. It'll be coming out of operational money.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Will that be a motion, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thought we had consensus on this, no? I'll make the motion then to have that remain in this portion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion to keep the proviso, provided that a surveillance system shall be installed at cashier stations Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seconded by Member Sugimura. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I'm just wondering how many cashiers we have Countywide, and will the 211,000 be enough to do that? Or do we need to put that in the discussion in for possibly adding more funding later?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, most of the areas have a type of security already. I just want to make sure they we're consistent regarding our ops.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, so, my question is how many more do we need?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would say maybe three more.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: And can that...so that 211,000 should be able to cover?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would say that's adequate funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, just clarifying, there's 195,000 out of the 211,000 that's for adding surveillance system at cashiers that don't already have them. Is that what we're voting on?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Where's the 195,000?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I thought it was included on item number 905022B-6621.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, Page 1-7 of the Details 905022B County facilities security, the Department had requested \$211,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm sorry, what page was that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: One dash seven. So, I believe when they were here, they said the \$211,000 were for ongoing; the security contract and the surveillance cameras for the cashiering systems side would be taken care of under that \$211,000 that's already been requested. So, I believe the proviso is just to make sure that the surveillance system is installed at cashiers' stations throughout the County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, yes, right? Yes?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, there's no specific dollar amount attached to that proviso?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, no, there's no dollar, specific dollar amount. They just said it would be able to cover the requirement for the surveillance cameras.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Any other discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of putting a proviso under Office of

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Council...sorry, Corporation Counsel, provided that all surveillance systems shall be installed at cashier stations Countywide, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those opposed please say "no?"

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Unanimously passed. Okay. The next is Emergency Management Agency. And this is my proposal for \$500,000 Countywide Master Plan for Shoreline Management and Climate Change Adaptation beginning with Molokai. So, I understand that, you know, Members wanted this Countywide. And so, if...I'd like to propose that Molokai be Phase I. Okay. And I cannot make a motion, yeah, I'm the Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, just, I'll make the motion. But I just, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --we're looking at an increase of 500,000 --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --to this amount? So, the total, it would be 1.133121?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, 500,000. I'm sorry, what was your question?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, because what I'm reading it doesn't say, it just says provided that 500,000 shall be for Phase I of a Countywide Master Plan for Shoreline Retreat. So, this is in addition to, this is under Operations, another 500,000 --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --and the original 166 was for...you know what that was for?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I'll look.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I found it. It's on Page 4-5. So, it says basically, it looks like per diem, meal allowance, miscellaneous, publication subscription, so it looks like just basically office kind of expenses. So, is this 500,000 meant to, for them to contract out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. 'Cause I wasn't sure if they had the capability of actually doing this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I spoke with Mr. Andaya.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Alright, I'll make a motion that we add \$500,000 to Operations for professional services to fund a phase one of a Countywide Maser Plan for Shoreline Retreat, beginning with Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Moved by Chair King, seconded by Member Sugimura. Okay. Discussion? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was just wondering how we came up with 500,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: When I spoke with climate change planning experts, they said that that would be an adequate amount. This type of planning has never been done in the State. So, we'll be leading the way. And, you know, since Molokai is a smaller community with less, you know, complex roads and infrastructure, that it would be a good pilot for the rest of the County.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it's not based on like acreage or population count? It just was because it's a pilot that's their estimate?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, not because it's a pilot. But because they've done these types of planning before.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In other areas?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And does the cost go up based on the population or the miles of coastline?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This type of study hasn't exactly been done. And so, I think we're going to learn from this Phase I. And then, that way, when we get to Maui Island which is much more complex and way more shoreline and infrastructure, we'll have a much better idea of how much this type of planning, which Maui needs, we'll have a better idea of how much it'll cost.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, we're still going through like open procurement processes and whatnot?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, would this be a time to like propose an amendment to say up to 500,000?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, make a motion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: You can make that friendly amendment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm happy to...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Friendly amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Friendly amendment, up to 500,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's my first friendly amendment.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's my friendly amendment being your friend.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I didn't make a friendly amendment

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no friendly amendments?

MR. UEOKA: No --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MR. UEOKA: --you guys can do friendly, unfriendly amendments. It doesn't have to be called...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?



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MR. UEOKA: I just would, I would just warn you if you put in a proviso up to a certain amount, remember you're limiting the spending out of a certain account. So, if it's up to 500,000 is for this, things could get weird. You might want to just lock the money up for that purpose and say 500,000 out of this 666,577 is for a purpose. If not, things could get --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --you could have unintended consequences, I should say.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll not put that language.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No friends.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No friends.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I withdraw my friendliness. Chair?

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just wanted to speak to this issue. I think this is an extremely important issue and I understand what Mr. Ueoka is doing 'cause it's kind of similar to a proviso we did last year that put the word "may" instead of "shall" and then nothing happened. But I think this is really important and I think it's important for Molokai in that this issue was addressed in the Molokai, the review of the Molokai Community Plan. So, it's a first and foremost issue for Molokai. It's actually would be addressing some of the implementation action items. And I do think it'll be a good, it'll set a good precedent. So, we'll learn a lot from this. I don't think we're going to know exactly how much it costs until we get into it. But it's an important step. And we have a lot of residents who live along the shoreline so it's important.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. So, yesterday we, or last night, well, we talked to Public Works and CBS-5510, which is assessment of County of Maui coastal roads for effects of climate change sea level rise and shoreline erosion, and what we're discussing now, I wonder if there's a way of it tying together. We have some Federal funds for this. And I don't know if you think it has to be a total separate subject or if there's some, you know, ways of maximizing it. Or are you looking at it as

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a completely separate study? So, we'll have two studies, one done by Public Works, and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's not a study, it's a plan.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, is this...the other one is, oh it's just going to look at and give us suggestions, the other one?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, the other one is an assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that would be a study.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And this one, this proposal is for a plan. So, what we already know that there's been enough studies for us to incorporate into decision making on what our Molokai residents are going to do because a lot of our roads are right on the shoreline. Our town is, in 30 years I don't know what's going to happen. And so, we need a plan now. And it's potentially going to be very costly. So, the sooner we can come up with this plan of are we going to move the road, are we going to have to build bridges, are we going to move our town, what are we going to do with our wastewater facility? You know, what about all the residents that live alongside the shoreline? There's just so much to consider that we really should've been planning for this 20 years ago. But we didn't, so we need to do it now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, and I just wanted to add that it's not a question of whether we're going to move the town. It's already in the plan to move the town. So, this is a...I mean, the community Plan. so, this is a plan for how it's going to be moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's why it's a plan and not a study because we know certain things have got to be moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Members, any other questions? If not, I'm going to call for the question. Okay. All those in favor of adding to Emergency Management Agency \$500,000 which shall be used for Phase I of a Countywide Master Plan for shoreline retreat beginning with Molokai under professional services please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. This motion unanimously passed. Okay. The next is under Wastewater Administration Program, Sewer Fund--it's me again--to add one limited term appointment E/P. And so, this was one that I received. This was my proposal. So, the LTA would be on Molokai and...oh there, okay, personnel shall be for position on Molokai until, and I'll add to this, supervisor retires, or I don't know, can I write that? Mr. Ueoka? 'Cause that was the intention, is to have a limited-term appointment there until the supervisor retires. I don't know if there's any kind of legal implications if I were to add that in our Budget.

MR. UEOKA: Chair, you should just probably --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Leave it?

MR. UEOKA: --put the LTA in, in the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --FY '20 Budget and leave it at that 'cause...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: It's probably simpler. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'll go with that. Okay. So, Members, that we received consensus on. Okay. And the next is me again. I'm sorry, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you need me to make a motion for that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We achieved consensus on it during review.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, for the items that during our priorities and concerns, if we achieved consensus during that review, we weren't going to bring it back up. So, for the items that you got consensus on, we weren't going to bring it back up. But if you wanted to bring it back up, then a majority vote can bring it back up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I had a couple more questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we weren't going to discuss it. I mean, if you want to bring it back up...and the purpose of that was to save time because we discussed it during the review and then we came to consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I didn't want to discuss it, I just had some I guess point of information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's an 80,000 increase, is that, are we including the fringe benefits, the FICA, EUTF, and OPEB for that employee all in the A category and not giving their fringes in the regular fringe categories?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. No, it's in the fringe categories, right? Yeah, it's, yeah, the fringe is added.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I don't see the change in the FICA or the EUTF or the OPEB.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Espeleta?

MS. ESPELETA: Madam Chair, I believe we added the fringe with the salary. But we would have to make the adjustments to FICA if that's what the body decides.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, that adjustment would be made. Well, we came to consensus on it. So, that adjustment will be made.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, right now it includes the --

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's all in the A category --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --all that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --right now --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --but later on, it'll get sorted out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Got it, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that clarification. Okay. Okay. The next one is Solid Waste Operations Program, Solid Waste Management Fund. And I feel like I'm monopolizing the time right now. It's my proposal. And it was one of my priorities. And my proposal was to add two LTAs to Public Works. After more discussion with Public Works and DEM and Mr. Nakagawa, the better option, or the recommended option was to put three E/Ps under Solid Waste. And they would do their comprehensive plan to take back the green waste management, which right now is contracted out for \$192,000. And so, it's kind of a break even. So, that if we take back the...oh actually we would come out ahead. We would take back that contract to manage the green waste for \$192,000 'cause right now we pay someone, we pay an entity to manage the green waste at the Molokai Landfill \$192,000 a year. And what this would do is, this would bring more cohesion at the landfill and this would allow Public Works to keep their two operators and one laborer so that Public Works wouldn't be experiencing the kind of interruptions they're currently experiencing every time they lose the two operators and one laborer on Wednesday and Thursday of every week for trash pickup. So, what would happen is we would add these employees to DEM, and they would do that work, as well as the green waste management. The Chair will entertain...oh sorry, so, the proposal is for one operator and two laborers, two...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Sugimura. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Clarification?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, you're saying that the 192,000 is what is contracted out right now, and it would basically be, not a wash, but pretty close in expenses with these LTAs?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They would be E/Ps.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: They would be E/Ps? Okay. So, the verbiage then, okay, you're correcting the verbiage 'cause it says LTA.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yes, yes --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because my initial proposal was to put two LTAs under Public Works on Molokai. And the reason for the LTA was so that we could --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: During the time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --assist Public Works until we figure out a better plan. And that better plan came up much sooner than anticipated. So --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that this is the better plan.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, do we have to delete the 192 from another operations, or is it under contracts in Public Works? Or is it on Molokai Public Works?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will, I'll speak with --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You can check into that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Mr. Nakagawa about that. 'Cause we just spoke about it and I didn't follow up to --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --make sure that terminating, or not terminating the contract, but not funding that contract again for the next year is what we understood.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I think it's like maybe a format question or something. So, we're looking on Page 4 and 5, the bottom of Page 4 and the top of Page 5, that's what we're on?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, it says two limited-term appointment, but you actually want three expansion positions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then, is there a...the amount is the same? What is the significance of the highlight? 'Cause the rest of them have like the Ramseyer format like where we're adding money and so I'm not sure what is the significance of the highlight. Is that a change amount? And are we doing different format? Like I'm not understanding the highlighting versus the red brackets and lines.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Espeleta?

MS. ESPELETA: Madam Chair, the highlight was to reflect changes and I guess clarifications by the body, and the Ramseyer revisions are in red and underlined.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, what is the change from, and is it to the 5,890,000, just refer to our old budget bill, you want...is that what she probably...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, I'll have to, we'll have to revisit this one anyway to find out the answer to Member Sugimura's question. And then, I'll have to reflect that into the Budget when we get to the contracts.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And the same --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --situation here where the fringe is...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, included in the salaries --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --until this body approves it. And then, it'll be separated into the appropriate location.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I get confused like the format.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I'm going to ask Member Lee and Member Sugimura if it's okay to withdraw the motion at this time so I can get further information for the Members to make a decision.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fine.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Okay. Members, it's 12:03...oh, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, before you break for lunch, I just wanted to provide the response on the motor vehicle questions that you had earlier. So, there were no minimum tax payments, or collections for Fiscal Year '18. So, this is all based on Fiscal Year '18 actuals. So, no one paid the minimum tax on their registration. For passenger vehicles there was a total of 28,563 vehicles that paid the \$8 penalty.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Motorcycles had 1,312 penalties, trucks, or the larger trucks there was about 1,500, and trailers had 853. I could submit this to the Chair for copies.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair...oh sorry, Ms. Yoshimura?

VICE-CHAIR KING: There's some misunderstanding. Did you say 5,000 or 25,000 vehicles that paid the \$8?

MS. YOSHIMURA: For passenger vehicles --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, for the...

MS. YOSHIMURA: --28,563.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That paid the \$8 penalty?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah, so, in penalties for Fiscal Year 2018, there was a collection of \$286,320 total.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Great. Okay.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King, did...you got your answer, question? Member...I saw a hand. Okay. You're good? Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's a lot.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Ms. Yoshimura will submit that to the Committee, and I'll hand some, distribute that information to the Members when we return from lunch. Is there any objections to us taking lunch now and returning at 1:30?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are we going to be visiting the truck or something?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hygiene?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, right.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --we're not going to have the bus today. But the Affordable Housing Committee will schedule that on our agenda, and we'll have her come and do wraparound service with us and we can tour it at that time. And we'll put it on the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Mahalo for that reminder, Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Take a shower.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I hope everyone showered last night. Okay. I have, it's 12:06 on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess and we'll return at 1:30. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 12:06 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 1:46 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 1:46 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We're continuing our review of the Budget Bill, Section 3, Department Operations, and we are on Page 5 of the Budget Bill under--what is that--Department of Environmental Management. Okay. And we are on F, letter F, Environmental Protection and Sustainability

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Program, Environmental Protection and Sustainability Fund. And this was a proposal from Chair King to support climate change and renewable energy. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, thank you, Chair. This was, actually the request that I made originally was to try to figure out the grants between Environmental Protection and Sustainability Program, and the Environmental Protection Management Program under OED. And so, I don't recall, I think these two figures might've come from the second comment under here. But the information I was looking for was how they were actually integrating climate change, environmental protection, and possibly renewable energy into this program. And it was more of a, what I was looking for originally was more of an idea of, it came from last session. Last session this program asked to bring three positions from the OED Office over here which were the energy position, the agricultural position, and the environmental coordinator. So, I was trying to find out if they, you know, one of the comments that I made and that was supported by the Council last term was, you know, write the program, and then see if these positions fit in there because there was nothing in the program about agriculture, conservation, or renewable energy, and that they wanted these three positions and they wanted all the grants to come under there. So, I was trying to find where they were at in that justification, if they're still moving forward to try to move positions over there and try to rewrite this program. And I did talk to Tamara Farnsworth, on Earth Day, I saw her at the Earth Day event in South Maui. And I'm not sure that they're there yet. So, perhaps the Budget Director could give us some information on those two grants and then where we're at with actually writing the program or trying to integrate it into some previous proposals for a climate change and sustainability office in the Mayor's Office. Do we know that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so I remember that proposal last year and that's something that we will have to revisit once this Budget is over with the Economic Development Coordinator and along with EP&S. For now, the Environmental Coordinator, the Ag Specialist, and the Energy Specialist remains in OED. EP&S is asking for one expansion position, and the grants are housed actually in OED. These two grants, grant to Malama Maui Nui and grant for Go Green West Maui Recycling was previously funded by the Solid Waste Fund until the Solid Waste Fund and EP&S split. And so, now these two grants are under this Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: But we will have to reassess that once the Budget is done and we have more time to take a look at the EP&S Program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that will be, hopefully we'll get to that 'cause that was another one of those things that we talk about during Budget and then it doesn't seem to happen after Budget, you know, like when we talk about tax reform, and we talk about the fuel taxes and we kind of seem to forget about them until the next Budget Session and then they come up and then they die because there's not enough preparation, so.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes, there was a change in Administration. And so, I will make sure that what I say will, I will do, I'll do.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, there's no, so we're just leaving everything the same as it is for another year --

MS. YOSHIMURA: For now.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --and then, Chair, the two grants I think were, the increases were proposed by somebody else.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, you're good where, with where it's at --

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, yeah, I'm good, we're just, we're not...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --or do you want to refer it to committee?

VICE-CHAIR KING: If there's no consideration, there's to attempt to move any of those other positions or the other grants over, then I'll wait until we get there and ask about the grant disbursement in that fund. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. So, we're going to move on to the next one. Member Paltin, so, that's F(2) Grant to Malama Maui Nui. And that was for \$46,922, in addition, yeah. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Actually, if I may amend that to the grant to the Number 4 position, that amount?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two sixteen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: With the...or shall we take up the next one first? So, leave it Number 2 the same.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, we'll, we're going to leave it at 155, and then, come to the, that proposal at Number 4. So, we'll go to Number 3, Grant for Go Green West Maui recycling, a proposed increase of \$60,000. Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sixty thousand nine hundred ten to...and I'm asking for this because this is such a successful program in my community and it's like a matched grant in the volunteer of the Rotary and various members from our community that help out with this event once a month. And unfortunately, without these kinds of programs, even more appliances and metals would just be dumped on the side of the road. Already we have a lot of it. And having these events once a month has cut down on it. It's still a problem, but at least these people are, I don't want to say like trained, but they're taught to bring their recyclable metals and things in. So, any cut would make it like twice a month, and eventually you have even more appliances on the side of the road and it's part of our visitor advertising package to not have all those home appliances on the scenic drive. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, are we putting this back up to what it was before? Was it, did the, does the Mayor's figure represent a cut in that program?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, the input that I got from the Rotary and they said it would only be enough to fund half their program which is once a month for the year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we, because I think before we were funding it every other month, or I think it was twice a month.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's, no it's always been like the third Saturday of the month.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's always been once a month?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, but this would, the proposal by the Mayor would only fund it for part of the year?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Half, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, they would've had to do it every other time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we're, but we're basically reinstating the funding that, what they had previously?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think go to Page 190, Go Green West Maui Recycling, it's the same amount that was proposed as 2019.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fifty-seven thousand three hundred and ten. Page 190 in your Program Budget. So, I'm not sure if maybe during that time it was every other month?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They also mention about the global recycling problem and the raising rates. So, I don't know if that's why they wouldn't be able to have it every month is the raising rates of being able to recycle because of China.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I guess we're just checking to see if the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Going to Page 190 Environmental Management, Go Green West Maui recycling for Fiscal Year 2019, which was the first-year funding was allocated for that program, it was \$57,310 which was the same amount that was proposed by the Mayor for this, for Fiscal Year 2020. And so, I was just trying to get clarification on Chair King's question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I don't know. I guess I got the numbers from one of the Rotary members and I guess maybe they requested that the year before too and they didn't get it then either.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I'm just wondering if they're going to be able to do more than what they've been currently doing because they were, if we're funding them for twice as much then are they going to hold it as twice as often or...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, they said with the funding that they were getting, they would only hold it, be able to hold it twice, less, like every other like instead of every month.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's what...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, with the \$57,310 which was proposed, the Go Green West Maui Recycling would only be able to have it six times in the year, so every other month?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But with this additional \$60,910, they would be able to have it every month?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that's the proposal. Would you like to make a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure, so moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin and seconded by Member Lee. Okay. Discussion, Members? Okay. No discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion unanimously passes. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin, for Number 4, grant to Community Work Day Program, doing business as Malama Maui Nui. Member Paltin proposed to add \$46,922 to the \$216,000. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, so, this is basically, I'd like to proviso it for rubbish pickup and disposal for community cleanups from the Pali to Puamana. Like I mentioned earlier, that's a travel corridor that many of our visitors come to go to the luxury hotels on the west side. And since I've been driving it most every day, like every day there's new bags of rubbish, there's new appliances. And sometimes communities, groups come forward and go to clean it up. But then disposing of all the

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stuff that they bring out onto the highway right-of-way is a challenge. So, this past year Deputy Director Shayne Agawa kind of worked with my office to get the stuff picked up. But it was just a drop in the bucket. Like that type of thing needs to be addressed on a weekly basis at this rate or some kind of enforcement to make sure people aren't leaving their bags of rubbish on the side of the highway. So, that's why I propose to increase Community Work Day Program because it gets our residents involved in the solution and we're just matching their efforts to...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to approve.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion by Member Lee, second by Member Molina. Discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: What's the total?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The total is from 216,000, an increase of \$46,922 for a total of \$262,922. Two six two nine two two.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any discussion? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just kind of curious would our Member from West Maui like to round this up instead of \$46,922, to \$4,700 [sic]?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm guessing it's a very specific number for a reason.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, it's fine.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No reason?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Do we round it up?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it's \$47,000 instead of the cents.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, is that a friendly amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What's the number?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the number is 47,000 increase.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For a total of 263,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Move to approve the rounded-up numbers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the motion --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is to approve an increase of \$47,000 for a new total of \$263,000. Motion by Member Lee, second by Member Molina. Okay. Any other discussion? Okay. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.</b>
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<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>
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**MOTION CARRIED.**

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>APPROVE.</b>
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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes. Okay. Before we move on to the next one, I have a question for Ms. Yoshimura. Ms. Yoshimura, on Page 190 in the



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Program Budget the proposed allocation for Malama Maui Nui on that first line is \$205,000. Oh, okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes, that's an error. It should be 155.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. It should be 155? Okay. So, the Budget Bill is correct?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Okay. The next one is a proposal from Member Sugimura under Department of Finance, B, Accounts Program, provided that disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 19 equivalent personnel and 4 limited term appointment equivalent personnel. Is that part of...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that's...oh, thank you, Chair. So, this is addressing the request from Finance. And the equivalent personnel is for that one Accountant IV to help with the Personnel Workday program for time-tracking, and then the four LTAs, if you remember the discussion was that TSA is requiring, I think was 94,000 people to then get the star onto their drivers license when they renew it in order for them to go through TSA. And the discussion on the floor was that the four LTAs would be, you know, a portion of their cost would be able to be paid by the fees that were being collected for this renewal process of the driver's license. And maybe Budget Director has more comments. But that's what we were told by Finance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I just want to make a note that the four limited term appointments for the drivers licensing part should be under the Financial Services Program instead of the Accounts Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Okay. Financial Services Program, under General?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, it's the next item on Page 6, letter C.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it would be ii?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, or you could under C(1)(i), there's four limited term appointments, that's already for four out of the eight that the Department had requested. So, you could increase that four to eight.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eight.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, we'll take your proposal in two parts. The first part of the proposal that we'll vote on is the E/P...I'm sorry, the one additional personnel, equivalent personnel for Accountant IV, SR-24 for time tracking functions of Workday.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just a question on that 'cause I think I got this request, this is the 59,000, is that...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that the \$59,000 position?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I can look at the number --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --but I think that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It was requested by Finance.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --no, I just had a concern because I did get this same request and it's just the position was previously in place and deleted when ADP took over time tracking. So, at some point because right now we're doubled up on that Workday program just to make sure it runs smoothly, at some point I think they're not going to, they're anticipating not needing this position. So, do we want to do like an LTA instead of a, an E/P?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I believe...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Excuse me. So, I believe what Director had said was that they were borrowing an LTA position from Police and had to return that position back to them come June 30<sup>th</sup>. But they will need this position as they go forward with our new Workday program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it's needed --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --as the program will be or is in place. They already launched it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just, I was just curious because I thought one of the goals of the Workday program was to cut down on personnel. So, that's why I was told that they may not need this after a while. But if they've, if they're working off of somebody else's employee, and so, the 59,000 is in here and that, does that include, is there plus a fringe, or is it just...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I didn't ask them about fringe. I can find out.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm not sure, do we need to put that in here, Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think the Department puts...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes, when you do your final calculation you would include the fringe cost. We did transmit the fringe rates in FN-1.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, we can add the fringe in later and just, if we do the motion to accept this, or you want to revisit and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to approve the one E/P.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One E/P.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I said one E/P.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion by Member Lee to approve an additional equivalent personnel to be Accountant IV for time-tracking functions of Workday.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So and, Chair, I've got, the note I've got is it's a \$59,000 position. But it doesn't have a, the fringe on it which I think --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --Member Sugimura is looking up. And then, it's a 12-month, so, I guess we're assuming that they've got this person ready to go and we're not looking at another, you know, 'cause usually when they put in a new personnel, a new position it's eight months 'cause they use the first three months to do the recruiting. But do they already have this position ready to go?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, they're actually using, right, an LTA right now. So, they have this position as currently, a person working.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's what Director Teruya said on the floor.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. So, the motion was made. I need a second.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Lee for one additional E/P at \$59,000 to be Accountant IV and fringe benefits to be added, and second by Member Molina. Discussion? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, be...it's 59,616.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, if it has to be that exact, but it's 59,616, SR-4, Accountant IV.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: SR-24.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, SR-24. I could tell by Corp. Counsel, wrong number.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: His poker face?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, his poker face.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, discussion? Okay. No discussion. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of adding an additional equivalent personnel as Accountant IV, SR-4 [sic], for time-tracking functions of Workday at \$59,616 and fringe, plus fringe benefits please say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and  
Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina,  
Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the second part to the proposal is going to be under Financial Services Program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, delete, right, two...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we'll delete that from there. We'll delete the four LTA --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --from where it's at and we're going to move that under Financial Services Program, General. And add four limited term appointment equivalent personnel --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to the four. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, can we just change it like from four to eight Limited...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Instead of adding a whole other section. But yeah, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion to add four more LTAs to the existing four, for a total of eight. Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair, do we have a cost on that?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I gotta look. I was going to look.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Or, you know, if we're going to add these positions and then maybe just get an update so that we have it at some point the final numbers?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would it be like 85,677? 'Cause you take the original amount and take out the 59,616 and then what's leftover is for the four limited term appointments?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Maybe the math will come out. But on Page 6-13 of Details it is, 6-13 on Details it's 36,732 for one LTA DMVL. So, that would be times four, or times eight I guess to get the total. Yeah, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, will you repeat that, please?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, on page, Details 6-13, DMVL Service Representative II, one position is 36,732. So, if we times that by eight to get the total, 471,856.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, on FN-15 dated April 8<sup>th</sup> we have the four positions --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the LTA positions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have it wrong.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The math was, I'll give you the new number.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I have it here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. It's 200, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's, well, it's 36,732, for a total of 146,928. And the fringe for that four positions is...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do we have fringe on LTAs?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This must not, this isn't the one then.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I have some information for you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This is Mr. Teruya listening in. So, he's wanting to correct my calculation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Salary for eight is 293,856.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two nine three --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eight five six.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --eight five six.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fringe for eight is 278,546.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two seven eight --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Five four six.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --five four six.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What was the first one, 293...-

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two nine three eight five six is, and then the fringe is 278,546.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's for...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: For the eight.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For the eight?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is not right? You're right, the response is in F9-15 [sic].

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, there's four already in there. So, it's adding the four.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's try that, 36...I don't know how to figure out the fringe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the \$293,856 plus 5,091,486 is \$5,385,342.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, you're looking at the whole --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --thing?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think there's already four in that figure. So, we're adding in an additional four.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, so, the additional four is 146,928?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nine twenty-eight. The, just the four new to that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then, what was the fringe on those four?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Now, this came from Mr. Teruya for the fringe. So, I would rather have somebody else calculate it. If you're asking me, I don't know how to calculate the fringe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it was 146...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nine twenty-eight --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Plus fringe.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --for the four LTAs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, what I said was correct.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the fringe is 139,273. And that response is on FN-15

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: FN-50 [sic].

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the fringe on 146 is 139. So, that's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, one three nine --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Two seventy-three.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --two seven three.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That's almost as much.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's almost double.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So the additional 146,928 is 5,238,414. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the fringe should be added in Countywide costs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I didn't add in the fringe. That was just the 146,928, the salaries. Mahalo. Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I just want to reinforce what was told to us was that these LTAs would, it's limited term because once the project ends, the positions end. So, it's not like forever employment. Yeah, limited term.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, LTA.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, we have a motion on the floor from Member Lee, seconded by Member Sinenci. Is there any further discussion on the motion? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion unanimously passes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, the next item is under Finance on Page 7, Number 12, Post-Employment Obligations, provided that the funds are paid to the State of Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund prior to September 30, 2019. Member Hokama and I discussed adding, increasing the amount that was proposed. I don't know if you want to revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I have a proposal, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If you want. In my estimation, and I hope you will allow me to give some backup rational with it also --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --yeah, Chair, so people can understand as we say our madness, approach to madness. But just let me say that, you know, yes, the Mayor has proposed 17 million. That is a good amount of money, of cash. But I believe this is one of the key factors in the future that affects bond rating. And I again will say one of the things that we can do this year through the Budget under your Chairmanship is to set our long-range fiscal policy for the next I would say 2030, 2035. And I say that, Chair, because cash is going to be a key component as we approach borrowing. And so, just so the Members know, I'm anticipating between now and 2030, 2035 to borrow another billion dollars for infrastructure and sea level impacts. Okay, which means, that's additional minimum \$50 million of cash to the existing debt load for debt service. Take into account also that we're looking at, at least two, between 2 to 5

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percent. So, we got 2½ percent annual increase in salaries that will also impact the retirement system, EUTF, Health Fund, other components of the collective bargaining unit. You guys have been very aggressive. So, even if I use the 2 percent growth of anything with more than 2 percent of what we grow in the employee count in this proposed Budget, we're going to be looking at trying to find another 200 million plus for just salaries a year. Okay. So, we're potentially going to double the debt service from eight, well right now we're at 5 percent, 6 percent. Our policy is not to go over 10 percent of operating expenditures. We're going to puka that real fast unless we grow the economy. So, unless we have the visitor industry, we invest and make the technology industry grow, or by the miracle, agriculture can come on-stream faster than later. We're going to puka the 15 percent debt service ratio which makes me very uncomfortable. 'Cause with the downturn of global events, obligation comes first in paying payment by Charter. So, I'm concerned again because with high sea level rise, eight of our top ten taxpayers get negative impacts, which provides almost what, 47 percent of our General Fund revenues. So, I would ask we think about these things because I don't have a problem adding. I just need us to be able to find how we're going to reconcile and pay. Okay. Net bond debt to per capita, currently, we already at 2,233. Our policy is not to go over \$2,500 of debt per capita. With the 100...with a billion dollar increased debt, we're going to puka that like a rocket. Already, our PSC Tax, which we get about 20-something million, from this year to the next year's projection, we're going to lose half a million dollars of additional revenue because of the reduction of electricity sales, people going independent, people going off the grid. Our Highway Fund we're projecting \$58 million, we've puka'd that already last night. So, Chair, part of the problem is, we're going to have annual increase of cash requirements but we're not growing the revenue stream. I think we really need to come to terms for long-term planning, fiscal planning to be able to borrow and pay off this billion dollars we're going to do for retreat and hardening. So, my thing, Members, is what you ask for today, see how it fits down the road because we are required to pay the bill. And by Charter, it's the first thing we pay, debt and obligation, before anything else. All operations is funded by cash. So, it's not a...I bring up something you just got to deal with, like debt, you got to deal with taxes and people are going to have to pay. So, my thing is, create a program that for the next 10 to 15 years how much of annual tax increases we are going to require to make this financial plan work. And so, for me, Chair, again, I cannot express my need to have the Staff give us numbers as soon as possible 'cause I cannot continue to comfortably agree. I like the ideas, don't get me wrong, I want to help homeless, I want to help substance abuse, I want to help the housing. But we only get so many people paying the bill. So, I need to be able to be fair and tell the people who are paying the bills, this is what you should expect in the next 15 years and it ain't going to be nice. It's going to be required. But people got to know bills are going to go up at least 30 percent minimum, minimum. Or why do we talk about these kinds of projects because we won't be able to afford it? So, that's my basis, Chair. I still believe adding another 3 million to EUTF is a sound financial move on our part to reduce the obligation. It is a positive component indicator that the bond raters look at closely, how we are reducing obligations. It is again, September 1, we want the maximum interest benefit that the State gets over their investment portfolio that is greater than our capacity at this time. So, I'm hoping their portfolio generates that 7, 8 percent

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they're predicting, 'cause then our cash is well served by increasing and getting the additional interest to offset our balances. So, that's my statement, Chair. I appreciate you allowing me to state the premise of how I'm approaching this. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. I appreciate that very well thought out, big picture understanding. Okay. Members, discussion? Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. That 17 million is what the Mayor proposed, and we're keeping it at that number? Or what are we doing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, the 17 million was what the Mayor proposed before certification. And then, he sends a letter down after certification recommending, or suggesting that the Council add an additional 2 million since the certification brought in over 3 million above what was projected. And Member Hokama --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm recommending 20.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --remembered...oh I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm recommending 20 million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Yeah, an additional 3 million. So, 20 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Could you...is that a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And then, and that would be from --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, but after she answer her question.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --the additional revenues after certification? Or it doesn't matter where the money comes from?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. That's a great question. And that's why, again, we need the numbers to work. But I have no problem making deductions or cuts in areas that if it is appropriate, to make sure that we can put the 3 million of cash into the EUTF fund, Chair. So, I will be happy to work with every Member of this Committee 'cause I will find a way to help pay for it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is that a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I'll make the motion to increase EUTF to \$20 million.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion by Member Hokama, second by Chair King. Okay. Members, discussion? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, I totally agree with this, planning for the future, and it's really for our children is who we're planning for. And I just wondered in his, and Member Hokama if you could share with us your eight top revenue generators that would get affected by, you know, our shoreline retreat, or what your notes had to say, or I'm thinking they're hotels.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. One is Pulama Lanai of the top ten. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: One. All other nine properties on Maui of the top ten taxpayers I would say. And again, I have the sheet in the office. I'd be happy to share it with the Chair and the Committee. I believe eight of the nine, or seven of the nine are hotel resort properties, which is all the beachfront properties. I believe one under Alexander and Baldwin includes commercial and industrial. So, they have some interior lands besides some other real estate that's under their REIT program, real estate investment trust program. And yeah, it's probably . . . *(inaudible)* . . . I'll get you the name of the entity and the amount of taxes they pay. 'Cause I think our top taxpayer pays us at least \$43 million a year.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow. Thank you. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I will support the motion and encourage everybody to relook at their list and start trimming. And I'm looking forward to trimming mines very soon. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Okay. I have a proposed amendment to the motion. I...Member Hokama's, you know, comments on the outlook of the future, you know, is serious. And I think, you know, like it'd be good to plan ahead, and I would be open to increasing it by 4 million to 21 million.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, 21 million, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Which bank are we going to rob next? Can we afford it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I will just ask if you would keep at 20 as the working number.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: As we get the more accurate details that we can all grasp, we can make then appropriate adjustments. So, if 21 is the good, right number at the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: After.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --through the final, through the reviews, hey, I'm going to be just as happy as, I will be more happy at 21 if we can afford it, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I think 20 is a good working number. And as soon as the Staff can give us the details on actually where we are in revenues and expenses, we can make then, the smarter adjustments, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. I'll call for the question. The motion is to increase the 17 million toward OPEB for a total of 20 million. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**     **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion passes. Okay. The next proposal, okay, under Fire and Public Safety. I think my notes say that Member Molina moved this elsewhere.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, let's see, well, this the additional 100,000 for the study for the fire station parcels, yeah? So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Here?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --that would be the current proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, the proposal is to add \$100,000 for a feasibility and assessment study for the new Haiku fire station, including the assessment of alternate locations.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Discussion? Or I'll entertain a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of adding \$100,000 for a feasibility and assessment study for a new Haiku fire station, including the assessment of alternate locations please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Did we get a new figure for line eight for the Affordable Housing Fund?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Line eight...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Since it looks like this figure was based on previous values that were not certified, and it was --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, yeah --

VICE-CHAIR KING: --supposed to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --so after the certification...so, it's just like more of a housekeeping item. So, after the certification came in, the 1 percent, let me see, increase by 1 percent, so I think it's the...okay, the 1 percent or, Staff, will you please help me? I can't remember if we added, if this was the 1 percent, or if this was the additional 1 percent that was proposed for a total of 4 percent by Member Molina?

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, this was, Councilmember Molina made with his priorities and concerns, priority Number 3 was to increase the Affordable Housing Fund increase to



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4 percent. The Mayor's proposal was 3 percent, and Councilmember Molina, to my recollection --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. MATTHEWS: --to 4 percent.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, this is the additional 1 percent that we came to consensus on --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --during Member Molina's presentation of his priorities.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Do, we have a, is there a line where it shows the other percentage and then this is on top of it? Or does this...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I believe that was already accounted for in what...Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in the Mayor's proposed Budget we did take 1 percent of Real Property Tax, and that was for the Open Space Fund, the \$3.37 million. And for the Affordable Housing Fund, Mayor proposed 3 percent. So, we took, 3 percent of the Real Property Tax. After certification, I believe we, Mayor sent a letter and there was an additional amount that needed to be added to this based on the certified Real Property Tax. So, I believe it was like somewhere in the neighborhood of like 31,000 for Open Space, and 93,000 for the Affordable Housing Fund. So, if Member Molina's going to add another percent, that would also have to be included in these numbers and these numbers need to be adjusted.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the 10 million is not the total number?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct, the 10 million was the original, I think this was the original proposal from the Mayor based on the estimated Real Property Tax.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we need to just take a flat estimate of 4 percent and put it in here and then figure out what the difference is as far as what we're adding?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Do you have that number based on the certified revenue?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I believe the certified Real Property Tax revenue is 340,446,483. So, taking 4 percent of that comes out to 13,617,859.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Okay. Under Department of Fire and Public Safety on Page 8, letter E, Member Paltin's proposal to add five full-time, five E/P's and...five full-time, and ten half-time Ocean Safety Officer I positions at six-month funding, \$37,900 shall be for Ocean Safety Officer III position, SR-19D eight-month funding, and \$25,900 shall be for a Secretary I, SR-14A eight-month funding. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, I'm putting in this proposal because, you know, we're talking about growth and we're promoting the visitor industry, and back in about 2001, 2002 we had like about nine beaches with lifeguards on them and we watched those beaches out of the County parks and we belonged to Parks and Recreation. And in that time, like shortly after that, we started this pilot program to respond to all 911 ocean rescues between eight o'clock and 4:30. And the pilot program lasted about 15 years. And recently, we started getting paid for doing that program. But from when the program first started, it was very rare to get calls to go out to Nakalele, or to go out Honokohau. It was like a once a month event, or maybe like four times a year kind of thing. And over the 15 years of the pilot program it increased significantly to sometimes we're launching like three to four times a day, especially if the conditions are bad. And so, you know, it's evolved into where constantly we're having to, they're having to make the decision whether they're going to be watching the beach and the tower that they're assigned to, or they're going to be responding to a 911 call. The service has grown that much and there never was any additional manpower to address that additional job that we were, they were trying to do just to help get to people who are drowning faster. And so, another development over the last 15 years of the pilot program was this new technique in CPR was adopted by the State of Hawaii medical, I don't, I forgot her name, but she coordinates all our procedures here in the State and that's high-performance CPR. To do it effectively, you need minimum four people, four to six people. And if you're going to do it for longer than ten minutes you definitely need at least four people. So, taking into those, those things into account, I'm proposing to right size Ocean Safety. There's plenty concerns, you know, within the next ten years I would say one-fifth of the manpower is going to be retiring or aging out. So, my request to do half-time positions was to kind of phase into the next step of Ocean Safety after the merger like how Fire Captain Jenkins was saying they are supportive of us taking over all operations and that's going to take more planning which our supervisors can't do because they're just working on trying to man the beaches right now. So, there will be no forward growth until we can at least right size the operations that we've adopted as part of our job. So, that's my proposal and I'm open to discussion of what people say is the right size.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. I'll, the Chair will entertain a motion.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second,

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee moved to add \$214,200 for an additional 10 E/Ps to, for the Ocean Safety Program, and seconded by Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**     **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Would Members, would there be any objection to Member Paltin combining the next three of her proposals?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin, would you like to take up the next three together?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure thing. So, for Number 3 on Page 8, I know that it's not a negotiated benefit of our contract. But it's common sense that you want all the people that are responding to emergency situations under the Department of Fire and Public Safety to be in good shape themselves. A lot of times I've seen in the Fire Department, talked to guys that work at Station 3 that their annual physical caught something in them, you know, like whether it was like they're predetermined for a stroke, or pancreatic cancer, and things like that. And in our field, a lot of times we cannot help

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it but be out on the ocean for many hours, annual medical could catch skin cancer earlier, it can stop us from coming to work when we shouldn't be at work to try and save you because if we're trying to save you in the ocean and we go down, then it's a worse situation. So, that's a parity to good to, since we're in the Department of Fire and Public Safety.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the proposal is for an additional 17,000 for medical exams for no less than 68 uniformed officers?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct. And Number 4, provided that 100,000 shall be for two vehicles to be used by Ocean Safety Officer personnel. Following the matrix, you used our training Captain and North Shore Captain's trucks should be replaced. And Number 5, provided that 7,000 shall be for Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon, EPIRB, locating devices. That's for the seven jet ski, you know, in case...we don't want to get anyone lost at sea. So, it would be good for the Coast Guard to be able to pinpoint a location. So, that's my proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. The Chair will entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion to approve an increase of \$17,000 for no less than 68 uniformed officers' annual medical exams, an added \$100,000 for 2 vehicles to be used by Ocean Safety Officer personnel, and an additional \$7,000 shall be for Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon locating devices. Moved by Member Sugimura, and seconded by Member Kama. Members, discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: He has a comment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka? Oh, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, just clarification on the E/P, sorry, going back, on item Number 2 is that 12, should it be 12 E/P or 10? Are you adding the secretary and the training?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh yeah, sorry about that, and I might...I didn't mention also that the fringe benefits are in the Countywide costs as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what is the correct count?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, sorry, we'll, we have a motion on the floor. So, we'll settle the motion first, and then we'll go back and correct what needs to be corrected. Mr. Ueoka?

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. And on that same note, I see that, I don't know who uniformed personnel are, but we might have a problem with that proviso if the numbers don't add...I don't know how many actual uniformed personnel will be in that department with the five full-time, and the ten half-time, and it...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It looks like 62.

MR. UEOKA: Okay. We'll have a problem 'cause if it says for no less than 68, we can't meet that proviso. So, that would be a problem.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shoot, wait. If you include the Makena lifeguards as well, that would probably be 72.5 total uniformed personnel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: I guess, Chair, my, all I'm saying, I don't know what the actual math is on how many people are. But the way it's worded now, they gotta do 68 exams with the, for no less. You might want to just say it's for exams.

VICE-CHAIR KING: For uniformed personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For uniformed personnel.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Sorry, thank you. Amendment, make...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: For no less than . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, a friendly amendment to the motion for 17,000, an additional 17,000 for medical exams for uniformed officers. Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, yeah, I just think this would be a good step in keeping our residents and visitors safer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Now, we'll go back to Number 2. So, it's not 10 E/P, it's 12?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it's just broken down into different positions, ten E/P for OSO I, one E/P for OSO III, and one E/P for Secretary I.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, in Number 1 we'll strike 62 and we'll replace it with 64.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is that correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, thank you. Okay. Okay. So, Members, were we clear on that vote? Is that something the body feels like we should revote on?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I think we're good. We voted the amount of money. So, we just have to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Clarify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Mahalo ia oe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(speaking Hawaiian)*. . . Okay. So, the next department is Department of Housing and Human Concerns on page, it'll be on Page 9 under General. Member Kama proposed \$150,000 for a Housing Authority feasibility study,

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the scope of which shall be set by Council resolution following a recommendation from the Council's appropriate standing committee. Funds shall not be encumbered prior to adoption of the Council resolution. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I will just ask the support of my colleagues here to support me, support us to support our community in doing a feasibility study in trying to get a Housing Authority for Maui County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Seeing...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just, Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I have a question about, so, this is just for a study to decide if we need a Housing Authority?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, that I'm, that's what I'm looking at.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, I would rather just get a housing authority and have them do a...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Can we just do that? I thought we needed to do a study first.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, if you're --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That's what people keep telling me that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --creating a whole new department then, you know, that would be something we would discuss on the floor in the Council. And it might make...it would probably take a Charter amendment to actually do, create a new department. But if you're talking...I'm not sure if you have, do you have a description of what you mean by housing authority?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Most likely.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think that was the reason that we --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that a position?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --ultimately decided to go with a study --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because we didn't know the scope of --

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the work and if, Member Hokama mentioned that there is another county that has a housing authority and it's probably not the...Member Hokama, I won't put words in your mouth.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We can look at the City and County, how they operate 'cause they've been quite aggressive in their program. And Big Island County I think tried to establish a housing authority and I know they had unforeseen challenges. So, I don't know what is the status of the Big Island. But they've tried to various levels of success. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, for those reason I think we discussed going to...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, no, I think it's a great idea. I just don't know if we need to put money into a study if we can just refer it to committee and try to decide in committee. But I'm happy to support this. But can we change it to up to 150,000 because it may not take that much to make that decision?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I've actually met with the Housing Authority on Oahu and I do think it's a great idea.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I visited some of the projects that they've done over there and they're getting stuff done.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Cool.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, we're going to change it to up to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Provided that up to 150,000 shall be for a housing authority feasibility study, the scope of which...Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just have a question about the words "up to" --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --because 150 is 150. And if it's going to be less, it just can't go more, so, I think up to is not necessary.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, we may not need the entire 150 is what I'm saying.



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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, if we say we're going to have to put 150 into this feasibility study, then we have to put 150 in.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But we may not need that much.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Correct. So, I wonder, do we, Mr. Ueoka, maybe, can we just say 150? If we don't spend 150 that's fine, we won't spend hundred and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, it's in a...it's always if you don't, even if you don't say up to, that's all they can spend. The problem with putting up to in a proviso is, it leaves the money open for other uses. So, if you want 150,000 to be reserved for this specific item --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --you should just leave it as 150,000 goes to this item.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But if we don't spend 150 doing this, we actually can get it done in committee or without spending, can we use, then use that money for something else in this account? Or does that have to go back into General Fund?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 8, Mr. Ueoka, the bottom of Page 8, and the top of Page 9.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Because my thought is, if we don't use this money, all this money for the study then we can put it into actual, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Other things.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --looking for that person, you know, doing, putting an RFP out and looking for the housing authority person. I don't want to be hampered by this that we can't use that money.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: It'll just mean the money is floating around and I'm trying to look if it's...I guess it would be out of the Operations. You're just not locking up the 150,000 for one purpose. It'll be up to that. So, it could be used for whatever else if not in this specific scenario.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we don't need that language in. But we could, it's still understood that we could use it for something else if we don't use the whole 150,000?

MR. UEOKA: No, if you leave it the way it's worded now, that 150,000 is reserved for this. If it is not completely used for that, it lapses at the end of the year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what I was trying to prevent. So, if we wanted to...if we didn't need this 150,000, the total amount to do this feasibility study, then could we use, how do we word it so that we could possibly use that money to actually put into the search for the housing authority or even, you know, or creating the venue for, the avenue for hiring that person?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Probably the cleaner, cleanest way to do that is broaden your proviso language to say what else you would like to it to do. But it'd be strange to have it up to and have the money just floating around. So, you should probably just broaden your proviso language. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we say Housing Authority and/or the hiring of...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Feasibility study and program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And what?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That might be too broad.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's too broad? I thought we wanted it broad.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Not that broad though.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, not that broad.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Not that broad.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Housing, oh you're talking about Housing Authority feasibility study and program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, it would be the Housing Authority Program that we would be putting it towards.

MR. UEOKA: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: If the study, if you guys go through Council, get the resolution through, hire the consultant, the study is performed, and we're still in this fiscal year, I'm sure at that point we could do a budget amendment to amend the proviso to accommodate whatever future need you need at that time. But the 150 would remain for that purpose. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: My suggestion to skin this cat another way would be to allow the standing committee to have its discussion. I think we have sufficient funds in the Council's professional services account, and then, the Council can initiate from the Chair's Office a budget amendment to place of these Council funds for a Council report to follow through on the committee's recommendation. And then, the next budget year come up with a, work with the Administration and come up with a formalized request for possible implementation if it makes sense. That way, we keep the flexibility and we don't need to worry about where the 150,000 may need to come from. And I think that that's one of the ways we can use our professional services money.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Hokama.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Very good.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We're good.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --refer this to committee?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Under Office of Council Services, we have enough to cover that study?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Between professional services and the audit program, I think there's enough in there. Usually a little, there's usually Carryover/Savings from the audit program. So, we could look at after the Affordable Housing Committee decides what direction we want to go, you know, if they decide to just do a review of the other islands and say, yes, we need a Housing Authority, then we can move ahead with a Housing Authority and just decide what we want the scope of that Housing Authority to be. And that would be a lot faster.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that would be my recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Let's just do that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I guess , I don't know, did we add 150 for this that we need to take it back out or was it just proviso? We added it so we could just take it back out and then just say we're going to refer this to the --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Committee, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --Affordable Housing Committee. And I'll work with --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Let's do that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --any objection to striking this from the proposed bill and referring this item, Housing Authority Feasibility to Affordable Housing?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Mahalo, Members. Okay. Okay. The next item, is that also you, Member Kama, that 500,000 shall be for professional services to expand the parcel study beyond three parcels. That was either Chair King or Member Molina. On Page 9, top of Page 9, iii.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, that's Member Molina.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that was...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm sorry, which one was that?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, the three.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The three parcels.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, yeah, the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The professional study.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, but it was...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You wanted to add.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, it was actually to increase it, I think it was, I believe it was 400,000, the three-parcel study.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Wait, I think I had it here. Oh yeah, I'm sorry, yeah, from 180 to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's on Page 287 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Correct, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --of your program.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, and again, the rationale for that was the, to expand and look at private parcels as well, besides just the three County-owned properties.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh yeah, it was 400,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Four hundred?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It was 400, was it 400 or 500?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, and then, you initially said 400,000, and then, it said 500,000 after.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Five right, so, it was, it was initially at 180...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and we had consensus on this.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that's why it's not highlighted, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright, so...

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, it was originally at 180 and you changed it to 5?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Five yeah, to increase it by 320,000 from 180 to 3, to 500,000 which would be a \$320,000 addition.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going to move on. Okay. Next one, this is Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Grants and disbursements for affordable rental housing programs. The proposal was for an additional 400,000 after we met with Director Tsuhako and the original 1 million was a bit --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --more.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, as you said, and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, 400,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's right. Yeah, and she had stated, well, we had initially proposed, and I proposed 1 million, I believe you, Madam Chair, proposed two. But after hearing from the Director, she said in a fiscal year, 400,000 should be sufficient. So, that's why we reduced our request down to 400,000.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I'm just ready to vote on it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, the proposal is to add an additional 400,000 to grants and disbursements for affordable rental housing programs for a total of 1,400,000. I'll entertain...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, all those in favor please say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion passes unanimously. Mahalo. Okay. The next is...oh okay, I see what that is. Okay. So, the proposal for Member Hokama's proposal for the Lanai Kinaole was taken the 70,000, the 70,000 was taken from the grant to Hale Mahaolu for Homeowners and Housing Counseling Program. So, 150,000 minus the 70,000 equals 80,000. So, that was part of Member Hokama's priorities for 75,000 for Lanai Kinaole, and he was being responsible and finding where the funding could come from. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Not totally accurate yeah, Chair. I did request, and I appreciate the Committee's support for Lanai Kinaole. But my thing was going to find, try get some monies out of OED pot instead of Human Concerns' pot of Hale Mahaolu. So, I would say, I will be looking to restoring Hale Mahaolu's program because this is one program that it exists, they come in with their annual results, and they have been one organization that has performed over the years. I can tell you that Ms. Kathy Louis and others from this program has been very, very successful. And so, I will not take away from those that have achieved and performed for us. I will find a way to continue to support them and I will look for another place to make the appropriate reduction cut to support this program, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll restore that. We'll strike the 70,000 from there and the 150,000 for the grant to Hale Mahaolu for homeowner and housing counseling program will remain at \$150,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objections?

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COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we add for that Lanai Kinaole, or Kinaole Lanai --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: It's on Page 11.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Lanai Kinaole.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --can we add that as a new grant under --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Line item.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the Human Concerns Program because that's a bit, it was under Health and Human Concerns I believe was their services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes, Chair, you did place it on Page 11, on the bottom of Page 11. So, I thank you for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. On Page 11 at the bottom.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But that's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we got consensus on that one, right?

VICE-CHAIR KING: But that's under Economic Development instead of health, instead of Human Concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, that's still under...

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, it is still Human Concerns? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. There's like, yeah, there's several pages --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --of grants under, yeah, Human Concerns.



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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Okay. I think Member Kama's, one of Member Kama's priorities was to have 200,000 for the acquisition of a mobile hygiene unit for Central Maui. And that was something that we achieved consensus on. Okay. On page, okay, Page 10...

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: If Staff can clarify the addition would be for a grant, a grant line item for 200,000. Based on Director Tsuhako's description of the Housing and Human Concerns Program, they don't actually do direct services. So, there was a clarification for a grant to perform this, a non-profit to provide this service with Councilmember Kama's priority if that's okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the grant would just move under the...okay. So, that would be moved under grants instead of general. And we achieved consensus on that already. So, Members, any objection?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, if you can move it to the next, the Number 2 Grants and disbursements for food, shelter, and safety and add the 200,000 there. Is that what we're talking about?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, that's up to the discretion of the body. The grants, distribution for food, safety, and shelter may be suitable. But that's up to the body, but I just wanted to clarify a grant for the service since the Department does not do direct service.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Chair, if I may?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If I may, I would recommend you, we look at Subsection 4 which is for health human services. That may be the more appropriate category that the Committee may find useful. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Who would it go to?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, which item are you moving from where to where?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the 200,000 under --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's the one, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --general for the mobile hygiene unit --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --from, we're moving it from General and putting it under Grants. And the proposal is to move it under Subsection 4 of Grants. There it is. Okay. And that is on Page 10, in the middle of Page 10, right before where Feed My Sheep, Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Grant, Hale Makua, and...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, okay. Got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You got it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Members, you heard the proposal. Are there...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I just have a question because all those grants go to a specific entity. So, if we're talking about putting out an RFP, that's why I suggested Number 2 because that's just a general category and you can put out an RFP. But the ones under Number 4 each have a specific entity that they go to. So, I'm not sure, was there a specific entity that Member Kama wanted this to go to?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: At the time I didn't have a specific entity. But we might have one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, so, the Department will just put out an RFP where it would be a competitive process where any entity that feels qualified that would like to go and provide the service has that opportunity, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, or you can proviso --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --the homeless programs, either way. Or you can proviso the homeless programs because not...because under that category, various nonprofits are given grants. But they're not necessarily listed here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, you could put the hygiene thing over there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Kama, this is your proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Wow, for a bus that didn't show up, we're going all over the place. Yeah, they do go round and round. I think homeless programs would be a good fit for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Members, we're moving the 200,000 for a mobile hygiene unit for Central Maui out of General, into Homeless Programs on Page 10. Okay. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: With a proviso.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Next is Member Lee under Homeless Programs --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --proposal for \$1 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, a million dollars which I am going to give back most of it. Alright, if the Members would please consider under homeless, reducing that, well, instead of a \$1 million, I would like to insert \$300,000 for the Homeless Program that

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I'm adding. So, I'm adding 250,000 to the Homeless Program specifically to include programs collaborating with the community. Okay. This is the one I told you I would go out and volunteer and work with all the various groups and churches, et cetera. Okay. And 50,000, let's see, 50,000 would be provided for homeless programs on Molokai, yeah. So, instead of where it says 1 million, it's going to be 300,000 now. Okay. I'm trying to do my share in cutting. And then, since we're kind of, before, I know you probably want to get back to that page, but from the million dollars, I would like to apply it to, on Page 12, the substance abuse programs. This is probably two votes, but substance abuse programs, \$200,000, 125,000 for additional SA, substance abuse programs, and \$75,000 earmarked for the, what I call the Kekona project, which is an education type of, educational and counseling substance abuse program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Which lines are those?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is under Functions and Programs Number 5, Number 6, Substance Abuse Programs.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And which specific ones that you --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Number 5 --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm adding --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --at the top of Page 12, Number 5.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --\$200,000 to that program and I'm...

VICE-CHAIR KING: To the Best Buddies?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Huh?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Substance Abuse Programs on Page 12.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, the...okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 601,567.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm adding \$200,000 to that. So, it'll be 801,567. But I'm proviso'ing the 200,000 that I'm adding. Well, actually I'm not, I'm only proviso'ing 75,000 for the Kekona project, and the additional 125 is just to add to more substance abuse programs. Did everybody follow me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh good. Okay. Then would you consider...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Second

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, okay, does the motion...okay, Member Paltin, clarification on your motion. Member Lee proposed two items. One on Page 10 under Homeless Programs, an increase of \$300,000, proviso for 250,000 to go to Homeless Programs that collaborate with the community, and 50,000 for homeless programs on Molokai. And the second is on Page 12 under Grants and disbursements for substance abuse prevention and treatment, Subsection VI, an increase of 200,000 to the 601,567 for a new total of 801,567 with a proviso of 75,000 to the Kekona project. Is that your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(speaking Hawaiian)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Paltin--

VICE-CHAIR KING: I seconded it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --second by Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I just have one question. So, is --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you said you call it the Kekona project. Is that the real name of it so that we make sure that it gets to the right place?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It is.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**    **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**    **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, that leaves money for either the hygiene truck or the one that Mr. Hokama was looking for money for plus change.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You're still adding. You're still adding. You aren't cutting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Whoa, we're supposed to be cutting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. On the bottom of Page 13 Animal Management Program, grant to Maui Human Society for Animal Sheltering Program. Chair King proposed fully funding the Animal Shelter Program. So, the original allocation was 1,394,353. And the new total would be 1,598,468. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: And I thought we got consensus on this. But I can go ahead and make a new motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We did, yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought so. Okay. Members, we got consensus on this.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Okay. Next, is on Page 14, Member Molina proposed...Member Molina's proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. This proposal provides more specificity than my initial proposal which is just to cut 50,000. Basically, it's a, I'll read you the proviso, it's provided that air travel is capped at 27,000 and non-reportable per diem is capped at 23,000, and air travel and non-reportable per diem to Molokai and Lanai shall not fall below levels historically expended. And this was due in part from comments from the, some of the Members who had expressed concerns that my proposal would affect travel from LCO Officers to their islands. So, this proviso I believe protects that and that they can continue to go and visit those islands to educate and monitor any type of liquor establishments and so forth. And I believe I gave you the reasons for all of these proposals, and which would also include cutting the three positions that I had mentioned, the LOC I, II, and IV vacancies.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, just a clarification, it was to defund the position and not to cut, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah, well, whichever is appropriate because well my understanding is if we cut the positions and then if the Department comes back needing those, it might be a little more difficult for them to get it. But according to the audit, the audit recommended just cutting. So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --either way. If it's not to cut the positions and just defund it 'cause if they're not going to fill the vacancies, then why fund it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay. I thought I remember there being reasons.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And oh by the way, speaking of cuts, Member Lee inspired me. By not funding those positions, it saves \$137,600.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yay. There you go, there you go.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I have a question about that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Okay. So, if we're doing these cuts, why is the new total higher?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's less. Oh...

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VICE-CHAIR KING: So, if it goes from 2,081,357 to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Espeleta?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --2,084,767.

MS. ESPELETA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Espeleta?

MS. ESPELETA: Sorry, we do need to reflect the defunding of the three LCO positions still.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

MS. ESPELETA: We were awaiting the number from Department of Personnel Services.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that's not the final number. Okay. So, you are cutting.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, and then also, I also wanted to add that \$96,320 would be reduced from the General Fund so as it relates to these cuts. So, anyway, but yeah. So, I'm trying my best, little by little. But thank you, Members --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --if you consider that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, just a --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I guess I'll entertain a motion. But just whatever the motion is, that we clarify whether the positions are being cut or if it's being defunded. Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is the motion to cut or to defund?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Defund.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Defund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.



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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Although the audit said to cut the positions. But I just...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, then let's cut them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I remember there being something, a reason...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I believe the Director said something about Personnel recommending that they don't cut it. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: ...*(inaudible)*... Okay. Defund.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Maybe Corp. Counsel can chime in on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Are we allowed to cut the positions or more appropriate to defund?

MR. UEOKA: It gets into that weird thing about, you can cut E/Ps though, you can reduce E/Ps, but positions I believe are abolished by the Mayor per Charter --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: --or something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, defund then I guess would be the one.

MR. UEOKA: But E/Ps. the Council can always set E/Ps also though. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. No, I guess the motion is to defund.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was clear as mud.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. It was moved by Member Lee, and seconded by Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The other way around.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Lee. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, I'll...oh, Ms. Yoshimura? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Okay. Member Molina? That was a total encompassing motion of all three.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Department of Management, Management Program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . the 25,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Here it is.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, provided that 25,000 shall be used to rewrite Admin Rules for clarity and consistency.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, so, thank you. So, Number 3 would be, provided that 25,000 shall be for professional services to update the rules governing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor of the County of Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll get that language from you.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Discussion? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so, just for clarity, so, was that, that as a proviso under the Department's --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --professional services?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is there any other kind of liquor besides intoxicating?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's a category, a title.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other discussion? I'll call for the question. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Just for clarification. So, the \$25,000 proviso will come from professional services?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it's...

MS. YOSHIMURA: Is that what...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Actually, I have it under Liquor Control Program.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Oh, under Liquor Control Program?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it's not Operations, I guess.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Just so you know, Liquor Control has 20,000 for professional services.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that's the only way we can get it done? Would that infringe upon the education portion which Maui Youth and Family Services I guess gets support for underage drinking prevention?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: That grant comes from the Liquor Education Fund, revolving fund.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That particular, would that...

MS. YOSHIMURA: That grant.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Would this interfere with that? 'Cause I don't want to stop that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. No, I was just saying it was 25, you have a proviso for \$25,000 for a professional service contract and that's all they have in their budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? I just want to make a suggestion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just want to make a suggestion. Can we proviso it out of the administrative overhead charge and just say 25,000 of that has to be used for these rules? I'm not sure how that correlates. But if we're reducing the number of E/Ps and travel. Then it seems like there would be less administrative overhead as well.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The administrative overhead is based on 70 percent of the salaries for the Liquor Control Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. So, now we're reducing the salaries.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, because you're reducing the salaries, you're going to reduce the overhead.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, can we find the 25,000 there?

MS. YOSHIMURA: You could. I guess you were going to reduce the overhead by X amount of dollars. And you could increase operations by 25,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're gonna...what did you just say? We're going to increase the...

VICE-CHAIR KING: My suggestion was to decrease overhead charges, the administrative overhead charge and put the 25, take the 25,000 from there that you need to write administrative rules.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I defer to, because Liquor is, they collect all their fees and they pay, kind of pay their, they're like an enterprise zone, I look towards Mr. Ueoka then for guidance on how to do this. So, we at, we're doing it legally.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss...Member Sugimura...oh, Ms. Yoshimura? Or, Member Sugimura, would you like to revisit this and then we'll figure this out?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sorry, I tried to help.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, I'm, I want to have this solved. But I want to make sure it's legal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I have a comment. Administrative rules generally are written by the staff. So, you know, we generally don't outsource this. And the staff will write the rules to be checked by Corp. Counsel, and then sent out to public hearing. And that's the way administrative rules roll, right, Mr. Corp. Counsel?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Generally speaking, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I'll work on this and revisit, if you don't mind then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll mark this as a revisit. Okay. Now, we're moving to Department of Management, Management Program. And this is from Member Paltin. That the disbursements for salaries and premium pay is limited to ten equivalent personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I think that ten part was --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --from Shane, or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's for, to reduce by 1.2 million from MRA, funds that could be better...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that one is me.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that's a...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. So, just seeing that the Maui Redevelopment Agency is similar to a board or commission, although they do have action items and, you know, this could've been taken all the way to an agency status but it never got there. So, just trying to control some costs. I noticed somebody put a PAF for an audit on this. Is that related to this?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know who did the PAF.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that's my proposal, just trying to control some costs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, reduce by 1.2 million from MRA? Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the proposal. I won't support it. One of the things in my long-range forecasting of how we're going to move forward and pay for things is I'm looking for growth in the technology sector as well as in civic development sector as two additional revenue sources. And part of the civic development sector, of course, is also, my desire to move data into a subcomponent of revenue generation that the County has oversight and ownership of. If we are serious about trying to meet our long-term requirements of financing and debt service, Chair, I look at ways of how we're going to improve the total economy, as well as an opportunity within technology and civic ... *(inaudible)* ... to look at the type of jobs that hopefully one job will be sufficient for a family living wage, or wages. I believe this is part of the ability of us to move in then the regional component of planning, transportation, and economic development. So, I would say, I look at this as continuing smart development, because I look at this, taking care of Waikapu all the way through Waihee, Waiehu, down to Paukukalo, to Wailuku Heights, as well as the Wailuku-Kahului corridor, transportation corridor and ability of housing. So, for me, Chair, part of this overall management program is one, move regional planning forward; two, allow civic development to now become a viable and contributory revenue source for the County, as we move away. 'Cause I cannot depend now on agriculture revenues. Visitor industry, well, we've heard various forecasts about the status. And again, taxation is a policy. So, if we do accept the proposed taxation policy, I'm curious about what is the follow-out to the next five years, whether properties will keep investing, whether we'll have more competition from sister islands or other destinations. But not to do anything for revenue at this point in time is very

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shortsighted to me. 'Cause I don't know how we're going to pay for all the things we want to do at the shoreline. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. I'm sorry, Member Paltin, that item was on Page 15.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Here on letter C. I was trying to follow the comments on the margin and it, I guess it kind of skipped ahead. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just was, yeah, I found it on Page 15. But I saw the comment on Page 14 to reduce it by 1.2 million. And then I saw the comment on Page 15 to reduce it to the 2019 levels which was only a reduction of 418,900. So, is that the actual...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I think that was the evolution of my proposal.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like, my initial was 1.2 and then I just held it at 2019 levels. One of the major things was I think 18,000 for travel.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I haven't been able to find it in the book yet, but I would support going back to the 2019. I'm not convinced that this is the most critical economic development engine that we have right now. So, if that's the proposal, which is line C on Page 15, I would support that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. For Members, reference, it's on Page 380 of your Program Budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I want...

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the Details?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is it, do you know what page in the Budget Details?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, there's a little discrepancy. On 20, on Page 380, the 2019 levels was 1,336,763. Oh, and then, I think, I took it down to 2019 levels and then I subtracted the 18,000 travel I believe.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In addition to that. That's a lot of money for travel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I would not support the motion in that the Maui Redevelopment Agency is involved with the, is the economic driver for the, well, the civic complex development project, but more than that for the acres that have been designated with the Maui Redevelopment Agency, as examples are Kakaako Redevelopment Authority has, you know, jurisdiction over those areas, the MRA has 62 acres within the, which we are part of in Wailuku. And it does, the economic driver that it is being developed towards was designated in, at the MRA plan which was approved by this Council December of 2000. And in that were many items which one was like having street festivals, having, you know, merchants and doing different things within the Wailuku Town community. So, they have been active. It is an agency. And so, I would recommend maybe going back, or keeping it at the proposed 2020 proposed level. And if Ms. Paltin has, I'm not too sure what the travel is for, but if you would like to cut that in, you know, a percentage or something, that would be for discussion. But I really think that we need to keep this driver moving and moving forward. I believe that it is our responsibility as members of the public that we represent, you know, to keep our vision forward and think of the future. And I think this is one of the things that's happening out there that we can grasp and make sure that we don't get, you know, left behind on something that's important, which is a future for our children. So, I stand by this organization. I stand by the work that I'm seeing, 'cause I've seen it from 1999 when I was involved in this whole effort and it's come a long way. But it has because of some of the people that are being paid out of this organization now through their talents and efforts and, you know, community outreach. So, I would like to maybe ask Ms. Paltin if she would, you know, look at the 2020 proposed amount of 1,738,466 and maybe do a percentage of the travel, although I don't know what, you know, what all the travel is for. I think maybe we might need to ask, you know, Mr. Sandy Baz as he's in charge of Management for what that might be if you think that's excessive.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin? Or were you indicating?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I'll clarify for Members what the proposal is. So, for Category A Salaries, the proposed increase for 2020 was 320,208, and Member Paltin's proposal was to bring it back down to 2019 adopted amount which was 260,563. In Category B Operations, the amount that was proposed for this fiscal year is 1,419,258, and Member Paltin's proposal is to bring it back to 2019 amount which was 1,060,000, minus the 18,000 for travel. And in Category C, there was, it's, the proposal is for zero because their, they didn't need the lease purchases this year, Fiscal Year '20 which brings the total that was proposed by the Mayor from 1,739,466,



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Member Paltin's proposal is 1,320,563 minus the 18,000 for travel. Is that correct, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'll revise my proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, would you like to revisit this or...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. So, we'll just mark this as a revisit. Okay. Okay. I'm sorry to skip to you, that was a mistake on my part. I think there was, it looks like the reason that we did was there was an amendment to an LTA. And so, we'll revisit both of those later. Okay. Member Sinenci's proposal on the bottom of Page 14 under Department of Management is for an archaeologist position for 90,000. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I believe we --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --reached consensus.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah? I just had a question for Ms. Yoshimura if the fringe benefits would be coming under the Countywide?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, fringe should come out of Countywide for this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so, we'll fix that, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. On Page 50 under Grant to Maui County Veterans Council, that was Member Sugimura's proposal. Oh, we came to consensus on this.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think we had consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it was 1,000 each shall be for the Korean War Veterans Association, the Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282, and the Vietnam Veterans of Maui County, to rent tables and chairs for their annual candlelight service. And I believe we came to consensus on this. This was one of your priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Okay. Okay. The next is under the Department of the Mayor. Okay. Member Sugimura...oh, we came to consensus on that. Okay. The next two were Member Sugimura's priorities under the, for the Makawao Parade and the Christmas Electric Golf...Parade.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Okay. Okay. Members, so, under the OED we have the \$140,000 for each district. Are Members wanting to make their provisos for their 140,000 for their district now, or would you like to come back to that at the end when that's ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We can come back at the end.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At the end? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: What page are we on?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's on Page 18. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: May I suggest that the Members write them down --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes please.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --and then distribute them ahead of time. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, that's a great suggestion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, if...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Mr. Ueoka? Okay. I'll take Member Sugimura's question and then we'll take a quick break.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, if Members don't want to proviso the whole thing, I just want to say that the last term I didn't proviso the whole thing and I left it open for Office of Economic Development to send grants there that, or projects, economic drivers that were there for culture and education in my district. And so, I know that I have put in some of my priorities. But there's, you know, a lot of good things out there that I would like to support. And they have to apply for the grant anyway. So, you don't have to proviso the whole 140. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, there were actually some other cuts that were proposed earlier that aren't on here yet. So, can we --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --make those proposals? But maybe when we come back from the break, but I just wanted to second what Member Sugimura said 'cause I didn't proviso all of the South Maui funds. But I do want to make sure that we get notified when they are, because they were spent on things that were not necessarily South Maui issues, and they were categorized as South Maui's portion of something that was Countywide. But that issue that was Countywide was never charged to every account because some of those other accounts were already proviso'd up. So, I want to make sure that these funds are going to be used in the district that they're supposed to be used at, and that the Councilmembers are notified when the applications come in because, you know, there was some deer hunter things and fruit grower things that were supposed to be Countywide, but they were only two accounts left to raid. And so, they got charged to the two that were left. So, that's the danger of leaving it unprovioed I guess, unless we're notified that, you know, and it was very unfortunate, Chair, because that, there were five or six grants that were given out, you know, unbeknownst to myself. So, I was working with Council...community members and looking, thinking that there were \$90,000 left and there was only like 40,000 left. And I couldn't even get a report until the new OED Director came in. So, that was really disappointing. So, that's the danger of, unless we put a proviso in the, each account that, you know, the Councilmember's approval, I think.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Members, it's time for our afternoon break.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's 3:56. Okay. We'll take a ten-minute break? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, just a quick question. At what point will we stop our proceedings today to prepare for the public hearing tonight, what's your intention?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was planning to stop at 5:00.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: At 5:00, alright, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that okay?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, we'll be back, please be back in your seats by 3:56. It's 3:46 on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:           3:46 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:       4:10 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 4:10 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are reviewing and making decisions on Section 3 of the Budget Bill, the departments' operating budgets. Before we continue, Members, I'd just like to just, I understand that our Committee would like to see more updates and figures so that we can determine whether we can afford to pay for all of our increases up to this point. I would like to remind the Committee that we have yet to determine rates and fees and many other proposals which would make materializing these requested firm numbers unattainable. I provided Members with what is available to us up to this point this morning. We are in the information and figure gathering stage still. So, some actual figures will be available to the Committee once decision making is nearly complete. To that end, Staff is inputting the decisions being made into our balance sheets, and will be able to accomplish much more once this review of Section 3 and Appendix B is pau. Shortly after that point in time, OCS can provide the Committee Chair with information, and the Council can make more cuts if necessary. I just ask that you please trust the process. We are three days from the end of decisions, and much will be revealed after we complete deliberations on the Budget Bill, as well as Appendix B. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: To that end, before we leave Page 15, I'd like to propose some cuts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Members, we are on Office of the Mayor, Page 15. Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, just pursuant to conversations I've had, across the, over the many years actually, and every year we say we're going to do this but we never, no one ever makes a proposal. So, I'm going to propose cutting the Office of the Mayor Administration Program because I believe there are excessive EA positions in there.

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And if they were handling all of the complaints that they say they're created to handle, I would probably not feel this way, but we are getting a lot of referrals from the purported community liaisons from all around the island. And so, my proposal is to cut the Office of the Mayor by \$400,000, and then, to cut travel in Operations by 30,000. There was an extra \$38,000 proposed for travel in the Mayor's Office which was explained to us as a conglomeration. But there was never anything given to us about where those monies came from, and there are a lot of other departments that still have their travel budgets as we've seen, we've actually had some folks make cuts to those other travel budgets. So, that's my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. So, Members, the proposal under the Office of the Mayor Administration Program Category A Salaries, the proposal, the proposed allocation we received was \$1,402,862, and the proposal is to reduce that by 400,000, for a new total of \$1,002,862, and under Category B Operations--I'm going to need a calculator for this one--the proposed amount that we received was 214,710, and the proposal is to reduce it by 30,000, for a new total of \$184,710.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And that was for specifically for travel because --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the travel was 75,000, and last year it was 36,600.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And in Category B Operations, that 30,000 was for travel. So, it would be reducing it from 75,000 to 30, 35 --

VICE-CHAIR KING: To 45,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to 45,000. Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can appreciate what Ms. King is doing. But I have a hard time not knowing what the impacts will be on the employees in the Mayor's Office. So, I can go with a cut on travel, but not on the other one, not on salaries.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Members, any other discussion? Okay. The Chair will entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, prior to your calling for the vote, I'm like Member Lee. Yeah, I'm open to cutting the travel back to the, back 30,000. As far as the 400,000, it's a deep cut; if anything, a much smaller number. But I think 400,000 is a lot. Of course, I would like to hear some justification from the Administration with regards to the use of their, I guess community liaisons. When I was up there, we were called

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executive assistants. So, you know, tomato's, tomato's, whatever, so anyway, those are my thoughts. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Chair, I'll make a motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Alright, I will reduce that cut then, I'll make a motion to reduce the Administrative Program A Salaries by 200,000 and reduce the B Operations travel by 30,000. And the, we did get a response to my request for job descriptions. And so, I'm not sure what the number on that response was that came in a few days ago. But to me, Chair, this gets talked about every year, and every year we get to this point and everybody's...and these are not civil servant positions. These are appointed positions. I hear complaints all over the County about these positions being, you know, basically rewards for favors and there aren't exactly experts in these positions. They are people who, you know, are put in there for reasons like, you know, you chaired a committee. That doesn't make you an expert. I would never call myself an expert in planning because I Chaired the Planning Committee. But I just think that we need to focus a little bit better up in the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor and get qualified people there. And I would like to see some actual, whatever the charge is, which, you know, the community liaisons have different expertise and they also have, are charged with being the, I guess point person for the...I'd like to see that actually happen and there'd be some interaction with the community to get them to understand that the Mayor's Office, the Administration is in charge of implementation and enforcement. And the Council is in charge of policy making. But a lot of times we get direct referrals from some of these EAs. I've had them in my office, and I hate just ping-ponging people back and forth. So, we end up trying to help them with their issues. But it's really not the job of the Councilmember to enforce our policies. It's what the Administration is there for. So, I'll just leave my proposal out there. And I hope we get some support for it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I would've supported a 400,000 reduction. Members, on Page 392 of your Program Budget you'll see the list of positions. And 400,000 would probably be about maybe four or five positions. And, you know, we've requested information on, you know, justification for this many positions. And, you know, the Office of the Mayor did have an opportunity to respond and explain, and to show that these positions are necessary for the Operations. And at this point, I mean, I'm not convinced they're necessary for the Operations, especially when my office is filling in for the liaisons' kuleana. And so, if we're paying people to, you know, handle the calls that are directly related to questions on the Administration and the Department and they're not being handled, then, you know, I'm not going to leave our constituents floundering for information and, you know, a solution. So, I mean, my office has filled in a lot. And I think, you know, funding would be better served elsewhere.

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Member...oh sorry, I'll give other Members an opportunity to speak first, and then I'll come back to...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think, Chair, we're just looking for a second for my motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Point of information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it a combined motion with the salaries --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With the salaries and operations, the travel?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and the travel? Or is it separate?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's one motion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks, that's all I was wondering.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the motion was made by Chair King, and seconded by Member Kama. Okay. Members, discussion? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, I was just asking for consideration maybe to postpone the vote on this until maybe giving the Administration a chance to tell us what a \$200,000 cut to their Budget would mean, what kind of effects it would have. I mean, it's up to the body. But I'd like to at least give them a chance. And just for the Members' information, I guess FY 2019 they were appropriated 1,341,582, for 2020 it's 1,402,862. So, it's about a \$61,000 difference from the prior fiscal year. So, if the Members would take that in consideration as well. So, anyway, but yeah, I'd look to hear from them, see what kind of impacts a \$200,000 cut would have. And I, like I said earlier, I have no problems with the travel budget. As a matter of fact, even if we cut them just 30, they're still would be based on these numbers here an increase of about 23,000 in travel anyway 'cause Fiscal Year 2019 it was 60,390, 2020 they're requesting 113,910, and a difference of 53,520. So, with Chairman King's proposal it would just, the increase would just be 23,520, instead of 53,520. Anyway, so, just throw that out there for consideration. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I just wanted to find out, or if there is a way of knowing what exactly is the their job description? I mean, I know that we got a response from, in

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OM-1, but that's not really a job description. It doesn't tell me what the skills are, it doesn't tell me the qualifications, it doesn't tell me their level of education, it doesn't tell me those things that when I look for a job description, I can tell right off the bat by looking that you'd be a perfect fit for what I'm looking for. But we don't know what a perfect fit is unless we know what we're looking for. But, so is it possible to get something like that?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, can I respond to that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And because I did ask for that same, I've asked the last Administration as well. This is what they gave us when I requested job descriptions. So, this, I don't think you're going to get more than what you got in OM-1. And that's one of my reasons for making these cuts because I think they need to focus a little bit better, actually write job descriptions, and get people who are qualified for these expertise areas and I haven't seen that, I don't know, in the last two decades on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair King.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I would like to find out what the 200,000 cuts mean. As, you know, when we just go through our Office of Council Services, if somebody just said, okay, we're going to cut 200,000, I mean, what, how many positions are we talking about and what is the impact, so, and the duties, you know, most importantly. So, I look forward to getting more information. So, I can't support this as it stands right now. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, there's been two requests to mark this as a revisit. If Chair King and Member Kama would like to withdraw their motion, we can come back to this. And we already gave a lot of time for the explanation for these positions. But if the body would like to give an additional --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --couple hours.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I would rather just vote on this because the whole point of making, not rather than making personal, you know, position cuts. The whole point of making that, the proposal for the cuts is to allow the flexibility for the Mayor's Office to refocus that staff. And so, you know, I mean, they're going to come before us and they're going to say, oh no, we can't do with any less people. And I don't want to waste my time with that. I'd just rather, you know, give the Members an opportunity to make the cuts that people have been talking about for years and never proposing. So, I would rather just, you know, vote it up or down and be done with it.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm just trying to think, if we could do the math, could we do the math, if there's 22 positions and we figured out what's the salaries and you divide that, then you could come up with some kind of a figure, at least something 'cause to work with, or, but better to come up with something that might be, than something that we don't know. So, I'm just trying to think, 22 positions, and if we're cutting it almost in half, then you might be saying then they're, we're cutting ten positions. That's what I think in my head would, might occur. But I don't know 'cause I'm not sure how that is being split.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: This is my processes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh sorry, Member Kama. Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, of the positions, so, the positions are vary between, of the executive assistants anyway, vary from the very top executive assistant, which is 120,000, down to administrative assistants that are making 50,000 and less. So, that was my point in just giving the Mayor flexibility on what levels of assistants they want to keep. But the total amount for all of these people, these positions is 1.4 million. So, the cut is not cutting it in half, it's just, it's cutting 200,000 from a \$1.4 million budget and allowing the Mayor the flexibility to say, okay, with the 1.2 million, I'm going to refocus, I'm going to have this many assistants at this level, maybe I can consolidate some of the people who answer the phone calls into one ombudsman that could respond. But, you know, I just want to make a point that if we're not going to do these cuts, let's talking about them because that's one of the complaints I hear from the community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Kama --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on, in your Budget Details --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on Page 11-2 under the Office of the Mayor Administration Program you'll see Executive Assistant II \$125,796, Executive Assistant I \$81,335, and it goes on, 78,000, 50,000. Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, just for clarification, those are Fiscal Year 2019 numbers. The numbers have been reduced for 2020. The Executive Assistant positions, most of them have been changed to Administrative Assistants because the minimum salary on the Executive Assistants is 80, I think \$82,000. So, the positions have been adjusted when the new Administration did come in. And so, it'll be the Fiscal Year 2020 column that you would look at for the current salaries.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, not 125,000, 120,000.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right, and then, there's the AA for 59,000, then another AA for 72,000, and it just goes down lower and lower and lower. Okay. I see that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it looks like 200,000, you know, could cut like two positions. Okay. Okay. Any more discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I'm sorry, last time. So, technically, you're right. A 200,000 cut could be two positions, or it could be something else, right, something else if the Mayor chose to maybe do something else and keep all the positions. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Members, I'll call for the question. Okay. Okay. All those in favor of the motion to reduce Category A Salaries by 200,000 for a new total of 1,202,862, and under Categories B, Category B Operations, reducing the proposed amount from 214,710 by 30,000 which specifically would be for travel, for a new total of 184,710 please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I guess I'll roll call. Do I roll call?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think you call for any opposing.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Would it be possible to separate the two proposals, one motion first for the, just for the, I guess for the operations, and then, one for the travel? Because a couple of us expressed we would be okay with reducing the travel.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: But if we're putting these two together --

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --you know, in one motion, it's one thing to consider if it could be done on the floor, or the motion could be restated separately.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll ask them.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, could you call for the no votes, 'cause we just heard "ayes," we just heard the "ayes." We need to hear the "noes" of the vote.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Well, I was going to have to ask each person.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, we're going to go for roll call? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 'Cause I could hear some. But it wasn't clear who was...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, read the last three numbers for me, Chair, as you read it regarding A, B, and C categories?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, not the C, just the A and B were amended. The 1,402,862.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. That goes to...that stays the same?

VICE-CHAIR KING: One point two.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It would be reduced by 200.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For...yeah, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then B, 214,710?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, by 30,000, for 184,710.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then, your total amount then comes to?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I didn't do a total.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One point three.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One three nine oh five.

VICE-CHAIR KING: One point three...

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One million three ninety seven thousand five hundred and seventeen.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do I ask...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Roll call?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we're going to do a roll call vote. Do I do it, or do I ask Ms. Matthews? Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aye.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

MS. MATTHEWS: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. MATTHEWS: Committee Vice-Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aye.

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MS. MATTHEWS: Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and  
                              Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, and Sinenci.**

**NOES:       Councilmembers Lee, Molina, Paltin, and  
                              Sugimura.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What was the total, Ms. Matthews?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair, the vote is five-four, the measure passes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay. Okay. On Page 16...oh no, we already did that, sorry. Okay. On Page 18, we already decided to hold off on the 140, that was for each district and we'll revisit that at the end. But I noticed that two proposals were left out. Member Sugimura, on the top of Page 18 below the highlighted, xxii, Tri-Isle RC&D Grant Services.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your proposal was to --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Delete.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --delete that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, and, Members, so, Tri-Isle RC&D, I think somebody came to testify. But they're a nonprofit and collect admin fees from grants that use their services. So, it's unusual that a nonprofit would come to us to ask us to pay for their operations if they're running their organization fiscally sound. I do know that last year they were, you know, asking us to help them with 100,000, and now, they've come down to 50,000. So, it's kind of concerning to me just in overall business sense. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So, that was the proposal. I'll entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member Kama. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing no discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of removing the 50,000 for Tri-Isle RC&D Grant Services, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       Councilmembers Lee and Molina.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Eight "ayes," and one "no." Oh, okay, seven "ayes," and two "noes," Member Molina and Member Lee. Okay. And I'm sorry. Member Hokama, Technology and Business Promotion, the proposal is to increase the 50,000 by 200, for a total of 250,000. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. I believe this is one of our areas that I look forward to for greater and better job development for, to offer our young people. And one thing good about this technology sector is that it's not really age bounded. So, kupunas who still feel they have the capacity and willingness to do additional work in their later years, that's great. Your island has just won a national recognition, Chair. Okay. That's how great and open their mind is. And I believe they can then look forward to a community that can try and provide the type of

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good-paying jobs that we would like them to have and they can spend the time with their family appropriately. Thank you. Oh, and I'm happy to reduce MVB funding by this amount to reinvest into this sector, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. I'll add that to MVB when we get there. Okay. So, Members, discussion? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I move to add additional, excuse me, Chair, I move to add 200,000 to the Technology and Business Promotion component on Page 18 from 50 to 250, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'll second that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that with the MVB...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'll --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --bring it up when the Chair brings up --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --that specific request.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'll mark that --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for discussion. Okay. Moved by Member Hokama, seconded by Chair King. Discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The measure passes unanimously. Okay. And on the same page, King Kekaulike Performing Arts Center. The proposed is, the amount that was allocated is 160,000. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, as much as I hate to cut schools. But I think this is an inappropriate use of County funds. And one of the things that bothered me about this was it was a position. So, I'm not sure that we should be paying for employee positions in the DOE. And I know this center was built by State funds outside of the school actual, the school budget. But it's still on campus and it's still part of the school operations. So, if we're going to start funding schools, I think we need to start funding schools...all of them, you know, if we're going to give 160,000 to one, we should give 160,000 to all of our schools. So, this, I don't know where this came from. But, well, I guess it came from the Mayor. But it just bothered me that it, we're starting to fund operations in schools now.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate Ms. King's comments. I don't have a problem looking at a grant for this year for this brand-new facility. But I hope they don't look at it as an annual entitlement. We have to take care of our own facilities first which we have a lot of Countywide. So, for me, you know, I've got an issue with this request. It's a new consideration. And I look forward to what the Legislature's going to do for them to support their own facilities Countywide. So, at this time, Chair, I'm going to be with reservations. I see the benefit. But again, it's easy just to build the building. The cost is in the annual operations. So, I just want to make sure that for my support it is not to be considered an annual giving. Thank you.

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



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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I too, would like to look upon this as perhaps a one-time grant. The center is one of the most beautiful centers I have seen and certainly a gem for Upcountry and for all of Maui. So, I will be in support of this particular grant.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know if it's a point of information. But I just had a question if the performing arts center is strictly for the students that attend King Kekaulike, or if it's open to the broader community to utilize and benefit from?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think we asked that question --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do we know?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --when Director Fukumoto was here.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Shoot, I wasn't paying attention.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. That was your question.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was my question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: And so, the answer was that it would be open. It's still on campus. So, when the school is locked it's unavailable to the public. But it's, but they will hold events there that are broader than, I mean, like they do at every school kind of, you know, every school has events that are open to the public.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. So, just because I live sort of like down the street from this center, I do know that Pomaikai Elementary is doing, you know, using the facility. So, they do like what Member King says, they do loan it out to other entities. And I guess from what I'm hearing, if we're going to allow this grant to be, I wonder if we could say that it's not for positions to hire a, you know, we cannot tell them for E/P, but I think the resistance that I'm hearing is not to staff. But it would be for equipment or other things. I don't know if we can be that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, that is what they need, that's what we --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, a one-time grant.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --were told they needed it for was a position, that's part of it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, that's kind of an unusual request to ask us to staff, yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, that's why I brought it up because --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --it doesn't seem to fit.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I don't think they're going to ask us for a position, only because they came to see me Upcountry when I talked to them. So, they didn't talk about a person. But they were talking about we're new and that we have these operational needs. So, it was more along that line rather than, you know, the staff. 'Cause then we have to worry about it, or I don't want us to be worried about it every year, you know. I think it's a State concern to staff this beautiful facility. And it is fabulous actually.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, ED-3, a response from the Office of Economic Development says it's going to be for an RFP process to contract with an experienced company to manage the performance, performing arts center and to, let's see, to manage the benefits that the community organizations can get out of the use of the facility. So, it's not per se, for one position.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Chair, I'm not sure what that meant. So, if our Budget Chair could explain in detail?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I guess it's going to be a management company to take care of the maintenance, the different organizations, the scheduling of the center, and different events that are held there.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, a management...

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, it's not just one --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One person.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: --not one person.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, it's a company?

MS. YOSHIMURA: It's a, they're going to put it out for an RFP for a contract.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I got it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. If I could just follow up with Budget Director Yoshimura? So, basically, we're looking at just a one-time request then, right? This is not something that's anticipated, they're going to ask us every year?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Every year to manage it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, you know, I'm like Member Hokama, you know, we've already done a lot for the, you know, DOE with funding in other areas, or the State for that matter, the nursing program, all of the use of our County fields by our schools, State schools. So, I would be, I'd be willing to support it as long as I know it's just a one-time and nothing else, you know. So, anyway, I know we want to help, we've had set precedent for helping our schools. So, as long as I have the understanding that this is a one-time deal, then I can live with it for one year. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. It sounds like it's for a contract then, for management. And it sounds like it's something that's going to have to be paid annually, whether they come to us or the State pays for it. I mean, if the State's not going to pay for it the first year, what makes us think they're going to pay for it the second and third and fourth? Member Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. I think as they get their revenue stream as they start, you know, renting out their facility they'll be able to take over the contract. So, I will discuss further with the Economic Development Office. But and express your concern about it being a one-time, a one-year contract, or grant.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair? I'm sorry, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, has the County ever rented the performing center from them?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I believe we did once when the Mayor did his State of the County.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, we pay rent to them too?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: I think it was on a donation basis. I'm not sure. I think they were in the process of getting their fee structure set up and getting organized.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Interesting, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. It's a good question, 'cause then if we do give this money, would we then also have to pay --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: If we give them money, we should go free.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --rent. Right. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, if...I kind of feel like we should get more, we should get some state, some kind of a statement from the folks that are asking this that this is a one-time ask. And then, if we are going to fund this, we should proviso a certain number of events that the County doesn't have to pay for. We should get some kind of use out of the facility if we're funding the operations for the first year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Agreed. Okay. So, are, am I marking that as a revisit?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, just, we need assurance that this is a one-time deal and that they'll be able to fund the operations out of some other pocket next year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We can mark this as a revisit, and then I'll share my comments when we revisit.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, it's 4:49. It looks like there could be one more short one maybe.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Quickie. Okay. On the top of Page 19, Maui Film Festival an increase from, the proposal is an increase of 75,000 from 25,000 to 100,000. And this was a proposal from Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I...okay, so, if it's in yellow that means it wasn't a consensus?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You know what, it's tied to MVB so it's not a quick discussion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It was actually a proposal to fund the Maui Film Festival at this amount and then I was, it was kind of like what Mr. Hokama did where I was saying this should come, you know, I would be willing to cut MVB --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --100,000 because, and the reason why is because the Film Festival works closely with MEDB, which has been helping them with some of their operations. And so, they were comfortable working with MEDB, and they didn't really want to have to switch over to MVB. So, that was just where I was finding the money for it. So, it wasn't really under MVB. But it was sort of like the technical, technology and business promotion where I would, I think we could cut because it is something that is along the lines of tourism as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I would think that if you're adding 100,000 to this item, that maybe you should...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seventy-five.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Seventy-five.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, 75, to this item and it's coming from the MVB grant?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, it was...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Then that should be a second vote, rather than a...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, yeah, when we get to the MVB grant, then we'll talk about whether we're going to cut it --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --for that. But you know...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just like Member Hokama's --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for the Tech and Business.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I noted the 200,000 there. So, when we take up that discussion on the MVB, we'll vote then.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, we're not voting on both, just the Film Festival.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the, any other discussion on the 75,000 increase to Maui Film Festival? Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair King, seconded by Member Kama. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Discussion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura? Discussion, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, if Member King, what is the tie with MEDB? I don't understand the operations.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not MEDB.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, it doesn't go to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: MVB.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It...well...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I thought you said MEDB.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I said that they do work with MEDB right now. But which is why I didn't want to just proviso this under MVB.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Members, any other discussion? If not, I'll call for the question. Okay. All those in favor of increasing Maui Film Festival by 75,000 from 25,000 to 100,000 please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion was unanimously passed. Okay. Members, would you like to take up one more? Okay. The one right below it, Sister City Foundation. The proposal is to reduce the 15,000 by 10,000 for a new total of 5,000. And I believe this was a proposal by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that was my proposal. I just thought 15,000 was a lot. But 10,000 is a manini amount and with all the numbers we're throwing out I'm open to the Members' suggestions.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sister Cities Organization, I asked Office of Economic Development for some information on what does the 15,000, what is it used for and what it's used for is fees of belonging to an international organization, Sister Cities Organization, it's \$1,000, oh sorry, \$1,136. There's insurance associated with it for 1,600. Now, the big thing is all the sister cities that we have established, when they come here, this organization hosts them. And they have \$7,500 for that, and hospitality 1,400, and just that alone...oh there's more. Oh, they have a website for \$800, and there's a conference, which is the Sister Cities Conference, annual conference which is \$2,300. So, all together, they don't pay any...oh they have a, they have an accountant that basically does their books, or a bookkeeper. But altogether it comes out to \$14,900 is the amount that I got. So, I'm not too sure what would happen if they were cut back to 500. I would like to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Five thousand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry, 5,000. I would like to recommend the Members, if you look in the showroom out, you know, our display case out in the lobby you'll see how many sister cities that we have. We have quite a lot. And they do

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come and we, you know, we host them, they come visit us in the Chambers, they go upstairs to the Mayor's Office and there's all these events that happen that, you know, we get invited to like the parade or, you know, different things that they're, and they're here. So, I just wanted to find out, you know, what happens to these funds. And it sounds like the 1,500 is utilized.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for getting that information for us, Member Sugimura. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. My point will be, we made a formal decision to enter into an agreement with a sister city, or for us, most of us it's sister county. So, since we made commitment, I think we should then fulfill our responsibilities as best we can because now that decision represents the whole County and all of our people. So, for those of us that have been fortunate to travel to a sister city, the hospitality, the graciousness, the kindness of the offerings is unbelievable. They bring out the best. They are happy to show us the best that they are. And so, I believe that we should, I was looking at maybe adding 10,000 and making it to \$25,000. I think the Mayor and the Chair of the Council, whoever it may be, for now it would be Ms. King, to appropriately reciprocate the type of gesture and kindness that we always receive when we go to a sister city, sister county. So, that is my comments, Chair, that if we agreed to do it then let's do it well. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I'm inclined to agree with Member Hokama. If anything, I would hope that we not only increase that, but we also figure out how to connect with another sister city. I mean, we should be adding a sister a year just to increase our relationship with people around the world. I mean before Hawaii became a territory, the Kingdom itself had relationships with countries all over the world and we should try to reestablish those relationships. So, I'm supportive of increasing the Sister Cities Fund. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Great.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, surprisingly, the motion on the floor is to reduce the appropriation from 15,000 down to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's no motion on the floor.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think she...I think she pulled the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Oh, you...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was just --



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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, there's no motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --it's just, we're just discussing the proposal. There's no motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And there's three minutes until 5:00. So, I'll give the floor to Member Sinenci, and then...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I just had a question, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: How are the sister cities chosen?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: By us or recommended.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: By us?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura or Member Hokama --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --who wants it?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Historically, if I may speak from a more historical, it's, it was --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You should let the sister speak.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --in recognition and honor of where a lot of our original immigrants came from. So, certain specific provinces, Ilocos Norte, whether it was Sur, whether it being Okinawa, or Japan, you know, those relationships was part of a recognition of honoring how the cultures came and became who we are today. So, we have pre...it is international. I think we have even in something in Portugal. So, again yeah, it, and it's because a lot of it is community driven, Mr. Sinenci, not necessarily a, the Council. It's been a lot of community driven requests before us. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Member Hokama.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We are practicing our languages, so.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thanks to Member Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I just ask a quick question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do we know if they, do they use the 15,000 every year?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: They do.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fourteen thousand nine hundred dollars and ninety-five cents.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Awesome. Okay. I think we should just keep it and move on. Keep the 15,000 in there, move on.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's been a proposal to increase it by 10,000.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is that a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I make it the motion so we can decide yes or no --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --to increase to 25,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the motion on the floor is to increase the allocation of 15,000 for Sister City Foundation by \$10,000, for a new total of \$25,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion by Member Hokama and seconded by Member Kama. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Let's vote.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. No one? Okay. Okay. And so, and we're confident that with the additional 10,000 they'll be okay with spending it? We didn't ask that's why. We asked the departments if they would spend money and they told us no, and they told us to give them less. So, I just wanted to make sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We have half of the expenditure control right here 'cause my thing is this would be a joint thing between the Mayor, the Administration and our --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --the Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, the Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --who would represent the people of Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We do have a request from Galapagos to become the next, I don't know how many people from Galapagos came to Maui. But that's the new proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . yeah. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, in what language?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that in Galapagos?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Pardon me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What language?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Galapagos.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I'm just making that up.

VICE-CHAIR KING: She made it up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. You're our resident linguist. So, I'm going to listen to you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm also the resident comedian. So...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, it's 5:00...oh sorry, we're going to take a vote.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, yes, yes, yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any more discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No more discussion? I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion to increase it to 20, the Sister City Foundation to 25,000 was approved unanimously. Okay. Members, it's 5:01, sorry. Okay. So, we're going to recess until seven o'clock, 7:30?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, let's go ahead and recess until 7:30 and you can --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, we'll do the same thing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --gavel in and gavel out if it. We're hoping for a little less --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was just...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --tonight but I don't, I can't guarantee that.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: How far did you want us to go tonight after the hearing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was hoping to finish the Section 3, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, and then, anything else tonight?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If the Members, depending on how we do, if the Members would like to start on Appendix B --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we could do that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But we can gauge where we're at when we finish the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Section 3 of the Budget Bill. Okay. Members, any other questions before we recess? Okay. Seeing none, it's 5:02 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will take a recess until 7:30 and reconvene here in the Chamber. Okay. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:           5:02 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:       7:29 p.m.**

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The Economic Development and Budget Committee is back in session. It's 7:29 and we are going to go ahead and recess back out of this Committee so we can continue with the public hearing. The full Council public hearing that's happening right now. Any questions from the Council?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair, for the general public's information, I believe we do need to wait until 7:30.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Wait one minute? We did recess the earlier Economic Development and Budget Committee here until 7:30. So, it's 7:30 now, I'm going to go ahead and recess this meeting again until I'm going to say 8:15. And we'll go ahead and start...after I recess this, I'm going to reconvene the public hearing and then we're going to go right back into public testimony. So, don't go anywhere if you're signed up. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

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**RECESS: 7:29 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 8:23 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 8:23 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. And we are continuing our review and decisions of the Budget Bill Section 3 department's operation budget. We are on the Office of the Mayor, Office of Economic Development, and we just finished Sister City Foundation. We're on Page 19 and the next item is MVB. And so, we know that it's got a lot of proposals to it. I don't know if Members would be interested in saving that until the end since we know that it's going to be a longer discussion and we're like on a roll getting the smaller ones done. So, I don't know what Members are feeling.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, what is your recommendation on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: My recommendation is to get all the quicker ones done, and then saving the best for last.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That's fine. No objection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, the next item on the list is Hawaii Farmers Union United, Four Maui Chapters. And there are two proposals, one from Chair King and one from Member Sinenci. And let's see, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, we had received --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Into the mic.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --correspondence from the Hawaii Farmers Union United. And they did ask for the four Maui chapters, their operating budget. And they also had a convention planned for, to organize their efforts for agriculture. So, I wanted to, and I think we, the last proviso there was money given to the FAM program which we also support but we didn't, I think Chair King added Lanai and Molokai as part of the FAM program. So, I did want to add another 60,000 to the ask for the, their conference that they were planning. So, that would bring that up to 410, 410,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, question?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, the addition is for the FAM program?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 60,000 addition on top of the 350 to bring it to 410 was for the conference.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I, I'm not sure if Councilmember Sinenci understands the proposal that I made was, the 350 was not all for the FAM program. So, there's already extra money in there. So, the proposal I made was to put the Farmers Union United money up, the total budget up to 350,000 provided that 266,318 shall be for the Farm Apprentice Mentorship. So, the balance that's left for the Farmers Union to use on the conference was 83,682. And that was just sort of left there. They can decide to use it on the conference and then what to give to each of the four chapters if they needed to. But I'm not sure what they were proposing for each of the four chapters. They just sort of had blanket amounts in there. There was nothing specific proposed for each of the four chapters. I think it was just a matter of giving some money to each chapter.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I'm not sure how much they meant to give to each chapter. Do you know that?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: The correspondence I received, Chair King, was 69,000. Seventeen thousand per chapter to carry out activities that support HFUU aggregation marketing of produce along with educational outreach as described by the presidents of each chapter.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, if they wanted 60,000 for their --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Conference.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --conference out of that 83. So, that leaves 23,682. So, you know, I wouldn't opposed to putting it up a little bit. But, you know, I've sat on the Farmers Union Board and I think it's a, it's a tricky thing just to award a blanket amount to each of the chapters because I'm not sure that they're even each capable of using it, or ready to use it right away. So, I would rather see us give them a little bit of money and have them also, you know, raise their own money. Because they do have dues and they do have fundraisers. But if we wanted to raise it up a little bit I would say since there's 23,000 if we give each chapter 10,000, we could add another 17,000 and

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then each chapter would get 10,000. So, that would give us a total of 367,000 for the Farmers Union. My point was to not really prescribe how much goes to the conference and how much goes to each chapter, just to allow the Farmers Union to decide how they want to use that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Would you be open to making it an even 370,000?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King? Oh, you said sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So workable.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I said sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I guess the proposal, Chair, would be to appropriate 370,000 to the Hawaii Farmers Union United provided that 266,000 shall be for the Farm Apprentice Mentorship program including Molokai and Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I will. I just, I wanted Chair King to finish the amount to the four chapters.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well then the remainder would just be for them to use...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A lump sum?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, a lump sum and --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, what was the lump sum?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --they can decide how much they want to put towards the conference, and how much they want to put towards each of the chapters. But, you know, the conference expenses will change depending on how much sponsorship they get in addition to this.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, 104. Okay. Okay. So, the motion is to increase the Hawaii Farmers Union United from 210,000 to 370,000, provided that 266,000 goes to the FAM program, including Molokai and Lanai.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It was actually the, the exact number is 266,318. So, we could just round that up to 400 if you want.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three hundred and...266,318?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You want that exact number? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sure, that's the number they gave me. So, I got from the FAM program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm going to have to do math again real fast.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Unless you want to round it up to 400.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, that's the motion on the floor made by Chair King, seconded by Member Lee on the 370. Okay. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of increasing the Hawaii Farmers Union United from 210,000 to 370,000 please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**     **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Next page, Page 20, and that is the Maui School Garden Network. The proposal is to increase the

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25,000 that was allocated, to 75,000. And that was originally proposed by Member Paltin, and then I believe that was also something that Member Sugimura and I also supported. Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, so, like we heard in Makawao, or I proposed 75,000, Ms. Lehn Huff who this was a labor of love for her for many years got school gardens in almost all the schools and she's going to be retiring. And so, we need to, you know, continue in our keiki the love and the knowledge of how to grow their own food. So, I support this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I believe they also, did they also absorb another organization, the Grow Some Love, is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Grow Some Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I tried, Grow Some Good. Okay. So, that was also the --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the rationale behind the increase, the requested increase. Member Sugimura and then Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, Lehn Huff is amazing. She's retired headmaster and she...I first started when...when I first started and she introduced her program it was not as big as she has grown it with this partnership. And I think she's in almost every school and I'm looking at her to be kind of like the FFA'ish, you know, so, and she has a focus on the youth. I appreciate her. She did say she was going to retire one day. I don't know, she's still going. But yeah, thank you everybody.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, I talked to Lehn Huff before I left the, when I have to leave early from the Paia Budget Session. And so, she said they were merging with Grow Some Good. But we don't have Grow Some Good anywhere else in here, do we?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that's basically for both programs. I support that. I think they do a lot with a little bit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can grow some good and grow some love. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'll make the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion to increase Maui School Garden Network from 25,000 to 75,000, which also incorporates Grow Some Good within that program.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura and seconded by Member Kama. Discussion? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. The next is, I think this one was a consensus. Member Sinenci, the increase from 75,000 to 100,000 for the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, CTAHR.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: CTAHR, yes. I believe we; did we get consensus on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Okay. The next is Number 6, okay, I think this is Chair King's proposal, provided that 169,000 shall be for Maui Nui Marine Resource Council for coastal water quality monitoring.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, I was also, I'm still trying to get a copy of what all these, what this money is intended to be disbursed for because in the previous Budget sessions we've gotten a list of what all these, what these grants were before we approved it. So, I just, I wanted, I know that this is part of it, the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council. But I don't know what else is in there and I think we should take a look at that if we can. So, if we can revisit this one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: And I think there's another proposal to add some additional funding here --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --somewhere. So, if we can get the original lists, and then see if we need to add more money, or if there is extra money in there, if the original amount of 1.5 million is not already sequestered.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think that additional 400,000 may have come from Member Molina. But I can mark this as a revisit and then we go...oh that was Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No, I had a question, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I know, but I want the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. You know, we had added 500,000 for the MISC specifically for Miconia on East Maui. And I believe it was, it looks like it was put on Page 26 under the Department of Water Supply. And we were told that we couldn't put it under the Department of Water Supply because we would have to take it from somewhere else in their budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, we was looking to move it from here, back to Environmental Protection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, so are we talking about --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --we're talking about Miconia now? What page are we, did we skip?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci had originally proposed to add that 500,000 that was in his, and your, priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And it went under the Department of Water Supply. But because it's self-sustaining, Member Sinenci proposed to put it under Environmental Protection, which is on Page 20. And so...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: 'Cause we would be taking out of the Water Supply Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. But Chair King also wanted to check on a little bit more information on this one. So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: If we can revisit, because I don't even, I don't know what that money's going for right now. But if there's an extra 500 that's not already...you have that information?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura and then Member Lee.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, on ED-2, it gives a list of grants that were given in Fiscal Year '19. I believe when Kay Fukumoto was here, the pot of money that's here, 1.5 million for Environmental Protection was going to be an RFP. So, people would apply for grants through this line item, and then, be awarded once the RFP process was done. If you want to put specific grants under this, then you would put provisos at this time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, I'm just, I understand that because we went round and round with that answer. But in the previous years, we already had the list that was going to be funded in there. So, I wanted to find out from her, what she actually intends to fund in that. I think she's got a list of things that she already intends to fund. And I realize that even if they're in there, they still have to apply for the funding. But I don't think it's totally open. I think some of it's already earmarked for certain things. And so, that's the list I want to get for 2020, not 2019. We had that list in 2019 before we approved this fund. We knew what we were approving and what grants were going to be in there. So, I don't know, maybe she's doing it differently this time. But I just wanted to find out what it is. Otherwise, I will just proviso this one. But I think there's other things that are in there.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. I'll check with her. But the last discussion I had; I knew she was planning to go out for an RFP on the whole amount. And so, but I'll double check with her and get back to you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I mean, it could be that she's planning to do it differently than the previous director did, this, the previous director already had it all laid out by the time we got to Budget.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. I'll check.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay. So, Members, if there aren't any objections, I'll mark this as a revisit.

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COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. We're on Page 21.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What about 20?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, did I miss something?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What page?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maui Soil and Water Conservation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Maui Soil and Water Conservation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry. Okay. Maui Soil Water Conservation District proposals by Member Paltin and Member Sugimura. Go ahead, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks. I'd like to propose we cut \$1,102,000 from the Ramseyered final amount due to operations on Public Works instead.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For Kahananui Sediment Retention Basin.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One point one? So, basically...oh okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: One million one hundred and two thousand and leave 25,000 in there for Ms. Sugimura to explain.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I remember that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Wait, what was your proposal to fund it? Was it Highway Fund or is it...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My proposal was to fund the Kahananui Sediment Retention Basin fixing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, no, but I, no, I know that. But was it General Funds, or General Bonds, or the Highway Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll defer to our Budget Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I believe after the discussion last night, it was going to be put in Operations in the Highways Division, but funded with, or in Special Maintenance --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, Special Maintenance.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --General Fund, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: General Fund. Okay. Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay. Oh, sorry, Mr. Ueoka? Oh, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, but I believe it was pending the current grant that Soil and Water Conservation has for \$100,000, and then, doing an assessment to see what actually needed to be done. So, I thought they said they might not need the whole \$1.1 million, and just a portion of it to just get the planning and permitting.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Soil and Water Conservation District needs to do their part first --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Clean up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --in order to try and find the lever --

MS. YOSHIMURA: The valve, right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the valve, for them to then go and remove the rest of the sediment and it's a two-step process.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, they had their grant for 100,000 already from another source.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, so I'm not cutting that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Right. And then, the amount that you put into Public Works will have to be determined.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, maintenance and repair in Public Works. Ms. Dagdag Andaya had said 1.2. But the problem was depending on how fast Soil and Water Conservation District is able to do it then it will take them. So, it might not be encumbered by the fiscal year, but safety for the residents and near-shore waters and the growing expense of sediment continuing to pile up.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, this was the one that I mentioned at the end of one meeting that I had looked at that spreadsheet. So, the actual amount is like 25,000 and not the exorbitant amount of 500,000. So, anyway, so that 25,000 is there and

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Member Paltin and I are going to, you know, share whatever that is. So, she's deleting her 1,102,000 and what's going to be left there is 25,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, for a total of 183,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, will you, what was the 25,000 for again?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: With the growing number of requests from the Soil and Water Conservation. So, they were asking for some help of getting like a half-time person. So, it's to assist them with their staffing. I think the thing that I've learned about Soil and Water Conservation is, as you can tell by Ms. Paltin, is that they went out and got their own money, Federal dollars to build this, you know, this sediment --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Retention basin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --project, yeah, retention, yeah, retention project. And so, now, it's a matter of cleaning and yeah, we have Member Paltin who's going to make sure it gets done, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Seeing no more questions, would you like to make the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So move. So, it'll be 183,000 added to the 150...oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Twenty-five thousand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Twenty-five thousand added to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For a new total of 183,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eighty-three, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member Paltin. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing none, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?



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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So, what happens to the rest of the money, the 1.2 goes...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it got deleted.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, deleted?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Deleted, she's saving us money.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That's what I was asking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Cutting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright, high five.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Following your lead. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: While we're still under the program of Office of the Mayor, I'd like to move for a reconsideration on Page 15, Number 9. Office of the Mayor, A, the

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Administration Program. My understanding at this time is with our current position, we reduced it by 230,000, 200,000 in one component, and 30,000 in --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Travel.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --in B component, correct. So, I rechecked the impact of my decision and therefore, I'm going to move to reconsider by this Committee at this time to, on Office of the Mayor Administration A program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, I guess we have to do a new motion and revote.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If it passes, yeah, the motion to reconsider, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, I need a second, okay. Do I have to take a vote on the reconsideration?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Motion made by Member Hokama to, for reconsideration, second by Member Lee. Any discussion? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: What is the intent to...can I ask Mr. Hokama the intent? Is this to put all the money back in?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I have a...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I don't have an intention to put the whole money, but I have a revised consideration to offer.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the reconsideration, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Councilmembers  
Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and  
Sugimura.**

**NOES:           Vice-Chair King.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes with eight “ayes,” and one “no,” Chair King. Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. At this time, I’d like to reinstate under the Office of the Mayor program A Administration Program under Category A Salaries, add 120,000 back from the original reduction, under Category B, to reinstate 30,000 that would equal a reinstatement of \$150,000 or still a reduction of 80,000. That’s my motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Hokama, second by Member Sugimura. Okay. So, I just...clarification, so 120,000 back, so 80,000 out of the \$1.4 million? Okay. Okay. Okay. So, the motion is to, in Category A Salaries...I need to do the math. Member Hokama, do you have that number?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Reinstate \$120,000, Category A. Under Category B, reinstate \$30,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, for a new total of 1,322,862 in Category A. And in Category B, 214,710.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And would add the 30,000, correct. No, you’re correct, you’re correct.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You wanted to reinstate the full --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, that's correct, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --30 yeah? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, no, you're correct --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --in your assessment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, discussion? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm supportive of adding the 80,000 back to the A Account.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One hundred twenty thousand.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, we're adding back 120, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Initially it was 200. Okay. I'm sorry about that, o 120. I do have questions. I'd like more clarification on the reason for adding back the 30,000 'cause that was initially early on when we previously conversed, I had supported not, you know, supporting the 30, well, supporting the \$30,000 reduction. So, if I could, Mr. Hokama could provide us some details on adding back the 30,000, what the Administration is going to do, why they want this increase?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You know, in my review...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, thanks, Mr. Molina. I really didn't have that much conversation with the Administration, to be honest with you. You know, I just reviewed my numbers, my details, what I expect out of this office, the type of work that would assist the Mayor in moving his vision forward. And so, I felt that the, you know, some of the discussions that I heard about whatever the Members are concerned, about output, quality, ability to serve the community, the districts. I felt that in my review, 230 was too much for then the Mayor, for me to say I gave him a fair opportunity to succeed. I still believe though that there was a . . . *(inaudible)*. . . it was reasonable for the reduction. So, for me, Mr. Molina, it's more about why I put back the B Account money was I need to see if they're going to come through and provide what they've been saying to the community. And that is why I'm happy to put back at

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least 120,000, because that 80,000 reduction less, to me, it doesn't have a major impact on staffing. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Point of information, Chair. If we do not support Mr. Hokama's proposal, then it goes back to the subtracting of 230,000? Or it goes...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It goes back to what was originally proposed --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Originally --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because Member...it would --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --on the paper?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --go back to the 1.4 million and the 214,000 because Member Hokama requested a reconsideration and therefore undid that amendment we made.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, if we don't support his amendment, it goes back to the full amount that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the Mayor wanted?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, it goes back to . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: We make another motion if we don't...if this isn't passed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If that doesn't pass, it goes back to what we...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You can make another motion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You can make another motion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You can make another proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if Member...because we undid the vote that we took, that amendment that we made is not, is no longer on the paper.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it goes back to the, what was proposed by the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Got it, got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Any other discussion? Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Can we make an amendment to Mr. Hokama's amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I'd like to make an amendment to put back the cut of \$30,000 in the travel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And if there's a second on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. There's a motion by Chair King to reduce the Category B Operations, \$214,710, to reduce the travel item, the 75,000 by 30,000. And I would need a second.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, seconded by Member Molina. Okay. So, discussion on the amendment to the main motion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Can I speak to the amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, movant.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I think the reduction of 30,000 was pretty well supported. But I also think that there's still an increase, Chair, and I think there are plenty of resources there, especially if we're going to put back 120,000 for the Mayor to accomplish what he needs to. But, you know, personally, I'm disappointed that the Mayor's been traveling so much. And this is what, an extremely important week. We're making major decisions on the County Budget and he's out of State and then, he'll be out of State again in a couple weeks with the Asia trip. And that to me, that's not serving the people of Maui, you know, we need our Mayor here and we need, especially at these critical times in his first year. But I think we've been, we're generous, we've been generous. We've increased the amount, the proposal that is in

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the Mayor's budget, more than double the travel budget from the previous year. So, that's my plea for adding that cut onto Mr. Hokama's proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay. I'll speak in favor of the...okay. Okay. So, I guess I explained that incorrectly, that if Member Hokama's motion doesn't pass, then the original, the amendments that we made with Chair King's proposal is what stands. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, we would be voting on the motion as amended right now. And if that fails, then it would go back to Member Hokama's.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The reconsideration passed. No, it passed already, this one reconsideration doesn't pass. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can we take a recess?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going to take a quick recess. At the Chair of...at the call of the Chair. It's now 8:59 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 8:59 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 9:08 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 9:08 on April 24<sup>th</sup> and we're continuing with our review and decisions of Section 3 of the Operating, sorry, Operating Budget, the Budget Bills, Section 3 of the Budget Bill, departments' operating budget. And so, I consulted with our OCS attorneys and what happens if, to answer Member Paltin's question, if Member Hokama's motion fails, then it goes back to the amendments that we made via Chair King's proposal and not the Mayor's proposal. Is that clear?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, thanks for taking the time to educate me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All of us. I...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks for educating all of us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Me included. Okay. Okay. Okay. So, the motion on the floor from Member Hokama is to reduce Operation, Category A Salaries by 80,000, \$1,402,862 reduced by 80,000. And the proposed new total would be \$1,322,862. Okay. And Chair King made a motion to amend Member Hokama's motion by adding, by proposing to reduce 30,000 from Category B Operations \$214,710 for a new total of 184,710. Okay. Alright.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we didn't get a second yeah? Did we get a second?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, we did.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we did. Sorry, I'm so sorry. And then Member Molina seconded for discussion. Okay. So, we're in discussion. Okay. Any discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think I gave my reasons for...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We discussed it already. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is it two separate, or one, one motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It is an amendment to the main motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, we only voting on Kelly's?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. So, we're going to take the vote on the amendment to the main motion, which is to also reduce Category B Operations by \$30,000. Okay. Okay. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those opposed?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. You want to raise your hands?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What, raising our hand for what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Those in favor please say "aye" and raise your hand and then I'll say your name.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci, Chair King, Member Kama, and myself. Okay. So, that's four to five. And I'm assuming...okay, and if you oppose, please raise your hand. Okay. So, Member Molina, Member Lee, Member Hokama, Member Paltin, and Member Sugimura.



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<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Kama, and Sinenci.</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>Councilmembers Hokama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, and Sugimura.</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
	<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>None.</b>

**MOTION FAILED.**

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just like school, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, the motion to amend the main motion fails.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, now we're back to Member Hokama's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're back to the main motion, which is to reduce Category A by 80,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Madam Chair, I would now like to make an amendment to Member Hokama's motion now --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --since Member King's motion failed to amend yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I would propose that we restore A Account to 150,000 and reduce B Account by 30,000, the B Account. Reduce the B Account by 30,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Walk me through it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Category A?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, currently Member Hokama's proposal has a...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is to reduce it by 80,000.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: One twenty.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, mine would be to restore another 30,000 to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --to A. Yeah, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it would be --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --150.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --your proposed is only for 50,000, to reduce it by 50,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: A Account.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A Account, 'cause it's, his, Member Hokama's motion is to reduce Category A by 80,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, you're proposing to amend the, or you would like to make a motion to amend the main motion --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --by additional 30,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: To the A Account, correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to the A.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then, reduce the B Account by 30,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I'm adding 30 to 80? Or am I...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You're adding the 30 to the, what would be the 120, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Molina, seconded by Member Lee. Go ahead, Member Molina.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, no, I guess as Member Hokama would say, there's a lot of ways to skin the cat, yeah. So, I guess this would still achieve an \$80,000 reduction overall. I guess we're taking 30, and then we're adding back the, we're adding that 30 to the A Account. So, I know we, some of us had talked about reducing the travel, the B Account by 30 and then moving that 30 to the A Account.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I hope it's as clear maybe as mud? Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the amendment is to reduce the \$1,402,862 by \$50,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for a new total of \$1,352,862. And to reduce in Category B, \$214,710 by \$30,000, for a new total of \$184,710.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Everyone's clear on the amendment to the motion? Okay. Any further discussion? Okay. I'm going to call for the question. Okay. We are voting on Member Molina's amendment only, which is to reduce the Category A by 50,000, and Category B by 30,000. Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Vice-Chair King.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE AMENDMENT.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the amendment to the main motion passes, seven-two, Chair King and myself. So, the main motion now is the amended motion, which is reduce Category A by 50,000, and Category B by 30,000. Okay. Any further discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, just to be clear, Chair, if this doesn't pass, then we go back to the original previous cuts?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, if this motion fails, then we go, we will revert back to the reduction of Category A by 200,000, and Category B by 30,000. That was the amendment that we made earlier. Okay. Clear?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Roll call.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Apo Takayama? Just kidding, just kidding. Okay. I'll do it. Okay. All those in favor of the motion --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That was cute.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --say "aye" and raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You gotta raise your hand so I can call your name. But just in case you don't change your mind. Okay. Member Sinenci, Member Molina, Member Lee, Member Hokama, Member Paltin, Member Sugimura. Okay.

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And those are the “ayes.” And those, any opposed please raise your hand. Okay.  
Chair King, Member Kama, and myself.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Councilmembers Hokama, Lee, Molina, Paltin,  
                              Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and  
                              Councilmembers Kama.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The motion passes six-three, Chair King, Member Kama,  
and myself.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Alright, just a little parliamentary --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --procedure.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Quick question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair...Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, what are the totals right now with all of this math that we've  
done?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, what we just, what the motion just amended  
Category A Salaries by 50,000, so 1,402,862, reduced by 50,000, for a new total of  
\$1,352,862. And it reduced Category B Operations by 30,000, travel, the 30,000 out  
of travel, for a new total of \$184,710. Okay? Alright. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I realize that the Upcountry right, I got to protect my upcountry. So, the Upcountry ag, or farmer, or farm event that used to happen every year is now called the 4-H Livestock, which is the 4-H livestock bring all their, you know, their cattle...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, where you at?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'm on, I'm looking at the farm, or Page 20 rather, Page 20.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Page 20.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And I saw Ag Promotion and I thought, oh, what happened to the 4-H livestock event which was --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it was moved to the --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --35,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Farm Bureau.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, so, can we proviso it then, because it doesn't have it in this draft then? I just don't want it to get forgotten.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, if you go into your Program Budget...where is it?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it was not ignored, then? Or it was not deleted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Page 414, 4-H Upcountry Fair, yeah, that had 35,000 last year --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --was moved to the Maui County Farm Bureau. And they have a new total, so, last year they had 305,000, and this year the proposed allocation is 350,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, they... 'cause it looks like it's not included. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can, Miss...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see it, 4-H, it has a different name now, though, the 4-H, I think it's called Livestock. They changed their name last year.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, from the 4-H. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, they did change their name. And so, instead of having it as the 4-H Upcountry Fair, it's now 4-H Livestock. And you could put a proviso if you wanted to for 35,000 under the Maui County Farm Bureau.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just to be sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, you're good --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Sugimura? Okay. Okay. Okay. Members, before we leave OED, we did receive a response back from Director Fukumoto today, answering some of the Members' questions regarding MISC. So, I know there were some proposals before the executive summary of the audit came out. So, I'm not sure if any of the Members wanted to still make their proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What do you recommend, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Revisiting and going on to Department of Parks and Recreation.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, sounds good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, if Members want to go back to that at the end, we can do that at that time. Okay. So, we're on Page 21, Department of Parks and Recreation. And the first two that you see, the 25,000 for a security officer at Kalama Park, and the 40,000 for the security system at Kalama Park. Both received consensus. That was Chair King's priority. And the 100,000 used to designate Kapueokahi Hana Beach Park as a cultural site for signage and art reflecting its cultural significance also received consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Point of information, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For the park security officer, is it, the fringe benefits in the Countywide cost already? Or, I mean, it will be?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I believe that's where it's supposed to be. I don't know if it got put there, but...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, for any position that you add to the Budget under the General Fund, the fringe would be...need...well, you will need to add the fringe into Countywide Costs under the Department of Finance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, those adjustments would be made after this body either confirms or approves the proposal, or if it gets denied then that adjustment wouldn't be made.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Got it, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Member Sinenci, did you want to revisit that Kapueokahi?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: You know, we discussed it and Member Hokama had went ahead and kind of pitched it at the State and trying to get some support from the, at the State Capitol. So, if...and we wanted to work with some of the Hawaiian groups at the capitol because I believe we all agree that the site is not just a, even though it's in Hana, that it's for all Hawaii residents. So, the place is a sacred place for us, for our community. It's the birthplace of Queen Kaahumanu. She ushered in a new era of Christianity. It's also the site of Kauiki Hill, and the Piilani saga. And for residents today, it's a koa for the akule fish. And so, we continue the practice of mahele with the entire kaiaulu. So, for us, making this, designating this a cultural site is one that reflects our identity as...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, Member Sinenci, did you want to make an amendment to it? Because I believe we came to a consensus on this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, what is your amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: If...I wanted to check with Member Hokama and just kind of reiterate his, at the capitol if I may?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, sure. Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Very quickly. I would say that those that I've talked to in the Senate and a few in the House have been very receptive and that are open to us since I say we'd put up at least half the money. And so, they were very open to seeing how they can participate, whether it be through OHA or the State legislative grant. I believe they understand the importance of the proper decorum. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.



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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Member Hokama. So, if we're putting up half, I believe this should be sufficient to move it forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 100,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or...okay, okay. It's not a reduction, you're not re-amending your proposal to 50,000, you're leaving it as it is? Okay. Okay. We already got consensus on this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Alright. Okay. The next item is on the bottom of Page 21, the Lanai Youth Center and Lanai Skate Park. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I can say that I appreciate, I believe those that participate in the planning, they did a good job in the pre-planning and getting some conceptual's done very well. So, we pretty much understand what our youth would like to see in their new facility, including the skate park. So, I'm going to ask if the Committee would at this time put in, allow me to put in a figure of \$3.5 million for the brand-new Lanai Skate Park and Youth Center Complex and that it be under the bond because I would like to at least have the Committee, if they choose, have another opportunity to review this project. But I'm asking currently to have it under the Bond Fund consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is that a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What is the amount?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion by Member Hokama to allocate \$3.5 million in general bonds, appropriate and not authorize, or...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, Chair, I would love to show you what they've designed for themselves. Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Is this additional funding?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right now, they have just a planning grant fund. So, this is now for construction.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But that'll be appropriated on top of this 12.9 million, or the 24 million? There's a total here...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll just stop that conversation real quick. Okay. Member Hokama, so, would this --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, Chair, the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --be more appropriate under the CIP, under Appendix C, the 3.5?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I would say that the current way that we have it proposed in your handout to us is the right space.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka? No?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Or shall we just adjust it to the CIP --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or Ms. Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --as a separate project?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, I think it would be better if we put it under CIP. 'Cause if not, we wouldn't, it wouldn't fit in either of the A, B, C categories.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Yeah, you're absolutely right. So, that was a good catch on our Chair's part. Okay. Chair, so, I would just say allow the Staff appropriate time to make the appropriate adjustments on the sheet, worksheets. But I believe we have the consensus on the funding level.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Since Staff is making...Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, just for clarification, so this is going to be a CIP project done by the Parks Department --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --and it's not going to be a grant to another...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no, this is a Maui County Parks Department project for a Lanai Youth Center and Skate Park --

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --facility.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, better in CIP. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, this was Member Hokama's, one of Member Hokama's priorities. And I know we completed, or the CIPs yesterday. So, while we have Staff working on that, I'd prefer to just get this vote done with. And then, that way we can give, you know, Staff the information now. Okay. So, okay, so, this would be CBS-XXX, and then we'll fill in the number. So, the motion is to add a CIP under the Parks and Recreation Department for \$3.5 million in general obligation bonds for a new Lanai Youth Center and a Lanai Skate Park. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that so, is that appropriated but not funded, or are we just gonna go ahead and fund the whole thing? We might as well just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh yeah, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fund it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . I'm sorry. Yeah, I was happy, but I prefer that we just, yeah, appropriate and authorize.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Appropriate and authorize?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Hokama, seconded by Chair King. Discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Long overdue. It's good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. Members, I'll call for the vote. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion unanimously passed. Okay. Page 22, okay, okay on the top, Member Sinenci, at the very top 750,000 shall be acquired, shall be to acquire land for ADA compliance in Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. This project is at the Hana Civic Center right across of the Hana Ball Park. And so, the County has been noncompliant with putting in ADA access into the park. And so, there's a neighboring parking lot that would provide for ADA parking, and then it would be right next to the lowest spot where we could do ramping into the County park. So, but since looking at this project, we're trying to get some matching funds to acquire the piece. So, half of that would go to the acquisition of the, and we'll try to solidify some matching funds to acquire the property.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm just going to make sure this does, wouldn't go into a CIP either. Oh okay. We're, okay, we're going to mark this as a revisit until we're clear on whether this would be a CIP.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Department of Planning, Member Hokama proposed 15,000 to provide administrative support for the Lanai Water Advisory Committee. I think we came to consensus on this.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes, Chair, we did. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, mahalo. Okay. Okay. And then, Member Sugimura proposed 250,000 for Important Agricultural Land identification and mapping project. Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. So, I just want to go take a few steps back because there were questions on IAL. And just for the Members' information, I did some research, the State Constitution Act 183 in 2005 for IAL, they crafted the policy basically which basically gave the County the right or asking the County to basically do your own home rule and not for the State to decide where the important ag lands are. And this actually came out and in 2005 Act 183, the Legislature had put out at that time \$7,500 for the different counties to take action and start working on this, \$75,000 for the counties to start taking action and working on their IAL. And Kauai was the only one that took advantage of it 2005, 2006 fiscal year as a grant in aid. Maui County did not do anything with it. And because I really want this to happen, and Member Sinenci who's in charge of agriculture, he and I have, you know, been talking about this. Again, I want to say that with things going on in our community and how important agriculture is, and I say it's important that the stars align where Mayor Victorino, our Planning Director wants to do this, our Ag Chair wants to do this, and so, what I did was because I heard hesitancy about the money, me asking for \$250,000, I asked the Legislature if they could half, give us 50 percent, so 125,000 of which they're going through their conference committees and I have asked both Ways and Means and Finance Committee if , you know, they would consider it. And I think they would if we provide the \$125,000 match. So, our 250 has gone down to 125,000 to do this. And I just want the Members to know that when I talked about mapping, I didn't mean a GIS map, it's the land use on the map. 'Cause after that first meeting, somebody said oh, but we already have GIS, you know, the system already in place. So, we don't really need to buy a mapping system. That wasn't what I was talking about. And then, the other important thing is once the incentives are finalized, that we need to go out and do community outreach so that people who may take up this opportunity would know what the incentives are and, you know, what they would get from doing this IAL land. IAL land, as you know, once it's designated, it stays in agriculture in perpetuity. So, I thought that would be an important benefit as we kind of see our whole community changing, you know, with the actions that are being taken with HC&S closing and just, you know, different things that go on and, you know. And so, I think this is an important move and I'm excited in that the Legislature is interested in being a partner with us. And instead of 75,000, you know, they're interested in doing 125 if we agree to match it. So, at this time I would like to change this to be a hundred and, provided that 125 shall be for important ag lands with a match from the State of Hawaii for another 125,000 for the 250. Probably Mr. Ueoka can tell me what the wording should be so it's appropriate, and I defer to Corp. Counsel on that. And just know that the Legislature, it sounds like just from what I've been reading, that the conference committees are about to finalize. So, we should be hearing next week or later on this week what they finally decided. But I would like to, you know, put this in and take up, take this on as a County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, can I ask you a question before we call on --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Corp. Counsel?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, after Leg ends next week, if the 125,000 one-to-one match doesn't get appropriated, what happens to this 125,000? Because it, the total would, the total for the project is 250,000 yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right, right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, we can --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We could keep it in there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we have, you know, after we complete this review in Committee and we recommend the Budget to the full Council, we'll have two other opportunities to --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Amend it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to make an amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. If that's what we need to do...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I wanted to get that on your radar.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Mr. Ueoka? 'Cause it's, how do we word this? And if that could be done, you know, before first reading or second reading, before it's done.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, I would just suggest, you don't know it's going to be 250,000 per se. But so, you might want to just include language, provided that up to 125,000 shall be for the Important Ag Land identification and mapping project. And I guess or shall be available upon receipt of a one to one match from the State Legislature, something to that effect.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. And, you know, if you could take out the mapping project 'cause it's more than just the map. It was my words, but if you could take out the mapping 'cause it's really the program.

MR. UEOKA: Member Sugimura, I won't, I will just review the, I'll work with Staff, they'll draft the --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

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MR. UEOKA: --proviso and I'll work with them.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That'll, is that good, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the proposal is...oh sorry, Member Sugimura, do you want to make a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, so move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion from Member Sugimura is to add 125,000 in Department of Planning, I guess that would be Category B, for IAL Identification mapping projects, et cetera, seconded by Member Lee. We'll finalize the language for that project --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --after.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: 'Cause it's more than mapping. So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I ask a question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Chair King, discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you. So, I have a couple questions, one is, before it was 250 with the mapping project. So, it's still 250 but we don't need the mapping project?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, it's, that's the confusing, that's what's making people confused 'cause mapping is part of IAL. So, it's designating which lands are important ag lands on the maps --

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and then, doing community outreach is going to be a big thing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, do we know that that's going to cost, I mean, if the Legislature gave 75,000 to each county...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, they're going to give 125.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, but they originally gave 75,000 to each county to do this.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This is in 2005.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, now...but do...the figure of 250, did that come from the Legislature?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It actually came from Planning.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, Planning.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I asked Planning, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, they figure that it would take 250 to do this project?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And they're set to do it?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, and so --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --just to kind of entice us to maybe take a step forward 'cause it's, it was feeling difficult. And then, I asked the Legislature if we could get their help, so.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thanks for the questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Kama?



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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You know, as I, we talk about some of the lands and we don't know where they are, and we need an inventory of all of our County lands and we're not sure who's supposed to do what. Maybe, you know, we need to have our own land division, you know, 'cause if we're talking to DLNR and we're talking, and they have a whole land division of their own and they know where all their lands are, and maybe we should have a land division too, so that they know where all the lands are and we, and we all know the same thing, and what we can do with these lands, and keep the IAL lands where they should be, and to ensure that those things take place, and somebody's watching over it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Charter amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That's just my two cents. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. I will call for the question. Or do you want to discuss?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just..

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Let's vote.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I won't add to it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Let's just vote on it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, just vote on it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in anticipation of getting the \$125,000 from the State, you need to amend Appendix A, Part 1 to add the grant.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --it doesn't have to be amended later.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Good idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay. I'll make a note of that. Okay. Next is Member Sinenci's proposal for a 75,000 increase in Category B for a permit cost recovery plan study. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yes, the last cost recovery study was back in 2009. And in that study, the data shows that taxpayers are subsidizing the permitting process fees by several million dollars. And so, if we did do a new study, we would eventually recoup the money used for the study by giving this Council the legal justification to raise fees as we see fit. So, we're hoping to get consensus on this study.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Would you like to make the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I move that we continue with \$75,000 to conduct a permit cost recovery policy study.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Lee. Discussion? Seeing none, I'll call for the...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just have one question --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --just did that figure of 75,000 come from the Planning Department or where did we get that? Do we know that it's enough?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I believe that was from, we just took from the last study that they did.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, that's how much it cost to do the last study?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Matrix study?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so we're trying to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --update the matrix study? Is that what we're trying to do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It was just updating, redoing the study.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Redoing that study is like a 25, or how old is that study?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ten years.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Ten years.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ten years, a ten-year-old study. Okay. So --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the 75,000 would still be enough yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other questions?

MR. UEOKA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Just a quick clarification for the record. It is our belief in our office that our rates and fees are perfectly legitimate as they stand right now. And my understanding is this study will just give further clarification for adjustments moving forward. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, I'll call for the question.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Page 23, okay, Member Hokama, it looks like there's a proposed amendment for a mechanic on Lanai under the Department of Police.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I'm going to withdraw it because I was looking more for some efficiencies. So, I was just awaiting to see if our current Public Works full-time heavy mechanic had additional, to consider vehicle and maintenance for Departmental support. But so, at this time I will withdraw it since I have no proposal. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. And, Member Paltin, you want, your proposal was to grant exclusive, you wanted the grant to be exclusive to the eradication of crystal meth?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was just my comments to the Chief of Police when he was here because they had several items of money that was specifically to marijuana. And after we were going through our rural communities, I mean, it was kind of obvious that it wasn't the marijuana that was causing a lot of the problems. And I just thought it was interesting that there were grants exclusively for the eradication of marijuana, but nothing exclusively for the eradication of crystal methamphetamine. So, it was kind of like a, I guess a suggestion if they can find money specifically for the eradication of crystal methamphetamine. 'Cause I think a lot of the monies that we're having to put into substance abuse programs and other human concern issues stems from that. And yet, we're not specifically targeting crystal meth use, or dealing, or those types of things. So, I'm just pointing out kind of a disconnect that I saw in attending the district budget hearings, especially in rural areas.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. And...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Madam Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then Member Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I have a cut. It's not a very big one. But it's based on the communication PD-5, on Page 2 there's a response to a question about the humidifier incubator and the response from the Police Department was, it was, the previous humidifier was 20-years old. However, in February 2019, the Department was able to purchase a replacement and is therefore requesting for this item to be removed from our Fiscal Year '20 equipment budget request. So, that would be on Page 15-26, the, in, under Investigative Services Program, \$14,000, Mysteria humidifier incubator. So, out of Investigative Services Program under equipment, just remove 14,000 from that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, under equipment, so under the Department of Police, Investigative Services program, under Category C Equipment, 213,306 reduced by 14,000 --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Fourteen thousand, that's what's in their memo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for a new...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Or well that's what's in the budget yeah, for the incubator, humidified [sic] incubator.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And so, the new total will be \$199,306. Okay. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I propose that we take that mechanic from Lanai that's not going there anymore and put him in Wailuku.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, that's an increase of one E/P?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, and we had a full discussion on this when we interviewed the Police Department. 'Cause right now there's one administrator, and two part-time people. And a lot of the work has to be outsourced.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you have...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Member Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Member Lee, do you have an amount to add to Category A?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Sorry, I thought it was going to be in here already but it's not. So, when I saw the one from Lanai became free, I thought...no I don't.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. But still, we need to add one mechanic.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Member...Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, is it for an Automotive Mechanic I?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm sorry, what was that again?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Automotive Mechanic I?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, and...wait, what was the other one? Oh yeah, and then we had talked about the clerical operations person along with the mechanic. It comes as a package.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, is it two E/Ps?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Two E/Ps please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then, what was the second E/P?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ms. Yoshimura, can you help me with it? Is the clerical operations...

MS. YOSHIMURA: Operations clerk or...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: To help Trent.

MS. YOSHIMURA: To help Trent? Okay. So, both positions would have to be in Technical and Support Services 'cause that's where the motor pool is.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, yes.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: The mechanic is 58,992, but that's a full year's salary. So, I'm assuming eight months?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Eight months.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, 44,244.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the automotive mechanic?

MS. YOSHIMURA: For the automotive, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Forty-four four two four four. No, that's too many numbers. Two four four. Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: And then, I would have to look up what the office...wait hang on...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And then, they just add the fringe and whatever else? Okay. Thank you very much. Oh, we didn't vote, did we vote on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we didn't vote yet.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, an Office Operations --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do we have to?

MS. YOSHIMURA: --Assistant II, which is an SR-10, eight-month funding would be 21,776.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One more time?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Who works for that salary? SR-10 is the lowest you can practically you can go right?

MS. YOSHIMURA: They have a, I think we have SR-8 positions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The SR-10 is good?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Better than eight.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Yoshimura, will you please repeat that number?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, Chair, it's 21,776.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. Members, the motion is to, under Department of Police, Technical and Support Services program, to increase the 110.8



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equivalent personnel, to 112.8 E/Ps by adding an Auto Mechanic for \$44,244 which is 8 months, and Operations Clerk II SR-10 for \$21,776 also for 8 months for a total of \$66,020 for a new total in Category A for \$7,455,027. Okay. Any last, any discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Now, we're on Page 23, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. And these were my proposals and it's to add under the Administrative Program, one Office Operations Assistant II, and under, for 21,776, and that's an 8-month worth of funding, and under the General Prosecution Program, adding a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, \$42,338. That addition didn't make it. Okay. Okay. And so, as I explained when I made this proposal, the overtime at the Prosecutor's Office has been outrageous. And in trying to figure out how to bring that number down, this actually would be almost half the amount that they were accumulating in overtime. So...okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I received a letter from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. It was dated April 23 so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --and I'm not sure what, it's got some changes in it. But I'm not sure what...can I just read it to you so you can kind of match it up with your, it's kind of short but...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so the purpose of the letter is to reiterate and clarify our expansion requests which I represented to your Committee on Thursday evening, April 18. We're requesting adoption of the Mayor's proposed Budget which is identified in light green on the chart below. So, they're requesting under General Prosecution one Office Operations Assistant II, which you mentioned; under General Prosecution a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at \$42,338 which I think you mentioned; two internship law clerks, which are in the Mayor's Budget for \$13,867 each. And then, under the Administration, two Office Operations Assistant II for 13,610, and under General Prosecution another Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at 63,500, which is a 12-month funding. So, I'm not sure why the previous one was...oh that was a full year, full salary as well, a full year's salary for Fiscal '19 expansion position. And then, it says, furthermore, we are respectfully requesting Council line item additions identified in the...okay, that's just the beige part which...okay. So, originally, he had...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maybe we'll revisit.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, originally, he had requested the attorney at 63,000, that he's asking for 63,500 to be unfunded and he would try to get a grant. Now, he's asking for the 63,500 which is partial, and they would seek grants sources for the remaining balance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I don't know. I think, I'll just give this to you and if you could match it up with...or did you get the same one --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I did.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --with the same date?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. April 23<sup>rd</sup>?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I just, I haven't...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, it just came in yesterday and I haven't matched it up against --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --what's here. So, if you have it --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, okay, I'm going to...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --then that's fine, we could just revisit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm going to mark it as a revisit so we can...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair? When you're done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, I'll just, I'll mark it as a revisit so that we get it, exactly it. Okay. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: If we could rewind up to the top of the page back to the Department of Police?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, increase funding for crisis intervention?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, this is...so, what our Budget Director told me was it would be found under Professional Services, right, Ms. Yoshimura? Under...I forget what page it was on, in the Details. But it fell under Professional Services, but I don't know how much it was in Professional Services. And whatever it was, I'd like to be able to increase that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's on Page 16-4.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I'll look for it for Councilmember Kama and then get back to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll mark it as a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. We're almost there, Members. Okay. Department of Public Works, okay, Member Sinenci, Engineering Program 100,000 for title search and survey for Nahiku bridge, including an assessment update of the existing structure, and an estimate for infrastructure upgrades.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. This was for the Nahiku Bridge Project. I believe we received consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the second one was from Member Molina which I believe we also came to consensus on, 50,000 for the tree removal service in Olinda.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, Madam Chair, if I could just mention upon speaking with the, my staff spoke with Director Dagdag and the suggestion...well, first of all, that where it says, provided that 50,000 shall be for tree removal service in Olinda, eliminate that because --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --according to the Director, the 500,000 could include the survey as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, basically, what I'd like to propose, 500,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Special Maintenance Fund Program called the Highway Beautification Fund for the, that addresses the tree removals.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Was that CIP last night?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, this is what was suggested to us by the Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that's in Appendix B, Part II...Appendix A, Part II?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I believe so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the Special Revenue Funds?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. So, it'd just be a General Fund transfer to the Highway Beautification Fund --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --of 500,000. I don't know, maybe Ms. Yoshimura would like to comment on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And we would strike this 50,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, strike that C, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, I wrote that down last night. I think it was Appendix A, Part II, the Beautification, the --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Highway Beautification, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Highway Beautification Fund.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Five hundred thousand, which would include the study.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so basically is just, according to what we're told, the survey can be done with that, to be included with that \$500,000 appropriation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I think, I would need to go back and check on the balance for the Highway Beautification Fund. And I believe there's also a limit as to how much we can spend on highway beautification, versus what we spend on abandoned and derelict vehicles. I believe I think it's \$2...oh, but do the, but I think even if you...Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I think we need to see the mechanics of that General Fund transfer once it gets into the fund and the use of the fund after that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I guess --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --Madam Chair, in light of that, maybe a revisit, I guess, to allow the Budget Director to consult with the Public Works Director on this?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just have a question why that wouldn't be a special maintenance program issue 'cause it seems funny to do, to take money out of Highway Beautification to take trees down. I mean, it seems like a maintenance issue rather than a beautification.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's for the road.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I don't see a problem with just leaving it in Public Works under Special Maintenance rather than doing the transfer and then looking at the restrictions of the money.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, whatever works.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, your new proposal is under Public Works Special Maintenance Program, General Fund, is to put \$500,000 for tree removal service in Olinda.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And to include the survey as well, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and will you do the breakdown? How much is the survey?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just say survey and tree removal, right?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's survey and tree removal, correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Survey and tree removal.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: We're going save 50,000 so my colleague from Wailuku going be happy with me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: High five.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, do you want to make a motion, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Lee for \$500,000 under Special Maintenance Program General Fund for a survey and tree removal in Olinda. Discussion? Okay. Seeing none, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Measure passes unanimously. Okay. Next is Member Hokama's very large ask for \$2,500 for a 10-ton floor jack for Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I believe we had consensus on the proviso.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Sorry, it was highlighted. Okay. Okay. Under DSA Program General Fund, Member Sinenci proposed 50,000 shall be for a user fee study to determine the cost of building, electrical and plumbing permits. And that might be a consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add some wording to that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Grading, grubbing, and subdivision permits.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any objection?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee...oh no not yet, sorry, next one. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Actually, I don't see my other one...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The three DSA.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, not DSA, that was cancelled.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. That's five E/P labor positions? That one is under Road, Bridge, and Drainage Maintenance --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's the one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Highway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, when we get to the Road, Bridge, and Maintenance Program on Page 25.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, great. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I got you. Okay. Under Highways Administration Program Highway Fund, Member Paltin, 120,000 for one crack sealer hot pot, and one replacement crew cab utility vehicle for West Maui. I think that was consensus yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And also Member Paltin, 1,500,000 for sediment removal and maintenance of the Kahana Nui Debris Basin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We moved that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, we moved it out. I just was wondering if it would also be under the Road, Bridge, and Drainage Maintenance Program because it's like a drainage maintenance, or if it's in the correct area right now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What was the recommendation? This is the same one that we keep moving all over the place yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it was, the recommendation was to put it in Operations for Public Works.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, instead of Highways, we move it to Road, Bridge, Drainage Maintenance Program?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the question, if that would be the correct location.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or not, because this is only for Highway Fund.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, because we have to use General Funds, you can't use the Highway Fund for the project that you're speaking of. I think you would be better off putting it in the Special Maintenance Program. Other than that, you would probably have to do an interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund for the project.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, where it's in right now is the Special Maintenance Program or no?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, where it is right now is Highways Administration Program. And so, if you look above where the floor jack is, that's the Special Maintenance Program, General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. If I can please put it there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: What's another million.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I can be supportive. But I think, in the reality I think we might want to have the Department give us what they actually can spend because that's a lot of fill and the fill got to go someplace. So, if the Department says, you know, realistically we can only do this much within this time of work, then we can make the adjustment then. But I would ask that we maybe have additional guidance. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Paltin, what was the amount that they said?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: One point two, and then, I put in an extra .3 for contingency.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, when we had them on the floor, and we were talking about this specific one?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: One point two.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, do you want me to follow up with the Department tomorrow morning and get back to you?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We'll mark this as a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, make it easy. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're now on Road, Bridge, and Drainage Maintenance Program Highway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm in that box on the right. I just want to delete that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That was on my wish list. I do not wish to have it anymore.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Okay. And we have, that one was a consensus. And okay, this would be the appropriate time for the five equivalent personnel shall be for Laborer II positions. Member Lee? . . .*(bumps microphone)*. . . Oh, waking everyone up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I guess so. I move to add to the Budget five laborer positions. This is for the slurry program. The permanent pavement program whereby what they're doing right now is they're taking all the district people because they're so shorthanded on that slurry program. So, the five additional laborers would be assigned to the slurry program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But I don't have any of the numbers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I have the numbers for you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Five at 43,584 for a total of \$217,920, for a new total of \$7,209,752. And so, we would increase the 129 to 134 E/Ps.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Members, discussion? Okay. Seeing none, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Alright. Okay. Okay. Ms. Yoshimura, for the 11,500 for the ice maker for Lanai, the 45,000 message boards, and the 42,000 for the two light towers, and 80,000 for the tire roller compactor. Is this the appropriate place to add that equipment under Road, Bridge, and Drainage Maintenance Program, Highway Fund?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, that's the right place to be putting it. We are checking if the ice machine should be paid for by General Funds instead of Highway Funds. If the ice machine should, or the icemaker should be paid for out of General Funds, then I would suggest moving it to the Special Maintenance Program. I think there's a Lanai Garage.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that would just be for the icemaker, for the 11,500?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The 11,500.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, I would recommend making that move for the icemaker into the General Fund. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we are going to move it, right, is that what you just said?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. So, we're not going to might, we are going to move it. Okay. Okay. So, we'll make that adjustment for the \$11,500 for the icemaker to Special Maintenance Fund under Equipment.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, just a question about, are the message boards, are those ones on the road that have the lights? Oh, okay. I don't know why message boards cost 45,000.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: LED lights.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two of them --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is for \$45,000,

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, no, I didn't realize they were outside...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, we're almost there. We're on Page 26, Department of Transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, wait, wait, wait. Oh, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Department of Transportation. Okay. I thought you skipped it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go ahead, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, remember when Marc Takamori was here, our Director, and he was talking about the fee study, to do a fee study. And I got some background information. So, the two studies that were done, which was the

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short-range transportation plan was done April 2016, and an audit was done March 2018. And in both of these documents, they do talk about fare, fee structure. But the Department, between the Director and the Deputy are actually doing community outreach. They're pretty awesome, what they're doing. And what they told me was that they didn't want to make any changes in the fee structure until they did this community outreach, as well as, then they would recommend something if appropriate, right, for the next fiscal year. So, I wanted to give them the tools that they need because the studies that were done, although it does address some of this, is I wanted to give them an opportunity to do a \$50,000 study and feasibility study so that they can take their Department to the next level and look at these issues. So, I would like to propose that here. And Number 2 for this is 50,000 allocation for a study fee and feasibility study for Department of Transportation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is that, that's under the Administration Program General Fund, General, and it would go under the Public Transit Program?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, it would be I guess Roman numeral II yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have a question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Under general.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can I ask her a question? Yuki, what kind of fee study are you asking for?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: To look at their fare analysis for fixed route, commuter, paratransit program. So, look at all their fee structures because they didn't recommend any increase in fee structures for this year. But they wanted to do the study first before they would entertain, if they do, decide to do an increase in next fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Just checking because if I could now ask Ms. Yoshimura, how much do we subsidize that program?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Which program?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The bus, the transit, the bus.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Oh, okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Was it 12 million?

MS. YOSHIMURA: There's about \$2.4 million of revenue from bus fares. The transit, public transit and paratransit I think comes out to about 10 or between 10 to 12 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: In subsidy?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah, and that...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And that comes right out of the Highway Fund too, yeah?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's the part that gets me. No, that's why I was just wondering because, you know, if we really charge them what we should, they wouldn't take the bus. I mean, you know, but I guess a fee study would be good if one hasn't been done lately, yeah, to update --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --get the updated information. Okay. So, thank you, Madam Chair. I was just needing to --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Those are important...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --get clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, those are important questions. And we're going to have this discussion in my Committee. And painfully, I think what these studies say is that, like Oahu doesn't have any monthly passes. And they didn't tell us not to, but that's kind of the trend because of the cost associated with it. So, anyway, if you would allow this study to take place and get current data because the data's pretty old.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And how much was it?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fifty thousand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fifty thousand. Okay. Would you like to make the motion? Okay. Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, oh sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --would you like to make the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, so move.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Member Sugimura and seconded by Member Kama to add \$50,000 under Department of Transportation Administration Program, ii, fee structure study Category B Operations. Discussion? Okay. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Now in the Department of Water Supply, okay, Member Sugimura, the additional one E/P to be assigned to assist with projects furthering the goal of resolving the Upcountry water meter list. Was that...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, that's from last year. So, you can delete that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. Okay. The 500,000 for Miconia and other invasive species containment and removal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right, that was mine, right, Madam Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, there's so much to discuss on this matter. I mean, we can delete it because there is sufficient, there are sufficient funds available. But, you know, we're talking about withholding monies and getting more information. So, considering that there's lots of information gathering ahead of us, we may as well delete that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then, the one below that, the 200,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for engineering study. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Was that hers or mine?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We moved that one.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, we moved mine to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --Water...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Environmental Management.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Environmental Protection. Okay. And then, Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Number 5 is deleted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --asked to delete that one.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This one is deleted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I don't know what that 500,000 for the development of a conservation pilot project similar to, oh no, similar...oh, that's Member Lee's, the Pulama Lanai Water Conservation Project to develop water conservation measures to



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manage fresh water for future demand, save money, and prevent water pollution in watersheds.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was the one that was yours. The one below it was Member Sinenci's.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You deleted his.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I deleted yours. That's funny. No, 'cause I did put 500,000 in. Maybe I deleted it earlier. Well, when I saw my name there, I said oh, I guess I didn't delete it. You want it back? Okay. Where's that Pulama Lanai one?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's similar to the Pulama Lanai, --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Roman number III.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --it's right above it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's \$500,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, what is that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the water meter --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --monitoring program study --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --or equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. This is a, apparently a highly successful conservation program on Lanai. And they started this maybe a year or two ago and they've been able to save quite a bit of money and well, quite a bit of water because this is a leak detection program and that's been very highly successful. And I think we need to initiate one on Maui as well, a pilot project based on that same project that they have there on Lanai. So, I do have 100,000, I mean 500,000. But let's reduce that to 100,000. Okay. Hundred thousand, I think it'll be well worth the effort. And we may save a couple million gallons a day too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You can use Kula. You can use Kula as the pilot project.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know, that's too hard. Okay. Move to approve.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Lee, second by Member Hokama for 100,000 for this --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: One hundred thousand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and I remember asking how many this would purchase with 500,000 and the answer was as many as it would, as 100,000 would now buy.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Discussion, Members? Okay. All those in...Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just...do we have to add money into somewhere for the water, Department of Water Supply since it's self-funded? Or are we just taking this out of Carryover/Savings?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are you asking me for the solution?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, because, you know, it's self-funded, so, are we, we can take it out of, I mean, they have about what, 4 million Carryover/Savings?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ms. Yoshimura, where would you suggest we get the money from? From the Mayor's Office? Just kidding, just kidding.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . at Corp. Counsel . . . .*(inaudible)*. . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I would have to check with the Department of Water Supply.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Otherwise, we're just going to have to add to their budget, right?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: From General Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll vote on it and then we'll figure, we'll make that adjustment.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: They have about 4 million in Carryover/Savings...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously. Okay. Okay. Please make sure I didn't skip anyone. There's lots of red line. Did I skip you, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, I don't think so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Under Water.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: But I did have a...oh no, nothing under water. But I have another consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Try wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, under Water?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We got two more.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh no, yeah, but I think there's still some more for Water.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, 'cause I have to delete my 6 million.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, you do? On Page 28.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 6 million was in Open Space Fund, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, we'll just take that out because right now, we're...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's in Appendix A, Part II.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, it's right here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page 28.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Page 28.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We were going to use the Bond Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. We're going to use part...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is another part of --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --promoting storage, you know, water storage along with leak prevention and all...and, you know, part of conservation. But not right now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, your proposal is to strike your proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Done. Okay. And right below that I think, yeah, Member Sugimura, 200,000 for an engineering feasibility study to use stormwater for drought resiliency for Upcountry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Correct, thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion? Okay. Seeing none, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yay, thank you. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, sorry if you and my fellow colleagues would, I beg your indulgence to go back to Page 16 just for a proviso consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sixteen?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Page 16.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Page 16 under the Haiku-Paia-Makawao Economic Development --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --and Cultural Programs. I'd like to add a proviso that 25,000 shall be for the Haiku Hoolaulea and Flower Festival.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, is for the 140,000?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we're not there yet.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Don't worry, we didn't skip it. We were going to revisit all of it at one time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We're going to revisit and all of us have a list.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay, okay. Oh sorry, sorry --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Don't worry, you didn't miss it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --I just jumped the gun.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We're all going to go back and make our lists.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Alright, well, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can you just give us a figure for how much we added into the Water, Department of Water Supply with all these provisos and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Everything was, most of it was deleted except for the 100,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, really, and then the, under the...and then the 200,000 for the feasibility study?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, the 100,000 --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for the meters, and then the 200,000 for the study.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, it's only 300,000 extra?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three hundred thousand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We should be able to find that in Carryover/Savings.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. Do Members need a quick break?

VICE-CHAIR KING: We need to go home.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What do we have left? What do we have left?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Like, with everything or like for this one?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: For this, yeah, yeah, for this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For this one?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Handout.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For Budget Bill, Section 3?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we had several revisits. Would you like me to read all the revisits or you want to just start doing the revisits? Or do you want a quick bathroom break or anything, stretch break?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Are we waiting for...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The hard one is going to be like MVB and what else?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The one...well, it's not hard, but the 140,000 for everyone 'cause...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, that should be easy.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But I don't think...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But your request was to have everyone bring their --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's true. Tomorrow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --items in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Tomorrow, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, the rest should be, just go by quickly then, the other revisits.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the most part. But there's a couple that I think Members are going to have to check with --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Our parents?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the Department on additional information. Where did they go?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The, oh Member Paltin needed to check with, on the Kahana Nui sediment retention basin. Okay. So, Members want a quick ten-minute? Okay. Alright, so, it's 10:36. Please be back in your seats by 10:46. It's 10:36 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS: 10:36 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE: 10:49 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 10:49 on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing our review of Section 3 of the Budget Bill. Okay. And we are doing revisits and we're going to start, if there's no objection, we'll start with the Maui County Visitor Association. Okay. No objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And that is on Page 19. Okay. Okay. Member Paltin proposed a \$2 million reduction from the allocated \$4 million. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I proposed the \$2 million reduction and it's kind of hard to figure it out if we didn't really set the Hotel rates, Timeshare rates, and Short-Term Rental rates. But, you know, if we're not going to, depending on if we're not going to increase the property tax on the -related properties 64 percent, then I would suggest



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cutting the Visitors Association 2 million and putting that funds into, investing it in the areas that will promote Maui such as, you know, ocean safety, environmental sustainability, beautification, and things that we do that help the industry and the residents and the islands. And so, I'm proposing to cut 2 million from the Visitors Association.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. And so, we had asked Director Fukumoto if she could get the information for us on what the impact of reducing the Maui Visitors Bureau line item to, from \$4 million to \$2 million and we received that response today. And that's question one, and then, it goes into the impact.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'm aware of the impact. I'm thinking that, you know, this is just a one-year budget, and we try something different than what we've been doing, and try to advertise by the authentic things that Maui has to offer and try to really provide for the safety of our residents and tourists. You know, if it, if we analyze the impact of this cut and it's the wrong thing to do, then we put it right back up next year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. So, some of the impact is direct reduction in staffing at MVB, changes in target market, ripple effect in economy, and I just, you know, cutting staffing at MVB, we saw a report from MVB showing how much money is spent on advertising. And to go immediately to cutting positions is very disappointing and alarming to me that before even cutting advertising, they would cut jobs. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought you raised your hand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I didn't raise my hand. I just accidentally hit that. But I agree with you that, you know, we should be looking at all this advertising. It's hundreds of thousands of dollars of advertising. So, I don't know why they would keep doing that and then cut positions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't particularly support a 2 million cut from the appropriation. I believe that whether we like it or not, we, there is this overreliance on the visitor industry. And this is the main industry that we have. And sometimes we take it for granted that it'll always be this way. But as we have learned, and from the testifiers tonight reminded us that any major event could really have a negative impact on the visitors coming to Maui and that would really affect our economy and the jobs of the many people who all work in the visitor industry. So, I would be very, very reluctant to delete 2 million. I mean possibly a little bit, but not 2 million. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, that is absolutely correct. I think we heard through the public testimony the importance; I think we had a few people who said that we should maybe tax the hotels more. But in general, we heard from workers, we heard from managers, and we, you know, we heard from working people about the impact that the visitor industry has on our economy. And as you know, and I think Member Lee said it correctly, whether we like it or not, that is our main economic driver. And we are also hearing that we're on a downturn for our economy, and I think more so, the importance of having our voice out there amongst the many, you know, places in the world who are trying to get visitors to spend in their markets that we need to still be out there. I was in the business of being in marketing and community relations, and I will tell you that it is something that takes a lot of work, and you have to be top of mind. And whether we, you know, we may not like things, or we may not like the idea of thinking that we have to spend our dollars on advertising, and some who are in business would understand this, that you need to keep top of mind and keep working at it. And I think that they do it, the Visitors Bureau. Their job, what I learned from when I worked at Office of Economic Development, was that their job was to bring people here. And then, once they got here, it was the rest of us who did community relations, or different projects to teach cultural programs or understanding how, you know, to educate the visitors is what we're talking about now, of different issues that are important to us. But it becomes then our responsibility for the next step to kind of pass them over to us and to show them aloha and to appreciate them. I know that we've just gone through a portion of our Budget and we can see where we spent. We're putting in millions of dollars trying to do exactly that of making sure that the residents have what they need, you know, for a healthy community. And when the visitors come, the interaction with them is what we're feeling. And maybe it feels like it's too much in the, when it's the upturn in the visitor market. But it is a very important part of our economy and I don't want us to...one of the testifiers who was talking about that she and her family are reliant upon this, you know, their income. And I think she represents a lot of people who work in the hotel industry. I think she was Filipino and talked about, you know, what their family experiences. And I think there's many hardworking families who I represent, who all of us represent, who rely on the visitor market. So, I stand by them to continue their work, and for us to understand maybe, and they need to understand our frustration, or the, you know, how we can all work together. And I think it's a healthy discussion that's been going on. And for the, you know, other Members to express their frustration. I have thoughts about some of the provisos made about, and we talk about it at the appropriate time, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But at this time, I would like to hear from the other Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. You know, I think, I can understand the frustration some of my colleagues with how our visitor, I guess, success has gone. 'Cause with success sometimes comes inconvenience and unintended consequences. So, I certainly respect that. But at the same time, this is all we got as our main industry. I can remember a time when we also had pineapple and sugar, those were such wonderful times. But we also have to keep in mind now a lot of those displaced workers from those industries are now part of the visitor industry. So, I have to keep that in mind. And, you know, we cannot take for granted that Maui County, or Hawaii in general will continue to be a number one destination for a lot of people. Sometimes you, when you assume success, that's when you can get in trouble, when you assume things and then you forget, and you stop being aggressive as far as marketing. I would be amenable to a slight adjustment. But I think 2 million is really cutting it really deep. And so, and also when it comes to the visitor frustration, we got to keep in mind it's not just the mainlanders, or the people that come from foreign countries that impact our infrastructure, sometimes it's our very own family that come from the neighbor islands too. They rent cars; they stay at hotels. So, the, although I guess it can be argued the majority of the impacts are caused by those who come from the mainland and other countries. But those who come from the neighbor islands, you know, locals, they contribute to some of the traffic and inconveniences we have too. Remember when we had the, that Superferry, the fear was those coming from Honolulu or neighbor islands would come and take all of our resources, you know. So, that's why we have to be also consider the impacts caused by our brothers and sisters on the neighbor islands too. So, but anyway, I, yeah, so, I'll just leave it at that. I'm amenable to a slight adjustment. But 2 million for me, is really tough to take. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Members, for this discussion. For me, I was hoping to move more towards management of our visitor's industry and to educate our visitors. You know, I think we all see the effects in our infrastructure, the added traffic that we have to sit through, the extra time to get to and from work. So, that has greatly changed. The lack of affordable housing, we've seen a lot of the affordable inventory move to short-term rentals. And that has put us out of that housing, affordable housing piece. We've also seen some of the safety issues if tourists go like unchecked. We already see them going into dangerous areas, falling off cliffs, avoiding those parks where we do have safety measures, bathrooms, running water, trash pickup, parking. So, these are kind of just some of the stresses on our island home that I think as responsible Councilmembers, we need to address. For me, you know, that safety issue, if we have so many tourists being hurt or going beyond the barriers, it takes away from my community's resources, you know, as far as emergency, EMT, ambulatory resources. So, I just don't want it to be where our quality of life is interrupted, where like we become kind of second-class citizens to our industry. I don't want it to be where we kind of, people have said, kill the, our golden

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goose. I kind of want to see a balance of our natural resources, our environment, that we take care of a healthy...this living place that we all reside on. And to desecrate it or to, you know, to not malama our home would be, would have more dire consequences. So, I'm looking to more management and education, and finding that balance where we can, you know, help the economy but also maintain who we are. Because everybody wants to come to Hawaii. And I think we have lots to share. And I'm looking forward to being part of that effort. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just want to express some things. It was painful for me to sit through all the testimony about those who were trying to secure their future and their retirement, and that they had and were renting, you know, another place so that they could look forward to that. And as I've listened to them, and even those who started from humble beginnings and were able to be successful, and those who want to continue to leave something for their children. I felt like they didn't get the local people. That the local people don't even have their own houses, that they don't even have a place to rent. And so, we're listening to this, I'm a local person, I've got family out there, I came late because I went to a family reunion in a household of 17 people. But they wanted to do that, they said aunty, I want you to come because we wanted to celebrate with you, I said okay. So, we live in a world that is so different sometimes from our tourists and from our visitors who don't necessarily invest their time the way we talk about investing time in terms of having a relationship with people. They see a part of, like I always look about it like Hollywood, you know. People see Hawaii the way Hollywood projects us to be, and that's now who we really are. And so, and I've listened to them say don't increase my taxes. You know, the people I had dinner with, they told me the same thing, don't increase my taxes. And I said, you know what, we have to do something, because when you call the police you want the police to come. When you call the fire to come put out your fire, you want him to come. And you want them to come with vehicles that actually run and work. And I was telling my sister about her complaint about that car, that one car she doesn't want to drive to Lahaina because she'd rather take her own car 'cause she can trust that. And I said, that's the kind of stuff we have to deal with. So, as I listened to the people that have come tonight, and I hear that we're talking about cutting this \$4 million budget, it's like I feel like I get caught in both ends. Give me, give me, give me, but don't increase my taxes, but please we want them to continue to come, to come, to come, so, we're going to advertise for them to come. It just pains me that we are so dependent upon this industry that we haven't figured out how to be more self-sufficient. So, the pain is really my pain. I hold no ill will to anyone who came tonight or anyone who's just trying to survive and they're trying to make it. But, you know, my people who live here and who struggle, and who really have to work hard, I mean, these are our people we're talking about working two or three jobs. They don't have one house; they're not looking forward to trying to save one house just so that they can live in the other house. They just want to live. They just want to survive. And so, when I have to balance that between what we do here and why we do it, the pain comes but the pain will go 'cause joy does come in the morning. But in terms of cutting the MVB budget, that's a lot to swallow, because

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while I hate the thought of having to be totally dependent upon this industry, you know how many people on that table actually depend on that industry? So, I have to look at that too, you know, these are my family, you know. They got to pay their rent, they got to pay their car bills, they got to feed their kids. So, I'd like to be able to see us come to some kind of a better solution than just cutting something by 50 percent. I mean, I would've cut 100 percent two years ago. I think I said that on this floor two years ago. But I see things differently now from this space. So, I just wanted to share that with you all tonight. So, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: A lot of good discussion. I think there's been a lot of, just from different testifiers over the last week, twisting of what the consequences are because tonight we heard a lot of people come and say it's my job at stake. I don't think any of these hotels are going to fire people if their taxes get raised. They still have to accommodate the tourists. They still are going to fill their rooms. They still are going to make money. But, you know, you and I, and I think we shared this with the rest of the Council got this anonymous note about employees being offered to be paid to come and testify. And the person who sent this to us said I don't even think these testifiers know what they're testifying, and it says I hope you will take their testimonies with a grain of salt. And this is somebody who was offered to be paid to show up and testify and said no, I'm not going to do it. So, you know, I understand about the fear of the jump in the property tax. And I think that is a real fear, and that is a lot to swallow. But to panic and to give us a false sense that this is going to take food off of people's tables and it's going to cost jobs, and I kind of feel the same way about the Visitors Bureau. I support the visitor industry as one of our industries. But we are always going to be dependent on it if we always put all of our money in it, if we don't start putting our money into other things. And basically, we're going to be faced with a choice of where we cut and where we raise taxes, what fees and revenues we raise, and we're, you know, we are looking at it from our point of view. Are we going to make cuts? Because I don't, I guess the main thing is I don't view the Visitors Bureau as being the reason we have all these tourists here. I think we're going to have a lot of tourists here for a long time, with or without it. And I think the Visitors Bureau helps, but I also look at the other islands that have, Oahu which gets nothing from its Council for its, to its Visitors Bureau. The other two islands which get under 300,000 for one, and under 400,000 for the other, and they still have pretty significant visitor numbers for their islands, for the size of their islands and what's happening over there. So, to me, this is not the be all, end all, the reason why we have tourists here. I think it's a help, and I think there's some things that they do to promote it. But like Member Sinenci said, we need to start managing tourism, we need to start spreading out the focus of this type of funding into our environment and in our infrastructure, which is the reason why the tourist come here in the first place or they're going to stop coming anyway. You can't just, you can't message away little fire wants on the beach, you can't message away the dying reef. People are going to come here and see it and they're going to spread the word. So, if we don't take care of those things first...and

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so, it's a matter of priorities for me. I don't know that I would want to cut this in half. But I think we need to make a significant cut in the marketing because the marketing is what's bringing more people here, versus the managing. So, I, you know, tried to bridge that gap in the last couple of years and say, let's start working, you know, trying to proviso the MVB to start working with our environmental community and, you know, every time they fought it until this year when there was a, an election that turned the tide. But what I want to see is more focus on local. And that's why in my provisos for MVB I had put things in there like the Lahaina Boat Days, like marketing, money to market and promote the Maui County Golf Course, the Roadrunners Maui Marathon, and the things that actually keep the money here instead of sending them off island and out of state. And the education pieces, I think it's really important for, if we're going to market to, you know, if we're still going to market to people who are, haven't yet booked their trip because we're trying to convince them to come here, and we also got to convince them to come here and book legal short-term rentals, and legal hotels, and legal places to stay so they're not adding to the reason why our housing is, inventory is going down and why the cost of housing is going up. So, I think there's a, somewhere in between what one Member called slight cuts, and what Member Paltin, you know, proposed as far as 50 percent. But I would like to see this money going into more local advertising, to more local education, more local environmental efforts, and less on these huge amounts that are advertising. Like the Maui Invitational, you know, that money that's made on the Maui Invitational goes to a corporation that's not in Hawaii from my understanding. So, I have some proposals. And I'm not sure what the right time is. But maybe after you hear...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: After this \$2 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah maybe after you, or maybe after you hear from the Members and their various concerns, you can make a suggestion and we can make a motion based on your recommendation. But I just wanted to say that I feel like there's a lot of other monies going into tourism. I had a conversation with Keith Regan when he was here the other night who's now with HTA. And he said to me, well we give the neighbor islands, all the islands collectively 3.1 million. So, there's money coming from there. There's other money coming from grants and there's a revenue sheet here that shows the different grants they get, which is great. But when I look at the fact that we're funding agriculture for maybe we're up to a million now, a little under a million and we're funding the MVB for 4 million and I think by our Budget, we determine the policy of where we're going. So, are we going to go into diversified, a diversified economy? Are we going to provide the jobs that pay more than the, you know, most of the tourist jobs are paying \$12 an hour. Are we going to create family wage earning jobs for our people by investing in these other industries and growing them so that we aren't so dependent on tourism so that we can be the captains of our own destiny? So, you know, I would like to see something significant. And because I just don't believe that the tourism industry is dependent on this kind of marketing. And I have a, and I also have a background in marketing. I know how important marketing is. But I also know that you market for what you want, you know, you invest in what you need for your future. And we're just, we're not seeing this support in our County for continuing to see tourism as the goose that laid the golden egg. That's my input.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm in support of Member Paltin's proposal. And that could include the 200,000 that I marked from the Technology and Business Promotion, and the 75,000 for the Maui Film Festival for, so, if with those two, 275,000 it would be an additional 1,750,000. I echo the sentiments of the other Members and that a balance was asked for every year for how long, and it never seemed like it was a priority to start managing the tourists that come here. And it never happened. And so, as Member Paltin said, you know, this can be, this is just, this is one year. And if, you know, it's, it is a really big impact, next year we can bring it back up to four, or to three. And this is not the only advertising that Maui gets. All the hotels advertise. And although in the testimony it is, yeah, it is for a specific hotel, but it's a specific hotel on Maui. And so, tourist would have to come to Maui to go to that hotel. And so, therefore, it is promoting Maui, even if it's a specific hotel that it's advertising for. The advertising is, I feel this is a duplication of services. And I know this Council is not in support of duplication of services. And I think we need less promotion, especially promotion that is being funded by taxpayer dollars. And they do, as Chair King said, they do get funding from HTA. And, you know, right now we're looking at investing so much money into the impacts, millions of dollars into the impacts and it's just, it's so strange that we continue to invest in what's causing a lot of these impacts that we're then investing money to address. It just, it's pretty maddening that we're doing that. And I also find it very interesting that if \$2 million was cut from the \$4 million that a drastic reduction in the County Budget means a reduction in work, and they have 12 individuals working there, will mean a cut in the current staff with Molokai staff cuts imminent. So, the Molokai staff would be the first on the chopping block, very interesting. And so, I'll entertain a motion for a reduction in \$2 million from the MVB from the 4 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Second it for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Chair King. Discussion? We kind of discussed a lot. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For me, I'm trying to get to the balance that Member Sinenci suggested. For me, I think the Chair's proposal for hotel property tax rates is high and that would be the area that I would choose to find the balance or make the adjustment rather than 4 million for the Maui County Visitor Association. I think, you know, the advertising and the managing of tourists, or the visitor industry, for me, you know, based on the past years and whatnot, the managing and the education hasn't been meeting the expectations. And so, I think we need to go a different way in managing, a different way in advertising, a way that advertises who we are authentically. I would suggest, you know, a regroup and, you know, focus on our authentic selves, promote

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our authentic culture. And I don't mean to put blame or question the intention of the association. But it feels, you know, it doesn't feel authentic to take our songs and our dances to trade shows in Boston. It feels authentic to have our visitors come and visit and actually, you know, witness the authentic culture in its natural environment, to be a part of the things that we do as residents and people that care deeply about this County to go out and preserve our watershed, to go plant trees, to malama the ridge-to-reef partnerships. And think, you know, that's, to me that would be the regroup and the rebranding, you know, of who we are and the type of visitors that we want to attract. Because I have seen the things that Ms. King mentioned with the higher-end tourism, I have seen the impacts to our emergency services. You guys wouldn't believe how many people call 911 when whales slap their dorsal fins, like I'm just saying, they don't know what's going on in the ocean and they'll call 911 nonstop, you know, like just saying, one time there was a diver going down and it turned into a standup paddler that fell off his board and got eaten by a shark. So, I mean, there's definite impacts being caused by the tourist industry. And it's complicated because nearly every visitor industry points to the TAT tax that they pay, which would be appropriate, and we wouldn't be in this position if we got it. But we don't get it. It goes to Oahu and so, then we're left with trying to cover the gap. And I don't feel that this road that we're on to cover that gap is working. And that's why I'm making this proposal.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Maybe Member Paltin can clarify for me, with her \$2 million reduction, would that also include the provisos that we also see here? Have you considered that into your proposal as well?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think the provisos come up to 755,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and I'm open to discussion on that. I had thought that was a little bit, a combination of things that me and Chair King had said. But I'm open to discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yeah, and thank you for that because the reason I asked is maybe some of these provisos can be addressed or funded in other ways, like maybe I'm jumping out on a limb here. But I think all of us are looking at adjusting upwards, the property tax rates for the hotels, TVRs, timeshares, et cetera. So, maybe some of this can be funded through that way, rather than taking it out of MVA. So, I'm just putting it out there as food for thought. Because if we include all the provisos and then, we're looking at overall a cut of 2.755, which would leave MVA 1.2, yeah, whatever, yeah, basically a little over a million dollars. And then, in Ms. Fukumoto's response letter regarding the effects of these cuts would have, then I guess MVA would be entitled to, or would have to use whatever they have left to administer these provisos too, yeah? So, okay, I just wanted to get clarification on the provisos being incorporated in to the cuts as well. So --



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --the floor is still open for discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the thing that I didn't understand about that is, there is, they choose when they need an administration fee because for the Friday night town parties, it seems like just a straight pass through. So, I mean, they give 25,000 to each town, and then, 10,000 to Lanai. Is there an administrative fee involved in that? Do they just pick and choose when they're going to have an administrative fee to disburse money that we give to them? 'Cause part of my question was like, Member Sugimura said Friday night parties is her jam, and I was like, you know, we can still give them the money. It doesn't need to go through Maui Visitors Association 'cause it seemed like a straight pass through. And now we're hearing that now there's administrative fees if they're not the ones to choose which tourist related events that they disburse the money to. So, that's kind of, raises a red flag for me that they would pick and choose when administrative fees are applied.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I'm looking at the Maui Visitors Bureau County Detail Budget for Fiscal Year 2019. It's a one pager, at the bottom it shows the total 4 million. There's one line that says administrative services that's \$400,000. And so, I wanted to ask the Budget Director first, is that the line, is that for the employees? Or are the employees paid outside of this 4 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, let me check and I'll get back to you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Because I, you know, there's 810,000 for domestic marketing and advertising. There's these large figures like 410,000 for the Maui Invitational, there's agencies fees 151, but this whole page that adds up to 4 million, the only thing I see in it that could be the employees is administrative services for 400,000. But if that's not, then all of this 4 million is not even spent on employees. So, if we make cuts to this, why would they make cuts to employees if they're paid separately from the 4 million that we give them? And maybe they're paid through the HTA money because I'm looking at another page that has revenue and it lists revenue from HTA and then, there's payroll costs listed separately. So, I don't know, I'm just wondering why if the 4 million that I'm looking at and the breakdown of it doesn't include employees, why would we be, why would we, you know, be told that the employees are going to lose their jobs? And also it doesn't, the 4 million doesn't include the Molokai Visitors Bureau. So, why would we be told that the Molokai Visitors Bureau would be the first to go?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Who has one person working there. I just wanted to add that, one person.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That whole budget for Molokai is outside of the 4 million. So, it would be, you know, if we weren't making cuts to that, how would they...if we're giving 200,000 for Molokai Office, and we're not making cuts to that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 200,000 is under the 4 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's not shown that way on this detail, the Budget Detail for Fiscal Year 2019.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. Maybe not.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It shown as outside the 4 million. So, anyway, those are some of the issues I think they could help us make. And then, Lanai Visitors Bureau is another 200,000 outside of that 4 million on this Budget Detail. So, you know, I'd like to know if we do make cuts, and I, you know, I'm more in favor of making a cut of a million and then doing the provisos on top of that because the provisos are still things that should be marketed under, you know, for our island. And the tourists, the things that, the list that we have on Page 19 of the Budget Bill are things that are a combination of education and infrastructure for tourism, and some of the marketing that hasn't been happening for local events. But, you know, I'm open to that as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I did the math on that. And the 200 from Member Hokama, and the 75 from you, the, for the Technology and Business promotion and the Maui Film Festival is 275,000 plus an additional 725,000 equals 1 million in a reduction. And then, all the provisos there is \$755,000. Member Lee and then Member Paltin...oh, Member Sugimura. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I believe we have a motion on the floor. And I think we need to take a vote because really there seems to be different points of view, but two of you have the same point of view. So, why don't we get that out of the way so that we can start to say, okay, we'll revisit this, and people need whatever information they need and then we'll take it up again is my suggestion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Take it up after the vote tonight?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, we vote --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --get it, you know --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we talk again.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --off your chest. And then we'll revisit it when, I think the Chair said she needed more information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, if you want to, I'm going to see what to Member Paltin's response is to Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm open to Chair King's suggestion as an amendment to my motion if she would like to make it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or if you want to withdraw your motion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, I'll just make an amendment to the motion. Well, we might as well just have one motion on the floor instead of an amendment too. So, I can, we can withdraw that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, Chair King, would you like to withdraw the motion on the floor?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, my motion would be to cut \$1 million and then put these provisos in there on Page 19, which equal...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seven hundred and fifty-five thousand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, 755,000. So, that would stay in the Budget. But it would be provisoed for these local, for the advertising for these local events, and for the infrastructure, the reef protection education, the, and the Festivals of Aloha, and education about the impact of illegal vacation rentals. So, it's all the things you have listed on your Page 19 of the Budget Bill as far as provisos and then, just a total of 1 million in cuts, which includes the cuts for the additional items that we added earlier.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that, you want a motion?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: My proviso didn't make it on this list. But after you pointed out that the 200,000 for Molokai is not even under the 4 million, now I'm confused 'cause my proviso was to add 200,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: ED-1 and it doesn't have a page number, but there's a breakdown of the Maui Visitors Bureau budget and on there it indicates Molokai Visitors Bureau of 200,000. And if you look on the next page, it'll give you a breakdown of the \$200,000 used for Molokai Visitors Bureau. And then, the page after that would be for the Lanai Visitors Bureau.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The Molokai Visitors Bureau is on this page?

MS. YOSHIMURA: It's, are you looking at ED-1?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I was looking at this document that says...

MS. YOSHIMURA: The next, try the next page.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The next page, so, this one equals \$4 million as the bottom line.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The next page shows Molokai Visitors Bureau equaling 200,000, and the next page shows Lanai Visitors Bureau equaling 200,000.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, when you look at the Maui Visitors Bureau page, it'll say total for Maui 3.6 million, Molokai Visitors Bureau 200,000, Lanai Visitors Bureau 200,000 for a total of 4 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay, I'm sorry. So, I was just looking at the bottom line. Okay. So, anyway, I guess my...can I restate my motion then?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Because I think we should keep the Visitors Bureau on Molokai and Lanai, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, my, when we reviewing the OED budget, I proposed a proviso increase of 200,000. So, for a total of 400,000 for Molokai.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Within the \$4 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Then, because I thought they were outside since, they had their own pages. So, that was my bad. I guess would, I'm not sure what you're asking then. So, I guess I would ask you if you want to make a...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two hundred, so it's a, it would be 955,000 because the 200,000 is already in there for Molokai, and 200,000 for Lanai...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, mines would be increased...

VICE-CHAIR KING: But if we don't proviso them, they may not be in is what you were saying earlier. You were saying those would be the first things to be cut.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's just, that's what the response said.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. So, if you want 400,000 in for Molokai, don't you have to proviso the 400,000?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, 400,000. Okay. So, it would be, the total in provisos, including the 400,000 for Molokai, which primarily does visitor education, was 1,155,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But the 200,000 was already planned to be for Molokai anyway.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, with that proviso, I guess I would say, my motion would be to put those provisos in and make an 800,000 cut.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, that's keeping the 4 million then?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it is reducing it by 800,000 for 3.2 million. And then, provisos totaling in \$1,155,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, essentially --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what is the balance?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --we're back down to 2 million, right?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, it's just...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean, you know, like some of these provisos are kind of irrelevant to me, to the MVB's program. So, I mean, I can see cutting it to 3 million, but and then adding all these provisos so that it's, they net 2 million to me is back where we started.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I just wanted, you know, Sherry Duong is in the audience. Some of these questions we're having she could probably answer it if you would allow, that's one. And do you have a comment about that? Because we're reading this and we're talking about this, and she probably has the answers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is the Council's discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'm, I just, the questions that we had I thought she could answer. Okay. I want to make a comment about some of these provisos.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair, can we get a second?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry, there's a motion --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, there's a motion --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on the floor.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --so can we get a second --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we'll need a second.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --if we're going to discuss, if...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. What is the motion? What is the motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The motion is to reduce the 4 million by 800,000 and add the provisos that would essentially be an additional 955,000 because the Molokai was already in there but just to be safe, it's 400,000. So, it would be 1,155,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Balance?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In provisos.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, in provisos. So, that's the motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Chair King and second by Member Paltin.  
Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, what is the bottom-line number now?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Three point two million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's 3.2 million, and 1,155,000 in provisos. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, aside from the provisos, if you minus the 1.155 from the 3.2,  
what actually is left?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two million forty-five thousand dollars.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But, Chair, as you -

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: ---said the 200,000 is already there for Molokai. So, we're actually only  
adding an extra...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two million forty-seven thousand.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, that means...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry, 2,245,000. I put the 2 in the wrong place like  
you did.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, it's 2 million is what MVB actually gets to do whatever  
it is they said they wanted to do with 4 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two point two million.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Two point two. Okay. Thank you. Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I'd like to speak on the motion then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I said I wanted to mention a few things about the provisos that are listed. And I believe that the, you know, well, money for Molokai I don't think it's salaries, I think it's for programs or different things that happens there. And by speaking to MVB, they receive money from, I don't know, HAT or HTA --

VICE-CHAIR KING: HTA.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --or another source, and that pays for the salaries. But the 200,000, or you're asking for 400,000, Lanai 200,000, those are programs that happen, so for the islands. And I think, I thought that Member Sinenci also wanted some money for Hana for the Hana Road project. So, I don't know where that is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's in here, it's the first one.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it is? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two hundred thousand for Hana Highway visitor education.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's all part of the, I think the same kind of concepts. I want to make a comment about something that we heard a lot of last year when there was discussion about closing the Waiehu Golf Course. And we received information about when Parks came on, and I don't have the sheet here, but it basically did a tally of who golfs there and residents, retirees was half. Half the amount were retirees. And I just want to say that if we're going to ask, and the visitor component was a small component, but if we're going to now start promoting this as a premier golf course, I don't think we're ready 'cause we still have to do the front nine, but I still remember the many, many, many voices who came here and they were retirees, and I have total respect for them. They were very loud and clear about how important this golf course is to them. So, I want to, I just want to caution to tread lightly. So, that we don't disrupt that balance 'cause there is some consideration, and mostly residents use, you know Waiehu Golf Course. It's maintained by tax dollars and I can understand that. Another section in our Budget, Page 6 the Marine, Maui Nui Marine Resource Council is also listed. So, that's like a double listing. So, one of that has to be addressed. And I want to speak about Festivals of Aloha. So, that was my project before I decided to run right? So, Friday Town Parties, Festivals of Aloha, Aloha Festivals, other things that I did, and I had an experience when Aloha Festivals folded at one time. And when it did fold, Hawaii Tourism Authority asked MVB to pick up what it could for Maui County, and I was the coordinator. They asked me to coordinate it. And what they did do was that they asked MVB to be the fiscal agent, I guess, for the money that was put there by the Hawaii Tourism Authority. And it didn't work out 'cause that's not what MVB does. And I just want to say very honestly, that their expertise, although they have all the mechanics to do, to be a fiscal sponsor, their job is, their mission and their job is something else. They did that, I think they did this for the Visitors, I mean, for Hawaii Tourism Authority to just keep the tradition alive and keep the event alive. And we did it for one year there and then we moved on and we found our own fiscal sponsor. It doesn't belong in the Maui Visitors Bureau. Hundred thousand dollars for Festivals of Aloha, it's two months



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long of events on Maui, Molokai, and Lanai with parades and festivals and Hoolaulea's and all these different things that they do for two months of lots of activities and lots of community outreach and lots of aloha with all the entertainment and hula and everything, fabulous job. And I think it really belongs back in OED as a line item, and for them to operate outside of the Visitors Bureau 'cause it didn't work. I'm not too sure about the, you know, Maui Nui Marine Resource Council. And then, in last year's budget were the, what came out of those, the videos that were done, which was a separate OED line item for 200,000 was this illegal short-term rentals, reef, preservation of our reefs, and you know, just the four different videos that were done outside of the Visitors Bureau. And it would be good for them to continue to do something like that. But I'm speaking of the provisos and to, you know, not strip, to do not rob Maui Visitors Bureau for the job that they are hired to do by us for our working families. And I think that we all feel, and they got the message loud about, you know, managing visitors. And I think we should not, you know, rob them of what they do best, and let them do what they do best, and let these other organizations that know how to do these things, do it independently. So, I'm trying to preserve Maui Visitors Bureau as, you know, their funding as much as possible so they can operate and do the job that they can, and also, just remember that 50 percent of our working people have jobs in the visitor industry, 50 percent. That's huge, so, whether we like it or not, they're very important. And until we can, which this Council is trying to replace, you know, do, put more money into technology, we're trying, like IAL, you know, that's a huge move for us. So, I'm grateful for Member Sinenci for taking the journey, you know, for the County to make this happen. But all these steps that we're doing with our Budget are going to take us to where we got to go. But we cannot, you know, kill the golden goose in the meantime because we don't like them. And we're frustrated, and we're all frustrated, but in the meantime, we gotta love each other, right? And we gotta make it happen. We cannot kill one thing and just hope that this thing is going to grow. It'll grow together, and we need to do this together, and they're important. Whether we like it or not, they're important. And when agriculture went down, I grew up, we had everything at pineapples and sugar and, you know, my father was a doctor for Wailuku Sugar Plantation. So, that was our industry. But those days are gone. We have a lot of wonderful memories, experiences, and we have a whole new agriculture that are growing with Hawaii Farmers Union, Maui County Farm Bureau, the Grow Some Love, or Grow Some --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --Good, whatever, you know. And there's these organizations that are popping up that are filling the voids. But in the meantime, this is a huge important thing that's working, right? It's working so good that everybody's getting mad. But we got to be smart about it, you know, we gotta be smart. We got to malama it, we really do. And I beg you not to proviso this so much that it becomes, you know, they're not going to be able to do their job. And one day, from, if you read the newspapers, the economic downturn, it's coming. And it's going to come ending of 2020, or you know, next year. They're looking at our economy is changing. And I still remember when we had our downturn of our economy, that's when we were wondering

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what is MVB going to do? Where's our visitors? We're getting nervous. So, we have to be smart.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, so long, but. So, my vote is, I cannot support the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think your vote is clear.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I just wanted to just clarify, I thought I heard Member Molina say something about if we needed to increase the tax rates just so that we can almost equalize out the budget for MVB, did you say something like that? I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: If I may, Madam Chair? Yeah, I was just --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --looking at maybe some of these provisos, or the cost concerns can be addressed in other ways. Like for example, the Aloha Festivals I guess they used to get, they get their grants out of OED. And by raising the property taxes for the hotels, which is, has a tie into MVA --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --maybe we can fund it through that way, rather than take it out of the MVA appropriation.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It almost seems like you could almost use the industry to support the industry. That's what it sounded like when I heard it from you and I just wanted to make sure, 'cause that's what I heard. It sounds like a good idea to me. I mean, either go high or go home.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. It looks like I'm going to call for the vote. Okay. Okay. So, the proposal is to reduce the 4 million by 800,000, for a total of 3.2 million, and add the list of provisos that add up to really \$955,000. Okay. All those in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those opposed?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We have to raise our hands.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just kidding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's what I'm going to have to do. Okay. All those in favor please raise your hands and then I'll say your name. Okay. All those in favor please raise your hand. Okay. Member Sinenci, Chair King, Member Paltin, and myself. And all those opposed? Member Molina, Member Lee, Member Hokama, Member Sugimura, and Member Kama. Okay.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Paltin and Sinenci.**

**NOES:       Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, and Sugimura.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION FAILED.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the motion fails. Okay. So, is there a new motion? Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to reduce the 4 million by 1 million with no provisos.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I like that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But I still wanted my proviso, the 400,000 for Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That one.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's just an increase of 200. The 200 was already planned for. Okay. So, the motion on the floor is a reduction of 1 million from 4 million, to million, and a proviso of 400,000 to the Molokai Visitor's Association. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Amendment.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was that Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'd like to include the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the 200,000...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --for the Hana Highway Visitor Education Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee, is that something...did I get...no, I got a second already. So, Member Sinenci is proposing, or is moving to amend the main motion to include a 200,000 proviso for the Hana Highway Visitor Education.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But I wanted to get the education for the impact of illegal vacation rentals in there too.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, now we're going too far.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We're starting to look...yeah, it's starting to look like what it was.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's ridiculous.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Let's go with the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have an idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Does anyone want to second Member Sinenci's motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have an idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: When you're ready.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura? Okay. Member Sinenci made a motion for 200,000 to be provisoed for the Hana Highway Visitor Education.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We can make that a separate appropriation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's what I was going to recommend.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --there's no second. Okay. So, we're back to the main motion, which is to reduce the MVB from 4 million to 3 million, and proviso 400,000 for the Molokai Visitors Association. Okay. There is a motion by Member Lee, second by Member Paltin. Any discussion? Okay. We discussed it enough. All those in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:       Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:       Councilmembers Hokama and Sinenci.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, that was seven "ayes," two "noes," Member Sinenci, and Member Hokama. The motion passes. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is it going to be short?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's going to be short.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, you promised.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, we're trying to address Mr. Sinenci and also what Chair King talked about last term and brought those videos to life. And something like that for visitor education and for it to be in Office of Economic Development and the amount we can discuss, but then it can expand upon those videos, expand upon visitor education with things that the Members want, and include in there the Hana --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hana Highway Visitor Education.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --Highway Visitor Education, right? And, you know, it, as you know, MVB answered an RFP that OED had, and they made those videos.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The RFP wasn't confirmed.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It wasn't confirmed? That's what I was told.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, but I asked her on the floor, and they didn't confirm it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, 'cause she wasn't the OED coordinator, right? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, it still wasn't confirmed.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Anyway, I'd like to suggest a fund like that. I don't know what the amount is yet, I guess we can talk about it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, your proposal is to add iii under Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Industry for a grant for Hana Visitor, Hana Highway Visitor Education 200,000, and an iv, or 4, for ---

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: iii.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --100,000 for education on the impact of illegal vacation rentals.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Chair, can I ask you something?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King...oh sorry, Member Lee? She was waiting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I was waiting. Okay. You know, I just suggested that we handle these previous provisos as separate grants.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. As separate grants not under the Visitors Bureau, but as separate grants...

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what we're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well the...oh no, she under the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, I said under Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Industry Number four, right above Maui County Visitor Association and --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, I'm...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I said iii, which would indicate a separate grant.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Very good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah? That's what you're saying?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Separate grants and maybe you may not want to do the golf course because it's really not in shape anyway. It's going to take a long, long time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, how about we do this. I'll take them all up one at a time, we'll vote on them, and we'll make the adjustments, the, you know, the ii...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I like that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Sounds good. Sounds good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll do that? No objections?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just, I thought you created, or were trying to create --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 200,000?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --a fund, yeah, for --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For grants and for visitor education?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --education? Yeah, for education.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, it didn't make it on here.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, this one for education on the impact of illegal vacation rentals could be under that. But --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you had a proviso in that it was supposed to be for local production or something?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, it was a, it was, the intent of it was to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the community like a, either a local video producer or like *Akaku*.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. So, it was not intended to be extra money for the Visitors Bureau.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's why we're not proviso'ing it under the Visitors Bureau.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, this is intended to be used by outside entities. And I think it came from the, what we heard from some of the folks that came and testified and saying that they're not getting to tell their story of --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --what it's like, you know, to have to deal, to be overrun. So, that, you know, I guess this education, this piece could go in there, the piece about the impact of illegal vacation rentals. But the problem with that, with this one is that it needs to get out there and distributed before people come here. Because once they come here, they've already booked their place. And so, it doesn't matter.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, I, do you...should I just bring that up when I go on for, there's seven and I'll take them all up one at a time --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then we can discuss it then.



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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah? Okay. Here we go. Okay. So, we'll make the adjustments. It'll be under, so under Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Industry. These each will be a separate grant. And if you look at Page 412 in your Program Budget then it would just, it would look like that. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, a separate grant, I'll...okay, I'm just going to say consensus, alright. Okay. Two hundred thousand shall be for the Hana Highway Visitor Education. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Twenty-five thousand for Lahaina Boat Day.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, it's already in here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, it's already a grant in another section.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. It's already in there. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, delete this, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. And so, we're going to strike that. Fifty thousand for the Valley Isle Roadrunners to support the Maui Marathon.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus. Oh, I thought that was yours?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that was yours.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was mine when I thought it was going to come out of the visitors industry. But if we gotta pay for it --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --ourselves --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Delete.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --there's traffic on the road for all the commuters that come to work at the hotel and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we're going to strike it?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't...yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean...

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was Member Paltin's. So, that's why, when I...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was okay when we weren't paying for it ourselves. But I mean...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Does anyone, strike? Okay. Any objection to me striking that?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Strike. Okay. Next one, 100,000 for the promotion of County --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Delete.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --owned golf course.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Delete.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Strike.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any objection to me striking it?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One hundred thousand for education on the impact of illegal vacation rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Delete it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We'll come back to that one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 'Cause Chair King wants to combine that with mines.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I think that, yeah, I think it's important.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we'll come back to that one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, we'll talk about it with yours.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One hundred eighty thousand for the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council for Reef Protection Education.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's already in the Budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's already in the Budget somewhere.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, that was it, that's the other, is it under environmental is the water testing. So, that's a different program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Water quality monitoring?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's a water quality testing program that started in, on West Maui and now it's just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seconded by Member Paltin. All those in favor?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

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**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

**NOES:**      **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**      **None.**

**ABSENT:**      **None.**

**EXC.:**      **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**      **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. It'll be a separate grant. One hundred thousand for the Festivals of Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's already in someplace else.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: A separate grant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any objection --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, delete from here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to me striking it?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Strike it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Strike.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what are we left with?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mine and Member Sugimura's priority of adding 200,000 to the Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Education didn't, is not on here. And so,

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the 200,000 would be for visitor education. Chair King would like 100,000 of that 200,000, or I don't know, Chair King, what is your proposal?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I would just add it on to the 200,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three hundred thousand?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, make it 300,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three hundred thousand. But how much of that 300,000 would have to be about illegal vacation rentals?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think we can put 100,000 into it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, whoever accepts this grant would have to spend 100,000 --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, or, it doesn't have to all be one...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on illegal vacation rentals?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, it doesn't have to be all one grant either. So, it would be --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You want to do separate?

VICE-CHAIR KING: --it could be, the grant could be a \$300,000 grant. But it could be given out in, you know, it's just like the environmental management protection grant is 1.5 million but we, but we don't give it all to one person or to one entity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's not on here, it's not on the Budget Bill. Okay. So, shall they just be two separate grants?

VICE-CHAIR KING: It could be.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One hundred thousand for education on the impacts of illegal vacation rentals. Consensus?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Molina.  
Discussion? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just, I really don't believe that people being educated on the impacts of illegal vacation rentals will make a difference. The folks that would choose the illegal vacation rentals do it because it's cheaper. And to educate them against what is getting them to Maui cheaper, I don't think people really do care. I mean, if they're making a decision based on their wallet, we can talk until we're blue in the face. But it doesn't affect them like how it affects us, you know, like even, you tell local people like the impacts that Airbnb has here in Maui County, they'll still go to some other place and use Airbnb if they can't afford the hotel. It's not --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's price.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --that they don't care about the impacts per se, but it's more that they want to spend their money how they want to spend it, they want to get what they want to get for that money, and I doubt that any amount of education, money we put into education will change their minds. That's how I feel. So, I don't want to throw good money after bad.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Seeing no other discussion, I'm going to call for the question. All those in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, and Sinenci.**

**NOES:**        **Councilmembers Paltin and Sugimura.**

**ABSTAIN:**        **None.**

**ABSENT:**        **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**        **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion...no, no, there's only two. No, it was seven-nine, the motion passes, Member Paltin and Member Sugimura. Okay. And the one that didn't make it in, mine and Member Sugimura's priority of grants and disbursements for visitor education, \$200,000. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, I think we're done for tonight.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, nice.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No? You want to keep going?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Do we have more?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have...we have all the revisits. So, we have 13 revisits and I think I'm going to set a deadline. So, we can't continue to say that we need to get more information. So, I don't know how much testimony that we're going to have so I was thinking that I'd like to finish all these revisits within I want to say like an hour after testimony or before lunch. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Madam Chair, I'm in full support of your proposal and we can cut down on our filibustering and extensive comments, just get straight to the point, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You tell 'em.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

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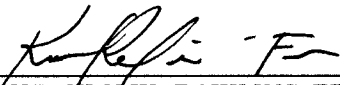
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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It'll...just more to help, to help. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Okay, any...so we're going to...so when we get here tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, after testimony we're going to complete the 13 revisits and then we're going to work on Appendix B and then we're gonna do Appendix A, Part II. Okay? Alright. Okay. Are there any last questions or comments? Okay. Seeing none, it's 12:09 on April 25<sup>th</sup>...12:10. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**ADJOURN:** 12:10 a.m.

APPROVED:



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KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair  
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I, Marie Tesoro, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019, in Wailuku, Hawaii

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