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Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
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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

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Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (gavel). . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. `Umi minuke i ka hala o `eiwa o—what is it?—Apelila `ehiku i ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakālua. E `olu`olu

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mai, e ho`omalua ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kālā. `O wai ka Iku Ha`i o kēia Komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 9:10 on April 7, 2020. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I kēia lā, me ko kākou, Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King. Aloha kakahiaka.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, from Northern Kihei. Beautiful day here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, from Hāna, Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. Greetings from beautiful Makawao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Chair Alice Lee. Oh, okay wait. I'm going to unmute you. I got you. I got you. There you go. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madame Chair, in case you go to Kenya in the near future, you want to say to the folks shikamoo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Shikamoo.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Shikamoo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Aloha kakahiaka.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning from Kula. Beautiful up here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, it's a beautiful day in Kahului.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Aloha kakahiaka. It sounds like it's beautiful all over Maui County today after the downpour yesterday. Okay, we have with us from Corporation Counsel, I want to say mahalo to David Galazin, he will no longer be our Deputy Corporation Counsel for the Economic Development and Budget Committee, and aloha, mahalo, and welcome to Mimi Desjardins who will be our Deputy Corporation Counsel for EDB. Aloha, Mimi. Okay, she is online. Let's see. Oh, okay, we'll reestablish connection. Oh, there she is. Okay. Aloha.

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MS. DESJARDINS: Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And we also will have Deputy Corporation Counsel Ed Kushi on as well. Okay. And then from Administration we have Budget Director Michelle Yoshimura. Aloha. And Mayor Mike Victorino. And then later we will also have Directors and their teams, from Department of Environmental Management and Department of Finance. We have online our Committee Staff, Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier, Legislative Analyst Chester Carson, Lesley Milner, and Kasie Apo Takayama. Okay, my apologies for the late start this morning. We're having our very first testing and screening on Molokai. My big mahalo to Lieutenant Governor Josh Green's Covid-19 Task Force. Dr. Miscovich brought his team over to Molokai and have set up outside in our parking lot and the line is already long, but we're...our community's so grateful to welcome them here. So, we do have one agenda item, EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the County of Maui. And before we get started with testimony, I would like to allow our Council Chair to share a few remarks, and then I'll invite our Mayor to also share some remarks and answer some of the Councilmember's questions. Okay? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you Madame Chair, and good morning, everyone. Good morning and welcome to the Mayor joining us this morning. Mayor, I'm...because of these unusual circumstances and uncertain times that we're in, I have a request of you. I know it is protocol to contact the Council Chair for a lot of important things, but because time is always of the essence and you are always moving from one crisis to another, I would ask that instead of contacting me, that you contact the Member of the district where the issue is occurring at the time. If something is happening in South Maui, or West Maui, I think it's better for you to contact the Member directly from the district and just skip over me unless, of course, it's Wailuku. And I would really appreciate it if you could accommodate us in this way. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Really appreciate your remarks. If there are no objections, we'll invite Mayor Victorino to share an update on the situation with Covid-19. Okay, Mayor...

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Let's see.

MAYOR VICTORINO: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mayor Victorino?

MAYOR VICTORINO: As I said moments ago, aloha and thank you for giving me this time. Mahalo. I took my mask off because it's very difficult to speak through the mask and so that it's much easier for people to hear me. First of all, Madame Chair, Madame Chair Lee, you know, that request can be accommodated. I'd still have to ask that their information that I share with you and others that are not confirmed are not being

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authorized to be released. So, you must comply with those rules because they're privacy and HIPAA rules that we must comply with, because we don't need people being scared before we actually get the facts together. And let me clarify one more thing. Lieutenant Josh Green was not involved in this, he has called me to say he is not involved in this in Molokai. Dr. Miscovich and his group has worked with you and I, Madame Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and they're the ones that are putting together. He wanted that clarified, he has talked to me about it and I wanted to relay that message to you, Madame Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. Let me go with the numbers, as you're all aware of yesterday, we had one more, as also the sad news of losing one of our residents to Covid-19. This individual was an older male, as I mentioned, and was a resident, and had underlying health conditions, which in most of the cases that have had resulted in the passing of our residents, underlying health conditions is the biggest challenge. That's why our seniors and those who have health impediments really need to be protected and sealed off as much as possible. Right now, we are waiting for today's reports. They usually come out about 11 o'clock this morning. When I get them, I will make sure that they're distributed. And it's on the webpage, the Emergency Management webpage. It's put on around 1 o'clock, when they get all the numbers accurate they disseminate that to all the public and to, the Board of Health does that also. The question has come up, who's in charge of quarantine? And it's come up many times. The Department of Health is the lead agency when it comes to quarantining of any citizen throughout the County of Maui or throughout the State of Hawai'i. We have been monitoring. We have the MVB who has done a terrific job not only at the airport but trying to monitor all of our visitors and residents as much as possible. We are running into some glitches; we are working them out. We are using different apps to start tracking people. And the visitor count as of yesterday arriving here on Maui was a whopping 11 visitors and we had 24 returning residents as of yesterday. And so as far as visitors, there are very few and we're doing monitoring as much as possible to make sure they stay in place on the 14 self-quarantine. I've asked residents to take that very seriously and if they come home from the mainland, not only to quarantine themselves but maybe their entire family whenever possible, not letting anyone go out. Wearing of masks. I have been saying that for weeks and now I am asking everyone to wear masks when and wherever possible. Especially when you go out, when you leave your residence and until you return. We have 2,500 that we'll be disbursing among the residents of Maui County, we have another 10,000 that is coming in. That seems like large numbers, but when you think about it that's not much when you have 150 to 60,000 people in this County. We are moving very quickly to make sure disinfectant of areas like Molokai are completed. It was completed yesterday and from what I read just about every store, every business, and every public facility including the post office was disinfected and cleaned. So, I want to thank the company that's come in and done it. They came in on an 11-hour notice. They were notified, they came running in, they got it done. They are now heading out to Hāna right now. Mr. Sinenci, we sent you the list and I think CC'd copies to all of the Councilmembers. So, I will let the resident Councilmember know. But please, I'm asking you once again, and I'm making it public that you keep confidential information confidential because some of it has not been decided on, some of it may not have been verified, I will just be notifying. So, I will send notifications out but please understand that it is important for confidentiality, for privacy, for HIPAA and all these other rules that still exist that that has to be complied with. Also following up

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on the areas of closures and opening of parks. I have ordered the opening of Kalama, Lower Pā`ia, and Pukalani. And these parks are going to be manned, Kalama is going to be cleaned by our Ka Lima o Maui Group that has been cleaning it. We have enough PPEs to help them and protect them, and the same thing for the UPW workers for the other two. We still don't have enough to spread out for other parks, but these were essential parks that I felt that I had a lot of questions and requests for that. We will still keep all of our Porta Potties and sanitizing stations and keep those open to the homeless and others who traverse the park. Gatherings are still not allowed. They are working very hard, our Police Department are going to up the ante as far as enforcement is concerned. I will be making an announcement at 4 o'clock, my regular 4 o'clock press conference to let people know and you the Councilmembers what other stringent or enforcement rules we will bring forward. We're not going to change the rules, we're just going to enforce it more vigorously. I want to thank the law enforcement and our other partners that have done a terrific job trying to enforce rules and make sure they educate, the public was educated during this period of time. We are having problems all over the State as you can see on the newscast in O`ahu and other places. The public beaches are being, you know, heavily used by a lot of people. Understand surfing, if you go spear fishing, fishing, paddle boarding, whatever exercise you do in our beaches and in the water is not a problem. It's been accepted and we are continuing. But laying there like people are saying, like "what if I lay there, the UV rays are killing the germs." But if you congregate and that's what I'm seeing, a lot of get-togethers with people. And so, this is what the complaint has been consistently from the public that why are these people on the beach congregating and having barbecues and I'm asking all of them to please abide by social distancing and to please stay at home whenever possible. You need exercise, get it, but go home. Please stay off our roads and stay off public areas and congregating as far as that is concerned. We also had complaints about certain churches that are assembling and I have allowed churches in cars and other things. That's their kuleana, that's their thing. They're not getting together in groups in their facilities, they are trying to have social distancing but still praise the lord. I'm trying my best to balance this out and I will continue to balance that with the fact that we know exercise as well as spiritual nutrients, and nutrition I should say, is necessary along with food. I am also looking at, with your concurrence, we're looking at now some of the other areas of essential services and essential travel as far as our roadways are concerned. Also looking at asking the stores like Costco and others that have already started limiting the number of members of a family that enter the store. Social distancing and lowering the numbers is another way of containing the spread. These are many methods and there are many more that we're working on each and every day to prevent our citizens from getting the Covid-19, but we need their help. Dr. Miscovich is now in Molokai today, and he is going to do some testing here on Maui. He's been very gracious about bringing his services to Maui County and so we're looking at maybe Thursday or Friday of having testing not only in Central Maui, but maybe somewhere else, in West Maui or something like that. We're working out the logistics right now. Also, on our health program and other programs. On the health program we've had almost 1,100 applications to this point. In our small business program, we have over 38 applications to this point. We have a lot of things happening, I've got great partners, you the Council have been a great partner. I just ask all of us remember we're in together and we'll come out together better than we walked in. I also believe that the people of Maui County, most of them

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have been compliant. I want to thank them. I want to say mahalo to them for all that they have been able to do. For the knuckleheads, and I use that term all the time now, for the knuckleheads, I ask you please, please stay at home, don't congregate. But if you do, the law enforcement is coming and they're going to cite you or arrest you. We've had a number of arrests here in Maui County. And also to report that we've been very fortunate and ahead of the curve, we've had three homeless try to come in to Maui with no place to go and we've been able to turn them around and send them right back. And so, we don't need an uptick in our homeless population. If they do not have a place of residence, if they do not have an address for which they are going to, we are turning around and sending them home right there and then. This way we avoid any more spread of Covid-19 by people coming here with no real purpose other than wanting to come to Maui. Our numbers show we have reduced the number of visitors coming in, and I hope that this continues on this trend. I'm asking everyone again to please pray, work together, and we will find resolve in this _____. Finally, I will say I want to thank all the farmers on Molokai, Lānaʻi, and Maui for coming forward and helping us with the Health program. We'll have distribution in South Maui at 10 o'clock, and Central Maui for Wailuku and Kahului district at 10:00 a.m. The Central one will be held at the War Memorial Gym parking lot coming off of Kanaloa, and for the South Maui, it will be coming in to the new South Maui Gym parking lot off of Liloa, and we're setting all the parameters up. Both of them will be at 10:00 a.m., and please...or Thursday, yeah, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. That will be April, oh seriously...

MR. BAZ: Ninth.

MAYOR VICTORINO: April 9th. Sorry. I didn't have it right in front of me, he has my notes right there. So, with that being said we're working very diligently and as quickly...I will also close with this, I want to thank all the organizations that have been providing lunch for our students and our children who are in need like yesterday what was done in Waiehu Golf Course. I want to thank all these different organizations. I'm compiling a long list and will be putting something out on social media, in a printed ad, and a mahalo ad on radio and TV to let everyone know all the gracious partners from corporations to small company, to lunch wagons, to nonprofit organizations, there are hundreds that are stepping up to the plate. We've asked, they're coming, and I'm very thankful. One last thing for masks, if you are making masks at home and you have extra that you would like to distribute to the public, I've got a long list of people that are asking for it. Please, I need your help, if you've got names or you can give that to us, we will call them and try to coordinate pickups, deliveries, whatever we can do to get more masks to pass out to the public in general to help this situation. Again, I'll open up for questions. I do...oh, shucks, it's 9:30 already. Madame Chair, I really cannot answer questions, it's 9:30 and I must run upstairs. I'm sorry it took so long for you folks to get started but I must leave right now. So, I will say thank you very much and if you have questions, you can e-mail my office, e-mail Sandy or I and we will get back to all of you. God bless you, stay safe and stay healthy. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was part of the agreement that the Councilmembers would have an opportunity to ask questions. There are four Councilmembers --

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MAYOR VICTORINO: I'm sorry, Madame Chair...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that did not have the opportunity last time you came.

MAYOR VICTORINO: I'm sorry, Madame Chair, I cannot. I'm giving you my reason. I need to go, and Sandy has to be with me right now. We need to address some of the Covid issues with our departments this morning at 9:30, so, Madame Chair, I'm sorry that I cannot today. But if you'd e-mail me the questions, I will answer them tomorrow if you want live on your next meeting. Mahalo and God bless you all. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Councilmembers, you heard what the Mayor said. If you have questions I apologize because I did tell you that I would take up the Councilmembers who did not have an opportunity to ask questions the last time the Mayor updated the Council. So, my apologies for again not allowing you the opportunity to ask the Mayor questions in real time. But as the Mayor promised, if you do have questions, please send it to him and he said that he would be happy to answer those questions at his press conference. My apologies again, Councilmembers. Okay? So, if there are no objections, we'll move forward on testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay, so we have our one big agenda item, EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the County of Maui. Okay, so we actually don't have testifiers signed on to call in or video on, but if it's okay with Members, I'd really like to, you know, read this again for everyone that, for the public who's watching, possibly for the first time, I'd like to provide this instructions for them to know how to testify if they would like. So, is there any objections? Are there any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. I'll try to make it quick. Okay, so testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should join the online meeting via BlueJeans meeting link, bluejeans.com/597785199 as noted on the agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony can join by calling 1-408-317-9253 and entering meeting code 597785199, which is also noted on the agenda. Written testimony is highly encouraged by sending your comments to edb.committee@mauicounty.us. And I have been reading the names and the subject of each of the written testimonies that we are receiving. The oral testimony will be limited to three minutes. Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony can view live cablecast on Akakū Channel 53 and can also visit mauicounty.us/agendas to access live and archived meeting videos. For up to the date information, please visit www.mauicounty.us and as I mentioned, Staff is always monitoring to see if there is anyone that is joining on BlueJeans to see if they would be a testifier. Okay. And written testimony...mahalo, Ms. Bouthillier, for compiling this list for us. On April 6, 2020, we received two pieces of written testimony supporting funding for the FAM program from one, Ryan Anderson, and two, Mike. Also on April 6th, we received testimony in support for Maui Mediation Service Program from two people, one, Stanley Majka, and two, Diane Petropulos. We also received one written

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testimony from Danielle Bergan in support of funding for Mental Health America of Hawai'i program. And then this morning, we received one testimony from Mr. Steven Goldsmith providing comments on taxes, the circuit breaker. And that is all the testimony that we received as of this morning. So, if there are no objections, Members, I would like to close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay, public testimony is now closed.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 20-56 and CC 20-114)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we have EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the County of Maui. Let's see. Members, we...okay, so we'll be continuing our departmental review with the Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Finance. We received responses for your individual inquiries for those departments as well as introduce and seek consensus for each of your priority proposals for the departments. We'll follow the same process as yesterday with the exception that starting today, the Members homework was to review their questions sent to the department and whittle down to only those questions for which Members needed information to make informed budget decisions. And thank you to all the Members who sent that back already. Before we start with the line of questioning, I will ask each Member for the list of remaining questions that they would like me to ask to the, ask to ask the department. Okay, so, if Members...would Members like a refresher from the process yesterday or do you think we're...we have a pretty good groove going?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Groove is good, Madame Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Groove is good. We got our groove on today.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hasn't been that many hours since we just finished up last time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I just want to say thank you for...I know we're all tired yesterday evening, but I thank you for your last-minute guidance for today for all of us to be mindful of the type of questions we will be asking to the departments. And, Chair, I would like to make one suggestion for all of us. Maybe for now, if you don't mind, maybe you would set at this point in time since it's going to be arbitrary and who can forecast, I would say either we zero out all travel or go with six months and see how it goes and then make, you know, adjustments during the Fiscal Year. But, again, you

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know, I would say maybe if we just say we'll just give them 50 percent of travel requests at this point in time, maybe we can move on a little faster. Thank you for that consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that idea, Member Hokama. I see a lot of the Councilmembers' heads nodding.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...oh. Okay. It actually looks like we have consensus of that. Okay. Okay, mahalo for that idea, Member Hokama. Okay, so for today, we...it looks...okay, so my estimated schedule, we'll start with the review of the Department of Environmental Management at 9:30 to about 11:25, and then we're going to take an early lunch to accommodate our Councilmembers. And at 12:30, we'll return and if we need to continue our review of departmental review of the Department of Environmental Management, then we'll continue to do that after our early lunch. And then hopefully around 3:00, we'll start our review of Department of Finance. Okay? And then, so we'll begin with our review of the Department of Environmental Management. We have with us Director Eric Nakagawa, Deputy...no, I don't see him. Okay, Solid Waste Division Chief Mike Ratte. It looks like Wastewater Civil Engineer IV Juan Rivera? Yeah? Okay. Okay, and then...so we'll have Ms. Tamara Farnsworth with Environmental Protection Sustainability Recycling Program Coordinator join us later, yeah. Okay? So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think she's there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just leaned in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Oh, okay. Hey, Ms. Farnsworth. Okay, so she's with us as well. Is Deputy Director Shayne Agawa also there and not in video maybe? Oh, he's...okay. So, he...okay. So, he's not there, okay. So, I'll welcome Director Nakagawa to share some opening comments with us, and then the presentation. Oh, let's see. Oh, I think you don't have a PowerPoint presentation because you guys are really busy. Okay, Director Nakagawa, thank you so much for your, for, you know, addressing a lot of the community's concerns during this crisis. I really appreciate your hard work. Director Nakagawa? Okay, I'm going to take you off mute and then you'll have to start again, sorry. Okay, let's see. Okay, there we go. Okay, Director Nakagawa?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Thank you, Chair, Members. So, I'll just start off by, you know, my name's Eric Nakagawa, Director of Department of Environmental Management, today we're here to talk about the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. And overall as you guys see before

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you, there is a relative 2 percent rate increase overall for our department. Majority has been due to salary and wages increases due to collecting bargaining agreements and as well as the associated special costs such as FICA, OPEB, ERS, EUTF, that kind of stuff. Pretty much everything else is either flat or a little bit down. So, we do have four E/Ps this year and all of the rates and fees are flat this year with the anticipation of, I guess, this hardship, potentially economic hardship going forward. And to touch on that, I just want to reiterate that in the Budget process, I know you guys are familiar with it, but for those of the Committee who's not, and we did put together this Budget ending of last year, so before this pandemic. So, we're here and open to, you know, being a little more dynamic and fluid on however we're going to adjust the Budget. I know you guys are mentioning about cutting travel and that kind of stuff and we're definitely open to whatever we can accommodate. Just keep in mind that, as you said, we are essential service. And no matter if the pandemic is on or off on our mission is to protect public health and safety as well as the environmental sustainability. So, unfortunately, you know, my staff is, they're very good, they're gung ho. They're out there working still yet every day because everybody needs to, once again, flush their toilets, get their trash picked up. So, and we have a unique challenge in Maui where we do have to travel to Lāna`i and Molokai to maintain that service. So, but we are definitely open to whatever suggestions this body might have. So, as we go through the details of each division, we'll probably touch on the reasons of this, and you'll see where that change came about in our Department. But I'm definitely ready to start with the questions since we have 77 of them. So, however you guys want to attack this, I'm ready to proceed. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Nakagawa. Okay, Members, so I...mahalo to Member Molina and Member Kama for sending your, the questions that, you know, you'd be okay with withdrawing. And then I know that several Councilmembers, Member King, Member Hokama, only sent a handful. I think Member Sugimura also, just...and me. So, I guess if any other Members wanted to just let me know what questions would be okay to withdraw.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I sent my list in to the EDB Committee last night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. We'll double check on that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair? Member Sinenci.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just have a couple questions I'll ask during my five minutes. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, so, we'll get started and if any Members, I'll say who the question is from and, you know, if it's okay to withdraw that question then we'll just skip to the next one, okay? So, we'll try this. Okay. So, the first set of questions, Director Nakagawa, is for the overall Department. Question one is provide, this is from Member Hokama, provide recommendations for a 5 percent reduction of entire Departmental Budget. And you've already heard the idea that the Council seems to be in agreement on which is to cut six months' worth of travel, or the travel in half. So, whatever else would be, you know, the remaining 5 percent. Director Nakagawa? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to mention that one, two, and three are all essentially kind of the same --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --so maybe we can group them all up together?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and two and three from Member Kama and Paltin. Member Kama already withdrew the second question, okay. So, it's about travel, please explain the increase in travel funds. Okay, so all together with the 5 percent reduction and the reduction in travel, how would that impact the Department? Okay, Director Nakagawa?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair, Members. So, with regard to any type of, I guess, reduction overall in our Department, what we're talking, like, for the first question they asked about a percentage, right, so they're talking about a 5 percent reduction of our entire Department. Just overall, you know, our budget is \$96 million, so that means roughly cutting about 5 million. How that breaks down is, you know, it's like 2½ million for Wastewater, 1½ million for Solid Waste, and roughly 750,000 for EP&S. So, like any budget that we're challenged with every year, the reasoning when we are asked to cut is we try to look at can you push out CIP projects. Because we're such a large department with large figures, travel cuts and that kind of stuff is definitely helps out, but really the biggest cuts that we do is large ticket items such as if we can push back cash CIP and go ahead with our operations by just prolonging the life of equipment one year, as well as just addressing any kind of emergencies instead of fixing our equipment on a regular basis. So, as far as Wastewater goes, we can always transform or convert certain projects to GO bonds instead of doing cash that will easily be accommodated. Solid Waste and EP&S is kind of a different animal, I guess. So, Wastewater kind of overall as you guys know, Wastewater is self-funded so as...when it comes to Solid Waste and EP&S, that's General Funds and as well as Solid Waste funds coming in, so but they're a little more tricky in that they don't really have these large ticket items. So, the problem with, you know, any type of reduction it becomes we start to lose these community services that we've put out. So, you know, some of the things like the recycling grant programs, you got, you know, the Sunday green waste, you got holidays refuse or reducing hours for landfills, these are the kind of things that unfortunately services will be cut to help meet these large dollar values and trying to reduce it. So, overall I guess, you know, even with this Covid because we're trying to tackle all three at one time, in a

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general sense, you know, I don't know how long we want to predict that the Covid's going to go. But, you know, in rough numbers and me looking at Wastewater funds, you know, utilizing Carryover/Savings, these reserve funds that, you know, Member Riki had, I guess, forecasted in his wisdom of emergency events, you know, we got 10 million in there. You have these little bit of Carryover/Savings, I mean, you know, we're...we probably can suffice for another six months if, you know, the economy continues where, you know, we don't have any commercial income coming in. But at a certain point in the future, there will need to be some type of General Fund subsidy whether it's Wastewater, Solid Waste, and EP&S is already in there now. So, I think as we go along and as this pandemic is a very dynamic one, unfortunately, you know, us too will have to be kind of fluid in trying to address these concerns since nobody really knows what the extent of that, the effects are financially. But we are an essential service. We understand that we...one good thing in our business is we know what it takes to keep everybody safe. We know that everybody's got to flush their toilets, get their trash picked up for sanitary reasons, as well as trying to maintain this environmental sustainability, but we do know very...kind of good on how to cut, resort to emergencies and how to adjust the funding as such. So, maybe if you guys, anybody has any follow-up questions, but that's kind of the general sense of how I looked at it already from DEM standpoint.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, so the next questions are from Category A, Salaries and Wages. Question four, oh, I'm sorry. Okay, question four, provide vacancy and overtime reports for the entire Department. Budget Director Yoshimura provided that information yesterday. That question was from Member Hokama. Also from Member Hokama, question five. What amount from the General Fund was used to offset Federal grants, programs, personnel, and benefits? Please provide details of position type, amounts, and grant name for the Department.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Easy, zero. None for DEM.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Okay. Question six is from Chair Lee relating to Page 40 of the Budget Program, please provide a justification for the four expansion positions being proposed by the Department.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, the four positions that are being requested, expanded positions. Two are from our EP&S Division, and two is from our Solid Waste Division. So, as we all know this, well, the two in EP&S is regarding abandoned vehicles. So, as we all know this abandoned vehicle situation has pretty much kind of ramped up in the last year or two regarding all these abandoned vehicles and derelict vehicles. So, basically we are trying to increase the funding for this program as well as some policy changes that allows property owners to allow two vehicles now instead of one to help kind of stop the abandoning of the vehicles on our roadways where they can just take it in. So, with the additional funding and the policies changes, there's...we just basically need enough manpower to accommodate that. And just to give you a little rough numbers, I think we processed roughly 1,700 vehicles in 2018, about 4,000 in '19, and to date we have already roughly 3,000 in 2020. So, with the anticipated policy changes for '21, we kind of roughly estimated that number will go roughly around 5,000, it'll

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double the junk vehicle, I guess it's called, program. So, those two positions, one will be an Administrative Assistant that will help with the junk vehicle disposal program. Focus on the towing side and the disposal services to the residence. And then we also have a field person this time that would help expediting the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles on public roadways and properties and then they can also follow up on the police reports, these abandoned vehicle hotspots like mile marker 13.5 that Ms. Paltin is always, you know, hot on, the occupied vehicles as well as, you know, this is, and just keep in mind this is for the entire County, yeah? Maui, Molokai, and Lānaʻi. So, the other two positions that we have proposed is for our Solid Waste operations side. And one is a Maintenance Coordinator. Right now, our current cost is roughly around 269,000 that we outsource to basically kind of operate, maintain all of our equipment, yeah. And so, we kind of expect that we will probably save roughly around 112,000 per year with this position. And similar to Wastewater, you know, this Maintenance Coordinator does annual assets of what's good, what's not, keeps track of all of the operation and maintenance of our heavy equipment, mechanical, electrical equipment, and then as well as coordinating all of that contracts and all of that kind of stuff just to make sure it's implemented efficiently and properly, yeah? So, the last position, is really, it's an Administrative Services Assistant that currently one of our, I think it's an Administrative Assistant, is kind of positioned down at the Central Maui Landfill and he kind of is doing two jobs over there, one for the landfill as well as one for the operations superintendent. So, our idea is, you know, she would...we can get this other position that will help her in her duties to just focus on her duties and this will allow the Administrative Assistant to address the Central Maui Landfill duties. So, the current ASA position that's there at the Central Maui Landfill that will be pulling back that towards operations. She already works more than 25 percent of overtime a year. So, basically it's just another position to help our staff do what they need to do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay? Next question is from Member Kama. Due to potential, due to the potential for Wastewater employees to come into contact with pathogens including Covid-19 exposure, what PPEs are currently available to staff, and does the FY '21 budget proposal include an increase in cost to acquire additional PPE? If not, how much funding should be allocated for this purpose? Do employees get hazardous pay?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so Wastewater, I'll try to keep it short. So, Wastewater we deal with viruses, bacteria, all this stuff every day. And this is definitely a new one for us, but we are already equipped with all the PPEs, gloves, masks, Tyvek suits, goggles, face shields, et cetera. We even have SCBAs, if they really need which is self-contained breathing apparatuses. They already know the procedures which was reviewed by the Department of Health, and we are continuing to do it. So, if we continue, I think our Budget, we can absorb the cost going forward and we estimated maybe another 50 to 100,000 depending on how long it's going to be. And right now, hazard pay is being discussed with the unions as we speak.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question eight is from Member Sugimura. Relating to Budget Details...

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eight and nine together.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Eight and nine can go together. Sorry about not e-mailing you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Eight and nine, I'll read them together.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so they're –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They're both from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --the same _____. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Office Operations Assistant II and Office Operations Assistant, please justify the reorganization.

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, real quick, this is just a supervisory change. So, whenever you have a supervisory change, it requires a reorg.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, the next set of questions will be from Category B, Operations. Question 13 is from Member Molina. Relating to Budget Details, there is...Page 5-15, there is a reduction of \$1.4 million in Special Revenue Fund noted as a deletion in a one-time appropriation. A, can you identify what that one-time appropriation was. And B, how can you confirm that appropriation will not be needed for FY '21?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair, for...Michele just told me for question number ten –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --I have Gary Murai on the phone for clarification if you need him.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, so that was information that Budget Director sent yesterday, right?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Hi. So, there was questions about us proposing the salaries or the SR and step. I have Gary Murai, Gary Murai has joined the meeting and he can sort of explain to the Committee on the redacted version of the Budget Details, if the Committee would allow him.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . ., Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, Mr. Murai?

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MR. MURAI: Hi, Chair. Can you hear me okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, we can hear you and see you. Mahalo --

MR. MURAI: Okay, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for joining us.

MR. MURAI: You're welcome. I'm sorry, you know, I just joined a little while ago and maybe if I'm, just to make sure I'm answering the correct question, is the question about the information regarding employees' salaries that was provided?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Mr. Murai, yesterday we received the advice from Mr. Galazin, our Deputy Corporation Counsel, that there is no legal reason why we wouldn't be able to receive that information --

MR. MURAI: Oh okay, well...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --regarding the salaries.

MR. MURAI: Well, there's two sides to the...I guess the threshold question or issue would be whether civil servant salaries, whether or not or what conditions civil servants salaries would be disclosed. You know, pursuant to the Uniform Information Practices Act, civil servants have a privacy interest in their precise salary. So, what the law provides for is releasing of a salary range. So, in other words if an employee is, for example, an SR-18 at Step B, then what we would be legally allowed to disclose to the public would be a...the range for that salary but not the exact dollar amount. The exceptions would be for any government employee who is either exempt or excluded from civil service and those salaries I believe are provided. I did see the, Ms. Yoshimura's transmittal and, you know, that's...that spreadsheet is something that I believe DPS maintains and it would show...I saw the spreadsheet and I believe it has a position number as well as a salary range for civil servants and a position number, and the exact salary for the person if it's an excluded or exempt position. Now, the problem with disclosing the exact...and so there's no names on that list and if the...if your Committee wanted the names, I'm not sure whether...well, we could provide the names --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No one asked for the names.

MR. MURAI: --and the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No one asked for the names.

MR. MURAI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's the numbers...

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MR. MURAI: If you don't need...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so...

MR. MURAI: If you don't need the names then what you have left is a position number. And, you know, if you have, and I guess even through position numbers you can still figure out who the person is. So, that's why the information was provided in the way it was provided. I realize that the Committee has a lot of work to do and is under, you know, time constraints. But I can't speak for Ms. Yoshimura or, you know, Mr. Underwood who provided that information but I don't know how much time they would need to produce to your Committee the exact dollar amounts. I would guess that it would need to be...have the position numbers taken out because that's what would identify, you know, who's assigned to that job. There might be situations where there might be only one or a few people in a specific position and you'd be able to figure out who that person is. So, you know, what, you know, Madame Chair, what we're really trying to do is comply with or meet your Committee's needs while still following the law. Now, I...there is a provision in the Uniform Information Practices Act that allows government agencies to provide information to each other. Specifically, County Councils are listed as an agency that, you know, the Administration may provide information to, and I think that is --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

MR. MURAI: --Chapter . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Administration provided that information --

MR. MURAI: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to previous Councils. Right.

MR. MURAI: No. That...however that provision would also place upon you and your Committee, the obligation to keep that information, you know, the identifying information confidential as well. That part I don't know how you do that, you know, I don't know whether you can receive the information in a closed session and keep it under seal. That I don't know about, but that might be the avenue that you could take. If you, if the information you provided was, well, you were provided with is inadequate then, you know, that might be the solution. However, but as I said earlier, you know, my understanding is that, you know, the Committee's work moves on fairly quickly and what it appeared to me was that Ms. Yoshimura was just trying to get as much information to you as she could under the circumstances. As I said, it's not...I saw the spreadsheet and it wasn't a document that was prepared specifically for Council, it was something that from my understanding is that DPS maintains.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, so the question that was asked yesterday to Corporation Counsel was what changed from 2018 to 2019? Because previous Councils did receive that information, so what changed besides the Administration? What legally

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changed? And my understanding was nothing legally changed and it's not just the situation this year with us meeting remotely. We also did not get that information last year when we met in person in the Chambers and had all of our information in the offices. So, I don't think that that's a legitimate reason.

MR. MURAI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because this was done --

MR. MURAI: Well --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to this Council last year too.

MR. MURAI: --Madame Chair, I can't speak to...I agree with you that the law has not changed, but I cannot speak to what happened between last year and this year or what was produced before, and, you know, as opposed to what was produced now. That's something that's...I just don't know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it's preferential?

MR. MURAI: I don't know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's the discretion? Because there's no legal obstacle to provide that information to the Council.

MR. MURAI: Well, I wouldn't say there's no legal obstacle. There are legal procedures that we must follow or be, at least be mindful of. I...there may be differences in how you execute that, but as far as any change in the law, the law has not changed as far as I know. I was not involved in 2018, so I can't speak to why it was done one way last time and why it's being done differently this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and what was also explained to us by Corporation Counsel yesterday was that a contract cannot supersede the laws, which is what was being, which is what's happening by not providing the Council information that we should be able to have. And that in a contract, so the collective bargaining agreement, it cannot supersede the law in providing us the information that is being requested.

MR. MURAI: You know, the law on that is not completely settled. I have not had the opportunity to, you know, I'm not prepared to address this specifically. But I would say that it is not well settled that collective bargaining agreements cannot supersede the law. The County of Maui was involved in an arbitration a few years ago where that was the exact issue, you know, can a collective bargaining agreement, you know, or can parties to a CBA bargain away things that might be precluded by law. And the answer is not clear. It is possible for CBAs to not be subject to certain laws, but it's not something I'm really prepared to discuss. All I can say is that in my mind, in my opinion, it is not 100 percent crystal clear. A collective bargaining agreement cannot violate laws that are like for example, you can't discriminate, you can't, you know, enter into a union

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contract that would discriminate against someone because of a protected class, that type of thing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . those kinds of examples, we want this specific example and I'm sorry you aren't prepared to comment on this specific legal example. Members, do you have any questions for Mr. Murai? Member Paltin and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't see the problem with just giving the Department, the job profile name, and the compensation. The position ID is not necessary information for making budgetary decisions, whereas the dollar amounts, and the cumulative dollar amounts is what matters when we're trying to make budget decisions. So, what is the problem with just deleting the position ID and giving the actual dollar amounts? Or even, I mean, the step letter is not an actual dollar amount either. Unless you have the union booklet, you don't know what that means other than how many people are getting paid so much more and how many people are entry level. So, what is the problem with just the letter step amount? What is the problem of giving the dollar amount without the position ID? I don't see any problems.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Murai?

MR. MURAI: Member Paltin, I agree. If all you needed was a dollar amount without any identifying information, I don't see a reason why that couldn't be provided. I think it's just that, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The only identifying information we need is the title of the job, the...we don't need the ID.

MR. MURAI: Right, right. As you know, you're correct, you know, the salary ranges are public record, they're in the, they're all in your union agreements. But that's not what you need, right? You want the exact dollar amount, and if you don't need to, if you don't need the identifying information, then I don't think that's a problem. I think, I don't want to speak for Ms. Yoshimura, but my understanding was that this was information that was provided fairly quickly, and it was the information that was available.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, we don't need the position ID. We're not looking up like, oh, 29799 is Gary Murai, like --

MR. MURAI: No, I understand.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --that's not what we're doing, we're --

MR. MURAI: I understand.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --trying to make decisions.

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MR. MURAI: And I would agree that you should be able to be provided with the dollar amounts if the information can be sanitized so that identifying information is excluded, or if, you know, if you did need identifying information, you know, then that may have to be handled in another matter like for example, in an Executive Session where the information will also remain in the Executive Session.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Murai. And, again, we appreciate you cautioning us and giving us good advice. So, I appreciate that. But couple things that I agree with my colleague, Ms. Paltin. One, I don't know why this point has never been disclosed to the Council before contract ratification that these are some of the things that have been changed in the agreement that if you ratify, please be aware that this is one of the impacts. Council is never told this things by our representatives who negotiate for us. And so, I find it kind of interesting, especially if our representative knows that our Charter says that the Council can require periodic and special reports from all County departments concerning their function and operations. And the Council shall without limitation of its full foregoing grant of powers given by the Charter. So, I would say this supersedes that collective bargaining agreement.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Murai?

MR. MURAI: You know, Mr. Hokama, I guess I'm a little bit confused because I'm...I am familiar with most of the collective bargaining agreements. I don't have them in front of me, but I'm not aware of...I guess, I don't know what you folks are referring to when you say that the CBA somehow...you know, I know that we had a little discussion about whether the CBA trumps the law or vice versa, but is there something specific in the CBAs that you're referring to? I apologize that I'm, you know, I kind of jumped into this discussion a little bit late, so.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, Mr. Murai, all we want to know is why we cannot get required information for us to make a budgetary decision. That's all we asking is to get-

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MR. MURAI: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --you know, financial information to make a budgetary decision. We're not here about hiring or firing a specific employee. We're not here about the benefits within the collective bargaining contract. We here to make a budgetary decision, and until we get those financial numbers, it's difficult for the nine members to make that decision. That's what we asking.

MR. MURAI: Okay. You know, Mr. Hokama, I guess I'll say this. All of my comments that I made today are based on Chapter 92F, and, you know, my experience at having worked with the statute and, you know, worked with the County for some time now. I would say at this point without knowing, you know, of any specific prohibition in any collective

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bargaining agreement against releasing civil servants' exact salaries, that I don't think that it's a very relevant road to go down. I'm just going to rely on the Chapter 92F when I say that I believe the Council is entitled to the information it seeks. You know, in hearing what Member Paltin has said, you folks don't need to know who it is, that you don't need to know the position number. I believe that, you know, that information regarding exact salaries, you know, for positions can be disclosed. You may have a problem if let's say you want to know the salaries for all of the park caretakers. Because there are so many of them, it's hard to figure out who's who. You may run into problems where there may be only one or two people in the entire County with a specific position, not position number but a job, and, you know, it might be only one, you know, well of course, let's say Councilmembers. There's nine of you, so we all know what your salaries are, you know. If there's only one of you then, you know, then it's easier to figure out. So, but, you know, I don't think those problems are insurmountable, you should be able to capture the great majority of employees' exact salaries if the information is anonymized. I'm not sure if that's a word, but...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. I know, again, Mr. Murata [sic], you know, we appreciate your experience, your legal comment. I just find it interesting that the County discriminates on depending on your employment status whether you're a civil service or appointee or temporary. You get reported in the Budget different ways for the same thing, a County employee. I find it interesting that--

MR. MURAI: You know --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --discriminate...

MR. MURAI: --Mr. Hokama, those comments have come up before, and basically in the context of the law don't make sense. How come civil servants are, you know, have a one set of rules and appointed employees have a different set. If you look at the, and I, you know, I don't know how you're going to resolve that. But all I can say is the information provided is provided pursuant to Chapter 92F. So, in other words, I hope it doesn't sound like a copout but I'm going to say it's the law and leave it at that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Murai.

MR. MURAI: You're welcome.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I think it seems like we're having the same discussion for every department, so I hope at some point we can resolve this once and for all. But my question to Mr. Murai is if a member of the public wants to find out what a government employee is making salary-wise, how much they're earning, because it's all taxpayer money, right? Can they make a UIPA request? I know they can do that for appointed officials, can they do that for civil servant officials? I mean, for civil servant employees? Like, you know, say I wanted to find out how much people from Parks

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Department were making and I'm a taxpayer and I send in a UIPA request, is that going to be denied for civil servants?

MR. MURAI: It wouldn't be denied, but the response would be a range, a salary range. In other words, as I said earlier, you know, if an employee is an SR-15 at Step D, you would get, I'm sorry, if the employee is a SR-15, for example, you would get the salary range for that SR classification. You would not get the exact dollar amount.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so the public would not be able to say, you know, I want to know exactly how much John Doe is making as a, you know...

MR. MURAI: No, because that kind of information has been deemed by the, by law and by Office of Information Practice opinions to be something that's, you know, that employee has a right to privacy.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but they could do that for appointed officials, correct?

MR. MURAI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, yeah, I just wondered. So, if we were going to look at, I mean, obviously we could look at salary ranges because that's the same as any person in the public could get. So, we should be able to do that in public. So --

MR. MURAI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --why would we need to go into Executive Session if we were looking at salary ranges?

MR. MURAI: Well, when I said go into Executive Session, I meant if this Council is seeking the exact dollar amount, in other words, not the range but that specific employee's making.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. MURAI: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Vice-Chair King. Okay, I don't see...I know we don't have video for Member Sinenci, so I'll just check with Member Sinenci verbally. Member Sinenci, did you have any questions for Mr. Murai?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No comments, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, we'll go back to our questions for DEM. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay, all right. Let's see, I think we were on...we were on question 13. I asked but it wasn't answered, right? I can ask it again. Okay, so, question 13 relating to Budget Details Page 5-5, there is a reduction of \$1.4 million in special revenue fund noted as a deletion and one-time appropriation. A, can you identify that one-time, what that one-time appropriation was? And B, how can you confirm that appropriation will not be needed for FY '21?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair, Members. So, this item a 1.4 million reduction is basically the Countywide sewer capital improvement reserve fund that was established five, four or five years ago. And a little background for us was more that we anticipated coming in with a 6 percent rate increase before this pandemic happened. So, right after the emergency was declared, we went to a flat-rate increase. And so, we moved some...we cut some big ticket items as well as moving some cash CIP out to bond.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And question 14 relating to Budget Details Page 5-18, which is an adjustment for debt service. Can you please explain why this debt service cost will not recur on FY '21, for FY '21 from Member Molina?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so with regards to debt service, debt service is recalculated every year by Finance as well as the...worked out with the Budget Director. Basically my understanding is based on whatever loans were taken from the CIP projects that was completed, the negotiations of GO bonds, et cetera. So, that number goes up and down every year. So, that's the reason why it went down this year. And I think I recall last year that we were also the...our debt service currently is at like I think it was roughly 20 percent. So, what we were trying to do is also try to see if we can pay down any of the outstanding debt to lower that debt service going forward because the industry standard is roughly 10 percent.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question 15 from Member Molina, Member King, and Chair Lee relating to Budget Details, Page 5-34, Environmental Protection and Sustainability, please explain and justify the increased interfund of \$870,000 for sludge disposal.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, this basically has to do with the temporary additional cost in which we are mulch-mixing and landfilling the sludge in the EKO and the green waste. So, once we, I think we talked about it in Infrastructure Committee, once we get the additional lands that we came in for, permit that, and build the infrastructure, this cost should go down.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, question 17 from Member Molina and myself, relating to Budget Details, Page 5-51, for a preliminary engineering report. A, explain the purpose of the report in terms of what the scope of the project will be for the Makawao Plant. B, what is the estimated time for completion for the report?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, this preliminary engineering report is basically will be a study to determine the feasibility of constructing an Upcountry regional facility to provide sewer service for communities that are currently on either cesspools or septic

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tanks. We envision potentially sewer'ing that Makawao area maybe from potentially from Haleakalā to Baldwin. Basically, like any other PER, it'll identify like what's the best location, technology, construction cost, and other infrastructure costs that may be associated with it like collection systems, pump stations, et cetera. And so, typically these type of PERs that are a little more difficult, takes roughly around 9 to 12 months to complete.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, it takes how long to complete?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Typically, these take around 9 to 12 months to complete --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nine to 12?

MR. NAKAGAWA: --depending on the specifics. Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, next question is question 18 from Member Molina relating to Budget details Page 167, can you provide some detail as to why the training fees seminar budget was not utilized?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay so, what happened with this is this is a one-time purchase. So, this was a comprehensive training safety program for our Solid Waste operations group that was a one-time expenditure. However, that kind of transitioned into an online subscription training type where you on go and pay annual fees. And because those fees were too high, we opted out of that training and utilized the DVDs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And, Members, if you hear any question from me that, you know, you asked to have withdrawn and I read it, please let me know and then we'll skip to the next question. Question 19 from Member Molina relating to Budget details, Page 168, can you define preliminary engineering studies?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. So, preliminary engineering studies are basically just reports that we get from consultants that tells us a solution to a problem that we're having. They find options for this particular problem, analyze all of the situation, give us different alternatives with costs and recommends the best solution. Usually these types of reports will turn into a capital improvement project, a CIP project in the future. Particularly for this case in that index code, this is potentially a waste volume reduction type of project or a waste to energy that hopefully we can develop into like a pilot project.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Next question is from Committee Vice-Chair King, relating to Budget Details Page 5-18, retirement system charges, please explain the increase in fringe benefit rates.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so, what I understand from all of our special costs, we call them special costs, the ERS, FICA, EUTF and OPEB, they're basically all based off of the fringe benefit rates for that previous calendar year. So, that basically takes into account the number of employees that we have, salaries, et cetera, and then they recalculate that every year. But I think Finance or Budget Director can probably correct me if I'm wrong.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, she nodded so I guess that's correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for that confirmation. Okay, question 22 is from Committee Vice-Chair King, relating to Budget Details, Environmental Protection and Sustainability, please explain the additional funding for the junk vehicle disposal assistance program. Please give an account of the existing funds and explain if the Molokai and Lānaʻi programs are new.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so this one I...I didn't difficulty, but I had two different answers. So, on Page 5-34 index code 919019B sub-object code 7545, that's really pertaining to the previous question of the increase in cost to our EKO Compost. So, I didn't know if she was asking about that or the junk vehicle disposal program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, mister...Chair? I just need to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: There was a, yeah, there was a mistake on the page number, so the page number should be 5-103 which is the increase. It just says contractual services but it's under abandoned vehicles so it added an additional 100,000, and then the continuation was an additional 35,000. So, it looks like there's an additional 135,000 so I apologize. We got the number, the page number wrong.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, no problem, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, if we are asking about the junk vehicle assistance program, so the monies that we get for those they're basically additional funds to accommodate for this twice the amount of vehicles per year and the possibly towing costs, services, I should say. So, that's kind of what that whole increase in funding would be for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, next questions is from Chair Lee. Relating to Wastewater Administration Program, Page 147 of the Program Budget, the Division spent \$218,000 in grant revenue. Why are there no grant funds in FY 2021?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so this was a one-time free money that I was brought to my, or brought to my attention from the Department of Health that they had available in Fiscal Year 2020. So we utilized all of those funds. However, there's none available this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Next question is from Chair Lee, relating to the Wastewater Administration Program on Page 150, the Division received an \$800,000 grant from the Hawai'i Energy Management Agency, why are there no grant funds in FY '21 for that?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, similar to the previous grant, this was an actual matching grant program that HIEMA did, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency did for disaster resiliency. And at that time, Keanu, when she was with _____, I mean, with HIEMA, she basically pointed it out and helped us draft that application. So, we utilized that for a Lahaina treatment plant generator. And no additional grants are available this year so far.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. The next question is from Chair Lee. Relating to the environmental protection and sustainability key activity rules and measures on Page 169, the total ton diverted recycled per year under County funded projects was 68,411 tons in FY '19; 65,000 tons in FY '20, and only 15 tons expected in FY '21. Please explain the decrease.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so in short since we talked about the funding, this is, has to do with the temporary landfilling of our mulch and our...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, question 31 is from Member Sugimura...oh, okay, we already went over that. Okay. Question 32 is also from Member Sugimura. Oh, sorry, question 31 was regarding travel. And so, we kind of briefly discussed travel. Member Sugimura, relating to Budget Details Page 5-5, professional services, what will the professional services be used for?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, so, for professional services, so, once again, typically professional services are used for outside consultants that have specialized technical expertise outside of our capabilities that allows us to optimize our systems and meet regulatory requirements such as engineers, attorneys, programmers, et cetera. So, historically for DEM, this was used to pay for Countywide programs like our InvestiPro, I guess, with Corporation Counsel that helps us with investigations as well as, like, these citizens satisfaction surveys. It also was used for some professional office repairs, constructions, et cetera.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Okay, so the next four questions are from Member Sugimura. Member Sugimura, do you want all four questions asked? Mute, you have to unmute. Oh, I cannot unmute you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry. So, I actually had it all marked off to tell you, so you don't have to. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, all four of them no ask? Or on this...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, you're fine. We're fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, question 37 relating to Budget Details, Page 5-79, please provide further explanation details for the hazard waste inclusion training capacity calculations and survey items for Hāna and Lāna'i. And this was a question from me.

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so, Chair. So, all of the County of Maui landfills are non-hazardous landfills. So, regulations require continuous employee trainings to identify and prevent hazardous waste from coming into our landfills and being accepted. Solid waste reduction also requires like our active landfills to conduct annual, like, 3D aerial topo surveys. Basically calculating of their space we have left. So, that's kind of what this index code is for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. So, the next two questions, 38, 39, I'll combine. So, it's relating to Budget Details Page 5-84, 5-87, are these routes automated? If not, are there plans to do so? How many residents will be served by each new route? And how many residents are served by this automated route? Are there less E/Ps required for an automated route?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, basically 959 residents are served by this route. We're going to have three new automated routes. One in Lahaina, roughly 500 pickups a day. One in Wailuku, 675 pickups a day. And one in Makawao. And what this does is balance off our automated number of routes per day, which is union goals and it also addresses the growth in our community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for that information. Okay, so we're going to skip to question 41(b), it's from Member Paltin. Relating to Budget Details Page 5-9 and Page 5-18, is the Sewer Fund used to pay for Wastewater administration and operations program as well as FICA, EUTF, OPEB expenses and overhead administration?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes. The Sewer Fund pays for everything. They're self-funded, so they pay for everything.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, question 43 from Member Paltin. The Mayor has recommended not raising any fees, how will this affect DEM? Your Department?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I think this basically goes back to my original question of, I mean, answers for 1, 2, 3, whether we get no fees or, I mean, no increase in fees or whether we try to cut our Budget, we keep with that same philosophy of, okay, so what do we have planned? What kind of large item, large ticket items can we push off? As well as CIP projects, converting them to bond. And also, how does this, I mean, basically how does that affect our services, right, I mean, for the community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, skipping to question 45 from Member Paltin. Relating to Budget Details, Page 5-89, Solid Waste operations, what area and how long does the curbside recycling pilot last, and how come it is not part of EP&S?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, so this program basically started in 2012 and, I mean, the reason why it's in Solid Waste is because Solid Waste basically operates and maintains this program. They have the trucks to pick it up, they can deal with the carts, and then

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EP&S, they manage the processing contract for this three-can plan. So, Solid Waste does operations. They drop it off and then EP&S pretty much manages that contract. So, EP&S also provides educational and information portion of that program. So, there's 750 routes in, or accounts in Maui Meadows as well as 750 in central Kihei. How long does it last? I mean, I guess until this body or the Administration determines that, I guess, it's not feasible anymore or we no longer want to continue with that program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response. Okay, we're going to question 46 from Member Paltin. What is the total cost of the Sunday green waste program?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, thank you. So, let's see, 52, sorry, I'm just is adding. So, it looks like it's roughly around 162,000 per year that's divided between the EP&S side with the green waste as well as our expenses for Solid Waste side.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question 47 from Member Paltin, the next four questions are for Member Paltin. And then just let me know, Member Paltin. Relating to Page 174 of the Program Budget, please provide more detail as to how the funds going to Mālama Maui Nui and Mālama Maui Community Workday will be used.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so instead of me reading the actual grant application, Tamara will answer it kind of in a big general sense.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Farnsworth?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Can you hear me? Okay. So, we manage two grants with Malama Maui Nui, one it's called the Keep Maui Beautiful Grant, and that provides for big cleanups of illegal dump spots all over the island and sometimes on the neighbor islands, as well as recycling and litter control education. And the other grant is for the third Saturday West Maui collection event that are provided to pick up things like white goods and metals and other items.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo --

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Ms. Farnsworth. Okay, next question 48 from Member Paltin relating to Page 5-94, how does --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --environmental...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You can skip 48 and 50.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Forty-eight and fifty. Okay. Okay, question 49 regarding Budget Details Page 5-101, is EP&S participating in the remote working program? If yes, can it be done long-term?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. So, I'm not too sure what a remote working program is, but this basically...this index code is just basically for their office rental in the Wells Professional Building and they're trying to...it shows a little increase because they've outgrew their space and moving to One Main Plaza.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, moving to category C equipment questions. Question 51 from Member Molina, relating to Budget Details, Pages 5-52 and 5-55, A, the majority of this equipment is replacement. Can you identify if this equipment will be used Countywide or for specific plants? And B, if the equipment is to be used for specific plants, please identify the locations.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, all of this equipment will be used Countywide and they will be used at all of our plants, which is Lahaina, Kihei, Wailuku, Kahului, Molokai, and Lānaʻi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. So, next four questions are from Member Molina so, Member Molina, just let me know if you'd like to withdraw any of these questions. Okay, question 52, please provide some detail as to why the equipment listed in the following index codes and sub-object codes on Page 167 of the Budget Details was no longer needed. There are A, B, C, and D.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair, so A through D, these are all one-time purchases during Fiscal Year 2020 that were made and therefore no longer needed to be carried forward into '21.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Question 53, relating to Budget details Page 168, office equipment purchase of 2 desks, a set of desk, shelves, chairs, et cetera for the proposed expansion positions at \$2,500 each, it seems a bit expensive for \$5,000 of office furniture for two positions. Could you please elaborate what else will be purchased with this budget under et cetera. I see that \$2,000 is for a new copier. Budget details, Page 168 from Member Molina.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair. So, basically this is just for an office setup and we're only, we will only spend what is necessary. We won't overspend. So, if it's underneath that we won't actually spend it. So, sorry about that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. So, moving on to CIP questions. Question 54 from Member Molina, relating to CBS-1119, EPA Compliance Renovation Projects, Page 624. A, will any of these project reduce the reliance on injection wells? And B, what is the current status of our response to the 1999 Consent Decree?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: EPA Compliance Renovation Projects, the first answer is no. This has...this does not pertain to injection wells. And for B, the County, we've been off of the Consent Decree from 2015, so but then however all of these projects and all of the programs that we developed in it continues forward so that we don't resort back to where we were and then get another Consent Decree in the future.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair, your mic is muted.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're on mute.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One more time. Question 55 from Member Molina, mahalo, everyone. Relating to CBS-1132, EPA Compliance Projects. A, how many lines can be repaired or replace with \$550,000? B, what locations will the lines be repaired or replaced?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, for our EPA compliance projects first question \$550,000, we have arranged typically for replacement of sewer lines, and they fluctuate between \$500 to \$1,000 per foot depending on what kind of ground they're in, whether it's rock, water. So, roughly you can get probably on the order of 500 to 1,000 linear feet for \$500,000. The second question, so, the locations of which we are going to repair/replace. So, this try to keep in mind. So, this EPA compliance project is particularly is used for investigative purposes. So, we have 259 miles of underground sewer lines that we need to run a camera through every year and we, every year we just did a little portion of that. And so, that's what this money is for. And from those investigations, we kind of develop replacement sewer line projects that are typically carried out in the other CBS numbers. You're going to see it's called EPA Sewer Renovation Projects. So, like CBS-1131, CBS-1146, and CBS-1148, which is sewer line replacements in the Central area, West Maui, as well as Kihei.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Next question, question 56 from Member Molina relating to CBS-1955, 1964, Pages 652 through 655 Kū`au Force Main replacement. A, last year the Kū`au Force Main 3 and 4 were funded. Have those projects been completed? B, if not, can you give status and advise if they will be completed before Force Main 1 and 3 are started? And C, what traffic mitigations will be implemented for this project?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so Kū`au 3 will start construction this month. We finally got an agreement with the Department of Transportation to accelerate the project to hopefully take advantage of the reduced traffic right now along Hāna Highway. And then Kū`au 4, we're in the last stages of the engineering and should bid it out in May or June. Construction will be completely outside of Hāna Highway. So, Kū`aus 1 and 2 go out to bid in July. And traffic mitigations. So, basically Kū`au 3, the work will be done with current travel restrictions to take advantage of the reduced traffic. Kū`au 4 is completely out of, oh, I'm kind of saying the same thing right, out of the highway. And then the other Kū`au 1 and 2 will have restricted daytime hours or work at night, which is kind of typical requirement from the Department of Transportation.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. First of all, I've been trying to text you to, you know, you can reduce asking the amount of questions. I know your hands are full but thank you for being so generous. I just like to say, you know, I'm fine. Enough already as they say. And in the interest of time and out of consideration for my colleagues, you know, I can get the rest of the questions in writing from Director Nakagawa. And I also want to thank Director Nakagawa for foregoing his presentation, which saved us a lot of time and gave us and him more time to answer our questions. So, something for consideration for the other departments that are coming up, if they're willing to reduce their presentation time or maybe even foregoing their presentation so that way, more time can be spent on answering the Members' questions. For your consideration, Madame Chair, I just thought I'd offer that. And thank you for, you know, trying to facilitate and it's like trying to herd cats, yeah, with all of us with our questions and whatnot. But, anyway, just a suggestion but again, thank you and I'm fine and again thanks to you and also to Director Nakagawa and his hardworking Department staff for responding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, so just to clarify, all of your questions? All of the...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madame Chair, I'll leave that up to you. Just pick the ones you feel that are most pertinent. If you see some that may be manini, don't worry about it. But I'll leave it to you because I know the other Members...I want to respect my other Members' time and so that we can move on to our other departments. Because we've got a, you know, a long road ahead of us. So, anyway, I'll just leave that to you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just wanted to, there was a mistake in the CBS and the page number. I apologize for that. But my question number 60 is relating to the same as 59 and 61, so I think all those three can be taken together when you get there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's supposed to be...mine was supposed to be...my question number 60 was supposed to be CBS-3206.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fifty-nine, sixty, and sixty-one. Okay. And then, Member Molina, what I had asked the departments if they would do if they could provide a, just a opening comments, a brief presentation on the highlights of their Budget if they were able to, which is why some departments, or a couple of departments did have a PowerPoint presentation. And the ones that are, were just really slammed did not have a PowerPoint presentation. So, is it the Committee's preference to not have a PowerPoint presentation at all?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I guess I'll speak up and I know, Madame Chair, I'm kind of putting my foot in my mouth because earlier in the prior to Budget Session I had asked that all departments do PowerPoint presentations. But now in the interest of trying to save some time, I'm willing to pull back on that consideration. So, again, if you feel it necessary that we need a presentation or at least maybe reduce their presentations because some departments I think maybe took up like maybe 10 minutes, maybe 15 minutes. If it could be condensed down to maybe five minutes just hit their key points and then we go right into the Q&A session. So, that's my suggestion. Thank you. And thank you for asking. Appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Thank you. I agree with Member Molina. Most of us have already heard presentations on, you know, in the last couple of months. So, I think we don't really need to hear them again and getting down to these questions I think are more important. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I agree that we don't need, you know, that the whole purpose of having those meeting pre-budget was to see the PowerPoints as far as their organization and what they do and if they wanted to provide us one or two slides on just the changes in their budget going forward, because that's the thing that we didn't see. We didn't get the forward looking 2021 Budget. That's all we need. We don't need to see the slides of their organization and what their different divisions do because we've already seen all that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Member Sinenci and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add that, you know, since we are taking off 50 percent of departments' travel, if departments that are in the queue coming up, if they can either call ahead about their planned trips or the conferences, if those have been cancelled then they can already come with a 50 percent reduction of their travel. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. Yeah, I appreciate the Members trying to reduce time, but this is our only opportunity with the departments, Chair. So, I know it was requested for PowerPoints by the departments by this Committee. I would say if they already have compiled it, I wouldn't mind receiving it. They don't need to present it to me, but I would like those transmitted to the Members, to the Committee so I can go through my own review of those information, Chair. I appreciate the work they have already put in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama, we can make that request. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I like this discussion and I can tell that the departments are listening and hearing the kind of questions that we've come up with or have reviewed your consolidated questions as they already are telling us things like 5 percent, you know, what the cuts would be or they kind of thought through the Coronavirus questions. So, appreciate that. Yeah, and I appreciate what Member Hokama's saying, we'd like to have copies of the PowerPoints if they did it, because it does take work on their part so we appreciate it. But I like the flow the way that this is going, Chair, for today and to keep things going because it's such a huge department. So, thank you, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, seeing no other hands, we'll move forward and with the questions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have...oh, Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sorry. I would like copies of the PowerPoints, not necessarily presented, but I just like looking at pictures. So, I could look at them in my free or spare time. But I'd appreciate that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. So, Budget Director Yoshimura is in the room and she's hearing the discussion. So, you know, she can be sure to pass the message that the Members would appreciate if departments did create the PowerPoint to transmit it to EDB Committee, but we would prefer to just dive straight into the questions after opening remarks from the department director. So, we'll cancel the plan of doing any PowerPoint presentation prior to Members' questions. So, that'll be a change in the format. Mahalo to the Administration for their flexibility with this. Okay, if there are no more questions or comments, I will continue with the questions. We have about 77 questions. Some of them have been withdrawn. So, again, just let me know if your question you would like to have it withdrawn. So, 59, 60, and 61 we're combining, and this is regarding the Central Maui Wastewater Refuse Facility, or Reclamation, I think. Reclamation Facility. Okay. A, how much of this project will be

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funded by Waikapū Country Town Project? Will the Country...will the County be reimbursed for any of this project by the Waikapū Country Town? What is the status of the Central Maui Regional Wastewater Facility? Is the Department on track? And please explain in more detail the newly proposed Central Maui Regional Wastewater Facility.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, looks like we are on 59 through 61. Okay, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --first question on funding by Waikapū Country Town. So, we don't really know what the exact number is, but we anticipate roughly 20 to 25 million based on their initial wastewater calculations. Just keep in mind that they...part of their EA or their plans were to build their own treatment plant so that's kind of where we just generated these numbers off of. If there's any type of reimbursements, I mean we anticipate this being a public-private partnership meaning where both sides will fund the project. Whether that's through, totally through the County going forward and they provide funding or vice versa. The, I guess, the status of the project, basically we already completed a study for that region. We are in the preliminary engineering report phase which should be complete by the end of next year. And basically, yeah, so we're on track and just due to the size and scope of this project, hopefully we are able to enter into a design phase in the next couple of years and hopefully start construction after that. So, in general for everyone who does not remember. So, the, pretty much the big picture goals for this Central Maui Regional Facility was to provide sewer service for these new developments near that Waikapū area. We were...the benefit of not only providing sewer for them, but also to shed some load off of the existing Kahului system, which would take hopefully all of Wailuku Heights, all along from Wai'ale Road and up. And then also to help provide recycled water in that area, but also too it's a one step closer in, or maybe our first initial step in trying to decentralize that Kahului Treatment Plant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay the next question is from Chair Lee and it's relating to CBS-5019, Central Maui Landfill Expansion on Page 662 of the Program Budget. Twelve point five million dollars was appropriated in FY '20, \$250,000 is requested in FY '21, and 1 million in FY '22. A, what is the status of the project? B, is the Department on track? And C, how will leachate and landfill gas be controlled and monitored?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, Chair. So, the design is all complete, it's in the hands of the Department of Health for review. They're supposed to be done with their review shortly. So, pretty much the big documents are pretty much 95 percent complete and it's supposed to bid out shortly. Is the Department on track? Yes. And so, as far as the how will leachate and landfill gas be controlled and monitored. So, all of our landfills are built with a leachate system because they all have an impermeable layer where if it rains and it percolates through the ground, we need to capture that and not allow it to go into the environment, I guess, in short. So, basically leachate as well as landfill gas,

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it's all part of our construction, I guess, when we do these landfills. And those are all regulated by the Department of Health that we comply with every year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, next question is from Chair Lee. Question 63 relating to CBS-5520, Kihei Land Application System on Page 646 of the Program Budget. What would be the estimated additional cost to pump water to the higher elevation site?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Depending on where we situate the tank, I'm guessing roughly 10 to 15 million. So, in the Kihei area for those of you who don't know, it's pretty much all rock. So, the cost of digging the lines is expensive over there. And then, you know, with the additional funds of another pump station, and another tank, roughly right around that price range on that. Ten to fifteen million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, question 65 is from Member Paltin relating to CIP project Page 648. A, have the details of the design for CBS-1646 been finalized? While the \$3.6 million for the project are to go to new construction, the project description includes possible design of various improvements. And B, if the details for CBS-1646 have been finalized, could you please provide an anticipated life of this project?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay for this particular project, have the details of the design been finalized. I'm assuming she's asking if it's...if the construction plans and specs is complete. No, we're still working on the design of it. This is a really big system, so just keep in mind this is expansion of the UV system, construction of a new tank as well as the force main going up, and separate pump station also. So, there's a lot of work. Hopefully we're, we anticipate being done by the end of the year and then bidding it out this year. We have put in monies just in case, and I believe this is what it's for, just in case we miss the end of the year deadline, that we can utilize these funds to construct the force main portion, because I think we're going to, that's probably going to be the longest timeframe is the force main going up the mountain. The anticipated lifetime of all of our major equipment like this is roughly 20 to 30 years.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, next question is...the next four questions are from Member Paltin. Sixty-six, relating to CIP Page 658, is there a plan in place to begin construction for CBS-1099 in FY '22 in the event that the landfill reaches regulatory capacity before year 2023?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, we have a plan for closing phases 4 and 5 at Central Maui Landfill in Fiscal Year '23. And then just a note that our phase 3A and 3B design is complete, so this is the one we were talking about little earlier. I'm getting the permitting and going out for bid before the end of the year and this will extend the capacity for basically another 10 years we anticipate.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Next question from Member Paltin. Question 67 relating to CIP Page 672. Will determining who receives the recycled water

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for landscaping or agricultural purposes by part of design phase for CBS-1171? Oh. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was supposed to be, be part of design phase. Sorry, typo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Mahalo.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so, I believe this is our Wailuku-Kahului Recycled Water Project. Part of design, determine who receives the recycled water. So, what we, for that project we're trying to send all of our recycled water from the R-2 currently being generated at Kahului area into that Central region. So, we anticipate, you know, hopefully like the State DOT along the highway and their landscape areas will take this water and maybe possibly Maui Lani Golf Course is right there. I think we have couple parks right there. And then hopefully sometime in the future, some of those agricultural lands in that Central area.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Next question, question 67. Relating to CIP, Page 672, what is...okay, sorry. Okay, question 68 relating to CIP, Page 676, A, why is the Department unable to provide an O&M breakdown as it relates to the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility modifications? And B, what criteria or resources like the Maui Island Plan or Aha Moku Council, were used to determine the appropriate reserve capacity available for development? From Member Paltin.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so the...so this is just a continuation of this project. It's...so the O&M breakdown was already provided when the bulk of the money was requested for. So, this particular funding request is just to cover the unanticipated unforeseen conditions, site conditions for the construction costs. So, the second question, what was used to determine. So, the Maui Island Plan and the Planning Department basically they help us to determine the growth patterns in this Lahaina area. And so, they kind of look at, you know, we you look at the...without going into detail, basically in general I don't know if you guys remember what this project was, but it was replacing our 75 side because it no longer met regulatory requirements. So, all we did was bring that side back up to meet the regulatory requirements. So, we didn't add any additional capacity to this treatment plant, but we just provided more reliability where we can take down major infrastructure and do maintenance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, so we have four questions and then we'll break for lunch. So, the last four questions are regarding program goals and objectives. Question 69 is from Member Paltin relating to Page 142 of the Program Budget. A, how many outstanding regulatory issues are there currently?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Zero.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question 71 relating to Page 146 of the Program Budget, A, please explain how public information requests minimize adverse impacts to wastewater systems from non-County activities. And B, regarding goal 2.5, when reporting on monitoring capacity to meet demands on existing facilities, is sewer line capacity

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included in assessing number of planning and building permits denied due to lack of sewer capacity? If no, why not? From Member Paltin.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. So, in general, public information requests that comes into the Wastewater Division is made by homeowners, contractors, surveyors, engineers, et cetera. So, what they're doing is trying to figure out where their existing wastewater systems are. And at the same time they do this, we provide whatever infrastructure for other types of sewer lines in that area. So, as you can imagine when they go to tie in or do their construction, they need to dig in the ground. And so, what happens is, before is they would just dig without questioning and they would break our lines. Now they're all required to get this information prior so that they...we avoid these instances. And so, the reporting on monitoring capacity for basically for answering letter B, yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, question 73 relating to Page 150 of the Program Budget. Is there a concern that IntraWest, Hyatt, and Starwood Resorts will not be able to pay their fair share of the West Maui recycled water system expansion given the current status of the economy and the worldwide pandemic? From Member Paltin.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. So, we already collected this, their fair share of funds. And this will be utilized for our elevated storage right now once we go put that out to bid. So, this is just a mechanism that allows us to utilize that funds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And the last question, question 77 from Member Paltin relating to Page 170 of the Program Budget. A, regarding goal 2.1, please provide an update on the average number of business days needed to remove abandoned vehicles from the time the police report is received.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. So, Chair, so typically the average day is two it's supposed to be from the time the police report is received. However, you know, we all know that certain circumstances we always see the car is still there. And this has to do with either it needs to be cleaned out prior to the tow. The vehicle might be occupied. So, there's other type of special access or equipment needed to get rid of it. Sometimes it also requires other agencies to get involved, which could delay it. And that's pretty much all the other delays that could occur.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. So, we got through all 77 questions.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Woohoo!

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members, for withdrawing a number of your questions so it wasn't really 77, it was probably about half that. So, mahalo again for your consideration of departments. Okay. So, we're going to break early for lunch to accommodate our Members. Okay. And when we return from lunch at 12:30, we will do our five-minute round of questions, and then we'll present the Members' priority proposals, and then we'll do Finance. Okay, any questions or comments before we break for lunch?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sounds good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, all right. Mahalo, Director and all the DEM team and Budget Director Yoshimura and all the Councilmembers. Okay --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --so it's 11:22 on April 7th and the Economic Development will be back at 12:30, and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 11:22 a.m.

RECONVENE: 12:43 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*.it is 12:43 on April 7th and we are continuing our review of the Department of Environmental Management. We left off with asking everyone's questions that was submitted in writing, and now we will be doing a five-minute each Councilmember round of questions starting with Committee Vice-Chair King, and then Pro Temp Kama, and then working our way left. Okay, Committee Vice-Chair King, are you ready?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I am, thank you, Chair. I'm going to try to go fast with these --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --because I know I only have five minutes. But the first one, Mr. Nakagawa, is about the Central Maui Wastewater Treatment Facility that you got, you've got in your Budget. And I just wanted to know if that's being planned as a replacement for the Kahului Wastewater Treatment, because this is a big issue where the location of the wastewater treatment facility in Kahului is within the sea-level rise area. And so, something should be coordinated between these two facilities, or are you planning this in addition to a replacement for Kahului?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And please don't forget to unmute.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Mr. Nakagawa? Yeah, if you could...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have to unmute. Don't worry, I paused your time --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member King. I paused it.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have to unmute. Let's see. I cannot unmute you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Eric, can you unmute yourself? You're still muted. Still muted.

. . .*(technical difficulties)*. . .

MR. NAKAGAWA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And timer is restarting again.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Did you hear that question?

MR. NAKAGAWA: No, we need to...we have to relog back in through BlueJeans but now we're on the phone and . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, you've got a lot of feedback.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, they have to relog in.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, so, relog in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They're going to shut down their system.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, like to take a brief recess at the call of the Chair while they restart their system?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any objections?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No objection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll just take a quick recess while they restart their system. Okay, so it's 12:46 on April 7th. We'll take a quick recess at the call of the Chair. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

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RECESS: 12:46 p.m.
RECONVENE: 12:55 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Okay, return to order. It's 12:55 on April 7th and we will continue with our questions. I've restarted the timer on Committee Vice-Chair King. So, you have five minutes and we can now see --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --our Department. And --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, hello Department--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --you may proceed.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --hope you had a nice lunch. So, my first question is about the Central Maui Wastewater Treatment Facility. And I'm a little bit concerned about the timing unless it's being done as part of a master plan to replace the Kahului Wastewater Treatment Plant, which we know is in the sea-level rise inundation zone. There's already a private wastewater treatment plant going in Central Maui. So, is there any coordination to use this as a replacement or is it in addition to replacing the Kahului Wastewater Treatment Facility? Mr. Nakagawa?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. So, Chair, yeah, so to answer Member King's question. So, basically like I kind of mentioned before, it's a dual purpose, right? So, it's expansion of our system because there's a large development coming in that Waikapu area as well as helping us shed load off of the Kahului Treatment Plant, which we will be diverting from Dairy Road and above towards Wailuku Heights --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --and that's estimated about a million gallons. So, that helps us one step further in trying to decentralize from that Kahului --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay --

MR. NAKAGAWA: --Treatment Plant Facility.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --so it's part of decentralizing Kahului Wastewater Treatment? Okay. And then I have a couple questions about the landfill and the first one is on the sludge, because you mentioned that while you're landfilling it, it's costing more. I'm not sure why that is, but is there a plan to go back to composting and keeping it out of the landfill in accordance with EPA regulations?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, Chair, yeah. So, yeah, so I also mentioned about that this is the temporary situation that we're in. Once we are able to secure additional land, ____ the

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infrastructure, we should be able to resume that composting program as it is now and hopefully that additional expenses will go back down.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and so do you have an RFP out for that right now for the future?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair, no, we don't have an RFP out right now. So, I mean, the first step is really securing our land purchase first, and then getting it permitted, which we anticipate anywhere from 18 months to 2 years in order to get the actual permitting part.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so we're going to be landfilling sludge for two years, is that the plan?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Right now, sorry, Chair, so right now, we're...that's where we're anticipating. I mean, hopefully we're doing...we're looking into other means of trying to produce a smaller portion of composting with different alternatives. That we'll, we won't do 100 percent composting, but we'll definitely be able to do some. Unfortunately, we haven't found any good measures yet, or alternatives yet.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, well, that's a little concerning. And then my last question is on the green waste cost because originally when we put that amount of money in for the Sundays for green waste only, I believe we put in over \$400,000, but now I'm hearing it's costing less than 200,000. So, and then I went back and looked at the proviso in the Budget for this current year and it said that, you know, that proviso'd quarterly reports. So, do you guys have a report on what that's costing and whether it's worth the expense to the County?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, we don't have that right now, but we can give it to you in writing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but is it look like it's costing less than half of what we originally...I think I originally spoke to Mr. Ratte about that cost for the Sundays.

MR. NAKAGAWA: I don't have that number, it's in our Q&A from last budget. I'll get that number and then we can do the comparison. That 112 is basically manpower, equipment on our end, and a portion of that is for manpower for the green waste side of accepting that on Sundays. So, what I can do is compare whatever was allocated from last year's Fiscal Year, which I think I gave you a breakdown in detail on how that would come out, and then I can, we can compare the two.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That would be good. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Vice-Chair --

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'll yield the rest of my...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, perfect time. No, no more time. The timer just went off. Okay. Okay, Pro Temp Kama, I think is restarting her system right now. Okay, so, we'll go to Member Sugimura and if Pro Temp Kama is back by the end of your five minutes, then we'll go to Pro Temp Kama. Okay --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Sugimura? Oh, and real quick.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, Director, just please go ahead and answer the Members questions. They have five minutes and you can have a dialogue. Okay. Mahalo. Okay, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. So, on the...I just have kind of general questions. I was wondering, I think all of us the big mystery, the elephant in the room really the Covid-19 and impact.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair? Keani?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we re-established connection with Pro Temp Kama. I have 4 minutes and 38 seconds for Member Sugimura, so we can just finish with Member Sugimura and when Member Sugimura is complete, we'll go to Pro Temp Kama.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that okay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --so I just have some general questions and I wanted to know what the impact to the operations for the Department does Covid-19 have? I think you started off talking about some of the cutbacks that you're looked at to make, so that's...if you could give that some thought, and send that, I guess in writing. Unless if you have more to add than what you shared in the beginning, Mr. Nakagawa? What is the impact of Covid-19 to your operations?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. So, Chair, Members, so right now we've been living and breathing Covid. The impacts to our operations is really I think in the as far as Wastewater goes in the Lahaina-side we're seeing a reduction in flow. As far as our Central, there's an

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increase in flow. And then Kihei and the other places there's a reduction in flow. So, the impacts is really just we have some flow impacts, but then there's also some, as you know, some personnel impacts of people staying home, sheltering in place. Where other people are still coming to work, they're doing the normal PPEs, trying to acquire that. All of our refuse guys are continuing to do their jobs. I think the bigger picture really is as I had mentioned earlier, is we have three different funds coming into our Department. That's the sewer, trash, and General Fund. So, I did some quick calculations on what we have left and Carryover/Savings, I think I mentioned about reserve funds, potentially trying to use that, as well as pushing off some large cash CIPs that we could probably utilize going forward in the future. On the trash side we, I do know that commercially 40 percent of them are being impacted as far as our commercial accounts. So, if you take all of that into consideration as well as the Covid and shutting down, that impacts our revenue stream. And so, with our anticipation of how many people is, predicting how many is going to still continue to pay us, we're hopefully we think, you know halfway through the year, we should be okay. However, there's going to be a certain point where that is, there's a shortfall in funding so some type of General Fund subsidy will be required if this continues for, you know, 18 months, 2 years, or whatever is going to be predicted. There are some mechanisms that I was going to throw out and try to mention that could help us, you know, such as right now we have the restrictions of A, B, C, as well as CIP all in individual buckets. If there is going to be, you know, that would be, if we got rid of those, that helps us a little to prioritize what really goes first and what doesn't and then we, we're able to determine what is emergency and what is not and utilize those funds. But, other than that, just the flexibility is really the key in being this...adjusting to this situation, I think. So, pretty much other than that, I mean, once we start getting down to the nitty gritty, we just got to keep the lights on right, we gotta make sure everybody can flush their toilets, get their trash picked up, and all the niceties or the conveniences for this one year or 18 months just has to be put back on hold.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, did you say that if this continues for longer than 6 months it may impact you or did you think up to 18 months? What's your guess?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, just to clarify. So, it does impact us now because revenue streams will be coming in will stop. We don't know to how much it would be, like the right now all hotels are stopped, right? So, we anticipate commercial fees for Wastewater is going to stop. But we do have enough funds to last throughout this fiscal year. All of those measures that I mentioned before is kind of a foresight or things that we probably should start doing now, but hopefully carryover into our Fiscal Year '21. And if we can do those measures, then we can...I foresee at least for a little bit for six months, we can still do it. But then again, everybody's crystal ball is --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --you know --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nobody knows.

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MR. NAKAGAWA: --just as good as anybody else, right? So, there's some extreme measures like I said. But, we can always go down to one pick up a week. We can reduce the landfill hours. We can cut out holidays, you know, kind of all these things that we don't really want to do, but when it comes to Solid Waste and EP&S, unfortunately they don't have the luxury of these larger ticket items that they can just postpone. They're more of a day-to-day operation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, perfect. Going to my second question --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --I was looking through...oh, what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was five minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it was? Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just have one question and I hope the answer will be within my five minutes. So, Mr. Nakagawa, in regards to the Central Maui Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, what other projects or communities do you anticipate utilizing this facility?

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right, real quick. It wasn't actually envisioned three or four years ago for the Waikapu Maui Tropical Plantation Atherton project, there was a Waiale Project A&B project, there was a, and then potentially people from Maalaea was asking to tie in as well as DHHL from...who starts with a P, I forget that name, Pulenui [sic] or something like that. As well as our shedding of load from the Wailuku area.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And will this have capacity?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, so, we were thinking this at first, we were thinking of getting designing a 2 million gallon treatment plant. But as more and more people became interested, that may be something that we would just...that we could expand and then make sure everybody paid their fair share.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, well thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay, that was less than two minutes. Okay, let's see. Member Paltin, ready?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Nakagawa, if we can keep it brief as possible that would be awesome. My first question, and I hope it's real quick, I guess can you explain the tires and tubes situation? Like, how come every year we need all these tires and tubes?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, tires and tubes are for all of our heavy equipment that like our backhoes, dump trucks --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are they being --

MR. NAKAGAWA: --and then our trash trucks...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --replaced more or is it a situation where you replace some this year, replace some this year, or are all tires and tubes being replaced every year?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, yeah, just whatever needs to be replaced every year. And because of the number of vehicles or heavy equipment, it prolongs over the years.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And then I was wondering if at some point, like, you know, if we're talking about cutting services like what would be the cost savings of cutting out all holidays, landfilling, and, you know, maybe reducing hours of the landfill since there's not quite so much people moving around and like maybe not cutting, you know, cut it down to so that there's absolutely no overtime cost in Solid Waste? I don't know how you would cut services in Wastewater. But it seems like, you know, instead of Wastewater, it's just a lot of it is being redistributed instead of cut. But with the 10 million or however many less tourists, it seems like we would have less of that as well. And, you know, maybe depending on how long we don't have tourists, maybe some of the landfill projects can be put off because we're not generating as much waste and sludge. Or maybe some quick comments on that.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so real quick. So, Wastewater, I think you touched on it, basically the way to cut cost or whatever is the long...is the big long-term projects and replacing that, because like you said as far as operating, it doesn't change for us. Now, on Solid Waste, the differences is our manpower is the infrastructure that collects the trash. And so, you're absolutely right, you know, our operations pretty much it looks like it's about 54 percent of our total cost. If we cut the...I can get you exact numbers, but, you know, if we start reducing the amount of hours and the days, that does give our guys time to...it does cut overtime as well as cut the amount of days we got to operate. Salaries are only 25 percent once again, so just keep that in mind, of our total operations budget. So, there is some savings, but not entirely.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then the other question I had the small tools expenses in the Budget Details like do you need to purchase those small tools every year?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, once again, small tools, tires, all of the different pieces of equipment...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, is this Natalie?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, this is.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Natalie.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Hello? Hello? Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hi.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is Tamara.

MR. NAKAGAWA: I thought I heard somebody asking me...so, anyway. So, all of this different types of purchases, it's not that everybody in the...all of our staff is buying every year. It's just when you get a new employee, they get stocked up with their right equipment, PPEs and everything. And as the years go by, I mean, things need to be replaced. And so, as you can imagine we're billion dollar industry of Wastewater and Solid Waste. And so, you're going to have--

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So --

MR. NAKAGAWA: --these small little costs throughout the year.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --budget...are you have any carryover in tires and tubes or in small tools or medical and safety supplies? Or do you use the full amount every year?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I...that number pretty much goes up and down every year. So, if you look at the previous actuals, they will actually go up a year, down a year. Sometimes it overspends it, and then sometimes it's under. So, but I think the whole concept of it is really to keep a certain level based on as far as for information and kind of keep it that way.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. NAKAGAWA: You're...just real quick. Your question about holidays, that's roughly 250,000 a year savings.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you. For the Director, I know you made some earlier comments to the Committee regarding the term hazard pay, Director. So, I'd be interested appropriately the impact because isn't that why we have job classification and job descriptions for take care the appropriate assignment and pay scale for the work to be done including the conditions of health and safety? So, I don't understand this.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair. You're absolutely correct, Member Hokama. I mean, you know, there's, you know, hazard pay historically for us, just in Wastewater as well as Solid Waste has been something like compliance based industries, any other type of a out-of-ordinary type of jobs. So, you know, I don't know how this pandemic, because it was declared a pandemic. I don't know how that really factors in. In our DOH training, you know, they did tell us, you know, this is a, it is virus but it's, I mean, there's other viruses and bacteria that we deal with every day. But then that's something that the unions I know were...I heard stories that they're pushing and inquiring about. So, I guess they're kind of dealing with that. But I definitely agree with you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that. And my last question, Director, and again, I believe you doing a good job. I believe your Department and your two divisions are doing good work. I don't have a problem with having you finishing this fiscal year. I'm not that concerned about the upcoming fiscal year knowing our collections of revenues and whatnot. I'm really concerned about 12 months from now when the new 9 councilmembers will be looking at the new budget next year. I have a concern about the potential General Fund support for your Department, and the lack of the General Fund for your Department. Because I anticipate the State to have very short...very large shortfalls of cash because of the TAT and other components. So, I need you to start looking at this year's, your cash-to-debt ratios so that we can make the appropriate adjustments. If the Mayor's going to hold firm on fees, Director, then I need someplace else to get adjusted. And more than likely I'm going to look at your CIP for the short-term. So, any comments on how you might want to reprioritize capital improvements?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I think --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: If you need to think about it --

MR. NAKAGAWA: --. . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --I understand.

MR. NAKAGAWA: No, no, no, I know what the answer is and I just want to make sure that I state it properly, I guess. But you, I mean, you know us, Member Hokama. I mean, we look at our priorities are always what is safe, and do we meet our permit requirements, so we always do those first. And then we go to reliability, making sure we don't go back to our spilling. From there, everything that we, you know, foresee, whether expansions or reclaimed water, whatever it is, those were always more pushed back. Because

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unless we treat the water, we, you know, we can't do all of those other niceties. As far as Solid Waste and EP&S, they don't really have those larger anticipated future debts, so they should be fine.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Chair. Thank you, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. All right, Chair Lee, you ready? Oh, let's unmute you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, there we go.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, Eric. Can you hear me, Eric?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, I can.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, this should take 30 seconds. I just need your reassurance that you will forcefully and stridently continue to look for users for our recycled water in South Kihei especially, but everywhere. South Maui and everywhere. How about just yes or no, Eric?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Already on it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. I have no more questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, restarting the clock. Okay, I believe it's Member Molina that's next. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Madame Chair, and just want to preface my five minutes by responding to a question from Member Hokama regarding my daughter's flight last night to L.A., 20 people on the flight from Maui to L.A. on a 250-seat airplane, just FYI. But anyway, for the Director, you know, I have been talking to people about the hotels that doing renovations and following up on Member Paltin's question about reducing the things we put in our landfill. Has the Department talked to the hotels about, you know, their discarding of old furniture? Because, you know, as part of their renovation upgrades, they got to get rid of the old. And I got to tell you, there's some really good stuff they're getting rid of. There was a store open in Dairy Road shopping, I think it's called `Ohana Furniture, and they have some really decent stuff. But in talking to one of the owners there, they had a concern about the amount of furniture that may be going into the landfill from all of these hotels and condos doing renovations. Has there been any discussions with them to see what they can do to do on their part to help reduce the amount of furniture going into our landfill? Old furniture?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I...as a Department, I haven't actually inquired about that. But I do know for personally from the Wailea region that whenever they do these renovations and they

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do have fairly good used furniture, that a lot of people go down and they have auctions or whatever. Obviously right now during the pandemic, they cannot have these types of gatherings, but I do know that they try to sell first and then last resort figure out what to do with it after. I guess last resort is putting it into the landfills.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yeah, I would hope there's a way to just get the word out to people that there's a lot of good decent stuff and reduce the amount of the bulky furniture going in there. And do we as a Department just smash up that furniture and do we I guess charge or what type of fees we charge, you know, as far as dumping these kind of bulky stuff to, you know, businesses that discard this stuff? I presume they pay a higher fee than a resident pays?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Member. So, I mean, they have the standard fees just like everybody else. Larger, when you go down to the landfill, they will tell you to drop off the larger stuff to the side. But it's just regular trash that gets compacted and disposed of.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. And for my last question, I'm just relaying this from a kupuna or a senior, and one thing, the senior expresses appreciation to the Administration for providing, you know, real property tax relief. Was there any consideration from the Department to possibly temporarily reduce rubbish pickup fees? Especially have, you know, senior citizens on fixed income. Was that ever discussed? And I know there's challenges with doing that because we do subsidize that pickup. Any thoughts on that, Mr. Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so that has been brought up during this pandemic. We are still looking into it. The problem with that is, I guess, it has to come from the Mayor's Office because the concern was once you start with something then it tends to grow to other places not only in our Department. And so, for now our direction was to continue on with the standard fees and then potentially adjusting as we go. And so, we'll see what happens in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madame Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just have a couple questions for the Director. My first question was one of Member Paltin's question number 44 that she had withdrawn, and it was about the Hāna Landfill, the \$50,000 wood chipper, and if it...if the Department was purchasing the wood chipper or were they just paying annually for the service.

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, thank you, Member Sinenci. So, previous year that was to actually purchase it and the actual ongoing is for the contract service for maintenance and operation.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, great. That's important because I believe the Mayor did mention something about stopping the transport of green waste out of Hāna and into the Central Maui Landfill. Is that correct?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, I haven't personally talked to him about that but that sounds about right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you. And then my second question is on Page 170 of the Mayor's Budget, you have four environmental and sustainable programs planned for 2021, and if you've already picked those programs?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, we...actually this is part of the answer for 77, so, we haven't like chosen them, but we almost certain that we're probably going to launch this green grants program for sustainable living projects, a reforestation project to help reduce carbon footprints. There's a Pacific Whale Foundation toxic free partnership that we're looking into, and a...and just the other one about the resiliency climate change and that kind of stuff.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, any efforts to do some of that downdraft pilot projects at a small scale?

MR. NAKAGAWA: What is, sorry, I don't...what is a downdraft...sorry, I don't know what you're referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, just alternatives to addressing Solid Waste? Any pilot, or are these the pilot programs or something else?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, are you talking about like waste to energy and that kind of stuff?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Is that a different item?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so that basically is not part of the EP&S side, but it's part of more in the Solid Waste Division side. And so, we have additional monies in it for this coming year to look at that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Great. And then on Page 166 of the Mayor's Budget, you have a Maintenance Coordinator position that you're adding and just real quick what is the job description and justification for this position?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, thank you, Member. So, that was part of that question number six I think it was where we talked about the additional E/Ps, and so basically what this guy or person would be doing is he would manage, maintain, and make sure all the contracts, everything for all of our infrastructure in the Solid Waste Division, whether that's refuse, trucks, whether it's equipment we have, as well as mechanical, electrical equipment at the landfills. So, he's in charge of making sure, or that person's in charge of making sure we're all up to date with all of the maintenance. And so, what you learn

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from, when you upkeep something with maintenance, you prolong the life, which minimizes replacement costs.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Okay, great. And then, I guess, you know, considering the recent state of affairs and considering expansion positions, were there specific areas where you would cut in the Department for some of these expansion positions?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, hello? Oh, yeah. Okay, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Director.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --Mike actually has the index code showing that we potentially can reduce what we're actually paying from it right now.

MR. RATTE: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

MR. RATTE: Okay, I can quickly add to that if you like, the index code that could be cut if we do get this expansion position would be 919509B. For this first year, you could reduce that by 73,000, and for years beyond that, you could reduce it by 269,000. So, the cost of the outsourcing is much more expensive than the cost of this expansion position. So, this truly is a cost-savings measure for us.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you, Mr. Ratte. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, so, I think all my questions have been asked. So, maybe I can...Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair, yes, sorry for interrupting. Would you indulge me, I know I never use up my full five minutes to ask the Director one quick question? Before we proceed further if there are no objections from the Members?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No objection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, they'll let you, they'll allow you to ask one question.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Members. I owe you one. Mr. Director, you know, with regards to my district abandoned vehicles, is...I know the Mayor

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incorporated 50,000, do you think that's enough or we should be doing more? Especially in the Hamakualoa Area out in Ha'iku. Your thoughts on that? Because it's something that's becoming a problem as Upcountry grows and we're finding a lot more abandoned vehicles. And one other part to that question, has the Administration looked at into doing an Upcountry treatment plant? That's my question.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. So, basically what happened with, if you can recall, so it wasn't 50,000, we actually added 500,000 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: --and then the two positions, so that would definitely help. And it should be enough money to make a significant dent hopefully. But I missed that second question, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, has the Department or the Administration looked long-term into developing an Upcountry treatment plant because of the growth of Upcountry? I know we've talked a lot about establishing a new treatment plant for Central Maui, but I believe, you know, Upcountry may need one someday. Your thoughts?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, my thoughts on Upcountry...so, once again, Pukalani already has. It's a private treatment plant that serves Pukalani area. And this is the treatment plant that we're looking at would serve Upcountry but this is on the north-facing side of Haleakalā, which is the Makawao region. Other than that, the reason kind of, I don't want to take up too much time, but when we talk about Kula, `Ōma`opio, all that larger areas, because the land area is so spaced out, you...I don't think it would ever be completed there. But the report that's coming out that I'm part of which is the cesspool working group, that will identify a lot of these different alternatives that could potentially help with the Upcountry sewer system.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Director. And thank you, Madame Chair and Members, for allowing me this privilege.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're welcome, Member Molina. Okay, so we'll go into the priorities. Oh, yeah. So, I have my five questions, so maybe I'll just use my five minutes for my priorities. Okay. So, my district priority is getting an incinerator for our island. It's a smokeless incinerator. And mahalo to Director Nakagawa and, you know, his Deputy for, or, I guess, supervisor, I think, Regional Supervisor, for coming to Molokai to meet with our community. And so, we're doing a...we're hoping to get the pilot program going this year and then it'll need testing. And so, the pilot program isn't going to come at a cost to the County. The company that wants to show us that their technology actually works will be absorbing the cost for the pilot program. But I would like us to be able to support this work by doing the testing. And we talked about how much, you know, the testing for Department of Health would be, and I put in \$100,000 for that work. Director Nakagawa, would you be able to speak to this proposal?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, thank you, Chair. Yeah, I thought this was a, this Okinawa group presented their technology to the Administration as well as the, I guess, you, Chair, and your community. And we are kind of excited to see what they have to offer. I've helped them work with the Department of Health, we guided them on what permits they need to do in order to do it, and hopefully they're...well, kinda the whole world's in a pandemic so they probably got stalled a little bit. But hopefully it comes to fruition during this year or next, the beginning of next year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. So, the \$100,000 you think will be sufficient?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I would say so. I'm not too sure that Clinical Labs, well, ironically they're the ones doing all the Covid testing, so they might not be, they might be too busy. But they charge based on however much you're trying to test for. So, I would have to look back in some of our wastewater testing charges and then I could get back to you with that. But it seems like it should be okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Okay. So, Members, we have a total of seven priority proposals for this Department from four different Councilmembers. I had one priority for this Department and that was my priority. Member Sinenci has one, Member Hokama has three, and Member Paltin has two. So, Member Sinenci, would you like to propose your priority? I'll put two minutes on the clock and then we'll invite the Director to provide any comments to your proposal. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. So, it looks like ours was for the planning and design of a waterline down to the Hāna Landfill to facilitate any future anticipated composting or waste reduction projects as well as just general safety cleanliness, and to comply with Department of Health's standards. As you know, currently to process a ton of waste at the Hāna Landfill is upwards of, or it went up to 1,800 a ton, the highest in the County. So, we're looking at down the road like a long-range strategic plan to accommodate. Also, you know, with the 2045 the impending date for our wastewater treatment, we're kind of trying to look around the community where this could possibly take place. So, again, we're...we just wanted to propose this. I know there has been a recent plans for the waterline going down to the landfill, so we wanted to just put in some money to relook at that process and see if it's feasible for us to start making plans now in anticipation of, you know, future events, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Director, would you like to comment on Member Sinenci's proposal?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, thank you, Chair. So, speaking on that waterline for Member Sinenci, we actually already completed a preliminary engineering report for that, and it looks like that preliminary cost is roughly a million dollars. So, really if we wanted to proceed with that, it's just a matter of funding.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Wow. Okay, thank you, Director. And then, again, I guess, I mean, I'll leave it up to the Members and we can take a look at it if this is something

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that we want to pursue, especially with some of the different projects and, you know, instead of...we want to look at the alternative of transporting everything out of Hāna. Especially if, you know, our community is growing with a couple housing projects now under our belt. And so, we just want to...I'm not sure if we want to continually to or to make our landfill a transport station out of Hāna when we actually have some of the resources. Especially the land resource that we can actually have some different projects here in Hāna. So, we can have this further discussion, Chair. Thank you. And if the Director can send us, if the Director can send us that report, that would be great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Will do, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, mahalo, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll ask everyone if you have one question and one follow up for either Member Sinenci as the proposer and/or the Department. Okay? Starting with Committee Vice-Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. For the Director, so you're saying that this is, this would be ready to go if we had a million dollars? Was that your statement that you've done the preliminary engineering or design on this? And if that's the case, what are your thoughts on this as a project at this time?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, thank you, Member King. So, we completed the PER, which is the study. We would still need to do the design. I imagine we still have some type of permitting and then we could go out to bid. Right now what is our thoughts. I mean right now we do truck in the water, so I haven't really sat down and read the report in detail, so I couldn't give you really a cost benefit analysis. But, I mean, it's...maybe I can get back to you on that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I think that would be great if we could get a cost benefit so we could see if this is something we want to move forward at this time. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. And then we'll go to Pro Temp Kama and then we'll work on the left. Pro Temp Kama, do you have any...do you have a question for Member Sinenci or the Department? I'm not sure what's going on with the video so we'll come back to Pro Temp...okay, there she is. Okay, Pro Temp Kama, do you have a question for either Member Sinenci as the proposer or the Director?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No question. We'll wait for more information.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question was already asked.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great. Okay, and then Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm very open to Mr. Sinenci's request. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think we need to get more information on is this a priority project, let's say rank them, you know, five being the highest. And so, I wouldn't mind going forward with two lists. One a general list and one a priority list as ranked by the Director. So, okay, are you waiting for a question? Director, would you consider this a high priority project?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I would have to see the rest of the list. You know I mean, that was the only project so far. So, I mean, I have an incinerator and I have a waterline.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right. Okay, I understand that. We should develop a list first before, you know, we first we just make decisions on them. Okay, thank you.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. I guess, can I ask clarification on what your idea of making lists? Who would make the list?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think we could...maybe you? You keep track of which projects people are proposing and at some point in time, we have to circle back and start deciding which ones should go forward. Because, you know, not all of the projects can go forward. But yet, you know, we shouldn't eliminate anything at this early juncture. If you could keep a general list.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we have the list, we have the list of everyone's five district priorities and five Countywide priorities. And that was given to everyone, that was distributed. So, that was combined and it was sorted based on the Department that the priority falls under. And so, if there is consensus, then we will add that to the Budget. But if there is not because we're waiting on more information, then we'll save it for decisions week when we'll discuss it a little more. Hopefully, we'll have more of that information to be able to have good deliberations on it and then we'll vote on it. Is that okay?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Sounds good that we need more information on this item.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, thank you.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Chair Lee. Oh, someone's calling me.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, maybe I don't know if this...I hear you guys saying priorities and what does the Department have priorities. May to help clear it up and is really that every year we'd have a list of projects, right? And unfortunately we only have a certain amount of money anticipated. And so, what we do put forward is our highest priorities list. So, I'm not saying we're not open to any of your projects that comes out from your guys' list, but if we had to like rank our existing projects that we submitted and then combine it with yours, if they do match up, if we did look at it before, we're saying that this is the kind of priorities if we only have a limited amount of funds. If there is additional funds, then we're more than open to doing more.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. So, as I understand the Administration's process, the departments put together their priorities, their projects, and they submit it to the Mayor, and then the Mayor will go through what was submitted by the departments and will select what he deems as priorities. So, not all of the departments' proposals will make it into the Mayor's proposal that is transmitted to the Council. So, part of the reason that I, you know, and my team developed this process of Councilmember priorities is because sometimes as the Councilmembers who live in the districts may not agree with what the Mayor has selected as a priority and we, you know, we seen that last year with the, with our Budget process. And I think some of the things that the Mayor's...the Members proposed, you know, because the Members know their districts well. So, you know, I, if, you know, Member Sinenci is trying to advocate for his, you know, district. Although we represent everyone in the County which is why I love that we, you know, support each other's priorities and have confidence in each other in knowing what each other's priorities are for our districts, that, you know, we'll listen to what, you know, the proposals are, and then during decisions week after we get all the information needed to make an informed decision, we'll vote on it. And then that way, you know, things that, you know, like I don't know what, you know, necessarily is best for Hāna and so if Member Sinenci is saying his community where he lives is saying that this is a priority for them, then, you know, I trust that he is advocating for his community. Just as with my community, they are so excited about this incinerator project because our landfill that was supposed to have had a lifespan of 20 years filled up a lot faster than expected. And we don't want to see mountains of trash on our island. And so, we want an alternative. And so, you know, that's why this smokeless incinerator is a priority for my community, for Molokai. So, but I understand the situation that we're in, you know, with working on reducing the Budget as well. So, I think we'll all keep that in mind as we move forward.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I get the...this is something that is continued from past Councilmember Carroll. And, again, and it's in line with our community plans, and so it's...we don't expect to do the entire project under the current circumstances, but at least begin the design and kind of, you know, whatever we can during this emergency pandemic. So, we don't expect it to be a high priority, but at least we can begin the process. Thank you, Chair.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. Yeah, and thank you, Chair. I just thought you after every project you're going to continue to ask me if we agree with that priority or whatever. So, I was just giving you a more bigger picture, that's all. But thanks for the clarification.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. So, I don't have any questions for Member Sinenci. I think I...Member Molina, I didn't get to ask you if you had any questions for Member Sinenci or the Director.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, I'm fine for now, Madame Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. So, it sounds like we would like more information for the proposed project from Member Sinenci. So, we'll save that for decisions week. And I forgot to see if there was consensus on my proposed priority. Is there consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. I support your project, but I'm just also wondering if this is something that, you know, might be also appropriate for Hāna and possibly Lāna`i at some point if it proves out. And so, I, you know, if it's as good as, you know, your

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community feels it's going to be, do we want to move forward with the other project if this is something that might work better as far as the landfill in Hāna and maybe even Lānaʻi? So, anyway, that was just a thought I had that, you know, if it works then it's going to be a great project for landfill disposal. If it's a closed, you know, I know it's supposed to be a closed system because other systems that have been open have not been well received by communities across the State.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. There, it...there might also be a pilot project if it pans out on Lānaʻi.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And again, so it's a different company that, I guess, presented to the Administration. The company that presented to the Molokai community is Thomas Technical Institute. They have a smokeless incinerator. Their company is based in Okinawa and so they know islands and they have smokeless incinerators throughout the island chain in Okinawa and in Indonesia. And so, it seemed like a good match for, you know, an island like Molokai.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, it is working somewhere else so they're --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the Department or whoever's looking at finding a...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, but, so testing is required and --

VICE-CHAIR KING: And...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that's what this funding is being proposed for so that we can see if it works and there's a timeline that I can share with everyone, the presentation that we received. But basically in order for us to move forward with having an RFP so that there's a proper procurement process that we'd like to see if the technology is as good as it was presented to be. And so, testing is required with Department of Health as the Director explained.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so the funding is for testing and they're going to install it themselves?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's great. I support it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, so it sounds like there is consensus. I didn't hear any objections. Okay. Okay, mahalo, Members. Okay, so we have three proposals from Member Hokama and two proposals from Member Paltin. Okay, Member Paltin, you ready?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, thank you. Two minutes per proposal, is that correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. The first proposal I have is to increase the appropriation to EP&S' Green Grant by 50,000 and take the entire 150,000 to be used for West Maui Green Cycle Composting Pilot Project to be run by Ms. Gretchen Losano. And this is for sustainable generation mobile system with ___ cover. It's a campus type composting project. It reduces odors and VOC emissions, achieves pathogen reduction, PFRPNVAR, are clear separation of processed water from storm water, small footprint, low energy requirement, modular expandable custom designs, feasible for all food stocks operating in most varied climate conditions, simple to operate, lowest operating costs, produces a consistent stable compost in shortest treatment time. And I wasn't sure, but it seemed like the Green Grant area is where this would go fit best in. And it can compost food waste, green waste, compostable food service wear, and biosolids and with our just recent passing of the plastics and we're going to be moving to food service wear and biosolids, I thought that this was the logical next step and, you know, West Maui for composting, we had those presentations in Member Sinenci's Committee by Ms. Losano. So, this is my first one. Should I just roll into the second?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes please.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, the second one is I don't know how many of you guys are, and these are both district priorities. I don't know how many of you guys are familiar with Mile Marker 13.5 and it's turning into an annual cleanup. And I'm not sure also if this belongs in EP&S because it's going to involve a multi-agency, or intragovernmental effort. It's been done once before. After that fire we had the other day where everyone took long time to come into West Maui, the boulders that blocked off that area didn't get returned until just like last week or so. And so, there's like I'd say there's \$50,000 worth of abandoned vehicles right inside there. So, all kind of hazardous materials. And thinking back, like, this is County property, majority County property. And the way that we went after the folks on Lāna'i for their baseyard with all the cars and things like that, we're being hypocrites by not taking care of this ourselves. And so, you know, I couldn't, obviously everybody was all busy with the pandemic so I don't have an exact amount and I don't know if this Department or the Managing Director's Department would be the one to head it up, but it's really becoming into a big problem. This is right by the Olowalu area. You know how strongly everybody feels about the reef in Olowalu where we as the County are liable for all this kind of, you know, rubbish and not taking care of our own property. I originally thought the land management position was going to be about this type of thing, but seeing that it's under Finance, it doesn't seem like that this type of management is the type of management because why would it be in Finance. But that's about it that I got.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Director Nakagawa, would you like to comment on Member Paltin's proposal?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So, in general I'll speak about the first Green Grants Program, which is that 100,000. So, this...the initial thought for this \$100,000 was additional funding which would basically support the innovative sustainability projects. And this was Countywide, Maui, Molokai, and Lānaʻi. So, the process we would follow the same type of process that we have with our recycling grants program where a bunch of different grant programs would submit their projects, we would evaluate it like a normal grant, and then give it out to various types of, I don't know what you call them, organizations or entities. But it was not only to do compost as Ms. Paltin, Member Paltin was talking about with Gretchen, and I kind of understand her take on it. She came in to share with us. But this was for various...oh, sorry. This was various things like soil mediation, there's backyard gardening, rooftop garden, some resource stations, and other self-reliance, resiliency kind of building type stuff. So, I mean, if this body does choose to focus only on the composting area or section of resiliency, then that's great. But it was intended to be a kind of more of a wide stream, a broader sense sweep of this type of go greens program, yeah? So, that's just to keep in mind. I'm not saying it's right or wrong, that's kind of the intent of it. The second one was kind of geared towards, I think it was the hotspots, right, on different areas where the abandoned vehicles and that kind of stuff.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. NAKAGAWA: So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's...that area is beyond abandoned vehicles. It's just, I mean, it's like, I don't know if you heard about that place in Wahiawa where the lady got shot. It's turning into that. Like, it's just, you know, people are living in there, the abandoned vehicles are piling up, and then the rubbish is piling up and, you know, there's like five or six different entrances and if you don't keep them all blocked off there's all sorts of illegal activity is going on. And this is right across from where when we used to have tourists, the tourists used to snorkel and things like that. And, you know, you just drive by it every day and it's...I mean, it's our property. It's the County property so that's what makes it even worse. It's beyond just abandoned vehicles.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, yeah, so I believe that's the one where there is, it is County property as well as other _____ and another I forget who the other one was, but a combination.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, but it's still a County property.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, and unfortunately that is definitely, you know, there's various agencies like you're talking about where, you know, we're...I only focus on abandoned vehicles because that's part of our side as well as these cleanup sides. But unfortunately there's also Housing that needs to come into play because like you said there's homeless and that kind of stuff. So, that would definitely be a coordinated effort with different departments and agencies to address this situation, and that's something we, probably as collectively we would have to talk about.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, probably it's not for your Department? Would you, could you recommend what department it would go under in that case?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I...the Open Space Area Manager. I'm not too sure who he's or she is under. But definitely would...we'll talk about and try to coordinate again with the Managing Director and come up with a plan for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, so I'll go to Committee Vice-Chair King for one question for Member Paltin or for the Department and one follow-up.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we'll go to Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, do we want the Department to make a comment on the...or was that the extent of the comment on the...I guess you did already on the first project. I wanted, the comment I wanted to make on the second one is that I think it's Public Works because they were the ones that came in and did the big cleanup in South Maui when we had a similar situation where people were camped out and living, it was kind of behind where the old Marcos used to be and it was huge and there was a lot of Facebook pictures going around about the garbage piling up and there were abandoned vehicles, and there was all kinds of stuff happening back there. They went in and cleaned it up. So, anyway, that might be the department that we need to get addressing this. But on the first one, I wanted to say that I support this, that what Gretchen is trying to do there. Do you know the entire cost? Is this trying to cover the entire cost, Councilmember Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's, she's asking for 150,000. The entire cost, there's other things that needs to be built and added in and she thinks she can raise that money. She was saying that it also comes with support for the first year, like, to get it up and running from the company. I have the proposal, but it's confidential information so I didn't want to transmit it because everything we transmit is public information, I believe. So, I didn't want to --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --transmit it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I was just, because it's kind of similar to one of the projects I've been working on where it would be good to see what kind of matching funds that she has. I know I worked with Gretchen on and got her into a workshop for the SBIR grant, so she's writing for grants and if she's getting other donations, that would be good to see what portion of it she's asking for from the County. Because I really do accept, support

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the concept, and I think we need to help her, I just would like to get more information on the total cost and how much of it the County would be covering.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can contact her and ask her to provide that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, the budget should not be as...I know the technology is confidential, but the budget should be something if they're asking for money from us that they'd be willing to share. Thank you. That's not me. Is that you, Yuki? No, you're muted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh no, that was someone that just signed on and then muted themselves. Okay. So, Member Sinenci, do you have a...oh, I'm sorry. Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: I was just going to add for the benefit of the Members is that she did submit for part of our grants program and unfortunately we didn't choose her yet, only because I think she had to line up more ducks in a row in order for her to start. But we are interested, it's just that she wasn't shovel ready I guess if you guys want to call it by that time.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I'm supportive of the first item, the Green Grant. I think it's a great example on how our County policies that we support, well, that we pass actually support our budgetary priorities. So, I've got consensus on that one. And then for the second one, you know, I can hear Member Paltin's concern about her community where something, you know, a dump site has become a socially dangerous area, I guess, with people just going there. And so, I know that the Mayor had appropriated an extra 500,000 for abandoned vehicles and I don't know if that could be support getting the vehicles, at least the vehicles out of there. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Director, did you want to comment on that? You don't have to, I wanted to give you that opportunity.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair. So, definitely we could utilize right now I mean, based on the last time when we did the cleanup, I mean, it is unsafe for just us to go in. So, we would need, the appropriate authorities as well as like I said before, other agencies involved to help mitigate that or try to reduce that problem there.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madame Chair, no questions on Member Paltin's proposal at this time. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. I'm supportive of both projects. I think the first one, however, I don't think we get to designate the vendor. Normally that's taken care of through procurement or through a grant process managed by the relevant department. And then the second project would probably, I'm sure, would be coordinated with Public Works and then the other departments, part of the Homeless Compassionate Team. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: In general, Chair, I appreciate every Member's submittal on district and Countywide and I'll be supportive of all until we get to a decision-making week and then you narrow down the guidelines on what we need to hit to make the Budget work. So, I'm open to everything and I won't be making any decisions on what should stay in and shouldn't...stay out. I would just ask the Members though as we add and I added too, so I'm including myself, we should also consider the impact that the departments do on their six-year CIP plan. That's something that they do annually and I think we should allow them and you are giving them that opportunity, Chair, to give comment, because we need to see how it may interrupt or impact their vision of their six-year CIP proposal. So, I just ask that we keep that in mind. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I think that the, that's a very good point because probably the Department went through a priority process of their own so they came up with their CIP budgets and what we're talking about are in addition to what they presented to us, which I'm going to guess that it's maybe not everything they wanted but probably the top whatever for their, you know, six-year CIP priorities. But, yeah, I'm curious to see how this folds into what the Department capability is and what they're doing and in light of Covid, which is really the big conversation for this Budget, I think that we need to bring them in in the process so we understand what all the challenges might be for them to accomplish this being that they already presented to us what their budget priorities are. So, I look forward to this list coming forward and see how it all fits in and I, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, where would the department then once we come up with this list again reshuffle all of their projects to fit this in? Or how does this fit together?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So, as the Council, it's our fiduciary duty to balance the Budget. So, it's our responsibility to work with the departments to figure out what is appropriate to stay in and what would be okay under the circumstances to not have for this fiscal year. And, again, the department submits a list of priorities and then the Mayor chooses which priorities move forward. So, it's not all the priorities of the departments, it's also narrowed down by the Mayor. Mahalo, member Sugimura. Okay, Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I have no questions for Member Paltin, but I do like the process that we're going through. Sometimes I wish that we could have all gotten into a room together and talked about it all so that we wouldn't spend this much

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time, but it is what it is. So, I'm looking forward to decision-making day, that's going to be really exciting. But I'm pretty much supportive of, because you live in the district, you know what you need. The departments also know what they need. So, hopefully, you know, it's give and take. And so, we will be doing that. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay, I'm also supportive of both the proposals. It...I'll just ask for consensus and if no consensus, we'll take this to decisions week to vote on it. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --do have consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I'll take one at a time. So, the first proposal is for the Green Grant.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I haven't heard any objections.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, I'm supportive but I would like to get, I would just like to get a little more information just to see what the whole project is and what portion of it we're funding, we're being asked to fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --I sent an e-mail out to Gretchen and, you know, because I don't want to transmit it, I just recommended for her to reach out to all of you folks. So, if you do want more information hopefully, she'll be reaching out to you directly and then it won't be a Sunshine Laws thing or anything like that, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. We got the thumbs-up from Corporation Counsel. Okay, so, we'll take that to decisions week so that we can get more information on that. And then second one is...well, you have it before you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Chair? I just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Various agencies' needs...okay, go ahead, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah I apologize I wasn't clear. I'm not comfortable of giving anything consensus until I know where we're going to end up and what is the mission that you would charge us to achieve, Chair. I would hate to give consensus and then later on we decide that we got to cut projects out of the proposal and then --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am not sure how to...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --whose project gets cut out. I rather work the other way and then if you have room we can say, hey, we can add projects. But I'm not really in a add mode right now, I'm trying to find ways to try to make this County survive the next two years. So, until I get a sense of how much money and how much cash, how much debts, I'm not ready to give consensus to anything. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, so we'll take these two to decision week. Okay, Member Hokama, it's your turn to present your three priority proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, under DEM, I have one under Countywide. For me this was my number three project priority under Countywide. This would be for the Lānaʻi Landfill down Kaunalapau Highway. I'm estimating a \$500,000 project to bring electrical and water supply to the landfill site. I think they've...our estimate for lifespan of the landfill as well as the ability for us to ensure safety at the worksite, I think these are two requirements we should be providing all our employees. Power and water passes the landfill, okay. It has to go past the landfill to go to Kaunalapau Harbor. So, access and ability to connect to these two main utilities is not an issue, it's just political will to get it done and I would like us to consider this. Under district priority number two, I have \$350,000 to replace a old refuse truck that needs to be replaced. And, again, like all rural districts, not having that one working piece of equipment impacts your whole operation. So, if our truck goes down, the ability of our once-a-week collection falls back, the ability of the landfill then to do its job regarding the coverage of fill material gets impacted. So, for me it's my number two district request. It's about 350,000 as I understand it for a brand new one-arm automatic collection truck that Lānaʻi uses. And then my third request is district request four. This is a trailer top type of blower. The division is asking for support to help cut back on the manual time it takes for us to clear the State Highway of debris that comes from the landfill. So, these are my three requests and I'm happy that it'll get to decision makings week. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Director, would you like to comment on the three proposals by Member Hokama?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Is that, oh, sorry, you...was that question for me, Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Director.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. So, as far as the, that Lānaʻi inquiry about the electrical, I don't think we really analyzed that, so I am open to maybe we can get some monies for some type of PER and then we can proceed on to a CIP project for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And then the two other, the trailer type blower and the refuse truck. Or...

MR. NAKAGAWA: Definitely...oh, yeah. So, definitely refuse truck we're open to. I guess he's right, we do have...if one of the pieces of equipment goes down, which I think we only have one. So, definitely we would want some type of backup. And then as far as, just FYI, it's 450 not 350 for an extra truck. And then we're always open to the additional equipment that allows us to expedite our maintenance so that lawnmower's, that's no problem for us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so you said 450, Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, that's correct. It's 450, 450,000 not 350,000.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: For one one-arm refuse truck, correct, Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, auto. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Went up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members, one question, one follow-up for Member Hokama or for the Department. Okay, and we'll start with Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair, I have no questions for the Department or Mr. Hokama. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I was wondering how many accounts there are covered by this refuse truck and if they pay the same rates and fees as if we all pay the same rates and fees Maui Countywide?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We pay half of the Maui residents since we only get one time pickup once a week instead of twice-a-week pickup that the rest of the County gets. So, the Council adjusted it whereby Lānaʻi pays half for half the service level.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And how many accounts are serviced by this refuse truck?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The Division can give you the exact number, but I would say, Member Paltin, all residential is under the County and all commercial is under Lānaʻi Waste Disposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I guess for the electric and water supply, is there a possibility of doing like PV or some type of off-grid setup that might be cheaper than 500 grand?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I'm open to technology, Ms. Paltin. And if we can make it work, it's part of my overall approach for the island. As we go through all the other projects, I hope I'll be able to tie in the dots so that you folks can understand how I'm approaching Lānaʻi for this short-term. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nothing for me, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions, Madame Chair. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I'm supportive of Member Hokama's projects. Like in rural Hāna, if a refuse truck breaks down that means that we've either got to take our own trash to the dump or they're using some other truck to do pick up trash. So, again, I can see the importance of that. And of course, the water supply to the landfill, similar to Hāna Landfill, you know, if we're going to do some of these _____ projects and follow Department of Health's standards, I mean, you need running water. So, the importance of running water to these sites is, I mean, we cannot move forward with anything if we don't have water at the sites. So, I'm supportive. I think, you know, despite the Covid pandemic, Solid Waste, you know, like the Director said, we have to make sure that our trash is being picked up and things still need to continue. So, I believe this was part of the keeping things clean, disinfected, especially during this pandemic. So, I'm supportive, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, Committee Vice-Chair King, do you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, you skipped over me. I didn't get a chance to ask.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you were the first one. Okay --

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VICE-CHAIR KING: That's okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. So, I'm supportive of all the projects and I'm happy to, you know, follow the lead that Mr. Hokama mentioned earlier and, you know, put these when we start looking at our and get into decision-making and start looking at what the actual priorities and how much money there is. The one question I had for Mr. Hokama was on the electrical power and water supply. And I know that there was a move by Larry Ellison to buy the utility, and I just wondered if he, you know, he's trying to make everything sustainable, if he's willing to support this from the, you know, making it a public-private partnership. I wonder if anybody, have you talked to him or Pūlama Lāna`i?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, let me go back, let's see...okay, Pūlama Lāna`i is a Ellison company name, so if we go back one owner before that to David Murdock under Dole Foods, they weren't that interested. We did have a couple of small tech firms come to Lāna`i for waste-to-energy projects. Lāna`i issue is the minimal tonnage per day to make the project work financially. We're little bit short on the daily minimum tonnage per day to sustain a smart project right now unless something changes in the technology field. But we've talked about it. Lāna`i is open and Larry Ellison is open to it. But there's a sense on Lāna`i and they're looking at County that we cannot have one man control land, water, and power all on one island. And that's the general sentiment on the island right now. So, they're looking at us--

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --to maintain a fair playing field.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so they feel like if the County provides all the funding then the control stays with the County?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. They want it...

VICE-CHAIR KING: It just, it occurred to me because when we start talking about solar panels, I know Ellison's trying to make everything, you know, sustainable and trying to...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. He has a big contract with a Tesla batteries and Elon Musk. So, yeah, they're moving forward on their project.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, no I understand if you wanted to keep this well within the County purview. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King and Member Hokama. Okay, so those were all the priorities. We asked a lot of questions and I believe we are pau with Department of Environmental Management. Another department down. Good job, Members. Okay, so, we'll thank all the Department, Director Nakagawa, Mr. Ratte, Mr. Juan, and we'll take a quick break, a ten-minute break. We have most of the Finance Department signed on, so they're ready to start their turn. Any last questions? Director, did you want to make a last comment before we thank you for coming?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so, just one last question. I know you guys mentioned a bunch of stuff along the way, so will that come in writing to us for answering? Or how are you guys dealing with that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you talking about the proposals? The priority proposals?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, I think whatever questions you guys had as well as your proposals. Were you just going to present that in writing to the Department and then we come back with answering? Or are we supposed to just try to answer them?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so if you're tracking any questions that you weren't, the Department, wasn't able to answer during the question and answer. I think all, you answered all of the questions that were transmitted beforehand, so that's...and then during the round of five minutes per Councilmember, if you were, if there were any questions that you weren't able to answer if you could, you know, get back to the Committee on those. I know some, the last, MEMA asked if they could respond in writing, which they, I guess, will be. And then, I guess there's for the Members, they're working out their priority proposals so if they...I think they have to figure out how to get the additional information to be prepared for decisions week so that all the Members have all the information they need in order to vote.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I was wondering --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --at some time we could get in writing how many residential accounts there are on Lāna`i.

MR. NAKAGAWA: So, we have 800 accounts on Lāna`i.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, I hope that answers your question, Director. Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, sounds like you guys will give us something and then, yeah, we'll go from there. But, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Committee Vice-Chair King and then Member Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I mean, it may be that we have some other questions for the Department down the line, because when we get to decisions week, if we start looking at some of the things that are in the Budget that we might want to cut, we've been talking about cutting travel and things like that, there may be some circling back to find out, you know, if we cut a proposed E/P or proposed expansion on a project how dire that's going to be. So, you know, I think that seems like that's how we've done it in the past where we asked all the questions this week from the department as far as we can see on their proposed Budget and then asked questions on the Members priorities, but maybe what the Director's referring to is later on as we make decisions on what to leave in or what to add and what to take out, you know, I don't know if that's what he's talking about wanting to come back and respond again to any concerns. Will there be an opportunity, I guess what I'm asking will there be an opportunity for the departments to respond if we decide to take something out that we don't see that's a priority and they may want to make another pitch for it or we may want to just say yeah that can go?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm trying to help him with his process, so I'm just trying to clarify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, I did not instruct Staff to track questions that were not answered. If the Members are preparing to reduce the Department's Budget, then I would hope that the Department or the Administration is watching to see if that's something that really shouldn't be reduced, and provide comments.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, as we go through the process? That's as we go through the process? Because I think what, because mostly what we were talking about today was, you know, asking clarifying questions on their Budget, we didn't really ask them, you know, if we cut this, how is going to affect you? Or if we expand and we cut something else, how's that going to affect you? So --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I would just think it might be an opportunity down the line, not with the current questions but there might be new questions that Members might have before we make those decisions when we get to that point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that was what I explained in my memo --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I, no --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to...

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --I understand I just wanted him to understand, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, okay. So, the questions that you submitted in writing were items that needed clarification because they could be reduced based on the response to the questions. So, that was what I was trusting Members to identify as items that they needed clarification on and, you know, justification on and if, you know, the response, you know, in your minds was that it could, you know, wait until maybe the next fiscal year, that those items would be the items that would be reduced. So, I was trusting Members to go through the Budget with that kind of a mentality knowing that this is our process that we're working remote, that we have very limited time, that we don't want to stress out the departments too much because they're trying to address the community's needs during this crisis. And so, I was, you know, trusting the Committee to go through to see what we could reduce and to ask those questions during this time. If we reduce this \$5,000 in desks to \$2,000 instead, you know, how would that impact you. And so, that...those were the questions that I thought Members were asking. And then that way the department would be able to respond during this time of questions.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, yeah, I just felt like, you know, in five minutes. I would have had a couple more questions, but, you know, in the five-minute time I understand we didn't want to prolong this. But I just don't want to get to the point where I'm proposing cuts to any department, really, and then they're coming back going well, you know, that's not what I meant when I answered you that question. So, I just want to get, you know, get clarification on whether they're going to have another chance to come back and say, well if you're going to cut that, then it's going to hurt, you know. Something that we didn't think of maybe, I guess, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, what the Members came to consensus on just a few hours ago was cutting everyone, all the departments' travel budget in half. And so, if the departments, you know, are really opposed to cutting their travel in half, then they need to be prepared to explain why that would impact them too much and what, you know, what would be a better proposal, because that's what all the Members are looking at because of the travel restrictions right now. So, you know, that's what I understood from the Members earlier.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Member Sugimura and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. So, just to continue on with Member King's discussion. So, because I ran out of time, my one question during the five minutes. I had two more that I wanted to ask. Can I submit that to the Department in writing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'll get back to you after break.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to make a comment on what you're saying about cutting the travel budgets in half and I totally support it. The thing that I think is not so clear cut is if you remember how the County Clerk was saying, like, in all the different categories, there's the per diem, reportable, non-reportable, SDT tax, and non-taxable. And so, if they're only flying over but they're staying ten days, then it's like different types of categories. Is it possible we can just take the whole travel budget, cut it in half, and then let them decide which index code and sub-object code that it goes to and, like, give them that kind of flexibility and we just cut the department summary travel in half? Is that what you were referring to? Because I'm supportive of cutting it in half, just the logistics part of it is, I don't understand how we would do that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, we have Director Nakagawa. So, Director, if we were to cut the entire travel in half and then the Department would figure out where that funding would go, is that something that your Department will be able to work out?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair. So, I am tracking what you guys are all saying. So, yeah, so we have an actual line item, _____ line item for different sections within our operations. It is labeled travel. And what I'm hearing is you guys will cut that to 50 percent so when you take out that monies, obviously those funds have to go somewhere to balance the Budget, and so, you could alter it into that certain other priorities that you guys are talking about, whether that falls under professional services or equipment or however you guys want to adjust that. And that would kind of be the process.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, Director Yoshimura has something.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I just would caution the Committee too that if you take 50 percent, you could also check like your public service departments, Fire, Police, they travel back and forth to Molokai and Lāna`i. If you just cut their budget in half, I don't know if that would work. So, there's a little bit more thought that needs to be put into that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. So, I guess when each, you know, department comes up, then they can comment on what was discussed.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so for our Department, and I know you guys just talked about cutting it in half, right, but then you kind of moved on from that. We also do fall as part of, I think I'd mentioned maybe, we do fall as essential services also and we kind of, you

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know, in that unique situation where we do have to send our mechanics, electricians, and so forth, whether that's --

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MR. NAKAGAWA: --either in Wastewater or Solid Waste or EP&S to go to each Molokai and Lānaʻi to make sure all of our infrastructure and stuff is working. So, just kind of keep that in mind.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Member Molina, I see your hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madame Chair. For what it's worth, I wanted to just add my thoughts on just the concept of reducing travel budget. I think that's good. I...as a way of tightening our belt. But I know Director Yoshimura kind of read my mind, I was going along those lines like, you know, sometimes if there's an emergency on Molokai and Lānaʻi where they may need additional help from Police or Fire, and also even our Liquor Department, they have to do their inspections on those islands. So, I don't know if there's a way to proviso, you know, the travel budget to, you know, exempt...I don't know if we want to go 50 percent, but again, give the departments the flexibility to do those types of flyovers, interisland flyovers to, you know, do their jobs and also to help augment and support the needs on our sister islands in case there's an emergency. And also with Director Nakagawa, I agree with him. And also all of our other departments, if equipment needs to be fixed and they don't have the personnel there to fix that equipment, then that's why, you know, I can see that's where the department needs to send the personnel that's not on those island over to do the work that's needed. So, yeah, I'm sure there's a way we can figure this out. And, while at the same time save a few dollars. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Members, any other questions or comments for Department of Environmental Management? Okay, seeing none, okay, mahalo, Department of Environmental Management for being with us today. We'll take a quick, well, I guess, we'll just be back at 3:00, so it's about 12 minutes --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then we have...Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, so it's 2:48. We'll reconvene at 3 o'clock. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay, it's 2:48 and the Economic Development and Budget Committee will reconvene at 3 o'clock. Meeting in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:48 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:10 p.m.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . online and I'll let Director Teruya who we have that joined us as resources for the Department of Finance. And so, we'll allow the Department or we'll invite Department Director Teruya to open up with some comments and then we'll go into the questions that were transmitted via written correspondence. I need to step out for just a few more minutes. We are finishing Molokai's first screening and testing and so the team of, I think, 29 of them are packing up now so I'm just...I helped to shuttle them down from the airport this morning so I'm just going to help them pack up, get set, so that they can get back to the airport. And during that time, Committee Vice-Chair King, I've, we've talked and she's ready to ask the questions that the Members submitted in writing. So, she'll take the lead and then I should be back in about 10 to 15 minutes. I didn't want to hold everyone up. Okay, so...oh, Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Would you please express our appreciation to the team out there that their willingness to come and that they do too put themselves in harm's way and at risk for people. So, just give them a hearty mahalo and aloha from us. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely, mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Chair Lee...

VICE-CHAIR KING: And yourself too, take care.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thanks. So, it looks like I thought someone had a question, but no other questions? Okay, okay. Mahalo, Members, and I will definitely extend all of the Council's heartfelt mahalo for their work, their continued work. They will be going to Hāna and to Lāna`i and to Lahaina next.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Will you be able to get tested --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Although, they'll be...

VICE-CHAIR KING: --Keani?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Will you be able to get tested yourself?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Screened first. So, there's a screening process and then if necessary, testing. The swabbing --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the nasal swab. Yeah. Okay, all right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Good luck.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Director Teruya?

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair and Members. First of all, thank you for allowing us to follow Wastewater because they did an excellent job in sanitizing the conference room while we changed the shift, so appreciate that. Staff is, administrators are monitoring the call. I don't think we're going to need them for call in unless we have technical questions, but myself and Deputy Director May Anne Alibin will be here to answer a majority of your questions that you have. The Deputy did present a three-hour PowerPoint for you that she's, we're going to bring it down to zero. But she did do an excellent job in doing a PowerPoint for your presentation but we're going to cut it down to zero. So, with that, we'll go straight into...because I don't need to bore you probably with our template and our --

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

MR. TERUYA: --administrative org chart. So, we'll just go into --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

MR. TERUYA: --our first question...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you please transmit that to the EDB Committee? The PowerPoint that Deputy Director worked really hard on --

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, she can probably --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we'll be sure to review it.

MR. TERUYA: --forward you the file.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, Budget Director will transmit it for you folks. So, we'll start, if you want to just start going into questions, Member...is Keani still there or did she go off?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think I'm taking over, Mr. Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But your PowerPoint is on. I don't know...someone put your PowerPoint online, so that's what we're looking at but we're not using that, right? Okay.

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MR. TERUYA: It's probably in line with the questioning that we anticipate you asking.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and then whoever's in charge, your screen still says Environmental Management. So, whoever's in charge if you want to, if you can change that to Department of Finance that's fine. Otherwise just for the public out there we're talking to the Finance Department right now, and we're going through a list of questions that all the Members had submitted ahead of time. And I've got the X'd out questions that people sent to our Budget Committee Chair that they don't need to have answered. So, if I ask your question and you decide you don't want it asked or it doesn't need to be asked, then just let me know ahead of time. So, we're going to go ahead and start. Are you ready, Mr. Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you for being here. Did you need, did you have some other staff members that you needed to introduce?

MR. TERUYA: Not at this time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I know...

MR. TERUYA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. Okay, we're going to go ahead and start. The first one is just an overall category and the question is from Mr. Hokama. Please provide recommendations for a 5 percent reduction of entire departmental budget.

MR. TERUYA: Okay, thank you for that question, Mr. Hokama. The Department has answered the question in this way. While these...I mean, I guess we could have done it in many different ways but we're just trying to take it...with everything in Finance is essential, so we're just kind of throwing ideas with Deputy and myself put out these ideas that we thought we could eliminate. So, first of all is eliminate the budgeted amount for registration, training fees, and seminars, sub-object codes 6230, 6350, across all programs for an amount of \$46,750. We felt that while these are good training purposes, we probably need to reprioritize and cut this item as one of the items. We had also proposed to eliminate the budgeted amount for airfare and transportation, per diem, and the various sub-object codes 6201, 6222, 6223, 6226, 6252, across the board except for the Director's Office. And the reason why we said that was because we thought if we needed any of the divisions within Finance to go on any type of transportation, et cetera, the Director's Office budget would take care of whatever division needed to attend. So, we had reduced the amount by, from the 5 different divisions, \$80,614. Item C was eliminate the eight E/Ps, the LTA positions that this Council gave us last fiscal year for DMVL to address the star program for the license. This amount for the eight E/P reduction would be \$220,392. D, reduce overtime in the administration by \$5,000 for the IFAS upgrade project. Item E, reduce professional services in accounts by 27,000 for the IFAS upgrade project. Item F, unfund, not

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eliminate the E/P but unfund the salaries for two positions in Finance, a Clerk III and an Appraiser III. And G, reduce fringe benefits Countywide costs in the amount of \$196,466 and I think it would cover or exceed the 5 percent question by Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, that's awesome. You're really prepared there. Thank you, Mr. Teruya. Okay, next question, we're skipping over two and three. Details, Page 6-3, index code 907014A E/P, Land Management Administrator. Please provide a job description for this position and minimum qualifications. B, is this job currently being performed by other staff? If so, explain. Who will be, C, who will be the direct supervisor of this position? D, please explain in further detail the E/P expansion request a Land Management Administrator and the entry level EM-07 on Page 6-3 of the Budget Details. E, is 60,000 the full annual salary for the Land Management Administrative position? If not, how many months will 60,000 provide for, and will the position be reporting to the Finance Department? That's on Page 6-3 of the Budget Details. And F, is the Land Management Program travel expenses strictly for travel within the County of Maui? That's on Page 6-5 of the Budget Details in the Administration Program. And these are questions from Mr. Molina, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, myself, and Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madame Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do you have that written down, Mr. Teruya, or do you need me to...

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, I got it. Little piecemeal but thank you for that one question. Okay, first of all, this is the E/P that we're requesting for the Land Management Program. It would be a new program under the Director's Office with just one E/P, it's a EM-7 level position. But I say that with some caution because it has to be priced by DPS. The job description and the MQs for this expansion position is not currently available because there's none that exist right now for Maui County. The Department is still working with DPS in establishing the class specs for the entire series that is going to be falling under this position as well. The class specs are not finalized. The City and County of Honolulu is the only county that I know of that has a position like this so we will be probably taking this existing PD or the class specs from the City and County of Honolulu and removing the parts that don't apply to this position because the position in Honolulu, I believe they also take care of personal property. The...another question I think was asked was is there somebody that currently performs the duties and the answer is no. There's nobody that heads the division, there is no program established at this time. The supervision to this position that's proposed will be under the Director and the Deputy Director of Finance. As far as the, I think it was entry step level, I mentioned the City and County is an EM-7. That doesn't mean that it becomes a EM-7 automatically when it comes to Maui County. We'd have to go through the process of submittal to DPS and their final determination as far as the E/P, I mean the EM level.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And is --

MR. TERUYA: Salary, I believe --

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --60,000 is that the full salary?

MR. TERUYA: --the salary we have right now is \$60,000 and that is proposed for eight months of funding. The management program strictly for travel, the travel expansion request was proposed for interisland travel. As I mentioned the City and County of Honolulu has an existing point person that's in this position that is soon to be retiring is my understanding. The thought was for that person to go there to understand from this position the duties that she did because she was the person who initiated the program in the City and I wanted to give them the opportunity to talk to her to see how it was set up, established, the mistakes that maybe she made, and recommendations she would have for this person moving forward. Is there another question that I might have missed?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think that's it, so basically this is a brand new position, but there's somebody else that you want to consult with on another island?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, the City.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: The City is very much --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: --a bigger program. Oh, okay. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We can, unless you have more explanation on the program because --

MR. TERUYA: Oh --

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I think the program is...

MR. TERUYA: --no, we can move on.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Number five, Details Page 6-9, Accountant III positions for Fiscal Year '20 and '21. So, A, you note part of the funding is for an Accountant III position approved in Fiscal Year 2020, how come you're seeking additional funding for the Fiscal Year '20 approved position at this time? Was the position approved but not funded in Fiscal Year '20? Do you have a question, Ms. Paltin? That was your question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll withdraw it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You're mute.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Huh?

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MR. TERUYA: First of all, the response to that one is yes, we were given the position but there was no funding or salaries associated with the position so that is the ask.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'll withdraw because he didn't...he asked to unfund the position so it's, that's the information that I...I got all the information I needed --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --already I think.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but what about the B on the same question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, since he withdrew the request for funding, I don't need to know the answer.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. Okay, so, moving on to question six, this is by Members Molina and Paltin. Details Page 6-33, index code 907075A, E/P Purchasing Accountant, two positions. A, how many employees will these people, will these positions be supervising? B, what position is currently supervising the positions the E/Ps will be supervising? C, please provide position descriptions, summary of job duties, and minimum qualifications. Mr. Teruya?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, this is May Anne. So, in answer to letter A, the Accountant III that is for the current collection supervisor which will be supervising four E/P. It's being proposed to be reallocated as Customer Service Rep II, or formerly in Fiscal Year 2020 Budget it's classified as Cashier II position. And the other accountant position for the County Tax Relief will be supervising one E/P, which is that position is being proposed to being reallocated as a Senior Clerk III. The...so that's the same response for item number B, and we do have the position, a draft position description and summary available.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, can you send that to the EDB Committee for the Chair to disburse?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you so much. All right, moving on to seven. Please provide an explanation of the need for a new Accountant V position as well as position description and minimum qualifications, Page 2012, I mean yeah, 212 to 213 Program Budget and, and Page 6-32 of the Budget Details, the Treasury Program.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we can provide the position description in writing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Do you want to just give us a brief explanation of the need?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes. So, in August 2019 we submitted, Treasury Program submitted a reorganizational structure to the Department of Management and this Treasury Program

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reorg is tailoring after the current structure of the City and County of Honolulu. And the addition of this position is primarily to address the material weaknesses that we've had in the past two fiscal years relating to the real property tax collection journal entry. And primarily to support the ongoing implementation of all Countywide cashiering system into one app form.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. Question number eight, what amount from the General Fund was used to offset Federal Grants program personnel and benefits. Please provide details, the position type, amounts, and grant name for all departments. That's from Mr. Hokama.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we need additional time to respond to this question.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you'll send that to the EDB Committee? The response?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, great, thank you. Okay, skipping over nine A. The question nine is please provide vacancy and overtime reports for the entire Department. And then B, for the Administration Program Finance Department, the premium pay budget is proposed to double. Why? Why is it doubling? That's on Page 187 of the Program Budget. And, C, please give the estimated timeline for this project. What is the number of E/Ps covered by the overtime request to assist or administer the upgrade? That's on Page 6-10 of the Budget Details. That's...and those questions are from Miss...Councilmember...Budget Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Members, Tamara...I'm sorry, Tasha Kama, and Riki Hokama.

MS. ALIBIN: Vice-Chair, so, for the overtime report, I believe that the Budget Director transmitted the response for all the departments that's dated April 6th. So, for Treasury Program, the actual expenditure for the premium pay and overtime actually exceeded the budgeted...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, actually, that was one of the questions that was eliminated so it looks like the--

MS. ALIBIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --question is for the Administration Program.

MS. ALIBIN: Okay, so the Administration Program premium pay is being recommended to be reduced due to the Covid-19 crisis.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, so...okay. So, the original proposal to double it is been withdrawn and you have a new number?

MS. ALIBIN: So, we're just, as mentioned earlier by Director Teruya, we're proposing to decrease it by \$5,000.

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MR. TERUYA: Yeah, to zero.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, that was part of your answer to question one?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right, thank you for that. And you...okay. We'll go into, you already provided the vacancy and overtime reports along with the rest of the departments?

MS. ALIBIN: I...we just got an e-mail today distributed prior to this meeting from Budget Director to identify the status of all our vacant positions. Currently, or as of March 31st for the Department of Finance, we have 13 vacancies.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thirteen vacancies, okay. Okay. So, we'll move on to number ten. For Financial Services Program, the Department proposes to reduce regular wages by over 74,000 with no change in E/P. Can you explain? That's on Page 202 of the Program Budget. That's from Tasha Kama.

MR. TERUYA: Vice-Chair, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

MR. TERUYA: In this proposal, what we had initially proposed was out of the eight LTA positions in the current fiscal year, for the next fiscal year, we had proposed that had to be reduced to four full-time, and four part-time, meaning six-month funding. So, that is the reason why the reduction is \$74,000 without a change in E/P.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: The recommendation since then, since the Covid-19 response was to zero it out, all eight LTA positions to zero.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, that one will change as well. Okay, thank you, Mr. Teruya. Number 11 was eliminated. Number 12, has the Real Property Manager I position been filled? If so, what is the workday position number, position description, and minimum qualifications? Page 6-3, Budget Details. And that's Councilmember Paltin.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. No, that position has not been finalized. It's currently in review with DPS and the Department of Finance for further review. So, at this time, I mean, we've been trying very hard to fill this position, but it's been very challenging to create new class specs for a position that doesn't exist in your current operations. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, are you still trying to fill it, or has it been set aside for now?

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MR. TERUYA: It is a new series to the County of Maui. It's something that has no...we're trying to go off of the City and County of Honolulu, but there are changes in job duties, so that is still under review by DPS because it is a series of positions. It's a Real Property Manager I through IV or through V series. So, there's like five different positions that is being established for the County of Maui and that's been taking some time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so that's actually five positions. Okay, now we're moving into category B, Operations. Number 13 under Budget Details Page 6-11 index code 907022B, 6132, services. Can you explain what the ONESolution system is and what upgrades will result from the \$50,000 increase? That's from Councilmember Molina.

MS. ALIBIN: Vice-Chair, ONESolution is the, our current account financial accounting system IFAS. And the support is actually slowing and so they're phasing out all the support in the old version for IFAS, so that's why there's the need for us to convert into this new system. The \$50,000 that was proposed is now being recommended to be reduced by 27,000, mainly for the . . . *(inaudible)*. . . there's a module or a CAFR constructor module that is associated with that \$50,000 that we can defer in the next fiscal year. So, we will move forward with the upgrade.

MR. TERUYA: Vice-Chair --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: --if you would allow me.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, yes, Mister...Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. Just, as the Deputy mentioned, we're in a situation where we're not getting any more service or support in that area. To show you the...how far back we are. We are currently on like a version 7, and everybody else is on version 21. This project was supposed to start about two years ago. But I think you know at the time we had moved forward, we had too many projects going on whenever we started Administration. But we chose to go with...what did we do at the time?

MS. ALIBIN: The what?

MR. TERUYA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. ALIBIN: The...

MR. TERUYA: We were doing the Workday upgrade. The HR Payroll project, so we spent all of our resources going that way. So, it's been on hold for two years and we're so far back that now that we finished with the Workday, we're trying to move up into this upgrade from IFAS to ONESolution. So, that is the ask for this request.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and so now you're asking 23,000 instead of 50,000?

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MR. TERUYA: That is correct, Chair, 23,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And can you just speak quickly to what upgrades that will result from the changeover to ONESolution?

MS. ALIBIN: So, it's more efficiency and effectiveness and it provides like real time information. There's also other modules that we are exploring like our bank reconciliation process just _____ the bank recon that is done on a monthly basis for all our bank accounts. The other areas that we are looking into in conjunction with the Budget Office is the Budget Office module that will assist with the Budget process submission.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, great, thank you so much. All right, moving on to question number 14 under Details Page 6-20, issuance of driver licenses. A, can you provide a status on the star program updating driver's licenses? And B, if the contract is expiring, will the County no longer receive reimbursements of the license renewal program to add the star going forward? Councilmember Molina's questions. Mr. Molina, can you unmute yourself?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: There you go, sorry. You can forego that question in the interest of saving time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We'll move on to question number 15, that's also yours. Is that one you want to ask?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, it's that the Purchasing Account II positions? Yeah, you can forego that one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Forego the...okay. That's the climate change impacts?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, oh. No, no. The detail 6-33 relating to Purchasing Account II positions, you can forego that. But I definitely would like to hear on the climate change, the 6-636221.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so we'll go to question 15 on 6-63 Budget Details, index code 907735B, Countywide Climate Change. Of the \$2 million, how much of the money will be used for staffing? How much will be used for operation and how much will be used for active programs that will address climate change impact? Mr. Teruya? Director Teruya?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, Michele. The Mayor's Office was asked the same question, so they will have a response on Thursday when they come before you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: This was actually relating to the Climate Change Sustainability Resiliency Program that's included in the Mayor's Office.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and if you have anything in writing that describes the program, that will be really helpful too, Ms. Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you so much. Okay, moving on to question 16, I'm going to put Mayor on this one. Details Page 6-63, index code 907730B, Countywide Covid-19, how much of the \$10 million will come out of the Emergency Fund? And it, okay, and this has two parts to it. A, if not from the Emergency Fund, identify other sources contributing to this appropriation. B, please provide details of the expected/estimated expenditures for Covid-19 matters, the \$10 million. Does the Administration need more funding to respond to this growing Covid-19 threat? And these questions are from Members Sugimura, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Molina. Director?

MR. TERUYA: Vice-Chair, thank you for that question. Based on the response provided by the Budget Director the 10 million appropriation for Covid-19 in Fiscal '21 Mayor's proposal is all from the General Fund and not from the Emergency Fund for question A.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: And question B, based on the response from by Budget Director, the 10 million appropriation is to respond to Covid-19 matters such as sanitation supplies, PPEs, offices, busses, overtime, support testing, et cetera. So, anything to do with relocation of County services and sanitation and repairs.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, are there any positions associated with this funding?

MR. TERUYA: Not at this time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, no positions. Number 17, Details Page 6-62, index code 907735B, Countywide Experimental and Demonstration Housing Fund, deleting \$1 million. A, how much if any of these funds were used? If some expenditure was completed, identify how much and for what purpose. B, why wasn't anything done with this money? C, if there was only one respondent to the workshop, why didn't you issue a RFP to generate some more interest? And D, it seems like the Department was so willing to give up on this effort. Why didn't you make changes to generate more interest? And those questions are from Members Molina and Kama. Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I have asked the Department of Housing and Human Concerns to answer this question and they'll be here for you tomorrow. Although the question went to Finance because it's under the Countywide cost, the Director of Housing and Human

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Concerns is pretty much the administrator of this fund. And so, they'll have responses for you tomorrow.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, so, number 17...did you transmit this question to them?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, I did.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you very much. Appreciate it. Number 18, please provide the details of the contract upgrade, Page 6-11 of the Budget Details, index code 907022B, 6132. Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair? So, that response was already provided in response to item number 13.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thirteen?

MS. ALIBIN: For the IFAS upgrade.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. Number 19, will the additional funding cover plates, cover plates for newly registered vehicles or for the replacement of existing already registered plates? How many newly registered vehicles requesting plates are for rental cars, Page 6-21 of the Budget Details, index code 907039B, 6006. That is Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Vice-Chair. This one is very difficult. I'm sure as you guys pass by the airport there's a lot of rent-a-cars cars out there. I can't give you an answer to this right now, I don't know how long it's going to be before business as usual back for the rental car companies. But at this time, I would think it'd be kind of safe to say that this program will not probably be requesting this much money at this time. I couldn't give you a recommendation as to when things will get back on track for the rental cars, but it would be up to this body to make that decision. It would be very difficult for me to say that the entire funding would be necessary at this time, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, are you going to give us a recommendation on how much to reduce this funding, Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: I would be guessing, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, well, we'll be guessing as well so at some point we're going to...

MR. TERUYA: If I can maybe get Director Lito Vila to give me a better estimate if he had to guess one. I will submit that to the Committee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, that would be great because otherwise we're guessing. We're even more in the dark about it than you. Okay, number 20, please provide the details of the new contract which increased by 126,310, Page 6-22 of the Budget Details, index code 907039B, 6110. That's also from Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

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MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes?

MS. ALIBIN: So, the City and County is actually coordinating the procurement efforts for this contract, so the Division of Motor Vehicles has requested a copy of documentation relating to this contract.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so the details are forthcoming? Or are they still being worked on by City and County?

MS. ALIBIN: I, yeah, we don't know at this time, Chair. We're trying to obtain some information from City and County of Honolulu.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, moving on to number 21.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: How many more questions do you have there?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, there's a total of 44 questions but I would say one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Nine have been eliminated preliminary, if there's any other ones that people don't...when I come to them if they don't want them asked you can just raise your hand and I'll eliminate additional ones. So, we're --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --on number 21, so there's about 10 more questions left.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is the question of the purchase of Wai`ale on there?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Just checking.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, yeah, I think that was mine and yours.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We both asked that question. Okay. All right, so we're on number 21. Please provide...did I read that one already? Please provide details for the anticipated,

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estimated, and known miscellaneous costs that the \$2 million expenditure will fund in Fiscal Year '21, Page 6-63 of the Budget Details, index code 907735B, 6221. Director? That is from Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I believe that's the same question regarding climate change?

MR. TERUYA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so this is the one that the Mayor will be --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --giving us details on. Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: On Thursday.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, Thursday. Thank you. Okay, going on to another one of the Committee Chair's questions. Are the funds for construction renovation only? Please provide further details. This is on Page 6-64 of the Budget Details, index code 907784B, 6316.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes.

MS. ALIBIN: That proposed budget amount of 367,000 is to cover for the office space rental at the One Main Plaza. However, we are requesting for an additional \$132,000 to cover for the expansion of the offices for the Office of Economic Development and Housing and Human Concerns program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so this particular budget item is, you're asking more and it's for rent?

MS. ALIBIN: No, Chair, that's for the expansion of the office spaces for the Office of Economic Development and the Department of Housing and Human Concern.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but her question was are the funds for construction renovation only? Are they?

MS. ALIBIN: No, Chair. So, part of the cost is for the office space rental for the annual lease.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, rental. Okay.

MS. ALIBIN: At One Main Plaza.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And does it also...but there is some construction in that money?

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MS. ALIBIN: Yes, Chair. I believe so. There's some expansion projects that they are looking into for these spaces located for the Office of Economic Development and Housing and Human Concerns.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. The next question was one of mine but I'm assuming you're going to send this over to Housing as well. It's please explain the rational of increasing the Affordable Housing Fund by 5 percent in these uncertain financial times. Are you going to send this over to Housing as well? Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Send that to...the next one is 24. Please explain all possible impacts to County finances of significantly lowering motor vehicle registration fees for Fiscal Year '21 given that so many residents have been laid off and are experiencing severe economic hardship at this time. Councilmember Paltin's question. Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we can provide some data of like table with statistics that will probably assist the Council to, for consideration on what potential impact.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so you can send that to EDB?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you. And the next two we're skipping over. Question 27, given that the Real ID program has been extended one year for compliance, what are the plans for the DMVL Service Representative II positions? I think these are the ones you said you were eliminating, Director?

MR. TERUYA: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so that question's been taken care of. Question number 29, please provide an update of the percentage of Emergency Fund balance from the General Fund operating expenditures to date, and unreserved fund balance in months of operating expenditures for Fiscal Year '20. Page 183, Program Budget Administration Program. Member Paltin's question.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, so for the first one the percentage is at 7.7 percent. That is assuming that we're going to be spending the projected budget for the General Fund operating expenditures of about 456 million. And for the unreserved fund balance in the months of operating expenditure for Fiscal Year 2020 is at 2.091.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is how many?

MS. ALIBIN: Two point zero nine one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Two point zero nine one, okay. Okay, thank you for that. Question number 31, please explain what this cost is Fiscal Year 2020 and again in

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Fiscal Year 2021, cost exceeds previous two years. Do we need to do safety programs? Page 6...item 6-58 Detail, 907616B, 605, oh, I'm sorry, 6504, workers' compensation payment, \$4 million. Member Sugimura's question.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we're going to read based on the response provided by the Corporation Counsel Risk Management, 907616B, 6504 pays for all the costs associated with the workers' comp claims. And the costs are broken down into lost time, allocated loss adjusted expense, which includes the medical and legal expenses, and travel island, appointments and other miscellaneous costs. Over the 12-month period from, so starting in July 2018 through June 30, 2019, it...we has incurred about 3 million in claim costs and paid out about 3.5 million. And as of March 30, 2020, the total future reserve on 139 open claims to amount 5.8 million. And so, Corporation Counsel is not requesting for the full 5.8 million because it's unlikely that all their reserve amount will be expended in the next fiscal year. And regarding the safety programs, yes, because they said it's important for the County to continue this program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, we heard about the health and wellness programs earlier today. Or yesterday, actually. Okay, a follow-up question on that. What are these funds used for? What is the balance to date? And is this additional \$6 million needed to replenish the account? What can the County do to reduce our liability? Six fifty nine of the Detail, 907816B, 6558, Settlements and Judgments. Director or Ms. Alibin?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, just going to read again the response provided by Risk Management Division. These funds are primarily used to pay for the third-party liabilities and litigated claim settlements. The fund balance as of March 31, 2020 is 4.6 million. The future reserve for the third-party liabilities is 1 million. And D, future reserve for litigated claims is 12.5 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Does it say anything in there about the \$6 million is a replenishment?

MS. ALIBIN: No, Chair, we didn't get any information relating to that, so I would like to defer to Corporation Counsel to provide that response.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. I don't...we have Corporation Counsel here, but I don't know if Mimi is...this is probably not in your wheelhouse. Okay. And then the last related question, which is also Member Sugimura's, please detail what the \$840,000 rental is for, 6-61 of the detail, 907728B, 6559, Rentals. Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, yes?

MS. ALIBIN: The increase of \$40,000 is based on the annual increase in the CAM. And the \$450,000 is for the Fairways at Maui Lani walls and fences repairs needed.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. The rent, what's the rental? Is it a rental? It says \$840,000 rental?

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MS. ALIBIN: So, that, Chair, that consists of \$40,000 is the additional amount that we're requesting based on our current lease contract, and that \$450,000 is to cover for the expenditures relating to the walls and fences repairs at the Maui Lani Fairways.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, repairs, okay. Okay, so that's the operations and we're moving onto, we only have three questions under Capital Improvement Projects. The first one is on CBS number 6092, Wai'ale Land Acquisition, Page 692. This is from Member Molina and myself and there's a related question...Alice, did you have a related question or were you...I thought your name was on this but it looks like it just has myself and Member Molina. Anyway, the questions for the Wai'ale Land Acquisition are A, have the negotiations already been initiated on this land? B, who is the current landowner for this property? C, has a developer been secured for the affordable housing to be built on these properties? If so, who is it? D, how many homes do you project to be built on these properties? E, does any of these properties have access to infrastructure? And F, if no, will the County assist with infrastructure installation?

MR. TERUYA: Vice-Chair, thank you for that question. A&B did send a letter of offer to the County with their asking price. The County has since sent a letter of interest back to purchase. Not with a purchase price, but just a letter of intent that we are engaged. As far as the landowner, the landowner is A&B, LLC. The developer secured for affordable housing, not at this time. A developer has not been secured.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: As far as the number of homes to be built, that's still to be determined. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . doing our due diligence after we acquire. It is not a very simple project to deal with, with the north and the south, but it is the Mayor's vision that we are going to maximize the amount of affordable housing that can be done, both single-family units and multi-family units to the most of our ability. As far as the infrastructure, there is no infrastructure in place, it would need to be developed and installed. And whether or not that is the County or a public-private partnership, that's still to be determined at this time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And moving on to...and our Chair is back but she's finishing her lunch so I'll finish...she asked me if I would finish the questions, then I'll turn it over to her. Okay, number 35 under Capital Improvement Projects. What criteria or resources were used to determine the location of the 495 acres for affordable housing projects included under CBS-6092? This is on Page 692, Capital Improvement Program. Member Paltin's question.

MR. TERUYA: Vice-Chair, thank you for that question but we would need to defer to Housing on that question.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Number 36, do we know if there are any QDO sand deposits in this area? CBS-6092, that's another question of Member Paltin, on page...the same project that she was just asking about. Do you have that information, Director?

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MR. TERUYA: Not at this time, I think it might be an appropriate question for the Department of Management maybe on this question. I'm sorry to keep punting, but these are not questions for Finance at this time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do you think the Department of Management or Department of Public Works would know? Can you check and then refer the question?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I don't know.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is there any...

MR. TERUYA: Director Yoshimura will be forwarding the question over --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh.

MR. TERUYA: --to either Public Works or Management for a response.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, great. Thank you. I know Public Works is dealing with the sand mining, so. Okay, we're almost at the end. Couple more questions. Under Program Goals and Objectives, please explain, this number 39, please explain the significant drop from Fiscal Year '19 actual amount of enforcement revenue to Fiscal Year '20 and Fiscal Year '21 estimates. Page 197, Program Budget, RPT Goal number 4.1. Member Paltin.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. And for that question, over the years we've been doing a lot of home exemptions, I guess, screening and compliance along with the State of Hawai'i Department of Taxation's information. Since they got onto their new system and there's a new administrator there as well, we haven't had any information coming back from the Department of Taxation so we could do anything with the information. So, we've been waiting for their information to do our compliance, and unfortunately we don't have any information this fiscal year. With that being said, we have removed our attention from that program to the agricultural program. They have indicated that...I can't remember how much it was. It was about 1,500 inspections in agriculture. A lot to do with the Mahi Pono lands, A&B lands, and enforcement, and a lot of response _____ to agriculture at this time. I'm not sure if that answers your question, but the homeowner program is a very good program but it's very difficult to do something with nothing. And at this time, we don't have any information back from DOTAX.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so you're still working, you're still waiting for information from the State, then?

MR. TERUYA: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, number 41, please provide, these are both the last two are from Member Paltin, please provide an update of recruitments completed within 100

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days to date for Fiscal Year '20. Page 185, Program Budget, Administration Program Goal number 4.1.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair? That performance measure we actually started to track that on July 1, 2019. However, just to provide you some numbers, so as of March 31st we, that is 24 percent.

VICE-CHAIR KING: As of March 21st [sic] this year?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right, number 44, this is the last question. Is there concern that due to the current local economic situation, lack of RPT, TAT, and fuel tax collections would affect the liquidity of Maui County and prevent us from covering our costs generally speaking, as well as specifically as it relates to goal numbers 4.1 and number 4.3? Member Paltin.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you for that question. I guess as it comes to revenue concerns I guess in general, while we are dealing with the pandemic, there are, will be concerns about revenues. We will continue to monitor our finances more often than probably normal. We need to ramp up our monitoring of expenditures as well to make sure that we don't run out of special funds going into the red. I think we should maybe consider...and I'm sure there's going to be more meetings to come, we're just really, really busy with the Covid-19 initial reaction. So, as far as TAT, we know that there will be an impact. During the current fiscal year we already created the first half of TAT which was I think, 11 million in that range. We anticipate the second half maybe to drop off a little. I think moving forward in the following fiscal years it might be prudent to have a more conservative approach in looking at how much TAT we going to collect from the State. I think that should be done to be as conservative as possible. Again, it is money, but, you know, in overall revenues that's only about 23 million, maybe 2 or 3 percent of our overall revenue sources, so it's not a very large amount. But gas tax will go down. I think there's other fees that may be impacted, so when you do your revenue projections, you should be conservative. This is different from when we established it, we established a lot of this Budget earlier in the year, if not in Fiscal Year '19, I mean, in calendar year '19, so we need to be flexible as we mentioned. We need to look at the most recent inventory and what we have, what is the most recent monthly spending and expenditures from our divisions and making sure that the expenditures don't exceed, I mean, you know, what we're bringing in revenue. So, I think that is probably going to be coordinated very soon with the Budget Director, with the other departments regarding their special funds and where we are. May Anne, you want to comment?

MS. ALIBIN: Yeah, Chair, I just want to add with regards to Real Property Tax revenues, for Fiscal Year 2020, we've already collected 95 percent of our levy, so we don't really anticipate a lot of problems in collecting the, what was budgeted or certified for this fiscal year; however, we have been engaged. The question right now, our biggest concern is the ability for taxpayers who mainly were...their mortgage payments are...that don't have mortgage payments. So, that might be one possible area that might have some

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difficulty in making the payment. And same thing as what we discussed last week with regards to the assessed value. So, we are waiting for the certified values that will be coming up in the next week.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you, Ms. Alibin. So, just if I could ask you, is there any chance that we could get any kind of update estimates of revenues in the next few weeks as we're going through the Budget as far as the things that we know are going to drop like the fuel tax and possibly the TAT, even the...even though we know the rates for sewer and water, we have a lot less people using those services because we don't have the tourists. So, those revenues will probably go down as well. Is there any chance that we can get some kind of estimates of what it's going to look at like in, you know, in the future?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we are getting ready to close our books for the month of March and for the quarter, so we will review and take a look. But we...because, you know, when this Covid-19 outbreak rose, pretty much it was mid-month of March so it might now really give us a full, you know, data of the, you know, the impact.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. ALIBIN: So, we are also wanting to take a look at what April's revenues will look like and the expenditures.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, we appreciate anything you can do to help guide us as we go along. And thank you for answering all the questions and so we have our Committee Chair back now all healthy and hands washed, I'm assuming. And thank you, I'll turn it back over to Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Yes, all clean, wearing mask, six feet apart.

VICE-CHAIR KING: How do you stay six feet apart in the car? Did you just put them in the back?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, in the truck.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Nice.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But, yeah, that was really successful. They had almost 400 people tested today.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's awesome. That's great.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: How fast are the results, that they get the results? Did they tell you?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, the first responders, our emergency responders have been expedited so it'll likely be about 24-hour turnaround time. And then for everyone else it's about five days. So, it's gotten faster. I think it's the backlog they've caught up finally. Okay. So, we're ready? Mahalo --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Committee Vice-Chair for...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I don't have any questions, I did some clarifying as we went through, so I don't have any questions. You can start with whatever side of the Chambers you want to start with.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, Committee...Member Sinenci, are you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yes, my answers were...my questions were answered, excuse me. But on the last question about real property taxes, I just had a clarification and we've been receiving some e-mail from constituents. So, the real property taxes the valuations have already been set for the year? Director?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. All of the values have been established as of January 1, 2020. We are currently in the appeal period and certification will be given to the Council a little early this year because of the timing of the weekend, April 17th. So, in ten days, you will be receiving certification, which will give you your final numbers for rate setting purposes. So, although the Mayor has the proposed numbers, it's not final numbers for rate setting purposes. So, in ten days, you will have that information before you for final decision-making for your total revs from real property taxes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, mahalo, Director Teruya. And then just a general question with the economic downturn, would this affect the Risk Management Program?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, I apologize for that but --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Meaning are there higher rates for risk? Director?

MR. TERUYA: --the Risk Management program --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Go ahead, Director.

MR. TERUYA: --is under Corporation Counsel, Chair.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. I just had a question about higher rates for workers' compensation and other insurance claims that are filed.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Those claims are administrated by the State of Hawai'i Unemployment Insurance.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, all right, thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Chair. That's all I have for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, I'll reset the clock for five minutes. Member Molina, are you ready? Oh, and Department, just feel free to respond to the Member's questions for their five minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, ready, set, go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right, Madame Chair, thank you very much. Mr. Director, just following up on your responses for the Wai'ale Land Proposal. And thank you for sharing with us who the property owner is, A&B. Are you able to tell us what they're basically asking for or can give us a ballpark figure? And does the Administration anticipate using any Affordable Housing Funds for any aspect of this proposed Wai'ale project?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, if you don't mind, could I defer to Corporation Counsel at this time if any of those...if that information can be shared or not?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Desjardins?

MS. DESJARDINS: Okay, so the question is whether or not, Mr. Teruya, you can share any of the information regarding the negotiations that are ongoing between A&B and the County?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, in general, yes.

MS. DESJARDINS: Is that...yeah, I guess I would have to say at this point without any authorization to release that information, I would probably say not, only because I don't know the status of the confidentiality of those negotiations off the top of my head or whether there were, contracts were entered into in this. You know I don't have enough information on it to know whether we signed non-disclosure statements as part of the process, that happens sometimes. So, I would, you know, hesitate to say go forward and answer that question. But that might be something that would be good to put in writing and we can look a little further into the legality of that.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you for that response, Ms. Desjardins. And the other part of my question, Mr. Teruya, I don't know if you're able to answer it or maybe it should be something for the Housing and Human Concerns. I know this purchase is supposed to be...Administration is looking at bonding this purchase. Affordable Housing Funds, any aspect of that will be used for the project? Mr. Teruya?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so the question was if we are going to use Affordable Housing Funds for any part of Wai'ale? Eventually we will. The land purchase itself is coming from Bond Fund, and as we move into the development phases and then planning phases then we, with the approval of course, from the Affordable Housing Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great, thank you for the response. Thank you very much, Madame Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, I'm going to jump ahead of Chair Lee so thank you. Just two questions. One was on the earlier response from the Department, March 30th response from the Director regarding the terminal pay and adjustments. You're asking us for a \$8 million appropriation this year. Anything to do with spiking and this amount, Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is this part of the, where we will pay the spiking bill?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Hokama, that \$8 million that is being requested out of the, for _____vacations and salary adjustments. So, we have budgeted for, in anticipation of HGEA Bargaining Unit 3, 4, 13, and 14 having some type of settlement on their contract to make the payments out of the Countywide costs. So, actually and I'm trying to find it here. What page is it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Six fifty-six.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay, Page 6-56 of the Budget Details is where you would find it. The majority of that funding will be used for salary adjustments for bargaining unit contract.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. What fund would the spiking come out of?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The spiking would come out of I believe the ERS, on Page 6-55.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, so we'll take it out of the --

MS. YOSHIMURA: The...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --trust funds account then?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. No. Contributions to ERS the first line on Page 6-55.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then the second, my second question is maybe more for, to the Director about maybe how we can possibly look at different ways of addressing impacts from the virus. We split out hotel and resorts, so now we have the ability to adjust through the rates and provide relief to the hotels. I know we consolidated some categories last year, but for responses for this year's situation, even if we go back and just separate the categories and put the same rates, isn't it better for us to at least be able to pinpoint more relief to the impacted category such as Business Commercial versus Industrial?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, it is true. I think, you know, I think you know over the many years that I've been at Real Property, I was strongly supporting the breakout of the Hotel category from the Short-Term Rental category, and it was kind of like perfect timing because this is the absolute time that how certain markets segment would need the relief, and we have that ability to affect one and not affect another that may not need the relief as bad. It is true that the four categories lumped into the Non-Owner Occupied could be segregated back to the original and there could be a component one day that you might want to have that ability. Even if you collapse them it may be no impact, but at the same time, should you need a one particular category to have that ability, you would have more flexibility. It doesn't mean that you couldn't have the same tax rates for all of them at the same time too. So, sometimes diversification is good. I don't think you'd need to do it every time for every single category because you'll have too many classifications, but I think for this one time, I know for certain the other three counties would definitely be envious of us because this is a mechanism that will assist us in giving the relief, but not to everybody. It's more for those impacted categories especially like Hotel.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: This question is more about the small business group, our entrepreneurs, those that have maybe ten employees or less and, you know, I was looking at more tax relief for the Business Commercial component. So, that's why I asked you that question. But thank you for your comments. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, Council Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, Director. What's your anticipated Carryover/Savings this...right now? And is that expected to change because of the crisis, the Corona crisis?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, hang on, what year are you looking for? What fiscal year?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right now, what is your...has your Carryover/Savings estimate changed as a result of the outbreak of the Coronavirus?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, for the Carryover/Savings, we don't...as far as for reappropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021? Is that the question? Or what we think we're going to have as of today?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, because the year isn't over yet so when is your cutoff day for spending down or encumbering funds from this fiscal year? This current fiscal year?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair? So, for the normal operating expenditures, the cutoff date is as of June 30, 2020. And so, any unencumbered funds will actually be part of the Carryover/Savings. At the same time, part of the Carryover/Savings is looking into the revenue estimates versus the actual revenue collected.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. ALIBIN: For the CIPs, we have through December 31, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, that's on paper, but we all know when we, we're part of the government that normally the Administration tells the departments to not spend after let's say May. In fact, you have to have a strong spend down plan by April. So, although the official cutoff day is June 30th, when do you actually, when do you tell the departments, okay, after a certain date no more encumbering funds?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. ALIBIN: --so overall for anything that's related to contract, that notification should be coming at least by end of this month, April. So, there is a memo that is sent out to all the departments with regards to purchases and issuing the RFP.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so end of April. Now, when you did your Budget, we weren't in the middle of a crisis. So, did you anticipate more Carryover/Savings?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, so prior to this crisis, when we projected the potential Carryover/Savings for Fiscal Year 2021, it was based on the numbers that was actually reported in our CAFR or our comprehensive annual financial report. And, again, the formula is...so that becomes our starting point and then we do look at our projected revenues for the revised 2020 and then what would it be for the Fiscal Year 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, which department had the most Carryover/Savings?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we will defer to the Budget Director to provide that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, we would have to take a look at that information from the CAFR, but I would assume that it would be the larger departments that have the larger Carryover/Savings, or the savings from each department.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, if you can, we would appreciate. Or else we can ask every department going forward that same question. It's important to us to know which departments did not spend down what they could have spent, yeah, in the year's time. Because...

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MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes?

MS. ALIBIN: Can I add, I think what you're asking is the projected lapses. So, the only departments that provided that information is Water Supply, of which they're providing \$5.6 million. For all the operational departments that are other than Department of Water Supply, they did not provide that information.

MR. TERUYA: If I may add, Chair, it is the Mayor's decision to, as I mentioned earlier, was reduce the amount of filling of vacancies for non-essential, not spend down the money because we know what we're looking at. We're not trying to use your funds, we want to, them to leave it open for the Carryover as we know that we're going to have an impact moving forward. So, the intent is not to just go spending down all this money, we are mindful of the situation we're in, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, nevertheless I really believe we should have that information because my understanding is for instance Housing and Human Concerns which we will interview tomorrow, probably lapsed close to 2 million or more dollars. And I don't know, I don't even know if they spent down the entire Affordable Housing Fund. So, that's the kind of information we need. That's a lot of money, yeah? And those are our priorities. So, you know, we would like to have an understanding of how that happened. Okay?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. And I think this goes along with us reviewing a lot of different things that's going on right now including CIP projects that we, we're going to pay down with cash. Some of that may need to be revisited to see if we can go and, you know, bond that instead and keep our cash on hand at this point. So, these are other items that we going to have to look at as well as to what kind of CIP projects we have forecasted with cash and maybe come back to the Council and reconsider maybe bonding those projects.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay --

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --thank you.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, if I may add?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes, so the Affordable Housing Fund is actually considered as a special revolving fund of which funds that are deposited into fund that is actually not, does not lapse.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, but it's good to know if it's not spent. That's the idea. How much was spent. And we already know that over \$500,000 was not spent from the Homeless Fund and other housing funds that were available were not completely spent down. And we'll go over that tomorrow. And we just happen to know that about this particular Department, but we really would appreciate the same information from every department. Okay? Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, Member Sugimura? No, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Department. Three main questions, I was wondering if you did have answers to the questions in writing if you could just transmit them over, all of the stuff just so we can like look through them at our leisure, if needed have them in writing. I know you had some slides and stuff like that and that's the first one yes or no, and then the second one regarding the Land Management, I didn't really understand. I understand there's no position description, but like when in my mind I'm thinking of Land Management Program, I'm thinking of the mess at mile marker 13.5, which is majority County lands and it needs to be managed. But I don't see that happening under the Finance Department. So, I'm thinking my idea of what a Land Management Program is different than your idea of what a Land Management Program is. But all I really got was that you don't have a position description and like that, so I was wondering if you can share with us what's in your head about what a Land Management Program looks like. Is it like having this land that the County owns and like keeping track of where they all are, what they can be used for, if they're like in disrepair or just, you know, being used as a illegal dumping ground with, like, you know, abandoned vehicles like a junk car lot. Or, I don't know. I don't know what a...I think I know what a Land Management Program is but being that it's under the Finance Department it makes me doublethink of it.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, when we were trying to...I was trying to wrap my head around initially is first of all trying to establish an administrator position to identify what is the mission and vision and goals of this program going to do. In the City and County of Honolulu, they have about, I want to say, 30 to 40 employees in Land Management. And they have varied...three different verticals. One is a finance team that goes out for bonds. Any type of projects, they come up with financing. They have a construction vertical that deals with retrofitting purchased properties and retrofitting them into housing units. They have another vertical which has more project engineers and architects and stuff like that. So, their project is, they're very big. They buy apartment buildings and create them into facilities. They buy schools and turn them into housing. That's the...how broad they are. They don't buy vacant land per se. They're not in that business currently. So, my vision initially was to alleviate people or departments like Parks, Housing, and other departments from all trying to do the same of purchase land. So, we would create a Department of Land Management, or a program, have an administrator and only have one person or one program acquire lands so that other departments are not trying to create it or trying to acquire them, so to speak. This division would also be in charge of all leases, which we currently do under Finance. So, it's basically having an administrator to go acquire and lease all lands, be in charge and

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have some management plan as far as what is ongoing maintenance going to be done. All from one department or one locale, I guess, so to speak. If it was to move to Department of Management or its own program, its own division, I think that may be what's down the road. But because we're only acquiring one E/P, that is the reason why I believe the Mayor is putting it in Finance. Because under Finance right now, we have a Real Property Manager. So, we're just going to have that person oversee that person. It's under the Administration Program right now. And if it grows bodies and becomes other things, I think at that time we'll identify that maybe your questions as to what you would like to see these people do and whether or not that is the fit for this program. So, I think you guys may have a lot of say to what happens moving forward. If you like that idea of only having one or maybe speeding up that process. I really don't know right now because it would be a lot of time under my hands to try to establish what's going to go. So, that person would be the head person to have a lot of those vision, mission, and what type of, what are they going to be doing. I think that will be the person we're looking for to establish that plan.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you. And then my last question, I'm not sure we have the money for all that. But my last question on the question 19, 6-21 in the Details about the increase of plates order. If we don't fund that, can they keep those cars off the road or what? We don't increase plates order, can they keep those cars that don't have the plates that we don't order off the road? Because it's so nice without all those cars.

MR. TERUYA: I might have to defer that question. We could be even talking about our local people's cars too that wouldn't be able to go on the road as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, when you buy a car, that's only, we're only talking about the brand new cars that need plates, right? Because I got plates on my car and if I was to sell it to someone, it would still have plates.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, rather I guess, I'll respond to that in writing to the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, very important discussion and the first I want to start off with is Finance going to look at reviewing the circuit breaker? Because I'm getting e-mails from the public about examples, you know, that...anyway. Just that, are you reviewing that?

MR. TERUYA: Chair? Chair? I believe I sent down a revision to the circuit breaker about a month ago to the Council with our proposals.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, good. So, we'll take that up eventually. I'm glad to hear you talking about looking at CIP and I think because of the Covid-19 and us being concerned about a future, the future, and converting some of the cash projects to be bonded. So, I look forward, can you send us a list or how will, how would we hear about those recommended projects based upon...we have like a debt margin that we have to fulfill or abide by and I think you would know, you know, where everything is and have the most knowledge I'm guessing because you're Finance and how it would affect all the departments that have CIP. So, I'm curious to see that number as well as what your recommendations are, I guess. And how, what the departments have to say. And then, one of the things that you said when Budget Director and yourself and the Mayor was presenting the Budget on March 25th, I think you said this or that the County is possibly looking at a hiring freeze because of the impact of the Covid-19 for positions that are expansion or vacant positions. Do you have a --

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --thought on that? Or does the Administration have a opinion about that? I think we're at a position of being concerned about future expenses.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair? In response to the first question. We just actually got the initial list of all the projects that are funded by cash. And so, our next step is to review all the contracts that are encumbered and should there be a need that, to change the funding for those projects into the Bond Fund, we will be providing that through an amendment.

MR. TERUYA: To the second part of your question. There was a date that Mayor had asked the directors to freeze the non-essential workers from being hired. If there are essential positions, and we do have many vacant essential positions, those were allowed to move forward. Also, those that were already in recruitment and we had the list, those already went forward. It would just be the new hires that were non-essential, maybe entry-level positions that are not, I guess, considered essential at this time were asked to be put on hold because we are in a, you know, stay at home, work from home if you can. So, there's not much room for a entry-level person coming in right now going through a lot of training. So, right now that is the freeze right now. I mean even for Finance, we have a bunch of positions vacant that we can't hire right now. So, that's the second part to your question. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pau, Member Sugimura? Okay. Okay, mahalo, Member Sugimura. And, Pro Temp Kama, ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I just have one question and I just was just thinking about it and maybe I should have asked the Clerk, but I guess maybe he could...you know, Mr. Teruya, the...there was a bill that was passed in Congress that just came down to assist all the County Clerks across the nation, I think Hawai'i the

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State was going to get something like \$4 million to do our elections, but that there was also a 25 percent match for every state, and then the State was supposed to divvy it up to all the counties. So, when there's a match like that, do we know what percent of that match that the county [*sic*] is going to have to divvy up if the match for all the states was 25 percent? And we know we got to do 25 percent for our state, but what would our share be if the State has to divvy up into counties?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, I'm not very familiar with --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: --what you're referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: I know at one point when we moved to an all-mail registration, we did receive money from the State, I believe, at that time. But I'm not sure about this matching fund accommodation that you're mentioning. If you can be more specific or send something to us, we can research it for Committee. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I will send it to you. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. TERUYA: Hang on.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Kama, I'm not sure if you're referring to the Act 136. County received \$106,000 through the County Clerk process for that purpose, for the implementation of election by mail system. So . . .(*inaudible*) . . . but that money has already been received by the Clerk's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: This is the, some of the, this is some of the money that was part of the stimulus package from the Federal government. So, I'll go look for that legislation and I'll send it over.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay. I guess I just, I have a couple clarifying questions, okay, and I'll start my timer. Okay, mahalo, Finance Department for answering our questions. Okay, so, there was a question asked earlier about separating hotels and resorts, I just wanted clarification on that. Hotels and resorts are still together in one classification? I...

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MR. TERUYA: Chair? No, not a problem, it's good to explain this. In prior fiscal years, hotel and resort were considered one category. That was the heading of the category, Hotel and Resort. What we since then did last fiscal year was to for the upcoming Fiscal '20 year that hotel, true hotels meaning X amount of units, they have what you would conceive to be a hotel is in one category. And all those properties that are rented on a short-term basis that can be less than six months in duration, are in another category called Short-Term Rental now. So, those two groups that were one are now in separate categories.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, for the resorts, would you be able to give us some examples of what the resorts would be that would fall into the STR category --

MR. TERUYA: Okay --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --or class?

MR. TERUYA: --for example maybe a unit in Wailea `Ekahi, `Elua, `Ekolu, Maluhia, all those condominium units that can be rented on a short-term basis legally is considered a short-term rental. And, I guess, you know, Seaside, Maui Beach Hotel, Courtyard, all of them all the way up to the Grand Wailea, they're all in the Hotel and Resort category. So, STR is basically a short-term rental unit for periods less than six months in duration legally.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like the Minatoya list?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for that clarification. So, what are some examples of hotels?

MR. TERUYA: Well, Chair, as I mentioned, Seaside, Maui Beach Hotel, Courtyard, Grand Wailea, all those hotels down on the West End, Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, all of them. We've got about, I would say about 32 hotels on that list, about, thereabouts 30.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, mahalo for that clarification. So, there are about 30 hotels in the Hotels classification and other hotels and resorts that we would...you would think that are hotels and resorts are actually under STR classification?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, I'm not certain...if you want to and you want an ID list, if we needed to provide one we can always do that for you guys. But it would be any basic condominium that is not a hotel that can do short-term periods for less than six months in duration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director, for that clarification. That was my only question. Mahalo, Director. Okay, and then, Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I just had one more thought I wanted to share because I'm concerned, you know, with the Director. I know there's some things that are going

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to be referred to other departments and I had the same concern that was mentioned earlier about the Affordable Housing Fund and if it's going to be able to be spent, so, but we'll deal with that tomorrow when we talk to Housing. I have a concern about these new divisions that are being proposed in this Budget. And I know they were proposed before we had the bulk of this Covid-19 response, but the division for Land Management and the uncertainty about what it would actually do, it seems to me that we might want to take a little more time to put that all together before putting it into this Budget and doing this big expansion. I've been a big advocate for the Climate Change Division, but it also sounds like we're not really quite sure what they would do. So, just, if there's descriptions of those two divisions, could you ask the Mayor to give us a more detailed description when he comes on Thursday. He said he would explain it further, but I just wanted to express to me, to you, that I would support these two divisions except I don't really even know what the Land Management is doing. I had met with Land Management on O`ahu when they first developed that, the Mayor first created that, and it was basically two people and they were developing housing. They did, they got like \$50 million and they put it in a lot of tiny homes and other housing projects. And now they've expanded, and I don't really know what their description is, but they had a firm idea of what that division was going to do when they created it and they actually went out and they made housing. They made a lot of housing. So, you know, I would support this division if I knew exactly what it's going to do, but right now I just wanted to express those concerns that I don't see a vision for it and I don't see a plan. And if we could, let's do that first before we put it into the Budget maybe for next Budget.

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: The Director wants to speak.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you for that comment. Maybe I wasn't clear, but the expansion position for the Land Manager Administrator is to be under the Director's Office in Finance. It's not a new division, it is not a new anything, it's going to be under the Director's office so that they can identify how to roll it out as a possible division or a program in itself. So, it's just a position under the Director's office.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, then --

MR. TERUYA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you'll be sharing a position description with us on Thursday? Or the Mayor will?

MR. TERUYA: We can provide that. As I mentioned, all we have right now is what City and County of Honolulu has, and we would be making a mockup from that point.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, I just wanted to share that with you because I'd rather see, you know, I'd rather see the plans be developed first before hiring somebody and then having them develop what we don't even know what it is, you know. But we'll take a look at it

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and hopefully we'll hear more about that exact position. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, so, wait, let me see. Okay, Members, we're, we've completed our five-minute round of questions. So, we'll, we have two priority proposals, one from Council Chair Lee and one from Member Sugimura. So, we'll start with Chair Lee, if you'd like to please propose your priority for Finance and then I'll see if Finance would like to comment on your proposal. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Pass for now. I have to get my notes. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Sugimura, are you ready? Same thing. Oh, you have to unmute. Okay. Let me see if I can unmute you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, this is, this priority for Finance is basically I wanted to get people back to work. As I sat here thinking about all the people losing their jobs and 7,000 or so who worked in the hotel and related industry and I just wanted to see if there's a way Real Property, Mr. Teruya, if you could do something in terms of being, trying to strengthen our economy and also prepare, get us a safe and livable County as part of your mission. And in light of that and the Corona pandemic, and we see our economy shutting down, I just thought that there are people out there who could possibly build or renovate their, you know, their business and put money back into the economy and provide jobs. And I just thought that if you would consider sunseting your real property tax for, I don't know, seven years, three years, six years, whatever you think may be a possibility. So, that's what that idea is, Director.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. It is what...something that's already on the Mayor's list of as far as economy. I guess, first we're trying to get through this and then strengthen how do we help the economy move forward. A tax holiday is being considered by the Mayor right now for small businesses or businesses in general to be similar to one that we had in Wailuku proposed for the MRA district, but this would be maybe more for Countywide. As far as a sunseting, provided that you have a permit upon maybe completion or passing of the ordinance, it must be completed by a certain deadline, it meets certain criteria, and then, therefore, maybe for X years that you would be a, it would be a holiday, I guess, so to speak, for the difference in valuation from the time of construction to completion of the period, whatever that may be, i.e., five, seven, eight years, whatever that may be. So, that is something that's been done in the past for Wailuku, not many people took part of it, but it would be something that for businesses that have the capital and are in it for the long run to make improvements to their stores or businesses and receive the holiday for a certain period of time. So, that is on the radar. If they would...you would like it, I'm sure the Mayor is well aware of it and

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whether or not when he rolls it out would be something that I would have to defer to the Mayor on.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's like exactly what the MRA with the tax abatement program that was being developed for the Wailuku redevelopment area. Yeah, I'd be interested in hearing, you know, and to see if that's a way of spurring the economy or triggering some activity for the residents that, you know, put them back to work as well as to reinvest in our economy. On the Maui Lani Parkway extension for the purchase and that also, I think that's being considered like for north, south, that acquisition of that real property.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that part of your --

MR. TERUYA: Oh, I think --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. TERUYA: I think that's part of --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think that's mine.

MR. TERUYA: --the Wai`ale --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. TERUYA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee's proposal.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Member Sugimura does have another one, it's on the next page under Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Sorry. Okay. You have two minutes. Go ahead, Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, well, okay. So, in this one for that Wai`ale North and South Project for 354 acres and then 141 acres for affordable housing, that I'm just proposing that we possibly look at decreasing the purchase price by 2 million. Done.

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

MR. TERUYA: Thank you --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director --

MR. TERUYA: --I got that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --did you want to comment on that?

MR. TERUYA: The Mayor is still negotiating. We are still negotiating. We're still trying to go through our due diligence with PBR as far as what are the entitlements, what are the restrictions, there's a lot of due diligence on this piece that I rather not go into. But we're still doing our part and then the purchase price has not been relayed back to them at this point. So, I need to wait 'til the Mayor can give me the green light on those things.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Members, let's see. So, there are two proposals by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm ready.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One question...okay. So, I want to ask the Members for one question, one follow-up starting with Committee Vice-Chair King, and then we'll go to Pro Temp Kama, and then work our way down and then we'll hear your proposal, Chair Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I just have a clarification because it says it's 14 million decreased by 2 million for 12 million. So, is there, are you, is that something that's in the Budget that you're requesting to decrease, Member Sugimura?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, we, that amount in there is only a placeholder. That has nothing to do with the purchase price.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: That's just a placeholder.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so, that's...so, we don't really need to do anything with that amount.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, but wait, I think what the Director says, we got to wait for the Mayor, so.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so, does it need to, do we want to put, I mean...is that, where would, well, how is that amount arrived at, that 14 million as a placeholder?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I, to tell you the truth, just through my community kind of networking, you know, that price and what I've have learned from over the, because this is something that kind of is a carry through, carryover. So, that's where that came from and, Director, I think he gave us our answer, we got to wait for the Mayor to come back.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I support the two proposals, but I do think we still do need to wait for the Mayor because I don't know what he wants . . .*(inaudible)*. . . whatever it takes, so I'm willing to wait to find that out until Thursday. Thanks. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No questions and yes on the wait.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I can wait, Chair. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Council Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, we need way more information. We don't have a appraisal, we don't have anything. So, I think it's so premature at this time to be tossing around different amounts when we don't have the justification for the purchase itself. So, waiting is, I think, is a good idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madame Chair, no questions. Interesting proposal but I too would like more information. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I'll join my fellow Councilmembers and I can wait for more information. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, and then I don't have any questions yet. We'll just get more information and we'll take it to decisions week. I didn't hear consensus on either in everyone's comments so we'll just take both to

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decisions week, but it sounds like we wouldn't have consensus anyway for any proposals moving forward because Member Hokama said that he won't give consensus. So, mahalo, Member Sugimura. So, we have, my mistake, we have four proposals. Two from Member Sugimura, one from Committee Vice-Chair King, and one from Chair Lee. Yes. Okay, so, Chair Lee, will you please, you have two minutes to propose your priority.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. As you know, the, I'm in the Wailuku district and if you travel through our neighborhoods you will know that the Wailuku, Waikapū, Waihe'e road infrastructure is increasingly becoming overwhelmed with traffic. So, one of the things that I would like to see is the Maui Lani Parkway extension. But although I brought it up here, I would really like to discuss it with Public Works. So, I don't mind if nobody agrees to this at this time. I think it's, this too is premature until we get more details, but I think most of you will agree that something has to be done. In fact, several somethings have to be done in the Wailuku area, because congestion is just beyond imaginable. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, Members, any questions? Just raise your hand and then I'll call on you. Okay, Committee Vice-Chair King and then Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee, for bringing this proposal. The one question I have is is there any, who owns this land and is there any...I know that we're getting part of the Wai'ale extension donated to us by Stanford Carr for that, for the Waikapū, the Atherton project. So, is there any chance that we could get part of this property also, you know, donated to the County? Or is that checked into at all?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, that's the reason why I think we need to have this conversation with Public Works because it's really not only the Maui Lani Extension, we're talking about the Atherton, well, the bypass road, we're talking about the extension of Kamehameha, the improvement of Waiko and Wai'ale. It's this whole system that needs to be improved and that's --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --why we need to talk to Public Works about this.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, great. Thank you. Appreciate it.

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: There is \$2 million in the Budget for the expansion of Wai'ale Road, and that would be taken up with Public Works.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I was, I'd like to say I support Chair Lee and I believe that this is something that Ms. Sugimura was trying to impress on us with the regional planning for the transportation component in her Committee jurisdiction. So, I appreciate the proposal and I look forward to us expanding it at the appropriate time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, any other questions for Chair Lee? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madame Chair. Just a quick question for Chair Lee. How much land is in the Maui Lani extension if you have that information? And I assume there's going to be road improvements with this proposal, can you elaborate on it at this time? If not, I can wait another time.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm asking that 2 million be added to the Budget for this purchase, but I really believe we need to have a broader discussion with Public Works because this is one portion of the network. So, you know, we might, we need to find out when is their plan to extend the Kamehameha Highway to Kuihelani, when are they going to do the Waikapū bypass, when are they going to improve Waiko Road and Wai'ale. And then Maui Lani's a part of that network. So, I'm hoping that when we get to Public Works, we can get more specific details.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madame Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci, just checking on you since I can't see your video.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you, Chair. We're outside, the State just came and disinfected with some kind of chlorine, so we're just kind of waiting for...it's not poisonous but we're just waiting for it to come down. I just wanted to say that I appreciate Chair Lee's foresight, you know, while we're still on lockdown. But at least looking ahead and, I mean, I definitely support planning the infrastructure now when we're kind of in a pause right now. So, those are my only comments, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, so I don't see anyone else's hands going up. So, we'll move to the last priority proposal and that's from Committee Vice-Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. The proposals for a proviso of 500,000 which is a placeholder for a grant to help to negotiate the purchase of the area known as Mā`alaea Mauka. And I'm going to give you my justification. Pohakea Watershed or Mā`alaea Mauka is 257.7 acres of land surrounded on 2 sides by State Conservation and is a key part of the Pohakea Watershed area that drains into Mā`alaea Bay. Current community plan designation is Project District while County zoning is Ag Conservation and a tiny section of R3. The land includes the ancient Lahaina Pali trail, a popular recreational area and a very important cultural resource. The land offers sweeping views of Mauna Kahalawai, Mā`alaea Bay, Kealia Pond, Haleakalā, and the entire Maui isthmus. It's

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home to important native species, the hoary bat, Blackburn's sphinx moth, and the nēnē goose, and several natural gulches that are reaching high above the slopes of Mauna Kahawai. Preservation of this land calls for stabilization of the gulches with appropriate plantings, restoration of native groundcovers, creation of firebreaks and maintenance of upslope retention areas to reduce or eliminate the volume of stormwater crossing Honoapiʻilani Highway and entering Māʻalaia Bay. This will help protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural hazards, enabling them to recover more quickly and protect the fragile reef ecosystem. The landowner has shown a desire to sell this property and rumors are that he's looking at a lower price than originally negotiated with a previous buyer that fell through, so this would help give the Hawaiian Island Land Trust the monies to go do that negotiation and start creating a land management program, kind of similar to the property in Hāna, with the land management program there that we funded for a non-profit. That's my proposal. Thank you. Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Perfect.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, I'll ask everyone a question, so that . . . *(inaudible)* . . . So, we'll go to Member Sinenci. You have any questions for Committee Vice-Chair King as the proposer or the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I support this proviso only because in the PSLU we put in a lot of conditions. There was a lot of testimony that the site is a fire hazard area and it's a funnel area before you're going onto the Pali Highway, and also the runoff that's going into Māʻalaia Bay as well as, you know, some of the cultural site and the access up to Mauna Halawai. So, I support the proviso, I mean, hey, if the HILT come up with, you know, the additional money, I believe when looking at the appraisal it was upwards of \$5, \$6 million. So, I mean, it'll be a great price if the County acquires it for that amount of money or partners anyway with it. So, I support the proviso. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. Just one quick question for Councilmember King. When you use the term placeholder, can you define that for me to help me with my understanding of that term?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, meaning that this would be monies to do the negotiation, create a land management program if they can negotiate something. But then they would be coming back to the Council for monies from Open Space Fund to match with, I mean, they've written for...oh, actually the Maalaea Village has written for a Legacy Land Grant, you know, in the amount of \$1 million and if HILT can come up with some money, then we can do a partnership together. So, while they work on that...and that extra monies could be acquired during the year through the Open Space Fund, it --

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: --doesn't have to be in this session.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madame Chair. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't really have any questions, but I'm a little skeptical to, you know, say consensus because we're just at the beginning of the Budget and it's like going to the fair and spending all your money on the first day. So, we need to see the whole picture and I can't say that I'm against the project, but I really would like to see the whole list.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I appreciate that. I appreciate that, Chair Lee, and I didn't expect to get consensus. I think we're not getting consensus on anything right now, it's just answering questions. So, appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Chair Lee. Yeah, so if Members have questions then that way the proposer of the priority item can, you know, research whatever responses would be needed if she doesn't or he doesn't have the information. So, I think, asking any questions that you have at this time will help everyone get information needed so that when we get to decisions week, we'll have all the information so that we can, you know, appropriately deliberate. Okay? So, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: None at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I got two for Councilmember King and one for, I guess, Administration. My first one for Councilmember King is who do you envision holding title to the land, Maalaea Village or the County? And my second question is HILT on board?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: I have spoken with the board of HILT and they are on board with this and so they would be the titleholder. And they would be developing the land management program. So, it wouldn't be under the management of the County.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, and then the question for the Administration is can we, like, say got consensus today theoretically and we put in the money or whatever, would that obligate the Mayor then to make the purchase or could he just sit on this money and then not make the purchase and nothing ever happens? Just theoretically.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, I think, well just to let you know, Member Paltin, the reason why we're trying to do it this way so it'll go through HILT, it wouldn't be under the Mayor to negotiate. Kind of like what we did with the Hāna property. It wasn't up to the Mayor to negotiate that or not, the money went to that private, not, private non-profit. And it's not, because it's not a purchase of the County, it's not reliant on the County's or the Mayor's signature. So, you can correct me if I'm wrong, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director? Oh, no, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, it sounds like you're looking at a grant to HILT for the purchase of the land and they would be the land managers. So, it would be up to the Administration or up to the Mayor to release the grant. So, although there's an appropriation, there's still the process of releasing the grant and executing a grant agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I guess my follow up will be if the thing isn't released, does it, is there like a expiration date and then it goes back into the Open Space Fund for other open space purchases or for the end of time is there a bookmark 500 grand for HILT that never gets used?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, it would be an appropriation that would be in effect for one fiscal year. So, it would be from July 1 of 2020 to June 30, 2021, right? If the money doesn't get expended or encumbered, then the appropriation goes away come July 1 of 2021 unless there's a new appropriation that is made. But the money remains in the Open Space Fund, or whatever fund you're looking at.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Administration. Thank you, Member King.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I guess we would like more information and I'll just wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, any information in particular that Committee Vice-Chair King can get for you for decisions week?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just more details on what this purchase would be, like, how much would the...is it Legacy Lands that you're looking at to be partnered in this?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was one of the, that was the organization that is potentially one of the grantors to provide some matching funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I think I heard that at the PSLU meeting with the Maalaea Village people were talking about that. So, as well...

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, I guess just more information like how much money are we actually talking about if the 500 is a placeholder and who are these partners, and it makes me think that if we have to have a land management plan that we need, I don't know, land manager to kind of look at this too. So, those are just kind of my general thoughts.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, well we approved the piece in Hāna for over 2 million. They had a land management plan that we approved as well, but we didn't have to, you know, we didn't have our hands in it. They developed the plan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sugimura. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I just wanted to just ask Chair King if she could find out if HILT is anticipating submitting for County funds in other areas and other departments.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, I can find that out.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay, all right. That was everyone.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do you have any questions, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, I don't have any questions. I think, you know, I'm with everyone with getting more information for decisions week and I'm supportive of this direction. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. Okay, so we've completed our

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written questions and responses, we did our five-minute rounds of questions, and we presented our priorities and had a discussion on that. So, I think we can thank the Finance Department for being with us this evening and then we'll talk a little bit about some Council things and posting deadlines coming up tomorrow. So, any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Mahalo, Director Teruya and Deputy Director Alibin, for being with us today.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And, Budget Director Yoshimura, mahalo. Did you want to share any comments before we thank you for coming?

MR. TERUYA: No, no questions from her.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you so much and we'll see Budget Director Yoshimura tomorrow morning at 9:00. And mahalo again, Finance Department, and all your staff who signed on to serve as resource people. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, thank you. And thank you, Department. When we were going through the questions there were some that were getting referred to other departments and there were some that were, was going to be information that they're going to send in writing, and I just wondered if your Staff got all that or if you need me to write up some notes and send it to you to know what to expect?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, all of the referred questions that were made already by Director Yoshimura.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then you had some information that was going to be forthcoming that you were going to send directly to the Committee, correct? You got all that information?

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Then I don't need to forward notes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that heads-up, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, so, mahalo, Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, tomorrow...oh, my calendar is buried. Okay, so...I'm going to tape my calendar to my wall.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fire and Housing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Fire and Department of Housing and Human Concerns tomorrow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think that was the only two, yeah. Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Fire, Police, and Housing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Police? No, I think Police is with the P's. I think Police is next week Monday or Tuesday.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It says Public Safety, Department of Housing and Human Concerns. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, okay. So, it's Department of Fire and Public Safety together. Police is a different department with the P's next week. Okay. Okay, and Housing, which includes all the human concerns grants. So, we might want to be prepared for more, you know, testifiers, oral testimony tomorrow. We haven't really been getting too many oral testimony, it's mostly written, so, just a heads-up that that's a grants day so there's, you know, we'll likely receive testimony from the non-profits and other grantees tomorrow. Okay. So, tomorrow is also the posting deadline for a fuel tax resolution and associates public hearing deadlines if there are any changes. So, the Mayor sent down the fuel tax rate proposal and it's, there's no change to it. So, we only need to post the resolution of the fuel tax rates if there are any changes to it. If there aren't any changes, then we don't need to have that hearing. So, would Members have any amendments to the fuel tax rates? And you can raise your hand and then I can call on you. Okay, Member Paltin and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Just because Ms. Yoshimura and the Administration is still here, I was wondering, you know, how they were saying that they pretty much did these, like, before we were experiencing the full effects, if that was still at this time the Mayor's proposal to keep it flat or would he like to make additional changes as we are seeing how this affects Maui County?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya, would you like to comment on that since you're here?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, I know the Mayor wanted more time. But how much more time, because, you know, the Mayor's primary concern right now is the outbreak, the response to Covid. So, initially I know he wanted more time to deal with the Budget, but he just didn't have the time. And we were so close to the deadline that making any changes might not have given you a balanced budget to present to the Council. You have a balanced Budget before you. If you are going to give the Mayor more time where you just want to give him time for some recommendations that he would like to do, I mean, I can ask the Mayor to do that. But I know his focus right now is on dealing with the pandemic, the response to Covid-19. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: On the fuel tax, Chair, you know, I wanted to take us, at least have us take a look at it. You know, last year we supported 100 percent biofuel and, you know, I had a chat with Ms. King and, you know, I just was wondering what was the results of our support for that cleaner alternative fuel source and whether or not it makes sense for us to continue our policy or make appropriate adjustments in other areas of other fuels. So, I was hoping we'd get some comment from the appropriate department, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Hokama. So, tomorrow is for the public hearing for us to hear from the community. So, we will discuss the rates, but for tomorrow's posting deadline purpose, it's for, it's just for a hearing. So, we won't, we wouldn't be asking the departments any questions, we would just be hearing testimony.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Understood.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, do Members want to have that? And if we don't post tomorrow, we cannot make changes to it. So, if I'm hearing Member Hokama correctly, there is potential for changes to be made, so if we are entertaining the idea of making, you know, amendments to the rates, then we will need to post tomorrow and have the public hearing. Okay, I see a lot of nodding heads and, sorry, and then Committee Vice-Chair King and then Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I think that, I think it would be good to post and then we can ask the Department about, also about what they've experienced as far as receipt of the fuel taxes. But I just wondering, you know, I had, I've been getting a lot of comments on also the fee that we're charging on electric vehicles and so, I just wanted to clarify for the public that that's not part of the fuel tax schedule that if we are able to

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address that, we would address that in a separate area. Is that right, Mr. Teruya? I mean, it's not considered a fuel as far as our taxes?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct, it's not part of the fuel tax structure. It's a fee that is established in Appendix B for hybrid and electric vehicles.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. I just wanted to make that clear because a lot of people have been wondering why we're not addressing that as a change as well.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Oh, are we...are they commenting? Okay, no.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I'm done. Thank you. I think Member Sugimura...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, Member Sugimura and then Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just curious when would this, when would you do the posting for a public hearing for what day?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, my calendar is buried. I'll come back to your question in just a second. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have no changes to propose.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nothing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you have a question? Did you raise your hand?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You called on me and I said I have no questions or anything to add.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. I'm sorry, I thought I saw you raise your hand. I'll check with Member Sinenci --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It wasn't my hand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --since I...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: My hands are folded. I don't know whose hand that was.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, for God's sakes. My hand looks like his hand?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You both have beautiful hands.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aww, shucks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Chair, Member Sinenci here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'd like to hear from our constituents. Is that the public hearing that we're talking about tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, I mean, if...or we have to post by --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --tomorrow --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Tomorrow at noon.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --and the hearing's tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. The posting deadline is tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --for the clarification, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. And then the hearing date would be April 17, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Yeah, I got that one. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, who was...was that...Member Molina with the beautiful hands.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madame Chair, I'm flabbergasted and honored to have my hands compared to Chair Lee's hands. But anyway, my, I guess as far as posting, I'm open up, I'm open to it as well if it's the will of the body or you, Chair. And with regards to, I want to thank first Mr. Teruya for...with regards to the issue of PowerPoint, I think I like what Mr. Teruya did. If the departments are going to do a brief PowerPoint, focus on, you know, reductions and also have them applicable to some of

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the questions that we've been asking. So, that way a lot of these questions get answered right off the bat. So, I think that's a good trend that Mr. Teruya has set, so, we've got Fire and Department of Housing and Human Concerns, two very big departments. So, hopefully that word can be passed on, maybe Director Yoshimura, if that word can be passed on to those departments and the other departments as well. So, I like the way we proceeded today. So, it was very good. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, so, in order to post the hearing notice, we would have to propose the amendment that the public would testify on. Does anyone have a proposed amendment? Would you like to discuss that? Public Works is not set to come before us until the departments that start with P next week. So, I can either see if the Department of Public Works would be able to have a representative available to provide us the information that Members are looking for --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --but that's not a guarantee. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, would we have to, I mean, we don't have to okay the amendment, we could just propose an amendment and then vote on it? I mean, just for posting purposes and then wait to hear what people say at the public hearing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we are held by Code on posting deadlines for the different rates and fees, and so the different rates and fees, whatever is being proposed would require a hearing. Should I...I'll take a quick recess and find the language and then I can explain it better if you'd like. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madame Chair? Madame Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is somebody proposing an increase or a decrease?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No one has proposed an amendment to the rates, but Member Hokama and Committee Vice-Chair King have expressed a potential interest in amending the newly proposed tax, the rates that we established last, this current fiscal year, so in last Budget Session we established new fee rates --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we want to --

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --to handle that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --see how that worked out. So, if it, if, you know, if it made sense, then we, it sounds like we would keep it in. But if it, you know, doesn't make sense, then, you know, we could consider taking it out. But we would need to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, why don't we --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --post that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --propose a range. Let's propose a range.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, we'll take a quick recess so I can grab all the paperwork, okay. So, it's 5:35. I'll just take ten minutes to get everything organized so that I can explain it a little better with all the laws that we are, you know, are supposed to follow when setting rates. Okay? Okay, so it's 5:35 and Staff will be sending the resolution from, oh, is it this...oh yeah, this year's resolution if you don't have it and that way it's right in front of you. Okay? Okay. So, it's 5:36, so we'll reconvene at 5:45.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Did you want us to...oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Did you want us to e-mail you withdrawn questions again for tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and...yeah, I...and mahalo, Member Paltin, for setting it up the way you did, you know, the questions numbered as they were in the compiled questions file document. If you could number them that way which questions you wouldn't mind withdrawing, then that would be helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Same way?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Same way. Same way you did it. I'm just letting other Members know to do it that way. That's really helpful for tracking. Okay, so, 5:37, we'll be back, we'll reconvene at 5:45. Okay, any objections? Okay, hearing none --

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the Economic Development and Budget Committee is in recess until 5:45. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 5:37 p.m.
RECONVENE: 5:47 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 5:47 on April 7th and we are discussing the posting deadline for tomorrow's fuel tax rates. Okay, so, one way we can go about this, Members, is by posting a range and did everyone receive the resolution via e-mail if you didn't have it before that? Does everyone have the fuel tax resolution? Does anyone not have it? Okay. I don't hear anyone saying that they don't have it, so I'm going to assume that everyone has it. So, historically I guess the Council hasn't done a range, didn't do a range before, but there's nothing legally stopping us from doing a range for the fuel tax rates. We do a range of values for property tax, so we can do it for this. I'd like us to discuss what a range would be. Also, I've been advised that we can do a range for one and not for all. So, if we would want to look at that as well. Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you for your suggestion, Chair. I appreciate it. I was going to just say I would suggest to the Committee a range of 0.000 to 0.300, that is from 0 to 3 cents maximum per gallon. And I would ask that we look at this flexibility one, because I think there's many projects that we'd like to see in our districts regarding roads, improvements of safety, maintenance, as well as potential of relocating shoreline roads because of sea-level concerns. But and, Chair, again yeah, my concern again is the Highway Fund, and so I was hoping if we were going to also consider a post because besides fuel tax, we can also look at the weight tax as another way to get the revenues we need for our road, County roads within the County. So, I just wanted to ask if we would...you wanted to consider the weight tax also as another way of providing sufficient revenues for Highway Fund. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Clarification, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Point of clarification?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director? Oh, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Tamara.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, really quick. So, Member Hokama, just for clarification, the range that you're proposing to the Committee is for all of the different fuels? Your zero to three cent?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes, Chair. And that, you know for me at the end of the day after the hearing, we still can retain all of the existing tax rate per fuel. So, that's one of the reasons why I support Chair Lee's suggestion about a range. We can change it or we can just leave it as is upon hearing what is the information we get regarding did our policy to support 100 percent biofuel make a difference at 0 cents taxation. I would hope so, but I would like to get some data from the State to support our position. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. So, the zero to three cents...

MR. TERUYA: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Deputy, no not Deputy, Director --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Sorry, sorry, Chair. When I say 0.3, that's 30 cents.

MR. TERUYA: Yeah .3 meaning 30 cents?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. TERUYA: It's currently 23.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay. Mahalo for that clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I wasn't sure --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --if you wanted to add three cents.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no, no. Yeah, yeah, I miscounted my decimal points, Chair. My apologies.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, so 0ero to 30 cents for all fuels is the proposal for the range.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is the range, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I agree.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. And just as a heads-up, that means we would be increasing...so, the current gas and diesel oil fuel rate fuel tax rate is 23 cents and a max to 30 cents is an increase of 7 cents per gallon. So, if we, you know,

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have that range posted that we would just probably have to anticipate a lot of testimony because it's a increase of 7 cents per gallon that's being, you know, considered. Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, that was my thing about the 3 cents and like currently 23 cents and I was like, whoa. But...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You may, Chair, maybe, you know, you can ask Mr. Molina because I know the last time we increased fuel tax, I think one year later Mr. Molina had recommended a gasoline tax decrease because he wanted the consumers, the residents to get the benefit of some savings. What we found out is after Council lowered the gas tax, all of the retailers maintained their gas price so all they did was increase their margin of profit. It never was passed onto the residents consumer.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And that was our disappointment in adjusting the policy. Mr. Molina, do you recall that?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I remember that, yeah. It had the reverse effect. It didn't have the effect that we had wanted to, so that was quite unfortunate. The retailers decided to well, we won't on the savings. Yeah. So, kind of a double-edged sword if you will. But thanks for bringing that back up, Riki.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, I think I saw, yeah. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to say for the record there was one year where they, the Council before I was on this Council, had put a tax on biodiesel and we increased the price. The next year they took it off and we decreased it by that same amount. So, not all fuel companies behave that badly.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Kelly.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, so, Members, would you like to post tomorrow's resolution for the fuel tax rates at 0 cents to 30 cents as the range for all fuels? Okay, I see a nodding head. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm just was giving my thumbs-up, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right, so, Member Sinenci, since we can't see you?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: For voting on this just as a matter of record, I need to recuse myself. I don't think I can vote on a fuel tax that includes biodiesel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for recusing yourself. Okay, so we're just...we're setting the range and Member Hokama proposed setting it from, and this is for all fuel, gasoline and diesel oil, biodiesel B100, biodiesel blend other than B100, ethanol, methanol, liquefied petroleum gas. So, the range for all of those fuels will be 0 to 30 cents and that's what will be posted on tomorrow's resolution. Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Corporation Counsel?

MS. DESJARDINS: Hey, thank you, can you hear me? Can you hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. DESJARDINS: Okay, just a really quick one, just I'm hoping I'm following you folks here. Chair, was it your intention to have this considered at your public hearing on the 17th? April 17th? Was that your intent? You know, I'm just looking at HRS 243-5 and it says that the public notice of a hearing on whether to...about the amount of the increase or decrease of the tax, shall be given in the County at least twice within a period of 30 days immediately preceding the date of the hearing. So, it almost sounds like you have to have two public notices at least 30 days prior to considering this. So, I'm not sure that'll work for the 17th if I'm reading that correctly. Just thought I'd throw that out there. That's HRS 243-5 if you want to look at that real quick. It's also referred to in the Maui County Code 3.20.010, discussing the fuel tax rate.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Desjardins.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair? Chair, was that public hearing already scheduled? That was scheduled --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --in advance, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's the night one? The night one.

MS. DESJARDINS: Yeah, and that...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because, no, you know why --

MS. DESJARDINS: Is that for...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --because we have two public hearings during the day. We have two public hearings prior to the next Council meeting on April 17th. So, just checking.

MS. DESJARDINS: Yeah, this one seems to require some fairly advance notice and twice compared to your one time at least public hearing under the Charter 9-5, your Budget public hearings. So, just something to consider.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Desjardins. I think I'll need to talk to the Budget team. I need to consult with them one more time. Because when we created the calendar, we first create the calendar with all the legal deadlines.

MS. DESJARDINS: Yeah, this one seems to be unusual.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. Well, again, so we took all the legal deadlines so this one as well, and we scheduled it so that we would comply with State and County law, and I think the 17th was supposed to work and Corporation Counsel signed off on the calendar, the schedule for all the legal purposes.

MS. DESJARDINS: Yeah, I feel like I'm coming a little late to the party, but if this is the first...you guys may have already discussed this fuel tax issue and provided some prior notice. I don't know, I'm sorry. I'm just jumping in and trying to help out here, but it doesn't...definitely seems like it needs a larger public notice requirement than...if this is the first time you're going to post it tomorrow, I don't think that's going to work under this. Just saying.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee and then Committee Vice-Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, Mimi, because the Sunshine Law has been suspended, is there any flexibility here in posting, you know, providing less notice? I mean, providing notice but not the full six or seven days?

MS. DESJARDINS: You know, this is something entirely different. This is a State law that requires a particular type of notice when you're dealing with the fuel tax. It has nothing to do with the Sunshine Law posting requirements that are in fact sort of waived right now. This is just a completely different issue that has to do with County fuel taxes. So, that posting --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm not...

MS. DESJARDINS: --. . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, I'm not saying don't post it twice. But the timeframe is shorter for posting? I mean, you could have it next Thursday and Friday.

MS. DESJARDINS: Well, yeah, but I guess I'm just not seeing the connection between that and the fact that the Sunshine...the Sunshine Law is not the issue with this particular notice requirement. It, you know, that has to do with posting agendas and emergency meetings. And I understand that, but this looks like it is...it's a completely different beast. So, you would want to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. DESJARDINS: --have...yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Desjardins, we have our OCS Attorney who is on the Budget team online, Mr. Mitchell. I know we, you know, we lost Mr. Galazin who is kind of, you know, he was Corp. Counsel for the EDB Committee and --

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Ms. Desjardins just joined us. And I'm not saying, you know, that you're wrong. I'm just saying that we, this has been discussed many times and it, I don't know if maybe there's a misinterpretation. So, Mr. Mitchell, are you on? Can you share your video? Oh, Mr. Raatz?

MR. RAATZ: Yes, Chair, thank you. We've looked at this matter with Mr. Galazin prior to the Budget Session, and we feel comfortable with the timing that's been laid out. We've just, again, looked at HRS Section 243-5 and you don't have to have public hearing 30 days in advance, you have to have the public hearings within a period of 30 days. So, we feel like we've edited the calendar. We're comfortable with the schedule that we have laid out.

MS. DESJARDINS: Okay, you know what, I think you're right. Okay, sorry about that. It does say public notice has to be given twice, so if you're going to give it twice within a period of 30 days immediately preceding, not 30 days prior. So, I stand corrected, thank you.

MR. RAATZ: Thank you.

MS. DESJARDINS: That's good. Yeah. So, can we do notice twice before the 17th? Or have you already provided notice once, Dave? Do you know?

MR. RAATZ: We're working out on that with the County Clerk's Office.

MS. DESJARDINS: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Desjardins. And then, Mr. Raatz, while we have you on the phone, if we post what came...the resolution as it came down from the Mayor

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tomorrow and the Committee wants to change the rates, would we need to post two times again if the rates are changed?

MR. RAATZ: We don't believe so. I don't think you're locking yourself in with the rate that is posted at at least the first public hearing. The whole reason behind the public hearing is to get public testimony and to consider perhaps changing the proposal. So, if you were locking yourself in by the number that you posted at that first public hearing, there wouldn't really be a purpose for having a public hearing. So, I don't think there's anything wrong with posting a range of rates to give the public an indication of everything that may be on the table. But if you just post one rate, I don't think you're locked in to that particular rate. We will have to consider our options if there is, let's say, one rate posted which has traditionally been Maui County's practice, and then eventually there's a decision to change that rate. It may affect some of our timing on the backend, but we don't think it's a concern for this first public hearing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Raatz. Any, does anyone else have questions for our OCS Attorney, Mr. Raatz? Okay, Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here, Mr. Raatz. So, if we were to post it exactly as it is, could we still make changes?

MR. RAATZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Because I'm thinking that if we post it exactly as it is, that will freak out people a lot less and it still gives us the authority, it still gives us opportunity to make changes if we think we want to make changes.

MR. RAATZ: Yeah, and we were just looking at a Honolulu City Council public hearing on fuel tax rates and they include a notice that specifically says the alternate rate may rise or fall after further deliberation. I don't know if we usually include that, but we can consider asking the County Clerk perhaps to put that on our notice as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Raatz. So, Chair, I'm thinking if we still have that authority, then we might want to just go ahead and post and then get, you know, have a public hearing and get the input instead of giving people the impression that we might be raising their rates or even the impression that we might be drastically lowering them and then get all kinds of protests. Anyway, that's just my initial thought on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, Members, any other questions for Mr. Raatz or Mr. Mitchell? Okay, seeing none, thank you, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Raatz, for fielding our questions.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for that clarification. Okay, so after that advice I think we'll just move forward with posting what was sent down from the Mayor. Okay,

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I've got the thumbs-up from Member Hokama, I've got nodding heads and the okay signals. Okay, so that's what we'll do for tomorrow. Great. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Let's go home.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We got through it, Members. Day two. Okay, all right. So, that is everything and then, shoot, what's tomorrow? Tomorrow is Fire and Public Safety and Housing and Human Concerns. Okay, so, and again we'll anticipate testimony likely because it's a grants day, so Human Concerns grants and non-profits will likely, you know, want to testify. So...okay? Any other questions or comments before we adjourn?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do we have the process for people to testify by video or is it all just call-in at this point?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it's by video and call-in.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. So, they could get on and then we could --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The link --

VICE-CHAIR KING: --see them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is on the agenda. The link and the phone number is both on the agenda.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I just didn't know if we had the capacity since we haven't had anybody do that yet, so...okay, great. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We already did it, remember?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right, Members...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was, I...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, thanks. I was finalizing my cuts off here and I was seeing if these already got sent to the people, the departments and they did have something written out, I'll cut it but if they wanted to just send over the written answers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was that a question for me?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you want to send over your proposed cuts to the EDB Committee or to departments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I'm going to send over my proposed cuts on questions, but, like --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the OCS, they had a presentation and they had some answers already. So, if they have the answers written out, can they send that to the Committee even if I cut the question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Future Committee...future departments? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If they have it prepared.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't them to feel, oh, I looked up the answer for nothing. I'd still like to hear the answer, but I don't want to sit in front of this computer for, like, 20 hours either.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Why?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura? I did see that a lot of the directors had prepared answers written up that they were reading from. Would it be possible to receive those responses to those, to the questions that were submitted?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then we can all go home earlier. Or, I mean --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You are at home.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --we're already...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's that? I didn't hear this.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, like . . . *(inaudible)*. . . families earlier.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I know that they've been reading off notes that they jotted down. I don't know if they have any formalized responses. But I will check with them and I'll work with you and your Staff.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I don't expect them to but if they have it written out and they wanted to share it, I didn't want them to feel like...you know, I still want to know the answers, I just, I don't have air conditioning and hot and jump in the water and, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Been hard work.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not ideal working environment here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Member Paltin, you're talking about after the department has gone?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, if they happen to have something written out, if they would send it to us. If they don't have something written out, then don't stress.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just didn't want that effort to go to waste because I still want to know the answer, but just not bad enough to sit here longer with you fine folks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, did you hear that clarification, Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. I will share with the departments.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Mr. Teruya, can you give us your first slide that you presented that has the 5 percent reduction that you were considering? I don't know if it got sent to you already, but could we have that also?

MR. TERUYA: Can.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: We can do that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Tracy Fujita's presentation, are, is that being sent to us by e-mail or how's that happening? Or is it on Granicus I just missed it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will double check for you, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, all the --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --whatever people want to submit if you can let us know how it's coming. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Will you be putting these requests then in writing so that we have something to respond to and a vehicle to transmit the responses back to the Committee?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can work it out offline. We'll figure out --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --how to do it. Yeah. Okay, mahalo. Okay, Members, I don't see any other hands so I'm going to quickly adjourn before anyone puts their hands up. Just kidding. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh no, I was saying goodbye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're trying to trick me. Okay, and then Member Sinenci also said goodbye already. Okay, so, all right, Members. So, I'll see you tomorrow at 9:00.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Please submit...mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good bye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then please send over the numbers...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good bye.

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I just said good bye.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay, yeah. So, whatever questions you want to withdraw, please send me the question numbers from the list of questions that you received as their number. Okay? Clear? Good? All right. It's 6:16 on April 7th, and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 6:16 p.m.

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KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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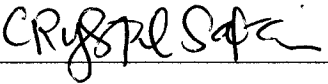
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