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Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:11 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (out 4:30 p.m.)
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Let's see, where we at. It's...ʻumikūmākahi minuke i ka hala o kahōla ʻeiwa o ma ʻehiku o ʻApelila I Ka makahiki ʻelua kaukani Iwakāluakūmākahi. E ʻoluʻolu mai, e hoʻomalū ke Komike Moʻohelu Kālā me hoʻomohala Waiwai ʻo wai ka luna hoʻo malu o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It was 9:11 on April 7th, 2021. Will the Economic...sorry. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia lā me kou kākou, e a hope luna hoʻomalū, Tamara Paltin. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sawasdee. A me Aloha kakahiaka kākou mai Maui Komohana. We've got northwest...or northeast swell in the two to four foot range, light and glassy but...light winds, glassy conditions, and mostly sunny skies.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that update, and sawasdee. Did I say that right? Sawasdee. Okay. And Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, and sawasdee kākou. It's nice and sunny in Maui, albeit some cool temperatures, low 60s at night. Aloha everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds beautiful. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Mike Molina, how's the weather in your neighborhood?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, maikaʻi. Aloha, sawasdee, good morning to you, Madam Chair, my colleagues, and everyone else from sunny Makawao today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nice. Okay. And Council Chair Alice Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, Madam Chair, let's say you...you're with your friend Deedee, and you can tell her...and you guys are eating li hing mui seed, you can tell her sawasdee. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning and sawasdee. Member Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Sawasdee, and from sunny Kihei, but it is...it was chillier. I wasn't sure this morning if I was getting chills from my second COVID shot or if it was just really cold. But it was hard to get out of bed this morning. It's super windy, so I'm hoping that...I changed my cords, and I'm hoping that I'm not going to fall out again like I was yesterday constantly. I think I kept getting poor network for some reason. So I don't know if it's the wind, I don't know if it's the cord, but I'm trying everything. But aloha kakahiaka everyone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. We're happy you made it this morning, and we hope that you remain connected.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. Sawasdee. I'm looking for a nice meeting today. It was cold last night. Cold enough to put my dog in a sweater and dress her up in clothes. But...I know that's weird, but I can't help it. She's a Pitbull, I got to make her less scary. So looking forward to a good meeting. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that update, Member Johnson, and aloha. And Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sawasdee, good morning everybody. In Wailuku, it is now 72 degrees, and West Maui Mountains is cloudy. I love seeing the Ka'ahumanu Church. Thank you very much for putting in that \$150,000 Budget item for the church, as I look at it every day from my window. Let's hope we can help it restore this beautiful monument. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. And Pro Tem Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, and sawasdee to you. It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Kahului, even though it's overcast.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Tem Kama. Sawasdee. And on Moloka'i, it's...it...we started off with some light drizzles for a morning blessing, and now have sunny skies. So we're blessed over here. Okay. So with Corporation Counsel, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha and sawasdee, Chair and Members.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sawasdee. From the Office of the Mayor, we have Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura. Oh, you have to unmute. Okay. You're unmuted now.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Sawasdee.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Environmental Management's here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. We have Director Eric Nakagawa.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I will let you introduce everyone on the team when we get to that item.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then later *(audio interference)*.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's not me, is it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, no. She's frozen.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She's frozen. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But so are you frozen.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I am frozen?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, shoot. Okay. Because I can see you guys all.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I can take over if somebody wants to send me some notes. But I guess probably testimony is next.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Or --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think Yuki, if...Yuki, you're frozen too.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: My background --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You haven't moved in the last five minutes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I...it doesn't look frozen from my side.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just saw her touch her nose.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I know mine didn't either. Is mine working now, Alice?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I can see you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're moving.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I have to go like this so you can tell I'm moving.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What's that?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I have to go like this so you can tell I'm moving.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Because you might think I'm frozen if I don't move.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, yeah. So don't play with me today because I won't know.
When you don't move, I won't know the difference.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think the weather's playing havoc with some of the...some of
these wirings.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Don't make any weird --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, Yuki's not moving. Yuki's not moving.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Don't make any weird faces that'll --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, she is now.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- stuck on --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yuki's moving?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. I'll just be on my phone for now until I can
resolve my connection issues. Oh no. All right. Okay. Did Ms. Bouthillier say good
morning?

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning, Committee Chair and Members.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Supervising Legislative Analyst Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Good morning, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Budget Committee Analyst Lesley Milner.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Legislative Analyst Kasie Apo Takayama.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. And Legislative Attorney Richard Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. This online meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Governor's most recent emergency proclamation on COVID-19. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. We have our one item on today's agenda, BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. We'll begin with public testimony. I don't have internet, so I'm going to have to rely on you, Ms. Milner, to let me know if we have testifiers first.

MS. MILNER: We have three people signed up to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Please note that if you are signed in, you are on the list to testify even if you did not request to testify. Please let Staff know in the chat if you are signed on, but do not intend to testify. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony may join by going to the link noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony may join by calling the number and entering the meeting code also noted on today's agenda. The Committee intends to keep the same meeting link and phone number for all BFED Committee meetings this term for ease and convenience of the Members and the public. Written testimony is highly encouraged. Instructions on how to submit testimony can be found at mauicounty.us/testify. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your first and last name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. I believe Staff posted the testifiers log in the chat. Please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with Councilmembers or other testifiers. If providing testimony, please be courteous to others by muting your microphone and video while awaiting your turn to testify. Once you are done testifying, you'll be asked to disconnect from the call. However, you are welcomed to continue to view the remainder of the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on mauicounty.us/agendas. Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony, please disconnect at

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this time and instead view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on mauicounty.us. We'll now proceed with our testifiers who have signed in. Ms. Milner, will you please call the first two testifiers?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair. Our first testifier is Capriana Nozaki, to be followed by Jennifer Suzuki.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and will you please time them because I'm using my phone to conduct the meeting right now.

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Our first testifier, you may proceed.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. NOZAKI: Good morning, honorable Councilmembers. My name is Capriana Nozaki, and I'm testifying on BFED-1 in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. I am a sixth grader at Maui Waena Intermediate School, and this is my first year in the STEMworks program. This program introduced me to many opportunities, and taught me different skills, as well as giving me lots of friends. During these hard conditions, while we couldn't come face to face, we have already won many awards, and we couldn't be able to do that without the help of MEDB. Because MEDB has funded us throughout the year, I was able to learn how to use camera equipment, how to create graphics, and even learned how to compose feature stories. I was able to do all those things while having the support of my friends by my side. Right now with COVID, I was unsure what was ahead. But with the funding of MEDB, I did not need to worry. I know that MEDB will help the STEMworks program survive, even during these trying times. We have shown that whatever situation we are in, we still come out strong and present our best work, and that's all thanks to MEDB. Please support MEDB for me, my club, and future generations to come.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. Members, do you have any questions for our testifier? I see Member Sugimura with a question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have no question, but I just want to thank you. Good job, well done. Good presentation. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, well done. Mahalo for joining us for our meeting today. I don't see any other hands for questions for our testifier, so I'll thank you so much for your testimony this morning.

MS. NOZAKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Have a wonderful day.

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MS. NOZAKI: Bye.

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

MS. MILNER: Our next testifier is Jennifer Suzuki, to be followed by Aaron Omuro.

MS. SUZUKI: Good morning. That's a tough act to follow. Okay. Good morning, honorable Councilmembers. I'm Jennifer Suzuki, and I'm testifying on BFED-1 in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. I've been running the STEMworks after school program for ten years, and I've seen over a thousand students grow in self-confidence and technological skills, but I've never been as proud as the students this year. They're continuing to produce a weekly show, win national and state awards, and commit to real life deadlines and deal with technology all from their...all on their own from their homes, with nothing but a Zoom connection to the rest of the group. They have shown strength and grit in this time of adversity, and I know that it is because of the bonds we have formed by meeting every day and working through our schedules, scripts, shots, editing, and stories. For some, it's the only contact with other students that they have because they're doing completely distance learning with the Acellus program. I've always felt that this program is worthy, that it helps students reach their potential, but I believe it is even more important in these tumultuous times. We don't know what next year is going to look like. Will we remain online, will we be broken into smaller groups, so it's hard to perform community, we'll be back together. We don't know. With all this unknown in their lives, the stability of this program gives them something to look forward to every day. It gives them a chance to express themselves, communicate with others, share their ideas and stories, and learn cutting edge technology. I'm asking you to find the funds to continue supporting Maui Economic Development Board's and their Economic Development Grant so that they can continue to give my students opportunities, real world skills, and a second family. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any questions for our testifier? Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Good to see you, Jennifer. Keep up your great work, I've seen you through the years. So MEDB, right? I'm looking in the Budget from the Mayor, MEDB has three different categories. So do you know where you get your grant from? What is the name of the program?

MS. SUZUKI: I think it's the Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Well, it must be the general category then. There's no specific...

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MS. SUZUKI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: There's healthcare, STEMworks after school program and then--

MS. SUZUKI: STEMworks.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The STEMworks. Oh okay.

MS. SUZUKI: Yeah, the STEMworks after school program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you for the clarification.

MS. SUZUKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Members, any other questions? If I don't call on you --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that you, Member King, do you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Please proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Yeah, maybe you can't see me. First of all, I didn't catch your name.

MS. SUZUKI: Jennifer Suzuki.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Jennifer, right, okay. Thank you for being here. No, you're...because your box just said STEM. But --

MS. SUZUKI: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- when you said that the students were able to get together, you're talking about virtually?

MS. SUZUKI: We've been meeting...when...we were in Washington D.C. when the pandemic hit, and then we came home, we went to virtual. We met every day after school, throughout the summer, and then throughout this whole school year.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Great. So I'm glad that they're able to pick up. It sounds like you haven't really missed a beat, that you've been doing your full program throughout this pandemic in person --

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MS. SUZUKI: We've been doing it full...yeah, we've been doing our full media program and graphics. It's really hard to do robotics virtually, so that kind of is on the back burner for right now. But when we come back face to face, we'll be starting our CAD and robotics back up again.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. Well, I just have so much admiration for the STEM program. My own son went through it, and he's in his 30s now. He's a candidate for a PhD program that may take him to England. So we're waiting to find out. But, you know, got a lot of that experience. So thanks for what you're doing. Thanks for connecting the schools with STEM too.

MS. SUZUKI: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Any other questions for our testifiers? I don't see any hands. So again, if I don't call on you, it's because I don't see you. Okay. Seeing no hands...oh, Member Kama, are you raising your hand?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I don't know if it's just me, but I see two of you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I froze myself.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Okay, okay, okay. Want to make sure I'm seeing right. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're taking advantage of the STEM program --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and we're starting to, just kidding. I'm trying to get myself off my phone and onto my Surface Pro. I'm sorry for the confusion. Mahalo, Pro Tem Kama. Okay. Mahalo again for your testimony this morning. Have a wonderful day.

MS. SUZUKI: Thank you.

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

MS. MILNER: The next testifier is Aaron Omuro, to be followed by Faith Chase.

MR. OMURO: Can you hear me? Good morning, honorable Councilmembers. My name is Aaron Omuro. I am a seventh grader in Maui Waena Intermediate School, and I'm testifying on BFED-1 in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. STEMworks is very important to me. Last year, when STEMworks was in person, I

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was a member. And I learned how to shoot video with a camera, I learned how to use Adobe software, and how to program and build robots with our robotics program. Because of this program me, along with many others, have found that...what they want to do in their life. I have found my passion through this program. I've created so many friendships with people who I would probably not be friends with without the program. This year was especially tough on our program. Our school has been virtual for all but two weeks of the school year, making our program virtual the whole time. Last year, without the virtual format, we had 115 students enrolled. But this year, we have only about 15 attending currently, where there were 35 a couple months ago. Though it was still virtual, I still learned so much in the realms of coding, videography, and graphics. Imagine what could be done next year with the help of the funding from the County. Even though it was virtual, I still got to have some great experiences. I attended the student television network virtual convention, where we won awards in all of our categories. I also attended a GenCyber Camp and learned about cybersecurity, and took part in the HIKI NO Winter Challenge, where we took home first place. When we do get to do this program in person, we will be able to have many more students, many more experiences and learning experiences to expand online to the other aspects of STEM. Hopefully you...hopefully you will take into consideration the importance of this program, and put us into your funding. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Omuro, and congratulations. Members, any questions for our testifier? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Omuro, for your testimony. I just wanted to clarify. You said in the virtual format, there is only 15 students in your STEM program?

MR. OMURO: Well, currently because more...currently right now, we have about 15. But in February, when we were taking part in the CINTA Vision Network Convention, we had about 35 come every day to practice doing that stuff.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I just was wondering, can...since it's in the virtual format now, is it open to students across the County because it's not location based, it's kind of web based?

MR. OMURO: Well, right now, our program, we have a student from Pu'u Kukui Elementary School who enjoys our program, and will attend the program next year. So it's good that he's getting the ability to see what's going on now, so he can make a decision in the future.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you so much --

MR. OMURO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- for your testimony and your participation.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Mahalo, Mr. Omuro, for your testimony. Aloha. Okay. And our last testifier that we have signed up is Ms. Faith Chase. Ms. Chase, you may proceed with your testimony.

MS. CHASE: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Council. I have a lot of Budget comments, but specifically I'll try to stick to the Staff that appears to be in house today to make presentations. I support the Environmental Management Division in all curious and important works that they do, but I'm curious. Year after year, I don't see anything being allocated for...I'm worried about eco-compost, I'm worried about the transition to trash to energy. I really feel like the Department should look into large animal mortality composting. Without getting into the nitty gritty of it, there is no real...I understand that they have to work hard at compliance, but it is a missing piece in our landfill landscape. And so I would just encourage them re...to consider that, to begin to consider it, to put it on the agenda. There is no real process. And as you can see, the Axis deer issue, the feral animal management work that's going to be unfolding, it's going to work in tandem with...you need to have something in place that...it's a very sticky area. And so I just...this is the third year that I've tried to impress this. But I just wanted to say that while they're in the house, to please consider that. And then as far as the things that are...appear on the agenda today, I'm kind of jumping around, but I'm just really happy to see the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration funds, the Kamehameha Iike Park, you know, it's really important for us to, as some of the academics say, reclaim spaces in that sort of cultural landscape. So I'm glad to see the cultural programs getting funded. Thank you. That's all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Chase. I see lots of questions for you. We'll start with Member Sinenci, followed by Member Molina, and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair for the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- opportunity, and mahalo, Ms. Chase, for your testimony this morning. Yeah, and thank you for bringing that up. We've been...our office has been receiving some calls about the deer mitigation. As you know, that there's some monies been...being allocated in this years' Budget. Yesterday we did approve Mr. Kyle Caires to the Ag...Agriculture, Kula Agriculture Park. You think this is something that he could potentially assist with as far as doing the deer carcass composting?

MS. CHASE: Well, now that you mention it, I've heard him testify. I like his contributory of, you know, work in the community. I think it's a bigger issue than one person can actually deal with themselves. And I've mentioned it before, but I think that the mercantile space that the DHHL is working on between Kula and Kihei, that industrial area, there's some early talk of beneficiaries that are looking for that mercantile arm, at least that's the way they categorize it, really progressive. So I actually feel like DHHL, like I said in the past, is going to start to see some empowered beneficiaries coming up with some ideas that can help bridge the County work. So --

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. CHASE: -- I wish him luck, and I will follow him as he does his Kula Ag position.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Awesome. Yeah, looking forward to some of that. Thanks for the mana'o nui. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Molina, followed by Member Paltin, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Ms. Chase. Staying on that same topic, interesting topic with regards to the large animal composting. Just curious, is the other...is there are other communities that do this and, I guess, the benefits of it. This really caught my ear, just if you kind of elaborate a little bit more on that.

MS. CHASE: Well, interestingly enough, Councilmember King had a...has experience in a rendering facility in another state, certainly that business aspect. You know, I think it's a little bit cart before the horse. Without getting emotional or without going down an old path and ugly road, you guys all know how I feel about Jake Mews in Kea Hawai'i. I just want to say that while you're attacking this problem, it's the piece that you guys actually...you actually asked for a study, that was the finding of the study, that you can't even begin to do a mobile slaughterhouse unit or rendering facility without that component, the large animal mortality composting. It takes a huge landscape, it takes a cement storm runoff space in case we have these crazy weather so you don't get contaminants and pathogens. And so I've just never seen the two go together. So anytime there's going to be something where you have a large amount of carcasses to deal with, you need to consider that. I don't...I'm not going to put the Environmental Management on the spot, or the landfill. You know, I've interviewed a lot of the garbage workers, landfill workers, and it...everybody knows it's needed. So I just want to keep it above water right now. But you know, you can't do what Moloka'i used to do, the new moon harvest of 30 to 40 carcasses. I mean, certainly Gerry Ross gave some examples about the benefits of, you know, one carcass being able to be composted. But you can't do that on a large scale. We really need to attention it. And I sent Eric Nakagawa some tidbits about it, and I think they're well aware of it. It just...it needs to be on...it needs...just needs to be put on the agenda somewhere, and start to be discussed. Thank you for the question.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. No, thank you for the information. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Chase, for your testimony. My question was in regards to the expansion of the fund from Moku'ula and Mokuhinia.

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You know, they had originally created that fund when Friends of Moku'ula disbanded for the Restoration of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia, which is a huge undertaking, and has kind of stalled. And I just was wondering if you've spoken with others about expanding the fund to also encompass Pakala or Kamehameha Iki Park, if that's something that you've checked in with the cultural folks who have been working on Moku'ula and Mokuhinia all these years.

MS. CHASE: Wow, what a power-packed question, Councilmember Paltin. You know, it's a very sensitive...that's a very sensitive topic. I've been following that for a really long time, since Akoni was the Executive Director. I had to give unfortunate testimony when Shirley Kaha'i, I forget how to say her name, was the Executive Director. Unfortunately, she passed away. I would say this. Yes, my daughter was part of some early works there. She actually participated in the cultural protocol. I would say that you are very...first of all, we all know Moku'ula is amazingly, for our County or your...our island, to have Moku'ula in its landscape is just a bless...it's a blessing. But I would say this, that if your County archaeologist receives the increase in funding that I see on the Budget, that you will probably give her, Dr. Six...you'll probably give her a little bit more wiggle room to return to that work. She was actually a principal archaeologist at one time, and did amazing work. And you know, that is such a cultural...I don't know if there is anything larger than Moku'ula in our Hawai'i Paiaina. But she has really good intel and appropriate approach and cultural practitioners guiding her. So I would say that you are well positioned to just go internally and seek her advice.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I just was clarifying because the Special Fund that the 400,000 Master Plan is coming from currently comes from parking fees, and can only be used for Moku'ula and Mokuhinia. And the proposal is to expand it to Kamehameha Iki, Pakala. And I just...I didn't want us to do that without checking in with our cultural resources, that that's something that they advocated for, or are okay with. Because, you know, the restoration of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia could easily drain all the funds in that fund as it stands. I think there is a little over a million, and 400,000 was just for the master planning and not the implementation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, so during this time, mostly clarifying questions, and I did give the Members a little bit of wiggle room during questioning. But we can have a, you know, more in-depth discussion that it sounds like you want to have when this item comes up; is that okay?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, yeah. I just was checking if she had checked in with anyone about that, or if that was just her --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- own view.

MS. CHASE: I'll just say really quickly that I know that we had to put a stall on work because of some personnel issues. And I don't...I think that's been the temple for that

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area. And it's okay sometimes that we have to take a pause. I feel like all good things in all good times. So thank you for the question. And I...just the fact that we're discussing it, it's such an important issue, is great. I appreciate it, and I will follow up. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you still have a question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That was my only question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You may proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry about that, Member Paltin. So my question is just...Faith, going back to your carcass disposal, is that Kahikinui putting this together, the area --

MS. CHASE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- that you described?

MS. CHASE: No, not at all. It's...I am just under a lot of scrutiny because of the 2014 study. I don't think...you know, sometimes, like I've said before, nobody looks at the study results. And so I see the Mayor making decisions in Budget appropriations, and we have laboriously testified on that issue. But in tandem with that Axis deer issue is this large animal mortality composting issue. And so it falls under the Environmental Management. And know this, I've seen four different Environmental Management Directors come and go during this...trying to talk about this. So it's no offense and no insult at all. I just want to make sure that somehow it becomes on the discussion board for them, you know, that's all.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So what is the name?

MS. CHASE: It still has nothing to do with Kahikinui. It has to do with our infrastructure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So what is the name of the study you're referencing, 2014 study?

MS. CHASE: The Axis Deer Feasibility Study. And that was...you know, that was my disgruntleness [sic] about Jake Mews Kea Hawai'i, who is now running under Living Pono. You know, he was part of the study, and then he didn't follow...at the very last minute, he pulled out from teaching at UHMC. And that educational piece, he's really...actually didn't really break the law because he took the data he collected, and he used it for his own purposes. But honestly, if he had followed through...and he was a teacher through the County grant, through that feasibility study, that would've

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been the educational piece. That would've been the institutional knowledge that he could not...you know, it...it's not proprietary to him, it's for everybody. And so that was very unfortunate. And so I see some profitmaking, some commercializing. That doesn't have anything to do with the large animal mortality composting. It's just me. I'm just trying to implore that...you guys asked for the study in 2014, Phyllis Robinson helped do it. And I...if Riki Hokama--no offense, Gabe--but Riki Hokama, this was like his...in his subject matter, I mean, in his Committee for so long that I kind of wish...I miss Uncle Riki right now because he had such good intel, and he followed...he followed all the testimonies, and he gave really good feedback. So it's just the missing piece. We need to include it. It doesn't matter what Mr. Mews does. This needs to be done on the County level. It needs to be intentioned. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll thank you, Ms. Chase, for your testimony and for answering all the questions this morning.

MS. CHASE: Mahalo, have a good day.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You too, aloha. Okay. And then Ms. Chase was the last person on the testifiers list. And so I'll now invite anyone wishing to testify to please unmute themselves, and you may proceed with your testimony. Okay. Hearing no one indicating their desire to testify, we will close public testimony for today. Any objections to closing oral testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...mahalo, Members. And receiving written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 21-30)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we have our one item on today's agenda, Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. We have two Departments today, two big Departments, Department of Environmental Management, and Department of Finance. And so we're about on track. So we'll start with review of Department of Environmental Management, and that should take most of the morning and perhaps

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some of the...after we come back from lunch. And so I've estimated that we would probably be spending time with them until about 3:00. So we'll do our morning break, we'll do our lunch, and then after our afternoon break or before, if we're very efficient, we'll take up Department of Finance. Okay. Any questions or concerns about the timeline? Okay. Awesome. Okay. So Member Paltin, you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. It was not about the time...I mean, maybe about the timeline, but more so I think about the process. I might've misunderstood the rules on the priorities. I had thought that the alternate...that one alternate one that we had, I didn't realize if it was supposed to be written out on...before April 2nd. I thought it was like as we're listening to public testimony, it could be like something that we...that comes up through testimony; was that incorrect?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So there are two things. There's the one reserved, what we used to call proviso that we're calling condition or limitation, and that was the...the one that you could hold onto until April 15th, and then you would submit that. And that's the one that you could be blank.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay . . . *(inaudible)*. . . --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And there are the --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- good then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the five, okay. So you didn't misunderstand that one, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So April 15th is the deadline for that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 15?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: One-five.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One-five, yeah. And then there are the five alternates, alternate proposals, and that one was due on April 1st.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'm good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You're good, you're good, yeah. So if my Staff contacted you and worked it all out with you, then you should be pretty good. And I think everyone was good. So all right, good job team, imua. Okay. So as far as the process, we're going to follow the same process that we did on Monday. We'll do...I'll read the questions and then I'll open up the floor for Members to ask their questions. I'll give each Member five minutes, and then we will do the...where's my checklist...CIPs. So this Department has CIPs, on Monday we didn't have rates and fees, and then we'll go to priorities, and then grant revenues, and special purpose...special purpose revenues. Okay. And then I will say good morning again to

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Department Director Nakagawa, and invite him to introduce everyone he has with him this morning. Aloha.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair, can you hear me? All right. So today with me we have Deputy Director Shayne Agawa, and I have all of our Chiefs here. We have Scott Rollins from the Wastewater Division, Mike Ratte from our Solid Waste Division, Tamara Farnsworth from Environmental Protection and Sustainability. And today we have...Shayne has the privilege of leading us in our bit today, so we can get right into it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome succession plan. I love it. Okay. We'll start with questions. The first question is, if Council were to ask for an 11 percent cut in programs and activities funded by the General Fund to fully fund the recommendations proposed in the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan at \$57 million without increasing Real Property Tax revenue, A, what programs, or activities would you cut; and B, what impact would the cuts have on residents?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So in response to the pandemic that hit us in early 2020, the Department already anticipated a decrease in revenue and decrease in expenditures. So what we did was we already tightened up our Fiscal Year '21 Budget. And now that the pandemic has carried on longer than expected, into '22, we continued to tighten up our '22 Budget. We made additional cuts, we submitted that to the Mayor's Office, and on top of our cuts departmental-wise, the Mayor made additional cuts. So to answer A, at this time, because our budget we feel is so lean and we have mainly essential services, regulatory issues that we're funding, we can't make any cuts at this time. And for part B, which kind of corresponds to part A, if the Council, you know, requests to have our budget reduced, the Department would like to be allowed to review those reduction recommendations and have a chance to give, you know, resulting impacts from those budget cuts. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Second question is, what is the estimated lost revenue in refuse disposal fees at the Lānaʻi landfill due to the memorandum of understanding 8.04.060 Maui County Code?

MR. AGAWA: Chair, so to give a little bit background of this MOU that we have with Pūlama Lānaʻi, they are free of tipping fee waivers at the Lānaʻi Landfill. But under the MOU, in exchange for that, they supply us with cover material for our landfill. To answer the question directly, the revenue that would...we're losing, so to speak, is about \$146,730. That comes out...and they dispose of about 1,300 tons of trash for free, Pūlama Lānaʻi does. So that comes out to...if we were to convert that to cover soil cost, it comes out to about \$39 a ton, which is what they're giving us for free. Now, if you want to take...compare that to something in Hāna, it costs us \$53 a ton for cover soil. So the Department feels that we are in a good agreement with Pūlama Lānaʻi under this MOU, and we are in favor of continuing the agreement. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. Question three, what is the County currently doing to address the State-mandated conversion of cesspools, particularly for Upcountry, which has over 7,400 cesspools?

MR. AGAWA: So under Act 132, the Department of Health established a cesspool conversion working group. So the County's participation in this conversion is that we have...luckily to have our Director Eric Nakagawa be part of that cesspool diversion working group. So right now, you know, they're working to, to solve the issues. So that's our contribution at this moment, is being part of that working group. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Question, oh, part A of that question, sorry, and you've already answered, you can just let me know. When does the Administration anticipate receiving final report from the cesspool conversion working group?

MR. AGAWA: So the final report, we expect to come out at the end of 2022.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Question four, what can be done to transition users off of cesspool systems? A, has the Department considered a microgrants program to help residents transition from cesspool systems; B, what would be the estimated cost of such a program, what amount would the Department support in the FY'22 Budget, where would the funding be housed; and C, what should be the maximum amount granted to individuals to transition from cesspools?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So maybe we can answer all of these questions kind of up front. So right now, because the State hasn't come out with their final report yet, we feel that we should wait for that final report because in that report, it'll give us direction on what kind of technologies are allowed for the conversion. Also, it'll give funding sources to implement the plan that they're working on, and they're also going to come out with a priority list from most crucial to least crucial areas of conversion. And I just want to make it known that, you know, the rates and fees, the funds generated from rates and fees are not allowed to convert private cesspools into a different type of wastewater treatment system. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And question five, what are the lines to expand South Maui's R1 water use and infrastructure in FY'22?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So currently, our Wastewater Reclamation Division is working more on the reliability of the South Maui R1 system. During this upcoming Fiscal Year '22, we have ongoing projects from Fiscal Year '21. We have a replace existing pond liner and cover for our in-plant storage, completing the validation of a third ultraviolet channel, and constructing a line replacement between the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility and the R&T Park, that is CBS-6046. We have another one...another project, which is the renovation of the effluent pump station at the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility, CBS-5029. And then we also have design

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going on right now for a land application project near the Kihei Police Station, which is CBS-5520. Currently we are also in communication with landowners for placement of new offsite lines to expand the distribution system, and hope to put together a design project for the '23 Budget. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. The next set of questions are regarding Salaries and Wages. One, does the decrease in other premium pay mean the anticipated bargaining increase was higher than that...higher than what was actually awarded? Please explain.

MR. AGAWA: I will defer this to Budget Director Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So the decrease in premium pay. What we did in Fiscal Year '21 was all of the anticipated salary increases that were unknown, in particular HGEA, we had put it in a salary adjustment account so that when the amounts were finally determined, then it could...the funds were already there. This year, we don't anticipate any salary adjustments leading into Fiscal Year '22, so that's why there's no amount that has been set aside for that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Question two, explain the difference in salary and position descriptions for GIS Analyst I and GIS Tech I.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the GIS Tech I, it's under bargaining unit three, it's a SR-15. This position is an entry-level technical position that does significant data entry, collection and maintenance, and produces simple, routine maps for data consolidations. The salary range for this position is 42,792 to 63,288. The GIS Analyst I is under bargaining unit 13. The SR is one step higher than the tech, it's a SR-16. It is a trainee in a planned training program to learn and apply basic principles, methods, and techniques in preparing somatic maps and applications, computer programming, and application development. The salary range for the analyst position is 43,620 to 64,620. And overall, the GIS Tech has a salary that is slightly less than the Analyst at the same step level. The applicant that was chosen transferred from another County position, and was required to remain in their step level, resulting in the higher salary. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director Agawa. Okay. Question three, please explain the salary difference and need for the Wastewater Pretreatment Coordinator position to be reallocated to Supervising Environmental Technician.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. The Pretreatment Coordinator position was created in 1999 as a result of a consent decree, and we didn't have any in-house experience in what that job would actually entail. So during the last 20 years, we have made great strides in implementing and enforcing a pretreatment ordinance centered on...only on the food establishment sector and grease traps. Over the years, the workload and responsibilities have increased for this position with little compensation. So for example, inspections of food facilities have grown from 500 to 750 per year, which is about a 50 percent increase. Plans reviews volumes has also been substantially

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higher. There's a new subindustry now which is emerging, which are food trucks that have sprung up. And we are at the point of expanding into more industrial permitting for automotive machine shops, industrial laundries, medical facilities, et cetera, in order to control what goes down the drain and into our collection and treatment facilities. This change...we also take into account the management of inspectors rather than merely the administration aspects, and parallel what has occurred on O'ahu with their pretreatment program. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, we can't hear you. You're muted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Mahalo, Members. Mahalo, Deputy Director. Question four, relating to the position allocation for Sewer Maintenance Helper to Repair I, is it a natural progression for those who complete a certain amount of hours and demonstrate a certain level of knowledge? This position was previously reallocated from Repair I to Sewer Maintenance Helper in FY 2021, and is now being requested as a repair I in FY 2022.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the answer to that question is yes, it is a natural progression. So what we've been finding is people that apply from the outside, they're not able to meet the minimum requirements for the position. So the alternative to that is to hire at an entry level position, and then train them in house and then, you know, their qualifications are met. And in time and knowledge of the position, then we request to submit to reallocate the position. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for the explanation. Question five, relating to the position reallocation from Wastewater Treatment Plant Trainee to Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, is it a natural progression for those who complete a certain amount of hours and demonstrate a certain level of knowledge?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. The answer is yes, it's the same answer as four. So it is a natural progression, and over time and knowledge gained, they're reallocated in that position with experience.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question six, explain the need to reallocate a Laborer II to Landfill Attendant, EML.

MR. AGAWA: Oh, okay. Okay. So for this one, we had two Landfill Attendants that were hired for the Sunday Green Waste that we added and then cancelled. At the time when they was cancelled, there were two open positions. One was a Attendant, and one was a Laborer II that these two positions...two people actually, could go into once the Sundays was cancelled. To make it fair, we...because they were previously Attendants, to make it fair, because there was one Attendant and one Laborer, we're reallocating a Laborer to an Attendant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question seven, is the Maintenance Coordinator position still vacant? And if so, please explain why.

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MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. The answer to this question is yes. Right now, it's...Department of Personnel Services is currently completing the new position classification. It's part of the standard required process. And once that's completed, the recruitment process will be finalized for this position. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, question eight, were the two Recycling Program Assistant positions authorized to be filled?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. The question [sic] to that is no, the two positions were not authorized to be filled, but they're still needed. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. But in the...question nine, in the Solid Waste Administration Program, premium pay is listed at \$52,500. What differentiates premium pay from overtime pay?

MR. AGAWA: So premium pay includes the overtime pay. It also includes nighttime differential pay, and also temporary assignment pay. The Budget Office combines all into...the premium pay into one bucket, and then at the time when positions submit their timecards, we have to specify the code for which pay under that bucket...whether it's overtime, TA, or nighttime differential. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The next set of questions is in regards to Operations and Equipment, categories B and C. Question one, the Green Grants Program, West Maui Green Cycle Pilot Program, supports innovative sustainability projects on Moloka'i, Maui, and Lāna'i. What is the process to initiate an innovative sustainability project on Lāna'i?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So there's two basic types of ways to get this type of grant. One is to follow the process of our recycling grants program, which is where we solicit proposals from grantees. They submit it. We have a committee that reviews, makes decisions, and then finally gives the Director recommendations on the grantees. Now, a part of that is contracting and also managing those grants throughout the year. The other option is similar to the Maui...West Maui Green Cycle Pilot, which was supported and appropriated by Councilmember Paltin, which is like a proviso grant. And in that instance, Councilmember Paltin worked directly with the proposed grantee, and then the Department worked alongside with the grantee to help them with the process of the application, and then they...yeah, we still manage that grant throughout the year as well. So there's two different ways. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay, question two, are the transmission lines monitored for capacity to meet demands? A, are planning or building permits denied due to lack of transmission line capacity?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the answer is yes, our Wastewater Division has a computerized hydraulic model. And what it does is it models any of the lines that are greater than eight inches in diameter. This is in order to estimate the effects of added development on the system. The model is currently being updated, and will undergo

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validation later in this year. In addition to the divisions of annual capacity assessments, there's 42 pump stations to understand flow trends on a drainage area basis. And the answer to A is to date, we have not denied any building permits due to lack of transmission line capacity. Because development is proposed in that area and causes the lines to exceed capacity prior to the County scheduling and upgrade, the developer is given the opportunity to improve...to make improvements to increase the capacity in the line in order to build their project. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Question three, please explain why \$1,483,047 in County Funds, FY 2020 actual, were expended for the Countywide Sewer Cap Improvement Reserve Fund, when in FY '21, it was approved out of Special Revenue Funds.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So in Fiscal Year '21, this line item was trimmed due to the pandemic.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so...

MR. AGAWA: And not to be confused with the General Fund. Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. AGAWA: This was a...the sub-object code 7541 is a transfer out to the Special Revenue Fund. For capper purposes, Special Revenue Funds are called County Funds, not to be confused with the General Fund. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question four, please explain the purpose of the two R and M services contracts for the Wastewater Administration Program. A, are one of the two contracts listed in error?

MR. AGAWA: Yes. The answer is yes. This was a double listing, and it was an error in our part. So Index 919005B, 6138, was an error.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that correction. Okay, question five, were CARES Act funds used to travel to and from Lānaʻi by ferry during FY'21? For example, airfare, transportation was \$198, FY 2020 actual, but 1,500 is being requested for FY'22.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the answer is that no CARES Act funds were used for travel to and from Lānaʻi in '21. The reason that the amount for that was so low is there were not any in-person annual inspections of the facilities on Lānaʻi conducted due to the COVID pandemic. Nor were there any construction inspections required during that year. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Agawa. Question six, please explain the discrepancies in Budget Details from FY'21 to FY'22 relating to sludge disposal interfund. Why is the sludge disposal interfund now coming out of Solid Waste Fund

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instead of EP&S Fund? A, why is the amount for FY'22 proposed so much more than FY 2020 actual; and B, there is a proposed \$1.8 million transfer out reduction. Can you confirm if this is a debt service reduction? If so, can you identify what projects will not be completed as a result of these savings?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So in previous fiscal years, our Wastewater Division paid the full amount to our EP&S Section...Division, and then EP&S would then pay to the Solid Waste Division. So EP&S was like a pass-through payment. So now what we're doing is we're streamlining the process and Wastewater, rather than go through EP&S and then through Solid Waste, we're streamlining it so Wastewater goes and makes payment directly to Solid Waste, and there's no pass-through through the EP&S Division. For A, in Fiscal Year '20, we expended about 2.5 million. And in '22, we're asking for 2 million. So...hold on. In the number, the revised number for '22, sorry, let me find . . .(inaudible). . . You can see the 1.1 million, which is what I think is being asked about, the big increase. So that is for the sludge disposal, just the sludge. And that is the Wastewater directly to Solid Waste. And then the 900,000 is the processing cost of the sludge. So one is the disposal fees, and one is the processing cost. So if you look at the totals from '20 to '22, they are similar. It's just that it's broken down differently because of the pass-through. So we're actually proposing a decrease in '22. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo. Okay. Question seven, how are supplies inventoried? A, what system is used to verify that these supplies were used for legitimate wastewater, mechanical, or electrical systems; and B, what system is used to track the inventory of tires, tubes, auto-core parts, agricultural supplies, et cetera?

MR. AGAWA: Okay. Sorry, Chair. I just realized I forgot to answer part B of number six. I'll go ahead and answer this one first. So qualified equipment is tracked through the County inventory program. For A, we have a Maintenance Connection program, it's like a work order program, which tracks materials and parts used on inspection, maintenance, and repair work orders. For B, there's no inventory system used, really. These items are ordered, purchased on an as-needed basis. The supervisors and staff monitor the uses and purchases of...through purchase orders and pCards. Tires, tubes, and auto parts are not stocked, they're ordered on an as-needed basis.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. AGAWA: Let me...Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question eight...

MR. AGAWA: -- you want me to go back to six B?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The \$1.8 million transfer?

MR. AGAWA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. AGAWA: So my apologies. So this is not related to debt service, it is just a reduction in cost for landfilling and processing of sludge. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that. Question eight, please explain why the vertical low pump and accessories has not met its estimated use life by two years.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So this piece of equipment, the purpose of it is to remove grit and sludge from various sections of the treatment plant, so wastewater treatment plant. It is being replaced...oh. The item being replaced was removed from a pump station that had undergone a renovation and upgrade. This existing pump has frequent downtime for repairs due to the excessive wear and tear from the coarse material that this pump is used to remove and clean. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question nine, please explain why the eight-inch lathe has not met its estimated use of life by four years.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. This was an error. The estimated useful life should be stated as 10 years, and not 15 years. This piece of equipment is used to fabricate various parts, which allows us to avoid costly vendor prices and depend on vendor availability. The replacement was recommended due to the equipment reaching the end of its useful life, and it also has been having frequent repairs. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So actually, it lasted one year more than what was estimated?

MR. AGAWA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Question ten, how old is the current mail folding and stuffing machine?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the current machine is seven years old, and at the end of its useful life. It no longer feeds properly. It gets misaligned, leading to downtime and maintenance, which folds over to delays in billing, delays in correspondence to the community. The current capability of the machine is only to fold the paper. The new machine will fold and stuff the envelopes, saving time and resources. Just to note that our Solid Waste Division has 27,000 refuse accounts and 1,500 landfill accounts, with over 100,000 documents mailed out each year. Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question 11, please explain the \$192,000 transfer from the EP&S Program to the Solid Waste Operations Program. A, was EP&S previously contracting green waste operations for \$892,000, but now paying Solid Waste \$192,000?

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MR. AGAWA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. So for number 11, our EP&S Division previously used to manage a contract for green waste on Moloka'i. The contract amount was \$192,000 per year. That contract terminated this past November 30, 2020. Now our Solid Waste Division manages the green waste on Moloka'i, so there's no vendor involved. So the monies allocated...which was supposed to be allocated for the contract of the vendor, is just being proposed to be shifted to Solid Waste, who's now managing the green waste on Moloka'i. Then for A, the \$700,000 reduction refers to green waste operations on Maui rather than Moloka'i. And due to changes in the scope of work, it is anticipated that the contract amount for Eco will be reduced by around 700,000 compared to previous years.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question 12, relating to the contributions from Hyatt and Starwood Resorts for recycling wastewater expansions. A, can you clarify specifically what wastewater recycling expansions these contributions achieved; and B, have the resorts fulfilled their condition of development with these two contributions?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So these contributions will help pay for the improvements related to the recently purchased Honokōwai Reservoir for our R1 distribution on the West Side. This will result in 24/7 access to R1 waters for all current and future customers. And the answer to B is yes, they have fulfilled their condition of development. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question 13, the Department is requesting a high-pressure jetter truck to replace an 18-year-old vehicle with 90,000 miles on it. A, the Department has listed this item as number 22 on the priority list. Based on this, would the Department be able to replace the vehicle in a future fiscal year? How many more years could this vehicle last?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So this piece of equipment is essential for keeping our sewer lines clean and clearing blockages in order to prevent sewer spills. It is 18 years old, has frequent repairs. You know, if we were to push this back for another year or two, it actually, through our experience, may take longer than that, two, three, four, even four years because of COVID. For example, currently we're still waiting on vehicles from the Fiscal Year '21 Budget that hasn't arrived, and probably won't arrive until August. It's just that COVID has affected the build time and shipment delays. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question 14, please provide a breakdown of what areas within the County the \$200,000 appropriation for the EP&S Abandoned Vehicles and Metals Program will address.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So this 200,000 appropriation is due to reallocation of Recycling Funds to Abandoned Vehicles and Metals Fund. This is to cover the reductions that were made in Fiscal Year '21 under index code 919735B-6112, which is the contractual services amount. There are two contracts that utilize this amount, but our...sorry. These are not new services, instead ongoing contracts that would partially be funded in 2021. So the 200,000 is to replenish that defunding from '21.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question 15, have the three West Maui expansion projects intra-west, West Maui Recycled Water System, Hyatt West Maui Recycled Water System, and Starwood West Maui Recycled Water System--say that three times fast--been completed? Is this the reason why there are no grant awards for these projects?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So these funds are still currently on hand. We anticipate utilizing these funds for the West Maui Recycled Water Expansion project. But we do agree that it would be also wise to include them in the Fiscal Year '22 for any unforeseen reasons or delays in the project. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Agawa. Okay. Question 16, four half-ton truck replacements are requested at three different price points, and two three-quarter ton trucks are requested at two different price points. Please explain the reason for the difference in cost for the same size vehicles.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the base prices for all the similar vehicles are the same. The difference in cost comes from the upgrades that are required from different sections in the Department. So for one, one section may need strobe lights added to that vehicle, another may need four-by-four transmission. So it's basically the upgrades from different sections that reflect the difference in price. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. We'll do one last question, and then we'll take our morning break. It's 10:30. Okay. Question 17, \$90,000 requested for a backhoe rental. Is this the cost to rent for one year? Would the...what would be the cost to purchase a backhoe? Is there a reason for...that renting is preferred?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So I believe the \$90,000 is part of the \$192,000 I mentioned earlier for the contract for Moloka'i Green Waste. The contract ended earlier, so the 90,000 is additional funds left over. So the intent is for Solid Waste to utilize that 90,000 to rent a backhoe, which is required for the continuing operations at Moloka'i Landfill for the green waste. Solid Waste does prefer owning versus renting; however, we are required to rent in the meantime. The Mayor's Budget does not include an expansion...oh, sorry. The Budget, the Mayor's Budget does include an expansion wheel loader, which is about \$410,000 for Moloka'i. However, the delivery estimate is about one year from approval. So this 90,000 for rental backhoe should get us through the time we're waiting for that other piece of equipment. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, we'll take our morning break, and we'll do some stretches when we come back. And then we'll finish off with six questions regarding CIPs, and one question regarding goals and measures, and then I'll open it up to the floor for Members to ask their questions. We'll start with Wastewater questions. I'll give everyone five minutes, and then go to Solid Waste, and I'll give everyone five minutes, and then we can go to EP&S. Okay? All right. It is

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10:33 on April 7th, and we'll return at 10:45. The Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:33 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:47 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . .will the Economic...oh, sorry. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It's 10:47 a.m. on April 7th. And before we continue on with our grueling questions, we're going to do a little bit of stretches, and we'll invite the public to join us and the Department. They've got lots of space to be able to do some stretches. And we'll dedicate this song to Council Chair Lee. Okay, Members, you ready? (exercising) We're going to roll back. We got our song going. Everyone can hear it? Good? Okay, we're going to start...we're going to start with our left shoulders. We're going to do left shoulder rolls. Left shoulder rolls. Okay? And then we're going to do some right shoulder rolls. And then we're going to do some twists. We're going to go left. Then we're going to go right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're frozen, you know...by the way.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Down. Oh no.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Come on, Tamara.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can you hear me? And then right hand up. Up. Up. And then the left hand up. Okay. And then down. Down. All right. Okay. We got the blood circulating? All right. Good job, Members. Good job, Department. Okay. All right. That's better than coffee. Okay. Yeah? Good job. Okay. Okay. Deputy Director, you ready? You got all that blood flowing now? . . . (laughter) . . . Okay. CIPs, question one, please provide additional details regarding the Countywide and Regional EPA Compliance Wastewater Reclamation Facility Renovation Project, Compliance Project, and Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation Plan for FY'22 and FY'23 through FY'27.

MR. AGAWA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I'll just go through them one at a time. So CBS-1119, it's a Countywide EPD Compliance Wastewater Reclamation Facility Renovation Project. This project is for improvements at the County's five treatment facilities, or other major equipment that will maintain or increase our treatment quality or quantities. It helps care for reef...care for or rehabilitate or maintain equipment, site facilities such as parking and buildings, et cetera, or increase energy efficiencies, et cetera. Fiscal Year 2022 includes process improvement at the Lānaʻi Wastewater Reclamation Facility, rehab replacement of injection wells at Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility, electrical improvements and major pump stations, and funds for a warehouse facility in Kihei. And future projects beyond Fiscal Year '22 have not yet been reviewed or determined. The next CBS number is CBS-1132. It's a Countywide EP&A [sic] compliance project. These projects are generally for asset condition,

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assessments and studies, like our CCTV program. It's for asset repairs and replacements. System inventory updates; in Fiscal Year '22, money is anticipated to be used for gathering flow data to help calibrate the Division's hydraulic model and possibly some CCTV work. Future projects will include additional CCTV investigations for condition assessments and others yet to be determined. The third one, CBS-1131, it's Wailuku, Kahului, EPA compliance sewer rehabilitation. This project is for rehabilitation and replacements of sewers within this district. Current projects and design include line replacements in Happy Valley, Liko Place, and manhole rehabilitation near Sprecklesville. Future projects include Liholiho Street and additional work in Happy Valley. The fourth one, CBS-1146, which is West Maui EPA Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation; this project is for rehabilitation, replacements of sewers within the West Maui district. The current project is for sewer replacement in Kā'anapali. In Fiscal Year '24, it is anticipated to be mitigation for brown water infiltration in the Front Street area, pending additional investigation. The last one, CBS-1148, is the Kihei, Makena, EPA Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation. This project is for rehabilitation and replacement of sewers within the Kihei Makena District. No work is included in the Fiscal Year '22 Budget. Analysis is still pending on the necessity for work slated for the Fiscal Year '24 time frame. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Question two, please provide the scope for the Makawao Master Sewer Plan, including the anticipated start date for this project. A, what is the reason for not including this in FY'22 Budget? Does this plan encompass all of Upcountry? And B, if not, does the Department plan to form a separate plan for the Pukalani, Kula, Ulupalakua district, and when does it anticipate doing so?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So for question two, it's a study to determine the feasibility potential project scope and alternatives and preliminary cost estimates of constructing a sewer system infrastructure to service the more densely populated areas of Makawao and possibly Hāli'imaile and/or unsewered Pukalani. For A, our Wastewater Reclamation Division has nearly completed an in-house feasibility abstract that puts the cost of sewerage only Makawao at approximately \$170 million. That's about \$100,000 per lot. Evaluation of the State programs to assist in the replacement of cesspools with other individual wastewater systems is still required to determine the next step of the master sewer plan. Sewering areas of existing concentrated population is already challenging and expensive, construction in existing roads around existing utilities require easements, topography, homeowner connection expenses, et cetera. Expanding the system to less dense areas that have larger lots with steep and undulating topography would exponentially increase costs, and is not currently considered. Part B, the Department does not currently plan to evaluate a sewer system for the Kula, Ulupalakua District. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question three, what is the planned scope for the Central Maui Wastewater Reclamation Facility? A, what is the full area of anticipated service; and B, what is the anticipated growth capacity?

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MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So as of today, the scope of the proposed Central Maui Wastewater Reclamation Facility includes building a facility capable of initially treating approximately 3.5 million gallons per day, which is based on the average daily flow. The full area of anticipated service would be able to treat wastewater from the proposed Waikapū Country Town, the DHHL Pulehunui Project, and also a flow diversion from the Wailuku Heights, Kehalani, and Waikapū area. For B, the anticipated growth capacity, it is anticipated that we could potentially expand to 5 million gallons per day. The limiting factor for this is the potential for disposal of the treated effluent, which includes the required 100 percent backup requirement. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Question four, relating to the County of Maui Green Waste and Biosolids Management Project, this is a six-year study for \$100,000. Will the projects evaluations for the recycling options be conducted in house; and B, do you anticipate needing additional funds for the study in the next three to four years?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the \$100,000 for this is a planning and design phase for only one year. It'll evaluate options and provide conceptual designs for the handling of green waste and biosolids. Let's see...and we may ask for CIP money in the coming years. Let's see...B, no additional funds are anticipated for this study. And the study would be completed within Fiscal Year '22. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question five, the Department is proposing \$100,000 for the design of Central Maui Landfill's Stormwater Management Improvement Project. A, what is currently being done to mitigate storm runoff at the Central Maui Landfill?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So currently we have various connection and control stormwater systems for both the active and inactive landfills at Central Maui Landfill. From five phases, which is a total of 239 acres, these include asphalt swills, concrete ditches, concrete culverts, overland and subsurface typing. And the stormwater management system has developed incrementally, with additions made to the pre-existing structures. So basically, it's ever-evolving with the growth of the landfill. And air space is increased. This project will analyze features, resize and provide plan reallocate, relocations to maintain a regulatory compliant, environmentally conscious system for the entire landfill's drainage rates, low . . . *(inaudible)*. . . collectors, basin inlets and outlets. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And question six, could additional funding this year expedite any of the planned expansions for South Maui water reuse system within the six-year plan?

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. The next expansion of recycled water distribution in Kihei is an approximate 9,000 lineal feet line between the tech park and the north side of Kihei School. This project is not yet scheduled, as design and project entitlement costs have not yet been determined, but anticipated to be in the excess of \$1 million. Talks with the landowners have not yet progressed to the point where the scope of

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work can be completely defined. And in addition, our design and construction engineers already have substantial workloads. Currently they average about 13 projects each, as do most of our recycled water consultants. So we would prefer to concentrate our efforts on getting the Lāhainā recycled water system expansions underway this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And the last question is regarding Key Activity Goals or Measures. Wastewater Administration Program goal 2.4, please explain how the number of public information requests correlate with the successful minimization of adverse impacts to wastewater systems from non-County activities.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So the majority of public information requests include the location of sewer laterals and main lines. They request requirements for cleanouts and manholes, information on what can be flushed or put down the drain, and also the capacity of existing lines. By being properly informed on proper system design and discharge requirements, we reduce the number of wastewater spills from the County system into the environment that occur due to negligence or inadequate system design. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Congratulations, you got through the Members' submitted questions. And now we'll go to follow-up questions or new questions from the Members. Members, we'll start with the Wastewater Program, so if you can limit your questions to Wastewater first. And then we'll go to Solid Waste, and then EP&S. And I'll give each Member five minutes. And we'll start with the subject matter Committee Chair, and I believe that's Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we'll go to Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, and then we'll go to Member Sinenci, and then work our way down the row. Okay, Member Sugimura, please start us off.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So Wastewater. I think you, you know, my...I had a question that...one of the questions regarding Wastewater was about the Sewer System Study for Makawao, which is in Fiscal Year '23 in the CIP section. So would the Department be able to move that to this Fiscal Year, or is there a reason why it's slated for next Fiscal Year?

MR. ROLLINS: Good morning. Thank you for the question. This is Scott, the Wastewater Reclamation Division Chief. We're still kind of waiting to see what happens with the State and what kind of financing programs or other things they come up with for cesspool conversion. We did the abstract in house, and looked at the cost and layout for a sewer system for Makawao, and it's coming out about 90,000 to \$100,000 per lot to build that type of system. That doesn't even include the 5 to 20,000 it'll cost individual homeowners to connect their existing cesspools to those lines. But I don't know if it's feasible at this time to move forward with that plan until we get more information from the State. That's why it's now situated in, I think FY'24. But...and

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we look at it every year when we look at our CIPs, so it could move up later, or it could move back. I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wow, thank you for that explanation. I do know that Eric is part of that State group who are looking at, you know, the whole plan for the conversion. So appreciate that. So I see, it's tied to that. Because I know that in my community meeting, Gladys Baisa actually came to testify and...about this year's Budget, and she's concerned, of course, about Makawao and the cesspool to septic conversion. So we wondered about that. So I think you've answered that question. So you're tying the State study, the working group study, along with what the County is doing is what you're saying?

MR. ROLLINS: That's correct. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So even if we put money into the Budget where we wanted you to do something, it's premature at this point just because we're waiting for direction and guidelines from the State working group then? Which I think you said it...not...expect something beginning...I mean, sorry, ending of this year?

MR. ROLLINS: Yeah, we expect something at the end of this year. So I think it would be prudent to wait until that comes out before we move any further forward. We still have 29 years until the deadline, so we have plenty of time. But I understand the urgency. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, and I think there's a lot of anxious people waiting, so any updates that you can give us will be appreciated. So if you could explain then your overtime. If you look at...if you look at your...the Program Book and the explanation of what's happening with premium pay, and it shows that there's a decrease? So I don't know if Budget Director explained that, but could you explain that again about how that's calculated? Because Budget Details, I see there's actual amounts there, but it's being handled administratively differently? Is that what's happening?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What page?

MS. YOSHIMURA: What page are we looking at?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh. You know, actually...I actually did that looking at Solid Waste, and thinking that your information that you gave us earlier would...I guess, would be consistent. So if you want, I can wait for Solid Waste because I kind of looked at that. Oh, it's Program Book 163...I'm sorry, Program Book 165. But that's Solid Waste, so wrong category.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So yeah, it would be the same because they are special funds and they're not funded through the General Fund. Each...in the Department of Environmental Management, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and EP&S, we had budgeted for their salary adjustments each collective bargaining unit agreement within their

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Budget so that the fund actually pays for it. So now you see a decrease in premium pay because we're not moving that money forward, but that money has now been appropriated into their A Account, into the actual salary. So you'll see a shift from premium pay to regular salaries and wages.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Premium pay does...you're saying that . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . it exists, but you have to get the breakdown?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I'm sorry, what was that again?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Premium pay is in there, but you have to get it broken down?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So when we budget for premium pay in the Budget Office, we dump it all under premium pay. When the Department uses it, whether it's for overtime, if it's for temporary assignment, temporary reallocation, if it's for night differential, that's when they use the specific codes, and then you'll see the actual breakdown of the premium pay. So budget-wise, always in the year that we're proposing, we will put a lump sum; when you see the actuals, you'll see it broken down by category.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So we can't tell by looking at your program...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your timer. Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Member Paltin, followed by Member Sinenci. And just a reminder, I think it was Member Molina requested on Monday that for everyone's convenience, when you're asking specific questions, if you can let us all know if it's the Budget Book...sorry, the Budget Program, or the Budget Details, or the Ordinance, and then, you know, as much as possible...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And page number.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the page number, yeah. So as much as possible, if you can just help everyone to stay on the same page with you when you're asking your question, I think it would be helpful for the Department to be able to answer your question as expeditiously as possible as well. So if your question is on your individual budget review, I think that'll be helpful because it has the page number, column, and what book that you're looking in. So, I mean, if you have questions that are not on your IBR, that's fine too. But if it is, if you can ask it following the columns, I think that will be helpful for everyone and for the public following along. And we're asking questions of Wastewater, Administrations Program, and Operations Program. And then if you have questions...and so both of that is funded out of Sewer Fund, but if you also have questions for the Administrative Program, which is funded out of

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General Fund, you can ask those questions at this time too. Okay? Member Paltin, and then Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, disclaimer too, because we're on a time frame. If we got your answer to what we wanted to ask, we might interrupt you that we're done. And we don't want to be rude, but just the time limit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, mahalo. Director Nakagawa.

MR. NAKAGAWA: That was just thumbs up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, thumbs up. Okay, mahalo for the confirmation. Okay, Member Paltin. I have five minutes on the clock for you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thanks. So my first question is for the premium pay generally. Is the meal allowance and mileage reimbursement included in that, or is it strictly TA, TR, OT, and night shift differential?

MR. ROLLINS: Thanks for the question. Yeah, the latter of what you said. The OT and the nighttime differential and the temporary assignment.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then on page 151 of the Program Budget, you know, I really believe in and support the Hyatt and HOS (*phonetic*) and Starwood contributing their fair share to the recycled water expansion system, but not only West Maui has expanded hotel use. And I was wondering...I believe this was due to the...maybe the West Maui Preservation Association lawsuit, but now that the precedence has been set, does the Department go and try and make it be a consistent contribution? I think, you know, the Planning Commission recently passed the Maui Coast expansion and, you know, they're...the Planning Commission can put conditions on things. So are you guys asking for all of the upcoming hotels to participate in their fair share of recycled water expansion? I think maybe that can help us do more faster. And maybe, you know, since West Maui puka through already, the precedence has been set, and it may not be so hard moving forward.

MR. ROLLINS: Thank you for the question. Yeah, you're correct. Those fees that we collected previously are conditions of approval on the project to pay their fair share. We haven't actively pursued this yet with every hotel. Like, for example, in Kihei, they still have assessment fees. So when they actually have a building permit to build something, they will pay an assessment fee based on the usage they're going to have in their facility. So we get that money from them. But we don't currently go after specific fees for recycled water from them, but it just comes to the Sewer Fund. Whereas in West Maui, we didn't have any assessment fees at the time, so we weren't required to pay anything about those conditions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Did Director Nakagawa have something to add?

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So thank you, Member Paltin. So yeah, just a brief idea. We have an actual ordinance for sewer and stuff, and we don't have one for the recycled water. So always remember that we had a planned expansion for the West Maui, we had a cost, and we divvied it up by whoever wanted the water at that time. So in the future, we can always replicate that through some type of ordinance and modification of our ordinance in recycled water. And then we can establish some type of assessment fee if we wanted in the future. Similar to expanding services capacity, you know what I mean, for other people.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, that's a great idea. The other question I had was if a development cannot upgrade the transmission line, then the building permit would be denied if there's not capacity?

MR. ROLLINS: Well, good question. Yes, it could be denied, or it could be deferred until the time that the County puts forth the project to increase capacity for those lines.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: But do we...

MR. ROLLINS: When you try to take a look at what's coming up, but we're not...we don't always want to take the risk to increase lines on the...on the... . . .*(inaudible)*. . . that something is going to develop outside of our district requiring that upgrade. So that's why sometimes we get...we could get caught up where they need to develop, and the lines aren't quite up to capacity for what they need.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And to date, everybody that hasn't had transmission lines able to handle the anticipated capacity has been able to go ahead and do the upgrades themselves?

MR. ROLLINS: So far we've only had one project with that issue, and that was the Wailuku Apartment Project, the one that Schatz was doing. So we worked out an agreement with them where they did the design of upgrades, and we're actually starting construction on the upgrades...I think next month is when we start. So we worked out agreements in the past.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And that's the only case you know of? . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

MR. ROLLINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair, and aloha to the Department. Thank you for your presentation and answers to our questions. I just had a general question to start off. Was there a shortage of, you know, water...wastewater payment fees during the

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pandemic when there was a lot of people out of work? Did you see any change in those...receiving any of those fees and payments?

MR. ROLLINS: Good question. No, we didn't have any lag in payments due to the COVID thing, which was surprising to us.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you. And then my other question, Chair, was about the Hāna Bay Wastewater Project. Are we on track for the Hāna Bay Wastewater Project? And do you anticipate any delays, particularly when we're trying to acquire the permits to run the piping along the highway up to the park leach field?

MR. ROLLINS: Yeah. That's the Helene Hall Project you're speaking of?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. That's correct. You...I don't see any funding for this year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, it was in...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Councilmember Sinenci?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I did notes on that...yeah...It's on track.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, are you folks referring to the Helene Hall Sewer Project?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay, that's under the Parks Department, they have the CIP project for that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, right. I thought that the Parks had the section where it...the leach field went up to the park. I believe the Department of Environmental Management had the wastewater section at...no?

MR. ROLLINS: No. We've been working with Parks Department to help get the design done. But it's actually a Parks Department CIP project, but we've been assisting them.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. We can check on that. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. And then just for clarity...oh, I can give you a separate round of five minutes for CIPs because I know that can be a longer discussion too. So we can do the programs first, and after the programs we can go to the CIPs if Members would like that. If not, we can tie it all in. Do Members have a preference?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Tie it all in.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I'll tie it all in then. So you can ask your CIP questions that are related to Wastewater during this time. Member Molina, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just have a general question, so no specific page, or Program Budget, or details for the Department. First, thank you for the update on the Makawao Sewer Line proposed project. What is the latest with regards to an Upcountry wastewater facility, whether it be in Makawao, Kula or wherever? Any update you could provide us on that?

MR. ROLLINS: So thank you for the question, Councilmember Molina. The Department hasn't really looked into building or designing a system Upcountry yet. It's been in our six-year CIP plan for quite some time. But the cesspool issue, we're still awaiting the final reporting, et cetera, from the task force that the State put together on the cesspools. We know that individual conversion would be a lot cheaper way to go for most of the homeowners. So we're reviewing those reports, and waiting for further information from them before we go forward with that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yeah, yeah. That makes sense. I bring it up because I remember our former Mayor Arakawa, that was something that he was kind of looking at down the road in...for the future of Upcountry as...you know, as Upcountry continues to grow. So...but I think eventually we're going to need one up there someplace, whether it be Makawao or somewhere else in Upcountry. But thanks for the latest. Appreciate it. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for being so expeditious, Member Molina. Council Chair Lee, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'm not sure who would get this question, but I thought I heard earlier the Deputy Director say something about the priority for reuse programs are in the West Maui and therefore, there's not much being done in South Maui. Did I hear that, or am I wrong?

MR. AGAWA: No. So right now, we're...we have expansion going on in both districts. In West Maui, it's in relation to that Honokōwai Reservoir purchase. So we're working on the pump station and the force main, and upgrading the active reservoir . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh no, no, no. You don't have to...you don't have to repeat the West Maui projects. I'm just wanting to make sure that you are pursuing the South Maui projects. Because I thought --

MR. AGAWA: Yes, we are.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- I heard you...that most of your Staff are...they have 13 projects each, and can't handle very much. So...because if that's the case, I was wondering why you wouldn't be outsourcing a lot of these things.

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MR. AGAWA: Thank you for the question. The answer is yes, we are still continuing in South Kihei. A lot of it is upgrades of existing system. And we have one line connecting the RT park. So the answer is yes, we are still continuing in South Kihei, as well as West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. That's all I have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. And mahalo, Members. Everyone's being so expeditious with their questions. Okay. Chair [sic] King, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, first of all, I want to hug --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I want to hug Chair Lee because she asked my question, and that was--really appreciate that--one of my questions because, yeah, I do think we need to prioritize all over the island. Although I have to say that if we're recycling anywhere, we're still recycling water, so it's just important to get it done. But I wanted to point out that there had been a lawsuit as well in South Maui, which was dropped when it looked like the Council was going to approve the...settling the Lāhainā Injection Well Case that was brought by Daniel Kanahele. So that could always come up again. So it's a good thing we're moving and keeping that on the forefront. One of my questions...I just have general questions, really. One of my questions was about the cesspool conversion issue. And thank you for all that information, I was trying to figure out a way to jump start it and looking...and I found the information that your working group was working on with assessing various technologies that could be installed by users directly. They're a lot less expensive than putting in a sewer system, so one of my first thought was to afford...to provide grants for individuals to start converting on their own. Because I know people in Maui Meadows, it's a priority for them. But I think if you've got a plan that you're working on, what I wanted to ask you about the efforts that the working group is making is, are you...are the proposals that you're going to be making, are they hoping to utilize some of the Federal funds? And are you folks tracking the Biden Infrastructure Plan so that we can make some big requests from that new addition to the Federal Budget? Are you...

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You might be muted. Oh, okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay. Thank you, Member King. So a lot of...you know, some of your...well, all your guys' questions about cesspool . . .*(inaudible)*. . . designated for working group . . .*(inaudible)*. . . from Maui. So to answer your question is yes. The co-working group already kind of finished, if you look on their website, a financial analysis of what it would take, right? And you can see the numbers are astronomical, I guess you can . . .*(inaudible)*. . . right? Like it's a very large number. Even if we

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identified sources of funding, it's still coming up with these large numbers. It also completed a technical study that will look at all the different technologies. But right now, they're working on prioritization, meaning they will look at who needs to convert earlier than later.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, I don't want to...

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I did hear that information earlier, but what I was just curious about was, you know, is the working group tracking the Infrastructure Bill so that we don't miss an opportunity to get some of that large funding?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So they're looking at all possible financial contributions, whether that's Federal, State, or private, or County.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That was a concern because I don't...I'm hoping you're not going to wait until you finish your report at the end of the year. Because right now it's a hot ticket, you know, the Infrastructure Bill is out there and we need to be accessing that funding through our Congressional delegation. And then the other question I had was on the...oh, I have two other questions. One is, were you able to take a look at HRS-174C-31? I sent you a letter asking if you guys were on track, and do you feel like...I'm going to ask you right now, do you feel like you're on track to meet the requirements of the Act 170 that amended the State Water Code to say that the utilization of reclaimed water for uses other than drinking and for potable water needs in 100 percent of the State and County facilities by December 31, 2045? So we have to be using...we have to have all of our water be reclaimed water, other than the drinking and potable water. Are we on track for that?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So I remember you bringing up that...oh, sorry, Chair. So I remember you bringing up that Act. I haven't...I don't recall getting the letter from you, but...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, we sent it to you, and we asked for a reply by April 5th, so we haven't gotten a reply. So maybe we need to resend it to you. But that was sent quite a while ago --

MR. NAKAGAWA: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And we gave you that HRS Statute so we could get a report on how that's going. So...okay, I'll let that go. And then I just wanted to bring up the...you talked about the sewer plan for Mā'alaea and EPA compliance. I'm a little bit worried. I wanted to ask if that was on our top priority. Because I know some of those septic tanks that that area is using are...they've told me there's a couple of them that need to be replaced like, you know, probably yesterday. The way they described it was like paper thin and ready to burst. So I'm extremely worried about that . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . and I also am worried about the injection well situation there.

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So...thank you, Chair. So Mā'alaea is a private wastewater system that's not with the municipality. They've conversed with us and we gave them support and input on how they want to pursue a Cambrian private wastewater system that they feel will be beneficial for their community. We did offer to...potentially they could tie into our Central Maui, but because of the, I guess, location, they're so far away, we felt that that Cambrian system is the best route to go. So they're kind of working out, I guess, financially on...they pay as they get the service. They're trying to pursue some type of grants from us as far as developing some additional infrastructure needed, like \$3 million or something. So I would imagine they would come and talk to you, I guess, and try to figure out how does that work. But just try to remember that, once again, sewer rates is...cannot be used for private wastewater systems. So I kind of informed them that, and that we would be here to help them along. And I did introduce them to SRF loans, that we could help them with their applications for that. And I believe DOH said that they would allow them to apply, so we could always help them with the application because we do that every year. So they were appreciative, and that's kind of where the talks ended with Mā'alaea.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair, for allowing that answer. We're completely on the same page with that because I've been talking SRF Funds too, so I'm really excited to be working together on the same page with you on this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, followed by Pro Tem Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning directors, managers, chiefs. I just have a simple question, it's going to take me long to ask it though. So Lāna'i is in the rain shadow of Maui, and we don't have any running rivers or streams on the Island of Lāna'i, so I'm a big fan of water conservation. As you guys know, the experience at Kō'ele, one of Lāna'i's private golf courses, has been closed, but was being used...great...R1 wastewater to water it. Now that it's closed, and with the upcoming agricultural park looking for water sources, can you speak to how much it costs for the R1 to be transferred to the Kō'ele Golf Course. And if it were to be transferred to the ag park, could you speak on that as far as your Budget goes?

MR. ROLLINS: Okay. Thank you very much for the question. Yeah, there are actually two treatment plants in Lāna'i. There's one that's operated by the County, which is pretty basic. And then we used to transfer that water to an auxiliary plant that was run by, I guess, Pūlama Lāna'i now, and they would polish that water to R1 quality, and then it would be sent to the golf course. So at that point, they were using 100 percent of recycled water. Right now, they're using about 25...or 20 percent of our water on a daily basis for recycling, for whatever purposes they're doing for landscaping, et cetera. So as far as getting R1 recycled water to other projects, I think we need to

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 speak with them about that, as we were just a supply force for them to increase the quality of the water.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So if I can...if I can speak to what you just said so I understand it, you're saying that we delivered it to the private company, and the private company would then treat it, and then they would deliver it to their golf course. So if we were going to go and do this, we would have to speak with them...with their plant to ship it over to the ag park; is that right?

MR. ROLLINS: That's correct. Unless we redid our entire plant to be an R1 plant, which would be millions and millions of dollars. So yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. ROLLINS: Yeah. Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I understand that. Thank you so much. So my second question is on the idea of your mitigation efforts across the County in regards to the open air sewer plants. As we know, you know, a lot of the native birds, for some reason, like our open air sewer plants. They...the A'e'o, the Hawaiian Stilt, the Hoary Bats, as an often visitor, as well as the 'Io, the Hawaiian Hawk, visit our wastewater open air plants. Do you have mitigation efforts for your plants? And if so, what are they, and how is that working for you?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair. So they're not...the reason why they're attracted to...in Lāna'i, basically there are open ponds, they just see open water sources. They like to nest on the banks of our ponds. So we already worked out with Hawai'i Fish and Wildlife Services, basically they came out with a actual plan to...for mitigation of any adverse effects to the...those birds. So yes, we do have a plan, and it was already implemented with our operations.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So you have a plan. If the plan tells you to say, for example, build a higher fence to keep the cats out or a predator proof fence to keep the cats out, those kinds of things, are you budgeting for them? Is it in the plan? Can I see the plan?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Sure, you're more than welcome to see the plan. We don't have it...the plan that we have has nothing to do with any infrastructure improvements. I think the...our fencing and all that stuff is done for operational needs. But you're more than welcome to see what our Hawai'i Fish and Wildlife agreement is with us.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So the plan doesn't require you to spend any capital improvements or anything. It's not telling you, you got to budget for this?

MR. NAKAGAWA: That's correct. As far as our plan was, it has nothing to do with that. There was a development, I think it was Pūlama Lāna'i, adjacent to us that asked us to...that they had to do certain improvements, but it was to our fence line. And our

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operations looked at these . . . *(inaudible)* . . . with them, so that was taken care of. But as far as the plan requiring funding sources for our infrastructure, there is none.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair. I have no further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing. Okay. Pro Tem Kama, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, Chair. Thank you so very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So I just have just two easy questions. One is, does the Department track the amount *(audio interference)* that is being captured either daily or weekly --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- and do you just track that?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Member Kama, can you please repeat the question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sure.

MR. NAKAGAWA: We couldn't...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: The question is, does the Department track the amount of wastewater that is being used either daily or weekly. In other words, do you folks have a way to measure the amount of wastewater that's being used or captured...or treated?

MR. ROLLINS: Yes. We have meters at all of our pump stations and our treatment plants, so we know what the average daily flow is coming into the plant.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Good. So do you...have you measured based on...or can you tell where it comes from, or what geographical location the waste comes from in terms of its transmission lines? Like, during the pandemic, right, I would assume that the wastewater would have decreased because you have less people on island, so less people flushing, right? So did you notice an increase or decrease in the different geographical locations?

MR. ROLLINS: Thank you for the question. Yeah, we monitor daily the flow that comes in, so we know that Kihei and Lāhainā, the flows were substantially lower. We also know what those three pump stations, so we can divide it down a little bit less based on pumpage at each pump station. So we have a good idea of what our flows are every day and where they come from.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. And then my last question was, I think earlier in the conversation, there was mention that to do the conversion, the cesspool conversions, would be cheaper for the individual homeowner. So how much cheaper is that?

MR. ROLLINS: Thanks for the question. So typically, conversions on some of the family lots, et cetera, would probably cost between...anywhere from 8 to 30, \$35,000, whereas putting in a centralized system is three or four times that amount.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Tem Kama. Okay. Mahalo, Department, for fielding our questions. I'll try to consolidate mine. Okay. So on...in the Budget Details book on Page 5-6 and 5-15, there are two line items for rentals; one for 100,000, and one for 300,000. Would you please provide a little more detail on what those rentals are? Page 5-6 --

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and 5-15.

MR. AGAWA: So the rental under Administration Program is our office rental fee for...we're in a separate building in the Wailuku Promenade.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. So the 100,000 and the 300,000 are for the office rentals?

MR. AGAWA: That is correct. Our Administration for Divisions are at One Main Plaza.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Mahalo. Okay. On Budget Details, Page 5-37 and 5-38, there are supplies, electrical parts, and supplies, and repairs, and maintenance supplies that have taken kind of a steep increase from 365,000 to 2 million, and 740,000 to one point almost five million. Would you please provide a little more detail on what those are?

MR. AGAWA: Chair, could you repeat the page numbers?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, sorry. That is Page 5-46. I got ahead of myself. Sorry.

MR. NAKAGAWA: All right. Thank you, Chair. So on 5-46, that's under used electrical and . . . *(inaudible)*. . . pumps and mechanical and electrical section. So basically, that's our Central Maintenance System. So what we did in the past was...these are large ticket items that are electrical equipment and mechanic equipment such as, I guess you don't know, but big generators, all these things that are, like, hundreds of thousands of dollars. And so basically Central Maintenance takes care of all of the facilities, so they have the bulk of that, those monies, that repairs all five facilities, as well as all 42 pump stations. So the reduce in cost is it's basically a reflection of kind of us kind of putting the hope on easy repairs until it's an emergency only because of the time

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frames. But typically, we average about \$2.2 million or so for replacement of those parts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So for clarification, this year may be higher, but next year it could go back down to 400,000 or something from 2 million?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, that's correct. Because depending on --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: -- when the equipment fails and --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. NAKAGAWA: -- that's . . .*(inaudible)*. . . it's only to really replace these items, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That makes sense. Mahalo. Okay. Now to Budget Details 5-38. So you said that one of the RM line items was an error. Is it the 50,000 or the 75,000?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So Chair, I think you said 5-38?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, 5-38. R and M --

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- machinery and equipment...okay. Go ahead.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So those two are...basically it's an accounting thing. So those two things are totally different. So repair and maintenance for machinery and equipment, that's basically what we buy equipment with. The replacement . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . repair and maintenance of service is in contracts, as well as actually contract out to private contractors.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, does anyone need...does anyone need a round two for Wastewater? Okay. We'll go with Member Sugimura, followed by Member Paltin. And then I'll put two minutes on the clock. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. This is a clarifying question. Kelly King and I both have met with the Mā'alaia Village Association and the SRF, use of the SRF Fund. So Eric, from what you said...because I'm sure they're listening, they're hoping that we've put into the Budget under SRF Funds to pay for the connections that they need to this private wastewater system, Cambrian system, the use of SRF Funds to do

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that. But you're saying that's not allowed because it's to a private system, or that they can write a grant for it is what you just clarified, right? They can go after a grant with SRF loans money, but it's not something that the County would do?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, Chair. So . . . *(inaudible)*. . . so to help you clarify, yeah. So they can pursue...either they can pursue a grant through us...not us, but the County, right, because sewer rates cannot pay for private systems, so...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Or they can privately pursue an SRF loan with the State Department of Health, which we could...and I offered to help them with the application and help with all that paperwork . . . *(inaudible)*. . . to secure the funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you for the clarification. That was my question. I think that was what the Mā'alaea Village people were hoping. So thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question. You know, for all the replacement vehicles, and I'm not sure if this is okay for you folks or maybe a Management question, but do you keep track of the trade-in values, or what happens to your equipment or vehicles once you replace them?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, Chair. Yeah, so the only part we track is really the cost of paperwork and all that stuff. Department of Public Works is the ones who offers the trade-in values and disposal of those vehicles, whether that's turning it in or securing the contracts.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, so Public Works is the one that keeps track of it?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes. That's their --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: -- that's underneath their kuleana.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then the tires and tubes situation. I mean, I don't want any, like, while we're on the Council, to have like a side tire situation going on. But you just estimate the cost of tires and tubes and auto parts and like that based on the previous year's purchases?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, correct.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. That's my follow-up question.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to clarify something that the Director was telling Member Sugimura. So the SRF Fund does not fund...loan does not have to go through the County, it can go directly to a private entity? Or quasi-private entity, I guess it would be considered? Director?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes. So yes, Member King. So just...yeah, so just to clarify, the SRF is not a County SRF loan. That would be private SRF loan between Department of Health and Mā'alaea.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because...so we don't have to put it in the Budget then, they can apply for it as a private entity directly to the State?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And I do recall you saying that it was an allowable use of the SRF Funds too, if it's...if it hooks up...if it hooks...because it would be a County entity, wouldn't it? It will be a County facility. Because I thought it had to be a County facility hooking up to a private facility in order to utilize the SRF Funds?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Chair. No, in this particular case, I know the Department of Health is working with Mā'alaea directly. So I'm almost positive that the Department of Health said that they could probably qualify to get their own SRF loan for it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So they can actually own that pump station, the pump facility?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes. And --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MR. NAKAGAWA: -- technically...I mean, not to go into details, but technically they're just subcontracting it out to a private entity. That's all it is.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because yeah, my understanding when I met with the SRF folks a year and a half ago is it had to be a County-owned facility hooking up...it could be hooking up to a private sewage facility, but it had to be a County-owned system hooking up. But you're saying, no, it can be a privately owned as long as they apply for that loan directly. Yes?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Are you asking...is that a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I just wanted to confirm that --

MR. NAKAGAWA: Oh. Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- and I'm happy to work with you and with them off...so we don't have to put this into the Budget then.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: All right.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Anyone else want to follow up on Wastewater? Okay. I have a quick follow up for mine. One, a follow up on the questions that were submitted, that was question ten under Operations regarding the mail folding and stuffing machine. And so you said that the old machine only folded, it didn't stuff. So before...so currently, is there someone that stuffs it, or how does the stuff get into the envelope?

MR. AGAWA: Chair, this is under Solid Waste.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

MR. AGAWA: Do you still want to pursue the question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no. It's okay. It's okay. Sorry. I'll hold that question. And then under Administration Program, the Program Budget, page 143, goal one, objective two, initiate new programs to promote sustainability and the number of programs initiated. And so for FY'22, you proposed two new programs. Would you please explain what those two new programs are and how they will help you achieve goal number one. And if you want to get back to me on that later, I'm okay with that too.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. So for the number two new programs, one is with the EP&S Division, and it's to work on a new website and the green grants . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . program. The other is we put in as a placeholder in case a new program comes up. That would be the second one. So for now, just one under EP&S.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, Members. We'll now move to Solid Waste Administration Program, Solid Waste Operations, and Solid Waste CIPs. I'll put five minutes on the clock, and it's 11:51, so we can...we'll do this, and then we'll break for lunch, and then we can come back and finish off with EP&S. Okay? Member Sugimura, followed by Member Paltin, and then we'll go to Pro Tem Kama.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So under Program Book 163, in general, you talk about your Department or that Division. And I know that in previous conversations or previous budget deliberations, I guess, fiscal years, we had discussions about the closed...six closed landfills, and it's listed here Phase I and Phase II. I'm just wondering how we're doing on those...the landfills. That was a big concern at some point. Do we still have an ongoing problem under control?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Thank you. Thank you for the question. I wouldn't say we have any ongoing problems. I would say we're under control with operations and maintenance of those facilities. We have recently completed a pretty significant rehabilitation of all of the closed landfills . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So we are working with the Department of Health to get certified closure and decrease the amount of regulatory compliance that we have there. So I'd say we're in good shape and moving forward in the right direction.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Very good. Thank you very much. Sorry I used the wrong terminology. I just wanted us to be on track, and if we can help you, let us know. And then the question that I had, I think Michele answered regarding the solid waste premium pay. And I want to look more into it because if I look at the Budget, the details, like on page...so talking about Central Maui landfill, Hāna, Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi, Wailuku, Makawao, Lāhainā, on pages 5-69, 70, it...it talks about details of premium pay. Comes out to...I think it was, like, 700,000, but I...I don't see it in...in category A because I guess it's all merged together. So that's another question, I guess, that...I guess the...I guess what the...is...is...is from what I understand from what the Director said is that the...the premium pay has been merged into category A for wages. So it's not readily available to be seen in the program booklet, but in the Budget details, this is what the premium pay is designated, as listed on those pages; is that correct?

MR. AGAWA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Give me an example?

MR. AGAWA: Okay. Yeah. So Chair, I'll...I'll give you...I'll give everybody a...like a real laymen's term of what happens.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. AGAWA: So as you get...so this is for HGEA, right? So every two years they do a contract, right? So in '21, we didn't know what the anticipated final range is going to be, so we input a lump sum for everybody at a salary adjustment, anticipating...you kind of know what it is, you just haven't signed it. Now in Fiscal Year '22, because we already know exactly what they are, those allocations are given to individual...as you can see, the individual *(audio interference)*. So now, because we're going to be in negotiations again because it ends in two months, right, next year probably we're going to have another anticipated, and then the following year you'll have exact amounts. So all it is is really a placeholder because we kind of anticipate what it is,

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but it hasn't been signed into law yet. So just to keep everybody like a real...that's a laymen's term of what's happening, but we don't know what it is, but we kind of know, so we put it in, then the following year we know exactly because it's actually *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But because it's every two years, we need to always keep up, yeah? And I believe in the past there was a former Chair, Riki Hokama's idea of...and we kind of know what it's going to be. So instead of always having to try to make the budget work, we just sort of placeholder it. Just kind of FYI.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So that's what...that explains that. And then on your program booklet, when you talk about the...oh, I'm sorry, wrong...this is EPN...EP&S. That's it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(Audio interference)*, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin, then Pro Tem Kama.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I had a...kind of a general question about systems and the pandemic. You know, I...so my assumption is that when the shutdown was going on, there was a lot less rubbish being processed because there were less people on the island and amenities and whatnot. And you know, like, a surface level view would make you think that probably we saved some, but then I think that the tipping fees and the cost for processing that rubbish goes into the system as a whole, so it may have ended up in us losing out and maybe having to pay from the General Fund. And I just was wondering, like, is our system set up for transitioning to the type of circular economies where we have less waste and still be able to fund and process the waste we have in an efficient manner or...I don't know if...if that came across...across clear enough.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Member Paltin. Yeah, it was a good question. Certainly, we don't have the economy or scale that we normally would have if the tonnages were equivalent to a standard year. But certainly, we manage the incoming tonnages as it comes in and all of our landfills effectively. I don't know, was there a second part to your question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Like if we were able to significantly decrease the landfilling that we do as a community and as a...a tourist destination, would it cause problems for your program because you run on the costs of disposal? Is that...I mean, is that not our goal to...to decrease landfilling, but then would that jeopardize your program if there's a significant decrease in landfilling?

MR. AGAWA: What it does is that would reduce our revenues that...that handle, you know, a majority of solid waste funding. To combat that for FY'21 and '20, we reduced and trimmed where we could, we delayed some operations and maintenance projects so

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that we could still manage to do without additional Budget Amendment. So we've successfully been able to do that so far.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And the testifier's question regarding animal carcass, did you have any plans moving forward to address large amounts of animal carcass or, you know, even like fish emulsion, animal...fish carcass, animal...fish emulsion. Sorry.

MR. AGAWA: Good question. Yeah, assuming we get the...the \$100,000 CIP Study, we would fold that into that CIP to look at various options for carcass disposal and/or composting. Composting's a little more challenging, of course, because there is...it is considered a...a...a medical-type waste with blood. So we would fold that into that CIP.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then I guess I'll ask Member Rawlins-Fernandez, who does the stuffing for the...the stuffing and folding?

MR. AGAWA: Good question. Currently we all kind of take part in that. We got two bills cycles a year, and it's a very laborious task. So not only do we need a new folder, but we kind of made a decision to be most efficient and save money to get the stuffing system attached to it.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, nice. So everybody takes turns stuffing then. That's good teamwork. Okay.

MR. AGAWA: Yeah.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Come join us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. And I heard Director in...Director Nakagawa's invitation to join them for their stuffing parties. As...as long as you provide food and drink, we'll be there. No, just kidding. Just kidding. Mahalo, Member Paltin, for asking my question. So I'm...I'm really happy to hear that it'll be saving the Department overall. I'm in. I'm in. Let me know, date and time. Okay. Pro Tem Kama, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair. I have no questions for Solid Waste. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Johnson, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Greetings again, Directors, Chiefs. I just had a...a clarifying question in regards to the memorandum of understanding that I asked...in regards to Pūlama Lānaʻi and the...the discounts you have for them. You said you...in...you get, like, a cover, a land cover, or...can you explain what that is? Is literally, like, plastic...I mean, what's the cover?

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MR. AGAWA: No problem. As part of our DOH permit, we have to cover the trash by six inches of earthen material every day. So we're required to put that cover material on at every landfill, no matter what. So this works out as a really good win-win. For us, I believe we're getting, you know, a really good, you know rate on the landfill cover as compared to our cost for the MSW, the Municipal Solid Waste, they drop off. So it's a regulatory requirement to cover.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So it's just dirt? And then, where do you get it from? Do you get it...do you have to have a certain quality?

MR. AGAWA: It's...it's two and a half inch minus material. It can be made up of dirt, earthen material, little bit of clay. The better the mixture, the...the...the better, but various components like that can be used for covering material. And to our knowledge, Pūlama Lānaʻi is the only supplier of cover material for us on Lānaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you for that. And just one more question. Do you have any other memorandums of understanding with other large landowners, or is it particular to this island?

MR. AGAWA: Not to my knowledge, off the top of my head. We have various easements and things of that nature, or there's shared land for shared access and things like that. Certainly could look into that more. We may have...we have a...quite a bit of acreage of land, but no...no other MOUs that I'm aware of on Lānaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You have...I just meant in regards to, say, Maui or Molokaʻi, you know, like large landowners as well? They...you're...only Lānaʻi you have this MO...MOU, right?

MR. AGAWA: Yes, to my knowledge.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. *(audio interference)*, Member Johnson. Member King, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, is...is it...is...is it Mike that's there? On solid waste, my first question was how many years is this next...the next phase of the landfill that we purchased and that you currently are working on preparing? How many years is that phase expected to last?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Phase 3A is expected to last...give us an extra four years and Phase --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- 3B...go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, so are we already looking at where we're going to go beyond there? Because, you know, we missed that opportunity to buy the...the adjacent land to the...the landfill section that we're closing down, and I just wanted to make sure that we're looking at...looking ahead this time, and not missing the opportunity.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct. Beyond Phase 3A we have Phase 3D, which will give us an additional six years of capacity. So we're looking solid for six years, and then we're actively looking at additional land purchasing as we speak now in our longer range planning.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. And then on...on top of that, are we also looking at ways to reduce...it kind of makes me...gives me heartburn that we're now putting green waste and grease trap back into the landfill, and it looks like it's going to be a while until the next phase is prepared. But can we reduce that by outsourcing the green waste? You know, we've got some green waste composting, that one pilot project. We've got some people that are trying to do it on their own and struggling. And, you know, it...it...it's a lot of stuff that goes in there if we just landfill green waste. And, you know, I just...I think there's so much other use for especially composting. So you...you came, you know, the...the presentation to the CARE Committee, you know what...in the last month was...included astronomical cost for recycling and the materials that go into the landfill, and it looked like they were, like, five to ten times as much as they've been before. So does it help to have the green waste sources throughout the communities?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Certainly we share your concern for this, and it's not anything that we would have envisioned to...to be in this situation where we are now. That said, we do have the \$100,000 CIP that's going to be a comprehensive look at green waste and biosolids, so we're looking forward to that. In the meantime, the public can pick up green waste mulch at CML through EKO currently, when they have that available. So that is diverting from the landfill currently, but we're looking at a much more comprehensive soilage, green waste, biosolids, fog program as soon as possible, with that CIP alternatives that we're going to be looking at soon.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And then hopefully that can expand the...the intended life...the next phase of landfill. And then my other question, I'm not sure if it's a solid waste, but it came up with the Director's report that you were looking at a warehouse facility in Kihei. And I'm not sure if that's just for solid waste or if that's the Department, but --

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- that's...if that's an imminent project, is there a way we can combine that with the consolidated base yard with...for Public Works and...and Parks so that we're not...you know, we're not creating all these separate entities, and we can work together?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you recall if that was for wastewater or solid waste?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I don't. I just remember the Director talking about it in the...in the...when he was answering the questions. There was a...I wrote it down because he mentioned a warehouse facility in Kihei.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that's a good question. That's...that's part of our...our wastewater CIP. They need to protect our...our portable pumps --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and...and things, and we want to build a building to get those in. Right now they sit out in the sun. We've tried tents and they work for a year or two, and then the sun just deteriorates them.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So that's what we're looking at now.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well I...I appreciate that. Sorry, I didn't mean...I would have asked it last time and I didn't realize it was a solid...you didn't mention that it was for Wastewater but, yeah, if there's a way that you can consolidate that warehouse with Public Works and Parks Department so that we...because they're looking at a consolidated base yard between those two departments. Maybe that...maybe adding the third department would make it much more efficient, get it done quicker, if that's possible. I just wanted to make that suggestion. Would you...would be into...would you be open to looking at that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, so we'd be open to talking with them, trying to do something together.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. That's all the questions I have, Chair. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . Good thing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing. Okay. Chair Lee, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Chair Lee, for being so expeditious. I just have one general question for the Department. Your refuse trucks, I'm most fascinated with these one-arm mechanical things. We're getting good

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value, yeah, out of these trucks. And what is the replacement...is it, like, every ten years, like other vehicles? And these trucks are not spending a lot of time in the...in the shop, I assume, with regular maintenance. And if you could tell us what...what's...what our inventory is right now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's a loaded question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can get back to you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No problem. Yeah, first of all, it is much more efficient to do automated versus manual. We have one man or woman driving that vehicle versus a crew of three for our manual trucks. Still need some manual trucks for some of the inner streets and...and whatnot. They do go in the shop on a pretty routine basis. Public Works has done a great job of maintaining those on a pretty high priority level for us, but it's a very abusive type of equipment and very, you know, just at the nature of how it works, but we do have a sufficient supply. We...we do ask for replacements, you know, in our budget cycle years, but the lifespan on those is not very long, probably around 7 into 12 years, give or take. That's about industry standard for those trucks.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great. Thank...thank you for that information. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. You know, all the Members are being so expeditious I think, you know, lunch...lunch is calling us. Yeah? Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And I just have a couple questions for the Solid Waste Division. The first one was, has the memorandum of agreement been signed with the applicants of the Hāna landfill pilot project yet?

MR. AGAWA: I can answer that question. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. So right now we are still in talks with the developer of the technology. This is about the third iteration of the MOU that we've been working on with Solid Waste reviewing it. The next step is to submit it to Corp. Counsel for the legal review, and then we go back to the developer to see if they're agreeable to the MOU at this...this...at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo, Deputy Director. And then my second question is...and a status update of the Hāna landfill office trailer that was budgeted in this...this current Budget.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Thank you for the question. Yeah. We're currently completing the specifications and bid package for that, so we should be going out to bid within the next, actually weeks, to...to a month or so. And we intend to...it's a smaller project for the trailer portion, but the PV system, that is a bigger portion of that job for the alternative energy there, will take the project into...probably be completed in about one year's time.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo for that. And Mr. Ratte...and, specifically, I know at a previous committee meeting we talked about additional funding for a...of a storage structure down at the...the landfill because a lot of their equipment down there has been left out in the...in the rain and in the...and the islet. So I remember that having...but I don't see that in...in this current Budget about a...the storage structure and maintenance down at the landfill. Was that...that originally included in the Budget for this year?

MR. RATTE: Yes, thank you for the...thank you for the question. It...it was in the initial drafts of the...of our Budget for FY'22 for Hāna as well as Lānaʻi. It is not in the current budget right now. Cost on those, I believe, was about \$200,000 and those were --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

MR. RATTE: -- hoop structures, tent structures that can keep the equipment out of the rain, and also allow for some maintenance on site because there is currently no available facilities like that in Hāna or...or Lānaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Any reason why these were not included in this year's Budget?

MR. RATTE: I would...I would say that just because of the current nature of...of fiscal frugality and...and tightness of the Budget and decreased revenues, I believe that it was deemed as a cost savings measure to delay those projects.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, we were just thinking about all that expensive equipment being left out in the...you know, and the rain and great cost effective tool when it's not going to last as *(audio interference)*. Thank you. Thank you for that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. And just...I...I notice that Channel 53 is...is frozen, just in case anyone is watching our meeting on TV. And just really quickly, I just...I just have one question, and that's regarding the multi-landfill cover. Who do you buy the cover from, if you do buy cover, and how much is it?

MR. RATTE: I don't have the actual amount right now. It goes out to bid and I wouldn't have the supplier currently right now. I apologize for that. We can get that information back to you though.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Yeah, I can talk story with the Department about this later. I was just...Member Johnson made me think of that because you...you said that Lānaʻi...the Department pays \$39 per ton *(audio interference)* Molokaʻi one. And Central Maui landfill, that's our...that's County property that we . . .*(inaudible)*. . . right?

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MR. RATTE: I do have rough costs...for cover material in our last fiscal year was just over 200,000, but we can certainly provide the winning bidder that is supplying it now and what the cost per ton is for that. We also, just to add, we do tarping there as well. Per DOH permit, we can cover with tarp certain amount of days per week to save on that cover material as well. We do that at all landfills.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ratte. Okay. Those are all the questions that I have. Members, do you have any follow-up questions for Solid Waste? Member Paltin, you going to stand in the way for our lunch? Just kidding. Go ahead. You got two minutes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I just wanted to follow up since it didn't come up. One of the Members' priorities was an audit of Solid Waste along the lines of making landfills pay for themselves or something like that, and I just would...was wondering if you would be in support, opposed to, or don't really care about an audit like that?

MR. RATTE: Yes, thank you. I think we do internal evaluations amongst the Department in conjunction with our budget and rates and fees to try to get closer to self-funding status. We did reach it in 2019, briefly, and I think for FY'22's budget, it...probably about 11 percent subsidized by the General Fund with our current Mayor's Budget submittal. But we would welcome, you know, assistance, support, or studies in that area if that's something that Council and Administration, you know, agree is a good idea to be self-funded, then it's...there will be impacts to rates and fees and various things of that nature or efficiencies. But certainly, we would support that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Anyone else want to stand in the way of lunch? Just kidding. Anyone else have questions? Feel free to ask, I'm just...I'm just playing. Okay. Everyone wants to touch their head right now. Okay. Don't touch your head because I'm going to think you're raising your hand. All right. So looks...it looks like no one else has any follow-up questions. So we'll...we'll break for lunch, and then we'll return at 1:45. Is that okay with everyone? Okay. Awesome. Okay. So when we return, we'll continue with our rounds of questions for EP&S --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Question, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and we'll do five minutes with follow up...I'm...I'm sorry?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Question. Is Solid Waste and Wastewater done and just EP&S left, or...or we continue with anything with Solid Waste and Wastewater?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good question. Okay. So it looks like...so we're going to go with rates and fees if Members have any questions on those, and then we have four priorities from the Members. And it looks like it's...it might be wastewater, and then there's recycled water. I think Solid Waste might be pau. I don't see any follow up for Solid Waste, but there...there's some...there's some questions on wastewater.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think there's rates and fees for both wastewater and solid waste.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So, sorry. We'll have the two Chiefs again. Okay. And I see a thumbs up from the Director. Okay. Okay. So we'll see you all back after lunch at 1:45, and then we'll do EP&S, and then we'll go straight into rates and fees and then Members' priorities. Okay? All right. It's 12:22 on April 7th, and the Budget, Finance, And Economic Development Committee will return at 1:45. We are now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 12:22 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:48 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 1:48 on April 7th, and we are reviewing the Department of Environmental Management. And the next program we have is the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Program. And I have five minutes on the clock, and we'll start off with the subject matter Committee Chair, Member King, and then we'll go to Member Paltin, and we'll start off with Member Kama and then work our way down. Member King, ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I'm ready. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Okay. I...the box is really small, but I'm looking for Tamara Farnsworth. Hi. Good to see you. Thanks for being here. My first question is, there are two recycling positions that have not...we understand have not been authorized to be filled and when...when...that was one of the questions that was sent to you ahead of time, and the Director said that they were needed. So what would you do with those positions if you got those filled, given the fact that we're not really doing that much recycling on island right now? Can you share that with us? You're muted.

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay. Okay. System in check. Okay. Can you hear me now?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yep, we can hear you.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay. Those two recycling program assistant positions are actually for the abandoned vehicles and metals program. And so those two positions would help us to administer further services in the . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Program by helping to

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provide towing services, as well as a lot more presence in the field. So one of those would be dedicated, for the most part, to field work, and going out and checking on vehicles as the...you know, checking on public inquiries, checking on the police reports, and kind of just filling in the blanks, and for holds that...that would help to facilitate faster pick up of the vehicle.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So they would do enforcement as well, and...and so you'd be able to cover more ground, get more vehicles --

MS. FARNSWORTH: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- towed?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. And then my other question is about the...the composting programs. And you and I had talked about the, you know, compote, the Kihei Composting program. I'm hoping to get that funded in this Budget, and I did talk to the gentleman that you and I discussed who has worked on his compliance issues. So he should be fully compliant by then. But would he need...would we need to put additional monies in your grant or...I know you said you had tried to give him a grant once before. So is that money already in there if it's, say, the same amount that we gave to the Lāhainā side, which was \$150,000?

MS. FARNSWORTH: I...thank you. I...I believe you're referring to the priority proposals?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Right? So if that went through, that would be additional monies to...to what we already have budgeted, and we would work with that...that vendor to submit a proposal for the proposed work, or I...I...I think that we had discussed tipping fee waivers for residents, and that it would go through that. Is that what the monies would be provided for?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, it would...it...probably slightly different than what you and I talked about, but just...just --

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I just wanted to know if...if your...so your current grant fund is fully subscribed in your...in...from your office?

MS. FARNSWORTH: No, we had actually not submitted...solicited proposals yet for recycling grants because we wanted to make sure that we were going to receive the monies before we solicit the grants this year because we know it's very tight. \$150,000 would be more than half of that.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Of...of what we have already budgeted for recycling grants. So it would be very significant, and I...we...we will definitely have to consider that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you for that. And then your...your...you know, and your environmental grant program used to be quite a bit over \$1 million. So did that money get moved to another section? Used to come out of EP&S, the...and the...I believe the Maui Nui Marine Recycling grants that were for a water...you know, those...those all came out of your grant, or used to be in your grant, your office, I thought.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. Okay. My apologies. I was *(audio interference)* about our...our recycling grant program specifically for recycling grants or . . .*(inaudible)*. . . grants, which is \$239,500. It's in our recycling program budget. We also do run the Mālama Maui Nui Grants. We have generally provisoed monies for that that are separate than what I was just discussing.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. All right. I think that's all the questions I have for you then. Thank you so much, and we'll...thanks for all the...all...all the work you're doing, Tamara--Farnsworth. You too...you too, Ms. Paltin, but I was talking to Tamara Farnsworth. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(Audio interference)*, Member King. And now for the...Tamara Paltin. Member Paltin, you ready?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Ready.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So my understanding is that the County only can remove...or can easily only remove off of, like, public lands. And when it's all stocked up on private lands or whatever, then you guys don't have the authority to remove it; is that correct?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. If you're referring to abandoned vehicles, well, in general, that is correct.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I just was wondering, you know, some constituents are telling me about various properties, and they said they're calling, but nothing's happening. And then we deduced that it was on privately owned land, but it's still kind of a hazard that they were concerned about. And I just was wondering, like, when that occurs...when people start complaining about abandoned vehicles on privately owned land, do you, like, assist folks, or take the next step to, you know, see if it's a zoning violation? Because in my recollection, there was a situation on Lānaʻi and, like, the owners actually ended up having to sell the property to pay the fines. And I just was wondering if there's anything like that going on throughout the County, where people are using various properties as abandoned vehicle dump, and we're not going to be

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removing it because it's not public lands, but it's like a environmental hazard. Do you follow up with zoning and enforcement about, like, you know, maybe a zoning violation?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. There are two options that we could take when we learn of...of this type of issue. First is we could report it to the Department of Health, to Solid Waste and...Solid Hazardous Waste. They're the ones who...who have jurisdiction in that area. The other is there's the...there's the beautification law, which Public Works administers, and we have worked with them to let them know in some cases where there was an issue like this. So we do sometimes, depending on our understanding or, you know, or...or the...how serious it may be, we...we sometimes do help to report that, but we also just suggest to folks because they have most knowledge in these cases about what they have witnessed that we refer them to the actual agency who...who...who have jurisdiction there.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then if it's on State lands like, you know, the area by the on-ramp for the bypass, just makai of that area is kind of filling up with...far as...I'm not sure if they're abandoned or if they're homes, but if it's on State lands, what...what actions are taken?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. We actually work on State lands, generally. Unless DLNR has specifically told us that they would like to take care of that, such as up Polipoli, that area, they...they prefer to...to take care of it themselves. We generally work on State lands and State highways. So I'm not aware of that particular area, so we can look more into it.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. Well, I'm not sure if it's abandoned vehicles or finding --

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- mobile homes, so...

MS. FARNSWORTH: Right.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Not sure.

MS. FARNSWORTH: That's the sort of thing that we would ask folks to report it to the police, and then they could investigate further and make those determinations.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then just wondering, I was a little confused...are...are we allowed to ask questions on the rates and fees proposal, or is that not now? I guess my...my question is about the \$50 per vehicle administrative fee for abandoned vehicles. Looks like it's now \$25 per vehicle? But I thought residents could do two free vehicles per year.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Right. So thank you. I think that there's a distinction between the Junk Vehicle program, which is...doesn't have an administrative fee. The

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administrative fee refers to when somebody abandons their vehicle, and they're trying to either claim it or pay their outstanding charges. That's what that...that administrative fee is for.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. So that's not, like, if you want to dispose of your vehicle?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Correct. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And that's my time. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing. And welcome back, Member Sinenci and Member Sugimura. Hope you had a good lunch. And my apologies, Member Sinenci did let me know ahead of time that he was going to be a little late returning to the meeting. My apologies. Okay. So we're going to Pro Tem Kama, and then Member Sugimura. Pro Tem Kama, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Chair. I'm on page 171 at the top, the position titles. So you had 4.5 or .10 Staff in 2019, then you ended up with six Staff, and now you're back down to four and a half. What happened to that one and a half staffer? Was it one person, two people, or is it two halves?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. What happened is they...we have reallocated the funding for those positions to the disposable vehicle fund because they are specifically working on vehicle issues. So the account will...the accounts three position it's going to half...be half --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MS. FARNSWORTH: -- funded by that --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MS. FARNSWORTH: -- because she'll be working on...on a lot of their accounts. And then the other position, the recycling . . .*(inaudible)*. . . is actually our abandoned vehicles coordinator, who...she only works with vehicles. So that's...that is where those...that funding went. So we still will have six.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Okay. And then on page 172 under the County grant subsidy details, we have four programs under there. Do you have plans to maybe expand that to other programs in the future?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Currently we...we don't have specific plans, but we are always looking to see how we can continue to serve the public, you know, and...and support good innovative environmental programs. I will say, the Green Grants Program, we didn't have Staff to learn that yet. So that's actually --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

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MS. FARNSWORTH: -- going to be an expansion this year.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay. Oh, great. Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Tem Kama. Member Sugimura, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: *(Audio interference)* you. So thank you for your good work, Tamara, and I just want to ask you about your Tire Program. I don't think it's in here because I think you were developing it, and wondered if you needed help with it? I mean, financial support with it.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. To be honest, we haven't done too much work yet. We...it's definitely something in Fiscal '22 we're going to look...we...we want to find how we can...how we can develop a...a program that can help people to dispose of their tires safely and properly, and not dump them. But we...we're not sure how we're going to do that, but it's absolutely one of our priorities and on...high on our radar.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. So once a month, I help the Pulehu Road Posse, which is a community group, and we go and clean our community, and we always find tires on the side of the road. So I look forward to hearing about that when you're ready, and that's my only question. This is a...we're in a pandemic, flat budget. So I'm assuming that things you have in here are basically what you need. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Johnson, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Chair. Good afternoon, Directors, Chiefs. Just a couple of short questions for you. On page 163 of the Budget proposal binder, it...it mentioned about the lifespan of all of the landfills. Lānaʻi is 12 years; Lānaʻi does not have a recycle program right now. Is there a formula you guys use for if there is a recycle program, then you extend X amount of years or a certain percentage? Is there any way to kind of guesstimate in the future that if we did get a recycle program on Lānaʻi or any other areas, does that...does that...do you have a...of...of...solid formula to...to explain how long you can extend your life of your landfill?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you for that question. I think we're going to...Mike Ratte from Solid Waste can...can partially answer that.

MR. RATTE: Yeah. Regarding the landfill life expectancy, we do EPS analysis on a routine basis to determine what the remaining life is, and then we do design of expansion, lateral expansions, for landfills based on remaining useful life. To answer the question about when would that trigger recycling, currently it's not really combined *(audio interference)*

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MS. FARNSWORTH: Are you...I...it's not that it would trigger recycling. I think it's...just to clarify the question. You're asking if we were to set up recycling, say on Lānaʻi, would that...would that extend the life of the landfill?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. And do you --

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- do you know how long, like, *(audio interference)*

MS. FARNSWORTH: It's a tough one. We haven't made...I don't believe we've made those calculations. We more do a diversion rate. But the tonnages, really...our...I don't think they're significant enough to...to...to give years to the landfills *(audio interference)* capacity. Would you agree with that?

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: But we can get back to you because again, we don't really have specific members on that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Thank you, Department. I appreciate your...your answers. I don't have any further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Chair Lee, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Tamara, I just have questions on the abandoned vehicles and junk vehicles. The...that's where I have...like, 50 percent of the complaints that come to my office are those. So are we constrained by the capacity of where the vehicles are taken, there's not that much more room, or by the limitation of your personnel? To increase...you know, increase removal of these vehicles and disposal of these.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. Thank you. I think that there is...it's...we...we have storage capacity, it's not that. The system does require us and...and our regular notions *(phonetic)* require us that there is a time span between when it's marked, between *(audio interference)* and when we tow it. What it...if and when we do get more personnel, we'll have a little bit more ability to address some of the vehicles more quickly, particularly the ones in question. They only need to be cleaned out. We could, you know, expedite that a little bit. I...I would say not so much a budgeting issue as it is there are just some bottlenecks in the system that looks...we...we need to continue working to address and continue to improve the systems, and...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can you --

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- can you be more specific on the bottlenecks? Are those administrative?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Sometimes we...there is a little bit of a delay with the police reports when they mark the vehicles, and when they submit the reports, and then when they are approved and then sent to our office. There's various reasons is my understanding for that. Sometimes, you know, there's vehicles that are filled with trash that then...we then need to go hire some...or we have a...a vendor who cleans them out, but that could be a few days. So once the police reports reach our office, we work very hard to ensure that they are towed within 48 hours, unless it's in Hāna, and then it's 78 hours. But it...we do...there are sometimes delays even after we get that because we have to clean it out, it's boxed in...there are different reasons why we may not be able to tow some vehicles immediately.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, Ms. Farnsworth. First, let me start by saying mahalo and thank you to you, the Department, as well as Public Works and Park for creating the partnership for the cleanup out there are at the Hamakualoa open space area in Ha'ikū. The community really, really appreciates it. I just have a clarification question. Members, under Budget details, sub-object code 919735B, page 5-95. This is the \$200,000 increase for the abandoned vehicles. What's the purpose? Is it a Countywide purpose, or...or will it be for...are there some other specific use? If you could clarify that for me, Ms. Farnsworth?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay. Mahalo. So that \$200,000 is really a...is a reallocation from another index code so that we can basically...we were defunded to some extent in that area. So we needed to replenish that...those...those monies in order to continue the program, the two contracts that we already have in place that are funded by that particular index...that area.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MS. FARNSWORTH: So if we could --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, go ahead, continue. I'm sorry.

MS. FARNSWORTH: I was just going to say it's for Whitebridge (*phonetic*) Recycling and for the Moloka'i and Lāna'i, Hāna metal cleanups. Those were...those...those are the continuing programs that that's going to continue to support.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great, Tamara. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair, and aloha, Ms. Farnsworth. I just...following up with other Members' questions. So updates, status updates, on when the County towing services will be enacted for the...the Junk Vehicle Program?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you for that question. It's very concerning to us as well. We, unfortunately, have had some staffing issues. We've had somebody out on leave since January, the person who was actually developing that program. And so we're....we're...we're...we...facing more delays. Having said that, I will say that we are looking at now if, you know, trying to find out...determine how we can look to doing some type of cleaning up for Hāna because we know that there's an issue there, and the towing services have been delayed. We are still looking to get that launched by the end of this fiscal year. Unfortunately, we're...we just have very few Staff who are able to focus on it, and there's a lot of details that need to be ironed out before we...we launch that program.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Would it be possible to...or do you normally RFP those services out to private companies?

MS. FARNSWORTH: It's...we do...I'm not sure...you mean the...the...the coordination of that program? We would...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, I see. But the towing would go out to private towers, yeah?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Oh, yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. FARNSWORTH: That's what...what's what we're doing for future.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that. And then any status updates on the next metals collection? I know we had bank (*phonetic*) staffing shortfalls as well.

MS. FARNSWORTH: You're...I'm actually meeting with the vendor this week to discuss how we can move forward as quickly as possible to provide another collection event in Hāna.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Farnsworth. And then we can discuss at a later time just more ideas about different recycling programs in the future. Thank you.

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .(*inaudible*). . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Mahalo, Ms. Farnsworth. My first question is in the Program Budget on page 168 and 169. It's for the key activities and goals. Goal number two, objective two, and goal number two, objective three, coordinating collection and recycling events for Lānaʻi and Hāna for wet goods, batteries, tires, vehicles. How are these materials collected on Molokaʻi, and can a goal be added to include events on Molokaʻi?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Thank you. Those types of materials are actually collected at the metal facility at the landfill on an ongoing basis. I think we actually removed that measure because, you know, it...it . . .*(inaudible)*. . . would be sort of static because we collect them regularly. So that's why that's no longer a goal or objective, and...yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then my last question, just...my other questions were already asked and answered. Good job, Members. Does the EP&S program still anticipate hitting target goal measures despite the program decrease of \$3.639 million? You think that was moving some of the funds, yeah?

MS. FARNSWORTH: I'm not...can you please repeat the question? I'm not...I'm not quite sure what you're asking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the Program Budget on page 168 and 169, the program target goal measure of...with the *(audio interference)* Okay. I think...I think I know the answer to my question. Okay. That's okay. Okay. *(Audio interference)* answer my own questions. Okay. Members, does anyone else have questions for EP&S?

MS. FARNSWORTH: My apologies. I was...my Director was asking a question. One more time, please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I'm pau. I was just checking to see if the Members had any additional questions for you, and I don't see any hands. So I think we're...we've completed this...reviewing the program, all the programs. So we'll...we'll do review of the rates and fees. And since we have Ms. Farnsworth, what...we can start at the back. Okay. So if Members have your Appendix B, Rates and Fees, EP&S is on page 8, yeah. Start from page 8 *(audio interference)* and there's an increase of landfill disposal unit charge from \$36 to \$40, \$40 per ton for uncontaminated green waste; and then from \$30 to \$40 per ton for grease trap waste contaminated cooking.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Yes, thank you. The reason that we had proposed an increase in fees is because the cost of disposing of both of these materials has gone up because of the new processes that we have. So this is going to help to...to somewhat cover some of the increase in the cost. Oh, the other thing I wanted to mention is that we neglected to increase...so these increases are for the scaled loads that come in. We also have interim fees for unscaled loads, such as...because we don't have a scale at...in Hāna, we don't have a scale in Lānaʻi, or if the scales went down at Molokaʻi or at Central Maui landfill. So we did need to object also, those internal fees, which were not reflective in this version of the draft, but we do have...we do have increases for each of those proportionally. Underneath, if you see the Interim-C Schedule, Category 1

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through 6, we do have updated fee increases for...for those as well, which we can submit to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Farnsworth. While we wait for those increase [sic], do you...do you have them in front of you?

MS. FARNSWORTH: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The...the increase...would you mind going over what they will be?

MS. FARNSWORTH: No problem. Okay. So for Category-I, it would be \$32 increased to \$35. For Category-II, \$53 increased to \$57. For Category-III, \$78 increased to \$85. Category-IV, \$86 increased to \$93. Category-V, \$138 increased to \$150. For Category-VI, there's four types, and so the first type, Number-1, is \$203 increased to \$221. Number-2, \$308 increased to \$335. Number-3, \$351 increased to \$385. And Number-4, \$164 increased to \$178. And those are all based on a weight to...volume-to-weight conversion average rate.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For vehicles.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Based on the vehicle type, and how much we...based on our...our understanding of how much that volume weighs.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Oh, I think the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I will transmit that to the Committee as the Proposed Rates and Fees.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. And then I'll...I'm going to go over all the changes in the Rates and Fees, and then ask the rationale, and the projected increase in revenue --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and any potential impact that it could have on external...external factors. So the...the next is on...we'll go to page 4, yeah. That is Sewer Fund. Oh...okay, there's Mr. Rollins. Okay, and then there's an increase to residential monthly rates from \$32.50 to \$35, which is the single-family and duplex dwelling monthly base charge. And then single-family and duplex dwelling not served by County water, flat rate per dwelling is \$62.75 currently, to \$64. And then condominiums monthly base charge, \$32.50 to \$35. Multi-family dwellings not served by County water, flat rate from 50...\$50.25 to \$50.50. Other per month...per dwelling

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unit, Hali'imaile from \$17 to...\$17.25 to \$18. And residential care homes from \$92.31 to \$93.50. And then monthly use charge, nonresidential, monthly base \$19.75 to \$21. Without irrigation meter rate, commercial, from \$640 to \$670. Hotels from \$830 to \$845. You can do this faster, Mr. Rollins. You can take over. . . .*(laughing)*. . . In...in the industrial restaurant food service establishment, commercial and restaurant food service establishment, from \$1,070 to \$1,080. U.S. Government, State and County, all, and religious, from \$640 to \$670. With irrigation meter rate, commercial, \$875 to \$9 *[sic]*. Hotels from \$1,180 to \$12 *[sic]*. Industrial restaurant food service establishment from \$1,470 to \$15 *[sic]*, and then U.S. Government, State, County, religious from \$875 to \$9 *[sic]*, and then Kualap'uu flat rate per month, \$62.75 to \$64. And then private septic disposal, \$112.25 to \$115. And then Solid Waste, there were some increases. The interim fee schedule for landfill disposal fee, Category-I, increase of 50 cents. Category-II, an increase of a dollar. Category-III, an increase of \$2. Category-IV, increase of \$3. Category-IV *[sic]*, increase of \$4. Category-VI, commercial refuse-hauling trucks, one roll-off, from \$678 to \$684. Second...so that's noncompacted. Compacted, from \$1,046 to \$1,055.50. 42-cubic yard front end loader, from \$1,198 to \$1,208.50. And 20-cubic yard front end loader from \$565 to \$570. There will be a new green waste disposal fee at the Moloka'i Landfill of \$40. Those are all the new rates and fees, and so I'll ask the...the three questions that I have...had asked, and then you can...finish with Ms. Farnsworth about...so Ms. Farnsworth, explain the rationale, if you have the projected increase of revenue, and what the potential impact that Members should be aware of. And then we can go to Wastewater, and then Solid Waste.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Mahalo. I actually don't have that here, so I can...we can send that to you. We could calculate that. And I...and we haven't calculated the ones that I just submitted to you. I think, you know, any increase is going to have an impact on...on folks' bottom line, when...in commercial entities. However, the costs...the actual costs have gone up, and so we need to share...we need to share the burden of that cost. I'm not sure. It follows, then...it's like I said, it's going to affect the bottom of *[sic]* line of...of commercial entities. But this is --

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: Going towards a portion of the increased costs to the County --

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: -- for disposing of these materials.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Farnsworth. And I'm sorry, I should have asked those questions ahead of time, so that you could have come with those responses prepared. Wastewater? Mr. Rollins? Do you have that information? The

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rationale behind the increase, the projected increase in revenue, and any impacts that the...to the...that the Members should be aware of?

MR. ROLLINS: Thanks for the question. Can you hear me okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. ROLLINS: Thanks for the question. Yeah, so...so overall, after plugging this into our rate model, it came up with about a three percent across the board increase that will result in about a \$1.7 million increase in revenue. Most of that is due to our robust CIP program, with all the recycled water, et cetera, because that's what we'll need the monies for. It'll result in a...a...a \$2.50 increase, basically, for single-family homes, and multi-family, say, about the same; \$2.50 per month increase.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Rollins. Sorry, I think I'm frozen. Okay, and then Mr. Ratte?

MR. RATTE: Thank you, Council Chair. Yeah, for Solid Waste Division, this is more of a housekeeping measure. Very minimal increases, but they're due to a...a \$1 per ton increase that was added in FY'21's budget, and then the corresponding interim fees for the non-scaled wasn't increased. So this is more of a housekeeping...catching up to last year's rate at the scaled landfill. So for Category-I, -II, -III, and -IV, -V, -VI, those are just corresponding rates that would correspond to \$1 a ton increase. And for the Moloka'i Landfill, the green waste disposal fee, that \$40 is just to be consistent with all the green waste disposal fees throughout the County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ratte. Okay. Members, if you have any questions on Rates and Fees, I'll open up the floor for questions. Okay, we'll start with Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I was wondering about, like, when it says monthly use charge for the...the base charge for...for I guess this is sewer collections. What...what do you mean by nonresidential? Like, is...is it by tax class? Like, short-term rental, industrial, ag, or...I'm...I'm just...would like to know more.

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

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, Chair. So basically our wastewater charges are either residential, right, single-family, multi-family, or not. So all nonresidential is either commercial, restaurants, hotels, businesses.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then...so then, like, say, hotels without irrigation meter rate is going to be 8.45, and with irrigation, meter rate is 12. Is...that's per unit, per hotel, right?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just was wondering, what makes it different if they have irrigation or they don't have irrigation meter rate? And if they are connected to County water or they aren't connected to County water, why...why do we have a difference in rates?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, Chair. So the reason why, as you can imagine, if...if you have one meter servicing all of your lawn and your house, versus your house . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So we don't...you know, you have a certain rate, which is a lower rate, because we...the rates anticipate you'll be using some for irrigation. So similar to hotels, we do the same thing. But hotels use a lot more water, so they choose to put in an irrigation meter. So what we do, is we just eliminate that amount for the irrigation meter, and then we charge more, because you know, 100 percent of the water is going to the sewer on the non-irrigation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: The irrigation meter doesn't necessarily mean that they're using R1 water; they could be using potable water?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...and if they're on County water or a private purveyor, just wondering why there's a different rate.

MR. NAKAGAWA: That...there's...there's...can you point that...there's not a different rate, whether they're on a private water service. So like Ka'anapali, they have Hawai'i Water Service, and basically Hawai'i Water Service gives us their meter reader...meter readings, and we charge them the same rate as...as if it was County water. It's all waste, right, coming to us, and we don't care where the source. It's all waste. So maybe you could point out exactly where.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I got to look for it. Can you come back to me? Maybe I was mistaken.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Members, any other questions for the Department on Rates and Fees? Member King. Okay, you have three minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, thank you, Chair. I just had a question about the format because I'm...I...I don't know if I'm looking at the right thing. I'm looking at Exhibit B, but I don't see it listed in...I don't see the changes listed. I just see fee...the fees proposed. So you know, did we get a Ramseyer format? Maybe I'm not looking at the right document.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, it's right before the un-Ramseyered format. I...sorry, I found the one, it's...it's...when it says residential monthly rates, and then you come down, it says single-family and duplex dwellings not served by County water system per month, multi-family dwellings not served --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are you... sorry, Member Paltin, are you talking to me, or you finishing your question?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, well, I just was letting Director Nakagawa know where --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So I...I just...I...I'm trying to find. So you're saying that that whole document is before the...the...there's two copies of it in a document?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So there's a Ramseyer version that we received, and it has the colors, and...you know when you picked it up from OCS? So after the budget ordinance, if you flip to the end, right...it...the Ramseyer version is right after the budget bell...the ordinance. The budget ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Ordinance. I...I...I --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...and...and there's...and there's --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I apologize to --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- there's two copies. So there's one Ramseyer copy, and then right after the Ramseyer copy, there's another Appendix B, and that one doesn't have Ramseyer.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I didn't get anything from OCS when I picked up my Budget book, so maybe it was something that came in afterwards that I wasn't aware of. It's been sitting in my box --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Was it supposed to come --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- to us at the same time as --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- so...so every...so everyone would have gotten the Budget Ordinance. It's...it's a hard copy. Yvette made copies for everyone and put them all together, and put them with the Budget books. So whenever you picked up the Budget books, you would have picked up the stack of the Budget Ordinance and the appendices, all the appendices.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I...I...I can go through that because I didn't see that when I picked up these Budget books. And I was there on the weekend, so I didn't have anyone to talk to. So I'll go...I'll go back into the office and look for it. Thank you, though. I don't want to take any more time up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Member Paltin, do you want to finish asking your question? And then I'll see if any of the other Members have questions.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I...I found the information Director Nakagawa was asking about. Right under residential monthly rates, single-family and duplex dwellings served by County water system per dwelling unit, per month, is \$35, but single-family and duplex dwellings not served by County water system is \$64 per month. And then multi-family is \$51.50 flat rate per dwelling unit. So I just was wondering why, if it's County water, then it's cheaper.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One is flat rate and one is monthly base charge.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One is flat rate, yeah.

MR. NAKAGAWA: You're...you're on the mic.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That makes sense.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, do I got to --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then do you have the formula for the...the monthly base charge that it should be comparable for the not monthly base...not a flat rate? Is...there's...I mean, I'm assuming there's a formula that you use to come out with that flat rate.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, thank you. So Member Paltin, so yeah, so basically that falls under our rate model. So the...that's a flat-rate fee, right. So that all the people who we don't have water...cannot give a water reading, so they...they're given a flat-rate fee, whether it's a single-family or multi-family, and that comes...and usually that's compared to not the \$32, because the...or \$35 now, because the \$35, you add on your...your charge for volume, right? If you look below, so the average of that comes out to the \$75 that Division Chief Scott...Scott Rollins mentioned earlier, yeah. So it's \$75 versus the \$64.

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

MR. NAKAGAWA: So...maybe that clarifies it?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Chair Lee, I see your hand. I have three minutes on the clock for you. And Member King, Staff is going to send you the Ramseyer Rates and Fees right now via email for this Department, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I got it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, you got it. Okay, great. Okay. Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Let's see. The sewer fund, whoever's going to answer, I see there are modest increases in most of the categories. Is this your way of inching toward self-sufficiency, or is it strictly based on additional costs per month?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes. Thank you, Chair Lee. Yeah, so Wastewater is self-funded, and this is just helping us do all the projects everybody wants.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay. Thank you. That's good to know, because all the...you know, every year for Budget, people...the Department people would say we're self-funded, we're self-funded, and then it turns out we always have to subsidize them. But I'm glad you've reached that point. Good for you. Now, why are we being charged? The County has to pay for sewer fees. Do we pay...we got to charge ourselves for sewer fees?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I just wondered, you know, if there's any discount involved, or because, you know, we're not...we're not trying to make any profit off of ourselves. So I just wondered, you know, why...why we have to pay for sewer fees at retail, what I'm saying, at retail. Okay, never mind. Thank you.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so we --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, wait too long. Okay. Thank you. Next.

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

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, can you hear me? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: During break, everybody, I have to pick up my car. I had a flat tire, so whenever. I have to pick up my car before 4:00, right? So you're going to have the break before then. So I...I'm...I...thank you. I...Department, I'm wondering about Hali'imaile. The sewer fees is up. I always heard that their fees were low, is lower than others, and I wondered if we needed to raise this a little bit more, is the question for you. Hali'imaile is \$18.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so...Chair. So Member Sugimura, that...the reason why Hali'imaile is...has a lesser sewer charge, is if you..... *(inaudible)*. . . we don't own that . . . *(inaudible)*. . . so we only collect based on the collection system, the sewer lines underneath the roadways.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So if ever it gets its own sewer system, then the rates will be addressed at that time? Because I think it needs to, right? It has that, I call it the gang cesspool, but it has a...a Maui Pineapple Company system, I think.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, so they have a...a similar system to Lānaʻi, right? It's a oxidation pond, and we don't want it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I guess we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. I don't see anyone else's hands, so if you are raising your hand, please let me know, that it may mean I don't see you. I have two quick questions. One is on the Molokaʻi green waste, and...so for the Molokaʻi green waste, \$40, is that the...for scale? For, like, large size, or is that for, like, residential green waste?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What page are you --

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay, mahalo. Thank you. The Molokaʻi green waste is just commensurate with the overall increase. They've always been charged \$36, and now they're to be charged \$40.

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: For commercial. For commercial.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification, and that's on page 7. The Molokaʻi Landfill green...green waste disposal fee. Okay. I guess it...it wasn't in here, or at least not on page 7, where it, you know, would have bracketed out the \$36 to...and then added the 40. Okay. And then I'll...I'll follow up on Chair Lee's question if...if you have the answer now. If not, I...I...we can get it another time. Why...why is the County charged?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why is the County charged sewer fees?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For...for --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: At retail. At retail.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At the same rate as the State and the Government and Religious.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a question.

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MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. Oh, it's a question? Okay, sorry. So basically, it...I mean, we charge every customer, and based on our core Federal...CFR, Federal regulations, we supposed to...everybody supposed to pay their fair share for their...treatment of their wastewater.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then a quick follow up to that, and I see your hand, Member Paltin. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Is...so when the County pays for sewage, I'm guessing that would be per department. And would that department, depending on what kind of funding they have, whether it's general funds. So if a department would pay for sewage using general funds, that would basically be RPT paying for the County's sewage?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Well, I...I mean, yeah, Budget Director can answer.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So let's say Parks Department, for example, they are funded by the general fund. So they would get a water bill and a sewer bill, and they would pay that accordingly. Water will get their portion and go into the water fund, Sewer will get their portion and go into the sewer fund, and those are then, primarily will . . .*(inaudible)*. . . revenue.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay, I saw Member Paltin's hand, and I think I saw Member King's hand. So we'll do this last round, and then we'll go to Members' priorities. Member Paltin, I have two minutes on the clock for you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I just was wondering, and I'm not sure if it happens or not, but if the sewer fund or the water fund is supplemented by the general fund, could then...could we then take the money out of that for what the County pays for water or sewer? Or I guess, in this case, just sewer?

MR. NAKAGAWA: So once again . . .*(inaudible)*. . . I shouldn't, but water and sewer is self-funded, yeah. There's no general funds --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . And then I guess the follow up would be, like, the flat rates seem to have increased \$1.25, but the ones with the base charge seem to increase \$2.50. Maybe I missed it, but was there a rationale for that?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah. So based on our rate model, every user class is in there, so the average comes out to three percent. But everybody is a slightly different color. But everybody pays their 100 percent of their core.....*(inaudible)*. . . to pay for their 100 percent of their waste, yeah, each . . .*(inaudible)*. . . So you'll always see something a little bit higher, little bit lower, but across the board is an average . . .*(audio interference)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So Director, I notice that there's a uncontaminated green waste fee, but what happens if it's contaminated? How do you guys determine that, and then what happens? Does it go into another category if it's contaminated, and do you charge more, or do you just turn them away?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Goes into the --

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

MR. RATTE: That would just be disposed of in the landfill if it's contaminated.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So if it's contaminate...because everything's going in the landfill anyway, right now, right? So if...does it get another fee? Is it charged more if it's contaminated?

MR. RATTE: If it's commercial, they're just going to be charged the commercial rate, 114. If it's residential, then at CML, they're just going to be charged \$4.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I...I was looking at the landfill disposal that says \$40 per ton for uncontaminated green waste.

MS. FARNSWORTH: That's for commercial.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: On page 8.

MS. FARNSWORTH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. RATTE: It's 114.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah, 114 versus the 40.

MR. RATTE: They would be charged the 114 versus the 40.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So you have somebody there determining if it's contaminated or not, and if it's contaminated, it gets charged the higher rate?

MR. RATTE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Does that happen a lot?

MR. RATTE: I don't think so. I think that over the years, people have realized, you know, if they've been turned away in the past, they realize it's got to be clean.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because it's...it's fairly new that the charge is, though, because didn't that used to be free for green waste? Or is it still free for residential green waste?

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MS. FARNSWORTH: Yes.

MR. RATTE: That's...that's been pretty standard for quite a few years now.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's still free --

MS. FARNSWORTH: The fee is just for commercial.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I just didn't know, since you stopped processing it, if you started charging for green waste, but it...it looks like it's still free. Okay. . . .
(timer sounds) . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. I don't see any other hands for questions on Rates and Fees, so we'll move on to the next section of our process, and that is the Members' priorities. We have priority proposals from Member King, Chair Lee, Member Molina, and Member Sugimura. We'll start with...that's two things, Member Sugimura has to leave before four, and we'll break at three. Okay, so we'll go to Member King. I'll put three minutes on the clock. You have three items? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I was just --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I think that I --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: If Member Sugimura wants to go first, I'm happy to let her go first, since she has to leave.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good idea. Okay. Member Sugimura, you have one proposal? I have three minutes on the clock for you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, wait, let me get to your chart. So it was...I think it was brought up earlier, but I wanted to know, we wanted to have a review of the Department in the Solid Waste Division, and just to improve productivity. And I guess there's...I just wonder about the fees. I've been spending a lot of time on Pulehu Road, Central Maui Landfill, with the community cleanup, and saw...I have seen the kind of things that people throw on the side of the road. It's gotten a lot cleaner, but I know that the Department works hard, as I see them, you know, doing all kinds of cleanup things at the landfill on Saturdays when I'm there. So appreciate that. But I just...I wanted to propose to do a...we're told not to use the word audit, but investigative looking...look back at the Department for...examine what is being done well and what needs improving, for a performance and fiscal audit of the Department of Environmental...the Solid Waste Division. I was asking questions earlier, Department, about how you determine overtime, and I will tell you that I think the Department Director explained once, and the Director explained...Budget Director explained twice --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- and Director explained also.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, if you could propose your priority, so you're...the...the first priority you're talking about is currently under Council Services, but you can...you can get your feedback from them. And then your second priority proposal is on CIP for Makawao Master Sewer Plan?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 250 (*audio interference*) dollars.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So if you can just propose it, and then we can get feedback from the Department, and then we can go from there.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So on...on the Makawao Sewer Master Plan, I...I think based upon the comments that we got from the Department, I'm not going to be pursuing that, so you can delete that. Because their Director, who's part of the State working group, he's waiting to get that before we spend any money. I think that's very wise, so I'm...I'm going to delete that priority to try to move it to this Fiscal Year because he said that actually the plan is not going to...it...they're going to get back feedback at the end of this calendar year for the next legislative session. So that answered that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(*inaudible*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But the audit is the second one that you were talking about, and if it does get funded, I think the reason why it's under Council Services, is because --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So if you...if you'll just propose it, and then we'll get feedback from the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I'd like to receive feedback, then, on doing a review of operations for the Solid Waste Division, to look at what the Department is doing. And I have a concern about overtime and trying to explain...understand all of that,

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because it looks like it's hidden in Category A in the budget. So Department, if you have a comment...and I think what it impacts is, of course, the costs of...of the entire...well, the entire Division for efficiency and productivity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Deputy Director Agawa, or Mister --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or Mr. Ratte.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Ratte. Okay.

MR. RATTE: If I understand your question correctly, you're looking for the reasons for the overtime? Or justification for existing overtime that we incur at...at Central Maui Landfill?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Oh, that's what I want to look into, so yes. Expenses.

MR. RATTE: Okay. Yeah, I mean if an audit needs to be done, that's...that's fine with me. Some of the justification for overtime currently, of course, is when we're open on holidays. Refuse collection on holidays brings it to the landfill, so our Staff is there, as well as litter control at the end of the day and making sure that . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . we're compliant at the end of each day; there's big fines. In addition to that, there's days when there's heavy winds or heavy rain, so there's erosion, and additional work is needed to handle the side slopes on the landfill and things of that nature, just to remain basically safe and compliant at the landfill.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nothing unusual, then, is what you're saying?

MR. RATTE: The only other thing I can think of is...is when there's staffing vacancies, which we actually have had a fair bit lately, to cover those vacancies when necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, read the Department one last question, and then, you know, we can move on. But do you think that the premium pay amounts are something that can be controlled better through management, or is it driven by factors beyond your control?

MR. RATTE: Yeah, over the last year, we have looked at overtime, specifically premium pay. As we discussed earlier, it does include nighttime differential and temporary assignments. Some of those things are within our control, some aren't. But we have looked a little closer at the justification for overtime, and discussed with the Department about those justifications, and worked with the supervisors at Central Maui Landfill to be consistent and to remain fully justified with all overtime that's submitted.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. By looking at the budget details, 557 through 570 in...you know, in different sections, I come up with about \$833,000. So that's

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where I was, you know, kind of wondering if we could do better with it. But okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Members, any questions for the Department or Member Sugimura on the proposal? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I...I think this is more for the Department. It seems if we want to lower the premium pay cost in terms of solid waste, we could stop offering service on the holidays, but I think that's when most people clean their yard or clean their house. So I wouldn't really want to do it, but would that be what could bring down the premium pay cost?

MR. RATTE: That is correct. It does get a little more challenging when you include lack of refuse hauling on that day for the...for the manual routes because they're only picked up once a week. So we have run the numbers, and we would end up having to pick up those manual routes the next day, which would be on overtime. So there is kind of some offsetting costs there, with the refuse hauling; it still needs to get done. So we're happy to provide more detail on that, if necessary.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Then is there some kind of a clause where they have to pick up the rubbish on holidays as part of the collective bargaining agreement, or was I mistaken on that?

MR. RATTE: There's no clause there. There is clauses about getting paid time and a half on holidays . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. Standard. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee, followed by Member King. Well, I don't know whose hand went up first.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have a question. I thought holidays was double time. I could be wrong. No? Time and a half? Okay. Okay, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, Chair. Are we talking about doing an audit or assessment of the...of the Department, or are we actually getting into the weeds here, talking about the...what we're trying to find out? I was just asking because I had thought that what we were trying to do with looking at the Departments...I don't know what we're trying to do with the assessment, actually. It felt to me like something that we could do in Committee, by bringing them up and having this kind of discussion with the Department in Committee. But I'm...maybe Member Sugimura should go into a little more detail on why we need a professional...you know, to hire a professional, what you expect that to cost, and why we need to hire a professional to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: As...as I talked to Lance *(phonetic)* --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thanks. I talked to Lance, the auditor, regarding this, and of course, as you all know, it just depends on what we decide it to be. I...and I did talk to the Director, I just kind of asked him about this, and what I really liked about his response is...is that, you know, he likes transparency, and if it's going to help, that's good. But I also don't want to spend the money in this pandemic times if we don't have to, and I will gladly ask the Department, you know, to maybe take it up in my Committee, and if it looks like it's a big problem, then, you know, we could take it further. Good idea, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I...I just...yeah, I wasn't sure what the goal of having the professional was --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, I think to make us, you know, more efficient and for it to be better, and...and maybe I just need to understand all that...the...you know, discussion that we had earlier about how everything gets booked, and how they handle the financing. So...but I believe that this is some...an area that we could, you know, be better at, and...and maybe through a Department review, that might be less expensive. And I'm willing to do that because of the pandemic. We don't need to spend money that we don't have to. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo, Member King. Okay, it looks like those were all the questions. It's 3:04, so before we take up the next three proposals, we'll take our afternoon break, yeah? Or any objections?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I just said double time, but I didn't talk about my proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That counted as my turn? Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just checking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So you...you have a proposal, Member Molina has a proposal, and --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Member King has a few proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we'll take...we'll take our quick afternoon break, and then we'll return, and we'll take up the rest of those proposals, get feedback from the Department, and I think that's...that'll be...we'll...we'll just need to go over the Special Purpose Revenues, and then we'll be taking up Finance. Okay? So we'll do ten minutes. It's 3:05, so we'll...we'll break for ten minutes, and we'll return at 3:15. And we'll do our...our...a little bit of afternoon exercises, and then we'll finish off with the Department. Okay. And then Member Sugimura will be leaving us, and then she may return if we're still on. Maybe. Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay, it's...we'll return at 3:15. It's 3:05 on April 7th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 3:05 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:21 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. Okay. All right. So we're going to...we're going to finish up with the Members' priorities, and then go to the Grant Revenue and Special Purpose Revenues. And then we'll get DEM out of here. Okay, here we go. Everyone can hear me okay? Okay, sorry. Having a lot of tech issues. Okay. We'll go to Member King, then Chair Lee, and then Member Molina. I have three minutes on the clock, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So it's just for the first one that's listed on the combined matrix?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, because I...so I put down...I put the...you know, my idea was to have a cesspool grant program, but after talking with the Department, I'm going to withdraw that item and I'll use a lifeline for that one later. But it looks like we...we'll have a report some time at the end of this year, and hopefully we'll be tracking the infrastructure, so much rather get the money from the Federal Government if we can.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Do you want me to go on to my next one, or I'll...we'll just go in order --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- and I'll wait until...until you call me up again?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll...I'll take Chair Lee, Member Molina, and then I'll go back to you for the Kihei green waste.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I would add \$50,000 for the abandoned vehicle and removal program in...this is the District One, in Waihee and Waikapu, and that's under Environmental Management EP&S Program, sub-object 6129. And you know, I don't feel I need to give a whole explanation because you know, the abandoned vehicle issue is in every district, and I wouldn't be surprised if every district needed additional funding. Thank you. That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. Department, any feedback on that?

MR. AGAWA: Yeah, so the Department is gracious [sic] to Member Lee for that monies and, you know, if it passes, then we'll make good use of it in that district.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director Agawa. Okay, Members, any questions for Chair Lee or the Department on Chair Lee's proposal? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. I guess my question is, you know, I...I had received some calls and complaints as well. And from talking with the folks, it was kind of determined that these abandoned cars that the particular person that was concerned about was on private property. I don't want to say the name of the church or anything, but would we then be able to use these funds to clean up the area still if it's on private property?

MR. AGAWA: Yeah. Thank you --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are you talking about --

MR. AGAWA: -- for that question. Yeah, we...oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, wait, you're asking me the question, right? Okay. So the...what I...the area I'm talking about is...what you're probably referring to is off of Waiale Road, near Waikapu Gardens, right? And that's the church property. And we've been meeting with the Association, the police, the property owners, so now we have a system where the police will respond, and they have the authority of the property owner to arrest...to go onto the property and arrest the people. So now we have that in place, so we just need more money to remove the vehicles.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I guess my follow-up question to DEM is, we can do that, right? I mean, I'm not opposed to it, but just because it's private property, or would the church need to haul all the vehicles to public property?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now it's your turn, DEM.

MR. AGAWA: Oh, sorry. Yeah, so our funding to remove abandoned vehicles is only to remove vehicles in the County right-of-way, and not from private property. . . . *(timer sounds)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Don't worry, Tamara, we got this covered. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I can see that confidence in your face. Okay. Members, any other questions for Chair Lee or DEM? Okay. Seeing none, I will ask for a consensus on Chair Lee's proposal.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICE CONSENSUS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next, we'll go to Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. My matter is in the Budget Bill, Special Purpose Revenue, Appendix A-2, page 44. It's a proviso, and it reads as follows: Up to \$100,000 shall be for the trash pickup and removal of abandoned vehicles within Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. As you recall, back in the...for FY 2021, the Council appropriated 100,000 for the cleanup and removal of abandoned vehicles and what have you, and it's been very, very successful. And as I expressed earlier, my mahalo to Ms. Farnsworth and the Department. The partnership that's been created between the Departments, you know, the Departments of Public Works, Parks, and Environmental Management, along with the community group, Mālama Hamakua of Maui and Ha'ikū Community Association, has been tremendously successful. Large numbers of vehicles have been removed, dump truck loads, you name it, and I've participated in those cleanups. And the...even though it's been very successful, we've just really scratched the surface. There's still over 260 acres of land that needs attention. So yeah, that's basically my request to establish provisos to continue this much-needed service in our community, so I'd just like to get feedback from the Department on this request. Thank you.

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

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Member Molina, is this to clean up Hāmākualoa by removing abandoned vehicles only? There's the Highway Beautification Fund and Abandoned Vehicle...Derelict Vehicle Fund can be used. But if it's to maintain the area, I

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think...and not removal of abandoned vehicles, then I think we need to shift to the Open Space Fund for maintenance of it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

MR. AGAWA: So to add to that, Councilmember Molina, thank you for the...the funding from Fiscal Year '21; it really helped us. We do have other planned events this year...this fiscal year, to clean up the rest of the abandoned vehicles, and it looks like we're going to tackle the problem of the abandoned vehicles. There is the question of the roll-offs for the trash cleanup that the...the agents of the organizations have been doing. So that funding that Michele mentioned might be better utilizing the Open Space, rather than the Highway Beautification Fund. If that is the case, then we would suggest that Department of Parks and Recreation manage that, and we would definitely assist them in facilitating any type of help they need with the roll-offs for the cleanups.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well...well, whatever works. So...so would we...I guess maybe Madam Chair, or I guess Madam Budget Director, so would this proviso be necessary then, if this is the case? I mean, as long as...well, as long as we get it done, that's the...the main thing; we continue the . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . momentum that we've established in the community for the cleanups.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair. You know --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- I suggest that we...we...we continue to use the Members'...unless it's totally wrong, but use the Members' provisos as is, and we can make adjustments later. Rather than move the money from one fund to another now, at this point, when...when we're on the...you know, we're just starting on the list. We can make adjustments later, and...and we're going to find out later, at some point, that we may have additional funds after the certification of the revenues. So you know, why dicker with this...this kind of detail now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Read his proviso.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: We'll just...just leave it as is for now, then?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Department is in agreement.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Department is in agreement with Member Lee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We should probably review the Code again to see what the Special Purpose Revenue Fund says that the purpose is, and to make sure that our request is in alignment with our County Code. Oh, okay. And then we have the County Code here in the chat, if we want to review that. The monies so assessed and collected shall be placed in a revolving fund administered by the County for a purpose of beautification and other related activities including, but not limited to, animal management program, carcass removal, and highway beautification concerning highways under the ownership, control and jurisdiction of the County, and to defray any additional costs and disposition of other related activities and abandoned vehicles, as prescribed in Chapter 290 HRS. Expenditures from the fund shall be through appropriations set forth of [sic] the Annual Budget Ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King, two minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, so what I was just going to say, can we just leave it as is for now and then put it under the revisit, and then maybe we... we either move it, or maybe Member Molina wants to take another look at what...how much is actually needed for...if they think they can get all the abandoned vehicles off, how much is needed for the rest of it. If you want to, but we...I...I'd support this, just leaving it right now, and then revisiting it later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah...yeah, just out of curiosity for the Department. Of that 100,000, how...how much was expended? Did...did you expend all of it, or half of it, three-fourths of it? If you have that information now? Just curious.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Member Molina. Up to this point, we expended about \$10,000, and with the rest of the cleanups for this Fiscal Year, possibly another 10,000. We still have other events planned for the rest of this Fiscal Year.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member King, you're...you're finished?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, that was my only thought.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, any other questions for Member Molina or Department? Member Sugimura, you have two minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Member...it's just a clarification. So Member Molina, is it Number 63 on our consolidated list? What number is it? Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- oh, maybe archaeological...wrong one.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, it's on page 44 of the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, we not looking at our consolidated --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, no, no. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I guess that was similar to my question. Was this a priority of Member Molina's for this Fiscal Year? I'm not...what number is it on the matrices?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I think it's 58. It might be 58 on there.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. And then...so you're requesting an additional...huh?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's Number 58.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. As a proviso.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's...it's not additional funding. It's a proviso from existing funding.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And I just was wondering if the group has raised any matching funds? For Save Honolua Coalition, we get the tipping fee waiver sometimes, but we're constantly raising funds to pick up illegally-dumped rubbish. We did a GoFundMe for, like...and we got, like, about \$5,000. And I just was wondering, you know, being that this land was purchased for open space, is there any efforts on the community's part to mālama Hāmākualoa in terms of financials? Or I think that group that does the big wave surfing, do they contribute sometimes? When they had the Honalua contests, we asked them to contribute to keeping the area clean by . . .(timer sounds). . .donating towards the fee of dumpsters. So that was...that was just my question.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I'd...I'd have to check with them to see. I...I know the Sierra Club's involved in this cleanup, or members of the Sierra Club, so it's a combined effort. I believe they might have some Surfrider Foundation folks. So just a combined group of people from different various environmental organizations. But I can ask if they...they have any, you know, fundraising attempts to kind of offset any requests from the County, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And it sucks to ask people to raise money to pick up somebody else's rubbish, but --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh well.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- that's the times we live in, geez.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah. Yep. People just so uncaring and abuse the land like that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. So we'll mark this one as a revisit, and...and then make whatever, you know, corrections if...if needed to...an amendment. Okay. Member King has two more, one proposal and an alternate. You're muted, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Sorry about that. My button doesn't always work the first time. Okay. So the first one is the Kihei green waste, and basically this is to...part of our transition to a circular economy and minimizing traffic, but also keeping the green waste composting going. And we have...we've had this green...struggling green waste operation in Kihei, and this came up as a major...a concern for the community when I had my...my town hall. So I just wanted to share with you some justification from the...our March 17th presentation to CARE Committee. The EP&S Recycling Section is refocusing its operation strategy on zero-waste principles of reduce and reuse, including organics processing. The section is engaging in research into local options for waste conversion. And this is one of the...I had a...a good conversation with Tamara Farnsworth about this operation because she had tried to fund them before through this same...through the grant programs in her office, and the owner of the operation was in a partnership, and they weren't in compliance. So I spoke with him, and they're...he's gotten his tax issues settled. But this is an operation that is always on the edge, and they usually operate at...when I talked to him, he said it's normally between 40 and \$100,000 loss per year. But they keep it going because the community needs it. It keeps people from having to drive across the island to...to drop off the green waste. And then Adam Radford also came onto the town hall and expressed his support for this. Because every time you move green waste from one side of the island to another, you also have the invasive species issue. So you could be carrying little fire ants from one area into another area, or...or...and vice versa. So this...he sent me a list of expenses, and this would probably go into 100,000 to equipment. He spends over \$100,000 just on fixing his equipment every year, but also hoping to rehire back one of the two employees they lost during the COVID pandemic. So we really...we need to keep this going, and in light of the fact that we're putting all

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the green waste back into the landfill, we need to have as much green waste composting as possible. And...now, originally, I think Ms. Farnsworth was looking at the...the funding that she had been talking about in the past couple of years as allaying the tipping fee. But it seems to be...it seems to be not an issue. I think he's gotten his tipping fees in line with what the County is charging, so folks are...are trying to bring green waste there. The...what he'd like to do is get his expenses covered so he doesn't have to charge as much for the compost, and...and then he can keep going as well. So that's my proposal. And this would come out of...okay, my original thought, and I'll...and I'll let Ms. Farnsworth comment on it, but my original thought was it would be on the...on page 175 of our Budget book, is the...the Grant Award Summary for the second set of grants that they have, and the recycling program landfill diversion has 300,000 in it that's not...it's...it's open for proposals. So I...this would be out..... *(timer sounds)*. . . out of that fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Department, do you have any feedback for Member King?

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: Okay, mahalo.

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

MS. FARNSWORTH: The 300,000 for landfill diversion is actually a placeholder, should we receive any grant funding, like, from the State or Federal funding. That's not actually monies that are available.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So we would need to put the money into that? No, okay.

MS. FARNSWORTH: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that feedback, Department. Okay, Members, any questions for Member King or for the Department, based on Member King's proposal? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question is for Member King. Was this intended to be, like, a one-time thing to get them up above the curve, or like, an ongoing annual?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, one-time...one-time funding to get them up above the curve. And the conversation that the community had, was, you know, we're funding other pilot projects in other sides...parts of the island. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could keep somebody who is already doing it in business? And...and...and I spoke to the...the owner. He's ecstatic that we are willing to help him, and he's been staying in

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business at a loss, just to help the community. So I think this would help...this will show him that we believe in him, and...and he knows it's a one-time offer.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Okay. Okay. So I have one quick question, and that's, I guess, a clarification. So I...I heard from the Department that this...okay, okay. So this is...Member King, this is new funding? You're proposing to add funding?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, based on what they just told us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That was my...that was my question. Okay Members, I...if there are no other questions, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICE CONSENSUS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, looks like there aren't any objections. Okay. Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Members. We can continue with our green waste composting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then Member King has an alternate CIP proposal. Member King. Member King, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Which...which alternate one was that that you're bringing up? I didn't have that listed under . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The South Maui Recycled Water Distribution Expansion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Yeah, that was more of a placeholder until we heard from the Department. Because as...as Chair Lee brought up, I wasn't...I guess I wasn't feeling the love in our recycled water for Kihei. But they are assuring us that they are moving ahead, and that they have plans, and they're still expending the seven million that we put in there into this current budget. So I'm going to put that aside for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. By aside, do you mean withdraw?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Withdraw.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Good job, Members. Okay, we are completely...we have completed that section of the process. Next is the grant revenue. This Department receives grant revenue from...or three...three grants. Electronic Programs for 400,000, Glass Recovery Program for 120,000, and Recycling Program for 300,000. Are there any questions on the grant revenue? Okay. Members...okay.

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And then the last part of the process is Special Purpose Revenues, and find...there's...so there's two special purpose revenues. Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned or Derelict Vehicle Revolving Fund, and that can be found on page 50. And the Disposal of Vehicle Fund Fee, and that is on...where'd that go? I didn't write down the page number. Okay, anyway, so the Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned or Derelict Vehicles Revolving Fund has one, two, three, four conditions, and the Disposal of Vehicle Fee has two conditions. Any questions on the Special Purpose Revenues? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Highway Fund is part of the Special Purpose Revenues?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So we're probably going to need some kind of opinion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 44. Sorry, that was on page 44, and the other one was on page 50.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: 44 on what?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We're probably going to need some kind of opinion because I believe...well, I...I...I'm not absolutely certain, but I'm thinking that the American Rescue Act monies can replace some of the appropriations we are proposing, so that...like, in my case, if that is correct, I have taken a couple things out of the Highway Fund and instead, proposed using the ARP Fund, leaving more money...leaving more money in the Highway Fund. So that's one of the reasons why I didn't want to spend a whole lot of time on each Special Fund because we need to get verification whether we can use that American Rescue Fund. Because it...it has to do with economic recovery, safety...public safety, et cetera. And when...when you talk about...a lot of the things that we're proposing fall in those categories. So you know, I'm...I'm trying to actually save money for the Administration, but proviso the...the American Rescue Funds. So we're going to need some kind of...some kind of opinion on that. Because you know, we were told at one time that the CARES Act monies...that the Council could not allocate...we can't...we couldn't require any particular allocation, okay. But the Councilmembers of Kaua'i, and the Councilmembers of the Big Island, were given \$100,000 by the Mayor of each County. So I conclude from that that yes, indeed, that we should have more input into how these monies are spent. What we did the last time, because we didn't know better, we made recommendations. And now, I'm thinking --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry I...I don't mean to interrupt you, but we're...but we're talking about the Highway Beautification with DEM, and we're going to have Finance next, and that would be the more appropriate Department to talk about the American Rescue Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So if you'd like to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- reserve some --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can wait. I just didn't want people to start provisoing the Highway Fund when we...maybe we don't have to. That's all. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, so for the Highway Fund...sorry, the Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles, there are four limitations. There's \$119 and...\$119,012 limitation on salaries and premium pay, up to \$1,356,935 for disbursement for operations and services for EP&S Program, up to 10,000 for teams on call for the Pā'iā Bypass, and up to \$347,083 for disbursements for operations or services for the Highway Beautification Street Tree Trimming Program. So that's the Highway Beautification. And then Disposal Fee Fund, there's 169,734 limitation on salary and premium pay, and up to 1 million for disbursement of...for operations or services for EP&S. Okay? You have any questions on those? Okay, very good. Okay, so that is everything for DEM. I want to congratulate Deputy Director Agawa on his first leading budget. You did an excellent job. And I'll invite Deputy Director Agawa for any final thoughts or closing comments.

MR. AGAWA: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to thank you and all the Members for allowing us to deliberate our Budget, and we hope that, you know, we can work together to come to a balanced Budget and to fund all our operations. So thank you...thank you for your time and efforts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo to you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Hana hou.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay, so the Department, DEM, is going to head out, and then sanitize...or sanitize, and then head out, and then Finance is going to enter the room. Okay. And so we'll need a few minutes, and...how long do you think? Five minutes? Two minutes? Two, four --

MR. TERUYA: Three minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I thought you said seven.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay, so perfect. That'll be just enough time for us to do some stretches and some wakey-wakey exercises. . . .*(laughing)*. . . And I got a request from the Department for Moloka'i Slide. Okay, so we're going to do some chair exercises, all right? We're going to do a rolling the shoulders, both shoulders, front and back. Front and back, and then the left, the high...high roll. You can even...you can even do some hula and a little bit of...a little bit of hula hands, both sides. And then out . . .*(laughing)*. . . in, up, side to your...what's this? This is the right. The right, left.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is this how the Moloka'i people slide?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Twist. And then the Moloka'i... over, out, back . . .*(laughing)*. . . some island. Oh, excellent...excellent, Members. And maybe to the left and stretch.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Got that. Got that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then...and then left over right, and pull. And then this is a good one. Put your hand on your head, and put your hands like that, and then you stretch your neck. Other side, and stretch. Oh, that's good stuff. . . .*(laughing)*. . . and then reach for the sky. Reach. Up, up to the sky. And then down, on down. Oh, Member Sugimura's trying to take a photo, but we're all down. Okay, we're going to go back up again. Up, up. Hi, Ms. Sugimura. Up and then down, down, down to the ground. And then some shoulder rolls back, and then shoulder rolls to the front.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yuki, you better not be posting this. You have to get . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I...I changed my mind. Forget the money for the abandoned vehicles. I'm going to hire a masseuse for all of us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: *(child speaking)* I got to do sit-ups, push-ups, toe-touches, jumping jacks, Mom. This is not stretching, Mom, no.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, Makena *(phonetic)*.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, okay. She said we're not being rigorous enough.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, yeah. Oh, we don't want to hurt ourselves.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Tell her...tell her she'll understand in about 50 years.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Go drop and give me ten.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Is...let's see, is the Department of Finance on yet?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I don't see them. I just...oh, it still says Environmental Management. Yeah, I have a little bit of an advantage because I'm sitting on my ball chair, so I can actually bounce up and down too. But it really makes you...I started using it. It makes you sit up straight.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's really good for your spine and your back muscles, and for your core. Oh, there we go. I see Department of Finance. We played his requested song, Moloka'i Slide . . .*(laughing)*. . . yep.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Director, and...Deputy Director on? Oh, I think you're muted.

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Okay. Okay, you ready to dive right in? Everyone...everyone got the...their blood circulating, and we're ready to go and ask some questions and get some answers? Okay. Here we go. Director Teruya, do you have Deputy Director Alibin with you as well?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes. Good afternoon, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay, I just wanted to make sure we...we got everyone. Right. So the first question we have is, if Council were to ask for an 11 percent cut in programs and activities funded by the General Fund to fully fund the recommendations proposed in a comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan at \$57 million, without increasing real property tax revenue, A, what programs or activities would you cut; and B, what impact would the cuts have on residents?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. The Department of Finance proposed Budget for Fiscal '22 was put together to meet the operational needs and responsibilities by the Department per the Charter of the County of Maui. And therefore, the Department does not have any recommended cuts for the programs and activities funded by the General Fund at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. The next set of questions are in regards to salaries and wages. Question one, please explain the position title change

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from Real Property Manager to Real Property Management Specialist V. Are there any associated costs with the title change?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. Based on the Fiscal '20 Council-adopted Budget, the Real Property Management Specialist series was created, effective October 1st, 2019, to accommodate the need for expansion positions to this program. I think you're not aware, we only had one person doing the land management, and when we created the series, it was to differentiate the different types of duties based on responsibilities and special...specialty that was needed for the position. So the Real Property Manager was reallocated to the Management Specialist V position, and the salary range increased from SR-22 to SR-24 because there's tax...there's actual supervision duties to the position. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Question two, please explain the position title change from...oh, okay, sorry. That was --

MR. TERUYA: The answer to this is...was already explained in number one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay, mahalo. Okay. Question three, please provide the position description, summary of duties, and minimum qualifications for Land Management Administrator. Has the position been filled?

MR. TERUYA: Okay. Thank you for that question, Chair. The position is currently...is not currently filled, and a position description is currently being drafted since there is no classification available for this position title Statewide. On October 7th, 2020, our...we...our proposal to the...from the Department of Finance for creation of a Land Management section within the Director's Office program was denied by the Department of Management. The Department of Finance is currently working with the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Management to establish a Land Management section, and to create a position description for the Administrator position, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Question four, the Department is requesting a tax clerk for land management purposes in the Administration program. A, please provide the position description, summary of duties, and minimum qualifications for the tax clerk position; B, how will this EP enhance the management of County land; and C, has this position been filled?

MR. TERUYA: You want to . . .(inaudible). . .

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, I'll take that question. Currently, a position description is not available. However, we do have the class specification, which I can provide and transmit to the County Council in response to this letter. For the proposed Tax I...Tax Clerk I position, which is going to be under the Land Management Section, it will not be filled until the expansion position has been adopted for the Fiscal Year 2022, and until the Department of Personnel Services has approved the creation of the position. In response to item...Letter B, the proposed Tax Clerk I position will provide clerical and

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administrative support for the Land Management Section. And as I mentioned, in response to Letter C, this is an expansion position request, and therefore is not currently filled until the adoption of the Budget and the creation and filling of the position has been approved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Deputy Director. Question five, please explain the need for the position reallocation for the Real Property Compliance Specialist II. What is the difference in pay and job description?

MR. TERUYA: You want me to do it?

MS. ALIBIN: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, thank you for that question. The Real Property Tax Compliance Specialist II is needed to assist with ensurance [sic] of the compliance by work with the Real Property Assessment Division program, and independently conduct sealed audits and less complex exemption and use assessments. It's an entry position...Compliance I position is an entry-level training position, working under immediate supervision. Ultimately, the Compliance and Enforcement section would have three personnel...three professional-level Staff who are able to work with little to no supervision, to ensure its compliance with the most complex real property assessment program. The difference in annual salary between a Level I and Level II is about eight percent. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Question six, why is the increased salary amounts due to the collective bargaining agreement listed differently in the Budget Details compared to other Departments?

MS. ALIBIN: Yeah, I'll respond to that question. So the Budget Details that are being referenced in that letter relate to the creation of the new DMV and RPA programs, which was in the past included as a...under the financial services program. The increases in the salary amounts are actually based on the salary schedules as part of the applicable collective bargaining agreement on a countywide basis. Therefore, those salary amount detailed in those Budget Details are...include the CBA adjustments, and also the transfer of positions from the Financial Services Program into the two newly created program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. Question seven, please provide the position description, summary of duties, and minimum qualifications for Storekeeper I position. Has the position been filled?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, the Department of Finance will be transmitting the job classification, class specification for the position. Because we haven't created that position, a position description is not available. And similarly to our response with the Tax Clerk I, this is an expansion position request for Fiscal Year 2022. Therefore, the adoption of the Budget is required prior to creating and filling the position.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Question eight, have the Account Clerk III position and two Accountant II positions been filled?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, so all of the Account Clerk II positions listed under the Treasury Program on that Budget Details being referenced are actually currently filled. The two Accountant II positions, which were approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2021 adopted Budget, are currently not filled, and we are awaiting approval of the reorganization proposal for the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then the next set of questions is for Operations and Equipment. Question one, does the Motor Vehicle and Licensing Program charge more for Haleakalā and volcano plates than standard plates?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, for the standard plates, which includes passenger, truck, motor vehicles, trailers, and mopeds, it's charged at 5.75. The initial and replacement administrative fees for the National Parks commemorative license plates for the Haleakalā and volcano are charged at \$15.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Question two, how was the \$3 million appropriation for the post-employment obligation fund determined for FY'22 as opposed to \$18 million adopted in FY'21?

MS. ALIBIN: The Act 268 actually required employers to contribute 100 percent of the annual required contribution, or what we call ARC, starting in Fiscal Year 2019. The County has actually contributed more than the minimum amount required under that Act 268. However, prior to the Fiscal Year 2022, the appropriations for both the ARC and the prefunding were budgeted under the OPED Fund or index code 907503B, which we appropriated 18 million in Fiscal Year '21. The proposed Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations of the 3 million only reflects the prefunding amount, and this is in addition to the ARC of 38.5 million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, is the...question three, is the \$3 million for the post-employment obligation fund in addition to the required \$38,547,000 "monthly annual payment." Please confirm if the payment is made monthly or annually.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair. As provided in my earlier response, yes, this is in addition to the 38.5 million ARC. For the ARC, we do currently make the payment on a monthly basis, but we also do have a option to make that lump sum payment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Question four, how was the \$3 million appropriation for Emergency Fund determined for FY'22 as opposed to the \$6,023,516 adopted in FY'21?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair. So the Emergency Fund was actually initially established back in 2005 to provide the public emergency threatening lives, health, and . . .(inaudible). . . property assistance. And there is no required minimum amount for the appropriation

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of the Emergency Fund; therefore, the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 of 3 million appropriation was based on the balance available in the General Fund after factoring all the estimated revenues and proposed expenditures.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Question five...

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry.

MS. ALIBIN: I want to add on. In 2012, the County had actually implemented a policy to increase the Emergency Fund to 20 percent of the General Fund revenue as part of our proven research strategy. The 3 million proposed appropriation in Fiscal Year 2022 will provide an estimated balance of 52.9 million in the Emergency Fund, and...which is 13.4 percent of our 20 percent goal.

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, Chair, if I might add. Since the last three Fiscal Years, the Department of Finance, including Budget Officer, right, the Director here, we've been trying to prudently put money away to meet the 20 percent goal in time. For Fiscal Year '19, we were approximately 10.4 percent, in FY '20 we went to 10.6 percent, in FY '21 we rose it to 12.5 percent, and right now we're at 13.4. So I know it's not easy to just put all the money away until we hit the 20 percent, but we're trying to achieve that over time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Question five, please explain the \$4.5 million decrease in terminal pay.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair. So in Fiscal Year 2021 adopted Budget, we had an appropriation for the terminal pay, which included the salary adjustments based on the collective bargaining agreement which took effect July 1st, 2019. The proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget includes all adjustments in the salaries and wages relating to the current CBA. Salary schedules are now budgeted in the individual departments. And the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, under the appropriation for terminal pay salary adjustments, does not include any funds for salary adjustments due to collective bargaining agreement.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. Question six, please explain the \$18,349,444 decrease to the Employer Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair. I had...I also had mentioned earlier, prior to Fiscal Year 2022, the ARC portion of the OPED was budgeted under the index code 907709B. The amount of decrease for this index code was actually transferred to the newly created index code 907780B.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. The next question is regarding key activity goals and measures. One, why are we involved with a new

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statewide pCard contract with Bank of America despite the ongoing litigation matter with Bank of America?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, thank you for that question. The State of Hawai'i Procurement Office issued a request for proposal in early 2019 as a contract with First Hawaiian Bank and was nearing its contract end. The proposals were received by eight vendors, and through the process of elimination, Bank of America was awarded the contract. The County of Maui, along with other counties in the State, were named as participating jurisdictions in the solicitation. The use of cooperative purchasing agreements saved the County both time and money, and by aggregating purchasing power, better price savings are achieved and results in lower administrative time and expenses as the County reduces its time in preparing and soliciting a bid. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. The next set of questions is regarding Grant Funds. Question one, relating to the COVID-19 Response Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, A, how much of the \$10 million in COVID-19 response funds from FY'21 will carry over to FY'22; B, is the \$10 million proposed in FY'22 a separate grant from the FY'21 \$10 million grant; C, what will the 35 million for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 be used for; D, are the grant amounts noted to be estimates or exact; E, will these funds be used to assist families and businesses or for other purposes; F, what, if anything...what, if any, deadlines are set for the use of these funds; and G, of the projected 45 million in COVID grant funds for FY'22, what amount will be used for the administrative and overhead costs, and how much will be distributed in grant subsidies?

MR. TERUYA: I'll start, and we'll alternate. I know you want to end by 4:30, so we'll try to hurry this up, Chair. For letter A, of how much of the 10 million in COVID-19 response funds from FY'21 will carry over to '22, the 10 million in FY'21 Budget for COVID-19 response funds under the Department of Finance was appropriated to provide the ability for the County of Maui to receive and expand...expend grant funds from various sources related to countywide COVID-19 responses that were not identified in part I of appendix A. The following are the grants that were monies that were received in FY'21 related to COVID-19. Department of Housing and Human Concerns Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher System, \$423,813; Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher System, \$789,655; for CDBG CARES Act Formula Grant, \$699,975; and CARES Act Formula Grant Family Life Center, MEO of \$1,104,173.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, in response to item B, yes, this is a new request to include the \$10 million in grant revenue, again for us to have the ability to receive and expand grant funds from other sources relating to COVID-19. Upon receipt of any grant award by the Department, the Council is provided with a notification with the source, amount, and use of the funds.

MR. TERUYA: In relation to question C, what would the \$35 million for the ARP Plan Act of 2021 be used for. The Department of Finance does not have any details currently available on the \$35 million appropriation for the ARP Act in 2021. In anticipation that the County's eligible for the ARP funds, this appropriation will provide a

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mechanism for the County to receive and expend grant funds in Fiscal '22. The Department of Treasury has not established guidelines or an application form as of today, so it's...more details will come as to when would we receive the money, and my understanding, it might be in two portions. Thank you, Chair. Oh, go ahead, D.

MS. ALIBIN: So in response to letter D, the amount is an estimation. Again, the County has not received any official written award notification from the Federal or State agency on this grant fund.

MR. TERUYA: In letter E, the County has not received any guidelines for the newly enacted American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. However, when the funds become available to the County, the funds will be used to address community needs that will meet the criteria and specific usage as defined by the United States Department of Treasury. Go ahead.

MS. ALIBIN: Oh. The letter F, so as Director Teruya mentioned earlier, we do not have any deadlines that...for the use of funds.

MR. TERUYA: And I'll add that currently, under the tentative guidelines that I've read, it says possibly December 2024, but until it's official I...we'd probably prefer not to make any comment, Chair. And the response to letter G, the amount eligible for administrative and overhead cost is provided in the terms of the grant. And until the actual amount of the grant is received, a specific amount cannot be provided at this time, Chair. And those are our responses to number one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Question two, in FY 2020, the Department notes 3.5 million in grant subsidies and nearly 1.8 million in other expenses. It appears that nearly one-third of the Federal grant was used for purposes other than grant subsidies. Can you please clarify why it appears that a significant share of the grant was used for overhead cost?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, the amount of 3.6 million shown in that Fiscal Year '20 column on page 6.62 on the Budget Details for index 106930 was actually based on the actual expenditures incurred as of June 30, 2020. Under that sub-object code 6317, or County Grant Subsidy, the grant to subrecipients [*sic throughout*] are eligible expenses under the U.S. Department of Treasury guidance for the Corona Relief Fund for state, territorial, local, and other governments, which was provided dated April 22, 2020. The administrative expenses incurred by the subrecipients to implement the CARES Act programs were included in the grant subsidy amount. Page 6.62 of the Budget Details index code 106930-6317 does not show any overhead cost. Therefore, the Department cannot respond to this question as to...relating to why it appears that a significant share of grant was used for overhead cost. So we need further clarification from...or supporting information by Council regarding the overhead cost question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And the last question we have that was submitted by Members is, how were the 86,176 in airfare, transportation funds provided for by CARES Act, COVID-19 monies used.

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MR. TERUYA: Thank you for the question, Chair. The expenditures incurred related...or relate to...the fees from Expeditions ferry service for the Mayor's Office from April to June 2020, which were originally posted on the Emergency Fund index code 101414, but transferred to the CARES Act Fund index code 106930 on June 30th, 2020. The funds were used to subsidize Expedition services between Maui and Lānaʻi to assure our emergency personnel and essential workers and residents could travel intercounty. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director and Deputy Director. I'll now open up the floor for questions from the Members. And I'm the subject matter Committee Chair, so we'll go to Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, and then we'll go to Member Sinenci, and then work...okay. Member Paltin, you have five minutes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to go back to the last answer because, you know, when I asked...like, say the Police or the Environmental Management, or the Fire Department about their interisland travel and the Lānaʻi Ferry being chartered, all of them had stated that they didn't know there was COVID Funds available for travel to Lānaʻi on the chartered ferry, and that they used their own monies. And so it's not clear from your answer and from the things that the other departments said, like, what the essential services are that you're talking about. Was it just the Mayor's Office, or...because, I mean, I specifically asked the Police, the Fire, and all those guys, like, if they...if they were able to utilize COVID funding to travel, you know...so, not clear.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I could answer that. Councilmember Paltin, the funds were used to subsidize Expeditions. Not in the sense of providing for ferry...the fares for our essential workers or our emergency workers, but it was to subsidize them so that they could operate three days a week versus two days a week. So initially, when COVID had occurred back in March, the . . . *(inaudible)*. . . provide services only twice a week. We asked them what it would take to provide services three times a week because our emergency service personnel, Police and Fire mainly, needed to get back and forth from Maui to Molokaʻi...to Lānaʻi. And so that was the cost to subsidize the ferry service to keep it operational for residents, as well as employees and other workers, to travel between Maui and Lānaʻi.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So you're saying we subsidized the cost of the ferry, but then we still had to buy the tickets?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. So it was just to cover their operational costs.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair. I have some direct information that I could share --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...oh...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- on that issue.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: When we get to your turn, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It's not a question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My other question was on the commemorative plates. The money that we're fronting, it seems as though we're going to get it back because it's \$10 more for the commemorative plates? Haleakalā and...

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, I believe our Administrator for DMVL is on the line. So if...yeah, it...Fred is supposed to be calling in. If not, we can provide the response in writing.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Maybe like 75 cents less, if regular plates are 5.75 and the commemorative are 15, and you want 10 more for a commemorative plate?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, we...

MR. TERUYA: Chair, he might not be on the line. I don't see him on there, so we'll provide a written response. Apologize for that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds good.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Because the Tax Clerk doesn't have position description and all that, does it need funding for FY'22? Because like, the Land Administrator, we funded it for partial year, but it hasn't been filled yet. So I just was wondering, do you need full funding for these positions that you don't have the position description and like that for right now?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, Chair. All the three...any position that we ask, we're asking for eight-month funding. It would be a Tax Clerk position in the FY'22 proposed Budget for your consideration. And should you approve, then we would be asking for eight months' salary.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. How's the 50 acres from Pulelehua coming along?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you for that question, Chair. We're still working with Maui Land and Pine. One of the bigger questions is regarding the offsite drainage basin and whether or not we need for that to be included or not. We're trying to validate whether or not it is a direct relation to this area that we need, or does it suffice for a different project. So we want to be clear on that before we take something over. We don't need another dam that we can't support.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. Main thing, you guys still talking. Right on. Good job, you guys. Good job. ...*(timer sounds)*...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Member Sinenci, and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Director, for your...answering our questions. I just wanted to take my time to ask for more clarification on Member Molina's question about the American Rescue Plan, the 30...looks like we're receiving 35 million. And am I correct that you said most of those funds will be earmarked for grants? Can you elaborate on the use of those funds?

MR. TERUYA: Chair. Just to be clear, there's no clear guidance as to what the funds can be used for. However, in preliminary talks with my counterparts, that it would be a much wider range of uses. It's not clear, it's somewhat kind of mentioned that out of whatever total you'll receive, you'll receive half within 60 days of commencement of that agreement, and then the second half would come in a following year, not to be...to be spent prior to December of 2024. So as far as the uses, I'd hate to say something and it not be included. So we're going to wait for the guidance that the Department of Treasury establishes, and then we can forward it out. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Director, for that response. Because, you know, the second part of my question was in anticipation of the moratorium to help rents and mortgages, you know, it's...we're hoping that we could use some of that funds to assist residents once that moratorium (*audio interference*) rents and mortgages ends. And then my other question...

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, go ahead.

MR. TERUYA: We have another program of \$40 million to address the rent program. So we are using...utilizing, those funds directly for that purposes first. And if we need additional funds and it's still necessary, then we'll be looking for other funds available. But we have a program already.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you. Part of that program, would that assist in, you know, dealing with possibly a lot of the, you know, people that would have to start paying six, seven months' of mortgages and rents? And, you know, for the remedial process, can we use some of that funds to help with the remediation of that process?

MR. TERUYA: Yes, Chair, I believe that program goes back for 12 months, I believe, for delinquent rents.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: Department of Housing and Human Concerns is spearheading that program. When you talk about mortgages, I believe CDBG, Joe Pontanilla and his crew, are working with mortgages...mortgage relief, but they're two different programs.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Director. And then I just had a general question about County-owned lands, particularly vacant lands. Do we have large tracts of vagrant...vacant acreage, possibly for housing projects or for future park sites?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, we are currently working with our Management Specialist V with making sure that we have a request to all the departments to validate all of our lands that we have that are vacant. I'm literally a week or two away from finalizing that list. But yes, we do have vacant County lands, a lot of them probably zoned agriculture. And when we get that list, we'll work with Mayor Victorino with a plan as to what can be used for, and our highest and best use including, but not subject to, maybe even disposing lands as well. I mean, I believe the Councilmembers know we have sandhills land as well, so there's the sandhill lots, yeah. So...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And then just a follow up to that, and the County pays property taxes on our own lands?

MR. TERUYA: No, we do not.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Member Molina, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. This is just for Administration Program, yeah, for Department of Finance questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Nah, I don't have at this...any questions at this time, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Chair Lee, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I thought that the answers to the questions went beyond Administration. Were they just confined to Administration?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, did I answer Member Molina's question wrong? So there's the Administration, there's Accounting, Financial Services, RPT, Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program, Purchasing Program, Treasury Program, and Countywide. So Member Molina, if you had a question regarding any of those, I'm sorry if I wasn't clear and answered your question wrong.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh. You know, I may have, but you know what, just go ahead, and you can come back to me at a later point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I might have something.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're welcome. Okay, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think he mentioned something about Land Management and redescribing positions. Mr. Director, Director Teruya --

MR. TERUYA: Yes, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can you repeat what you said about the Land Management Division? Actually, is it...it's only one person, right?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. Currently we have one person, who is a Real Property Specialist V. We have a Real Property Specialist I position as well, and the Council had provided us with an expansion position last Fiscal Year for a Land Management Administrator. That position is little bit more difficult to fulfill because there is no such position in the entire State of Hawai'i, so we need to establish a position description for the position. And that is little bit more challenging than a normal position that already has an existing position description.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I understand that, Director. Why did you request that position if it wasn't created, or still had to be created?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, that is the direction that we need that position to establish what are we going to be doing with all of our lands, our acquisitions, moving forward. Any lower position than that would not be able to provide mission and vision for what we want to do with all of our lands that we acquire. I think --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so...

MR. TERUYA: -- moving forward, what we're trying to...oh, go ahead. Go ahead, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So they...is it in the Real Property Division, the Land Management Division?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, no. Currently that position is under Finance Department Administration. It's just a program, it's not a section. I think if the position or that

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section was to increase, then potentially it may become its own division, or even reallocated out to maybe Department of Management. But at this time, it's just being established under Administration under Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. And you essentially have one filled position, one vacant position, and one in the process of being created?

MR. TERUYA: No, Chair. We have two existing positions and one proposed, a Tax Clerk I position.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see. Well, I think I've used up most of my time. I'd like to talk to you more about the American Rescue Act. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have a minute and a half --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- if you...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Mr. Teruya, I know you said you don't know the specific parameters and guidelines of the new money coming in from the American Rescue Act, but do you have general guidelines, or...who are you communicating with --

MR. TERUYA: Chair --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- in Washington?

MR. TERUYA: -- right now, we haven't received any guidance. The only person that I've been and talked to were my counterparts, but they have no information. The best person that I had spoken to is actually the State Department Director Deputy Robert Yu, and he doesn't have guidance yet. So there is not even the application form for us to apply for this money yet, so I don't have specifics. I apologize.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Did you answer the question, provide a complete breakdown of the expenditure of \$67 million in the CARES Act? Did you have that question? Or did you...

MR. TERUYA: We don't have that question before us, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Huh? Okay. I'm going to ask that question because it's related to the American Rescue Act. So Chair, can I ask that question of the Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You have four seconds, so I'm just going to stop it. So your question about...you're talking about the CARES Act, the 66 million? So in...what was that, EDB-85, we received all of the reports that the Administration sent to the Governor detailing all the expenditures for the \$67 million.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Weren't some of them very general and lumped together?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Like you're talking...like for instance, some of the expenditures, weren't they just, like, lumped together? I mean, were they...or was it a detailed report?

MR. TERUYA: Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you remember?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I do. Some of them were pretty detailed. You know, some, I...when we had EDB-85, I asked additional questions because it wasn't super clear. But for the most part, you could...it was the receipts from each expenditure that was made. Director Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: Just really quick, Chair. Every month, reporting is due to the State, the Governor, on the 10th of every month. So you'll be receiving a light...or current copy of our response on the 10th, and it is a detailed report of all expenditure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On April 10th?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Scott, I'm really hoping there will be more cooperation with this additional funding coming forward. Because we were given a story, and that story was oh, you can make suggestions, but that's it. So I think we need to participate more in the next tranche funding. And...I mean, this is minor, but we in OCS couldn't even get reimbursed. So, you know, something's wrong with that picture, and so we need to get into that a little bit more. And I look forward to those conversations. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. And then real quick, Director.

MR. TERUYA: Yeah, Chair. Apologize for that, but I got receipts and was reimbursed through Marlene Rebugio's request to the Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Member King, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Staying on the issue of the American Rescue Plan Funds, the...there have been some guidance through NACo, the National

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Association of County Organizations. I've been sitting in on some of these meetings and, you know, my ears perked up because one of the things that they said was we're going to be allowed to use it for is lost revenue. So I know there's some guidance that's out there, and you might want to reach out to those folks, Jonathan Sheffield at NACo has been...they've been tracking this rescue plan pretty closely. So one of the things I wanted to ask you, if you are staying in touch. Because the one question they couldn't answer when I asked them on the last meeting was, what are the states going to be using the state funding for? Because they're getting a separate, much, much larger pot of money that they're expected to use across the entire state. And one of the concerns of counties across the country is that we aren't using our money and doubling up on things that they should be using the state money, the state allocation for. So are you going to be tracking, or are you tracking closely what the State is doing with its...I don't know, their couple billion, I think? Or it's over a billion that the State is getting directly. We're only getting 35 million directly, and that's about half of what we got last time. So the caution from NACo is to make sure that you know what your state is spending it on because that should be disbursed for programs across the counties, and that we aren't using the money for the same thing that we use our money for the things that aren't getting funded by the State.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you for that question. And we are in coordination with the State and the other partners on this working group, which Josiah Nishita meets weekly. And I'm sure that question is going around to make sure we're not double dipping each other or making sure that the funds are used appropriate. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you. And so hopefully you can keep us abreast of what they're spending it on as well because, you know, that's just how much we get, like, as our portion of the state money is kind of a concern too. And then the other question I had was just on the new positions. And you made a statement that you wait until it gets approved and funded before you do a description, a job description. And to me, that seems kind of backwards. Is that, like, common practice for the County? Usually you would think we would see a job description and a justification before we would approve a position.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, that only goes for the one position that is not anywhere throughout the State. All other expansions all have position descriptions, it's just for this one.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: And we wouldn't be working on the position description unless we had the go ahead to go do it, and it's not a easy position description to establish without the agreement of all three other counties.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But...

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: But didn't you say that it was approved, and that you're still working on the description? So it got approved without a...I mean, you had to have a justification for it, right? So what is the justification for the position?

MR. TERUYA: The position that...what was submitted is a class specs. That's just a specifications that's established for that classification. But after that approval, you need to go establish the position description.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, but don't you know what you want this person to do since you asked for that position?

MR. TERUYA: We are in...we are going through the process right now of writing the description. It's also taking...using other departments, including the City and County and the other counties to get a sense of...they have a Land Manager position in the City and County of Honolulu, except they don't have a position description. That person was working on a contract, so there's nothing that we could go by other than the class specs.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But you know you need one, you just don't know what they're supposed to do. That seems like...that just seems kind of backwards to me, but I guess that's the County's policy. I don't have any other questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Johnson, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Directors. So I just have a real basic question, and it's...okay, it's on page 202 of the Budget Proposal book, the very last column. And it's in regards to the deletion of funding for the Maui Mall lease, the DMV. That...it's like saying that you guys don't have to spend \$357,000. That's a yearly...that's how much we were paying for the DMV is 357? I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

MR. TERUYA: Yes, that was the annual base cost of rent.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And so you moved all the people over to the new building, and so is it...is the cost savings 357? Or probably cost you some, you know, with movers and everything?

MR. TERUYA: Well, there are...there were costs to move. There was cost to acquire furniture, et cetera, but we would no longer be leasing the Maui Mall, so that's the annual savings of not renting Maui Mall. But there are additional costs to moving into the new building for the upfront, and then moving forward, it's just an annual maintenance --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

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MR. TERUYA: -- regarding the janitor, Staff, you know, security, and other things. But, yeah, you don't...you're not...no longer paying base costs plus CAM.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And then you already earmarked your savings yet?

MR. TERUYA: Not yet. You know, it was a brand new building, so there is annual debt service. But some of that is offset by the less lease rent that we need to be paying another landlord.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair. I have no further questions.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So the Department, your Budget is basically a flat Budget because of the pandemic, correct?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, that is correct. In fact, there is...actually will be some cost savings from no travel and lot of the pandemic less classes, et cetera, education opportunities. So even this year, there's a savings, and potentially next year there may be additional savings if it continues this way.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for that. And, yeah, we all experienced last Budget session, which was pretty...as we were going, we were deleting. So it's nice that you guys have a handle of all of this, and that are sensitive to our economic conditions. I have a question that is...as one of the projects that I'm working on, which is...through Budget is with the Kula Ag Park, but I have a question regarding this...I'm trying to establish a Kula Ag Park Revolving Fund. So it's nothing that you have before you, but I have a question for Real Property Tax, if I could, Mr. Teruya. So the tenants at the real property...at the Kula Ag Park, do they pay the real property tax? Or who pays the real property tax at the Kula Ag Park?

MR. TERUYA: It would be the tenants.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Tenants pay that. Okay. So it's not something...okay. So I wouldn't put it in here, they pay it individually. Thank you. That was one of the questions that I could not find an answer. So thank you. That's it.

MR. TERUYA: Kula Ag Park, some of that would be administered by our Management Specialist, and some of that by OED as well. Marcy, I see her clicked on the thing, so I'll give her an opportunity to chime in on that issue.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Ms. Martin.

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MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, possessory interests are taxed. They are assessed at an agricultural reduced rate, so it's a low rate. Not a market value rate, but yes, they are supposed to pay taxes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So it's not OED that pays it because they're, like, the one that manages and administers...or manages a park. I just wanted that clarification as I'm setting up this fund. Thank you. Thank you very much. That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Members, those were all the...well, I guess we can do a follow up on any questions regarding the programs or the CIPs. So the CIPs are kind of for other departments. Member Paltin. Okay, follow up?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Teruya and Deputy Director. I just was wondering about the mailroom in the County Building. Does it take the mail for all departments countywide at Kalana O Maui, and then folks that are at One Main Plaza or the new Service Center have to come by couple times a day to check the mail? Or are you having a specific mailroom at the Service Center so folks at the Service Center can get their mail there, or...just wondering about efficiencies.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, I'll respond to that. So the mailroom here at the Kalana O Maui building is our main distribution center for all ingoing and outgoing mail. We do have individual mailboxes available in the new Service Center, and so any mails that are going in and out of the County building is actually run by our Mail Clerk within the Department of Finance, so twice a day. But there are some departments that also pick up or drop off mail on a daily basis. I'm not quite sure on what is the Budget that they have on those.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So it's not all the departments, just certain departments need to come to the Kalana O Maui every day, twice a day to do their mail service? Like if you're at One Main Plaza, or if you're going to be at Maui News, or the new Service Center, or the Hawaiian Telcom building, will they get their mail at their building, or everybody has to still come to Kalana O Maui to get their mail.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, yes, so we're talking about the interoffice mail? So the individual departments have a slot available on our main mail center so they do have to pick theirs up. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. My time's up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any follow-up questions on programs or CIPs? If not, we'll move on to Rates and Fees. Okay? Okay. For Rates and Fees, RPT falls under Finance, but we're not going to be going over those adjustments right now, and there hasn't been any other adjustments for the Rates and Fees that fall under Finance. There's business license and permits, peddling, merchandize, selling firearms, pawnbroker, auctioneer, bike tour, taxi cab, taxi cab business, taxi cab drivers, aquatic life operations, non-business license and permits,

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sale and replacement of license plates, sale of dealer plates, paper plate penalty, special license plates, National Parks commemorative license plates, sale and replacement of motor vehicle decals, penalties and interest, RPT, land rental, charges for current services, fuel cost, RPT maps, CD examination of motor vehicle operations, et cetera, licenses and permits for Highway Funds, cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers license and permits, bike way fund, bicycles, bicycle tax, duplicate certificate of registration, seizure exemption, penalty transfer, license of permits special revenue trust and agency fund, highway beautification, National Parks and commemorative license plates, and charges for current services, Special Revenue Trust and Agency Fund, fire permit inspection. Any questions on Rates and Fees? Okay. All right. We'll move on to the exciting part that, I guess, the Members' priorities. Okay. So we have priorities from Chair Lee, Member Molina, Member Sugimura, and myself. So how about we do...I will go to Chair Lee, then Member Molina, Member Sugimura, and then myself, and then back to Chair Lee for four others. Oh, well, I guess they're all connected, huh. Okay, you can do the...oh, Member Paltin? Did you have one that I'm not seeing?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, no, no. Just a request. Because I didn't print it out, I was wondering if Members could say what number or what page it's on so we can try follow along.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, Members. You heard Member Paltin's request. We'll start with Chair Lee, and there are two, four, five. And I think they're all related, so if you would like to present them together.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, wait. I'm still trying to get organized. I...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You talking about our top five...our top five --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, it would be --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- priorities?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- only...because we're going to get feedback from the Department, and then the Members are going to ask questions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, on all of them? Okay then. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All of them. Okay, Public Works, Office of the Mayor, Tax and . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And if you'd like me to go to Member Molina to give you a little time to get all of that...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I have it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have one, two, three, four, five. How many do you have? Five? Okay. All right. I am...would like to earmark \$50,000 for a [Lee-dar]...or LiDAR drone and related equipment in the Department of Management. And this equipment will expedite the review of culturally sensitive areas, and consequently contribute to the economic recovery of Maui County. This essentially is for our County Archaeologist, and the earmarked amount is \$50,000. But...okay, but what I'm doing is earmarking the American Recovery Plan Act, okay, because this, to me, is all related to economic development and recovery. So the next one is earmarking \$250,000 for COVID-19 enforcement violations. I'm getting so many complaints on a daily basis about people violating wearing masks, not observing social distancing, et cetera. I...it's like we're moving backwards in time because people think, oh, lots of people are getting vaccinated, so they don't have to be on their guard anymore. And that's the reason why we're still in double digits. So I feel \$250,000 for enforcement...again, from the ARPA funding. Are you going to vote on each one, or you just going to...just go down the list. Okay, earmark \$100,000 for a public engagement program to disseminate COVID information. Again, people are getting very lax, and actually thoughtless and inconsiderate by not observing the rules, and that is hindering our economic recovery, and our school programs, and everything else. I really believe we need a public engagement program through social media, the radio, television, everything. Okay. That's \$100,000 from the same place, ARPA. Now, earmark \$1 million for the Countywide Bridge and Drainage Program. We got socked last storm couple weeks ago. And so again, ARPA. And then fourth...I mean, the last one, another \$1 million for Countywide Traffic and Safety Program from the same place. Okay? That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. So we'll start with the first one. I'll ask for feedback from the Department, and then I'll open it up for questions from the Members. That was...on your compiled matrix, it's number eight, and it's a Countywide priority. And all of these would be under the ARPA, which can be found on page 189 of the Program Budget, or page 6-62 in the Budget Details book. And we'll go to the Department for feedback on earmarking 50,000 for the LIDAR drone. Director.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, no comment. That's not my department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Okay. So when you say this is not your Department, you're basically...so this is the Mayor's call?

MR. TERUYA: No, Chair. I'm just speaking on behalf of Finance. It hasn't to do with Finance, so I don't have any comment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I think we put it under your Department because we think that you're the one that will administer the funds in general.

MR. TERUYA: Okay. Well, if...provided that it meets the ARP guidelines, yes. Yeah. They all...I would say yes to everything unless they don't qualify, or they would be repeated by the State.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right.

MR. TERUYA: When you're talking about a drainage program and bridges, I'm guessing it's County, but if it would fall under the State, that would be the only thing that we're monitoring that. We don't pick up something the State is willing to pick up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: But other than that, I would be yes to everything. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. In light of that response from the Department, so each of these...so that first one for the LIDAR would fall under Department of Management. And so perhaps we can do what we did with Member Sugimura, and when Department of Management comes up, we can ask the Department of Management for feedback on that. And then same for the two enforcement...I'm not sure what Department...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Police. Police.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, one would be for Police, and the outreach would be for Police too?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, no, the outreach is the next one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Outreach would...I don't know who that would be.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the bridge and drainage and safety would be Public Works?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Public Works.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we'll wait until we get to Public Works to get feedback from them. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You know, the 100,000 for...you could put Council or Administration. We can handle that. We can handle that.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I smell a rap video coming on.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I was just going to say, do we have to rap again?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No worry. Everybody has to participate. That's all. That's all I have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay. So we'll do that then. When the departments come before us, we'll ask them for feedback on these. Although the fund itself falls under the Department of Finance, the Department of Finance isn't really the appropriate department to provide us feedback on this specific item, even though the funds is under them. Good? Okay. Any objection to that?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll go to Member Molina next. You got three minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. I think I have three proposals for the Department for consideration. One of them you heard already. Well, you guys didn't hear it, Department of Finance, but again, this is number 58 on the Councilmembers' matrix, Budget Bill Special Purpose Revenue, Appendix A2, page 44. It's to add a proviso, up to 100,000 shall be for the trash pickup and removal of abandoned vehicles within Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. This was in relation to the FY 2021 appropriation of \$100,000 for the cleanup and removal of abandoned vehicles. And I had presented this to the Department of Environmental Management for comment. So your thoughts? And I believe Director Yoshimura suggested that maybe this funding, an alternative...I guess, alternative way to address this would be through the Open Space Fund. So Mr. Director, any thoughts on this?

MR. TERUYA: None for me, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then we discussed this with DEM, and then...so I think my understanding is that we can bring up that proposal when the Mayor comes before us, and then we can get feedback from the Mayor's Office. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then your second priority proposal, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: This one is number 63 on the matrix, again, from the Budget Bill, Special Purpose Revenue Appendix A2, pages 45 and 46. Another proviso, up to 400,000 shall be for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Master Plan. From Fiscal Year 2020, the Council set aside 140,000 for an archaeological and cultural study of the

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Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. And moving on down, the archaeological study was the first step in an effort to develop a master plan for this open space area. And since the purchase of the open space by the County several years ago, nothing happened. But then over the last year, Parks Department worked very closely with the community on the archaeological study, and there's been numerous cleanups and trash removal. Through all of the departments, as I mentioned, to DEM, DEM, Parks, and Public Works, and the community, Ha'ikū Community Association, and the working group, they've all done a lot of cleanups in the area. And so basically, the \$400,000 request is the number that was previously provided to me by the Director for the completion of the master plan...the Parks Director. So anyway, just...again, your thoughts because the County invested so much in this open space property. So again, the development of a master plan would be a logical...would be the next logical move to take. So . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . any thoughts?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: None from me, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members, any questions for Member Molina? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just wondering if this can be another one where we save to ask for the Parks Department. Because it...I mean, it seems like it would fit in there more. Because I don't want to ask Director Teruya those types of questions because he probably doesn't want to answer those types of questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and he's not the appropriate department to be responding. So we'll save this one for when Parks comes before us. Okay. No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then my last one...anybody get questions on this one? If not, I'll move on to my last one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Number 65 on the matrix, Special Purpose Revenues, Budget Bill, page 46, Appendix A2, and that is to increase the Affordable Housing Fund appropriation from 4 percent to 5 percent of RPT, for an increase of approximately 3,714,000 *[sic]* and change for a total approximation of 18,566,000. The...we continue to contribute generously to this fund over the years, and it's been a mechanism for assisting numerous affordable housing projects. And in the recent conference of affordable housing plan, their recommendation was to build infrastructure and secure land, we need to appropriate \$57 million in the fund...to build this fund up to \$57

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million. And if I recall, it would mean setting aside, like, 11 percent. That's something I...you know, I'm kind of reluctant to do because of what this would do as far as, you know, impacting the services of our other departments. But maybe an additional one percent could be something that is doable for now. So anyway, just like to...your thoughts on this as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then for this one, perhaps we can save this for the Housing Division?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Housing, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can I ask a quick question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Didn't the Mayor raise it in his Budget? No? I just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It went to...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I think four percent. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Four to five?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Member Molina's proposing five.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're going five?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did Members have any other questions for Member Molina since he presented his proposal? Okay. Seeing none, we'll save this one for when Housing comes before us for review, and then we can refresh everyone's memories with the Department for feedback at that time. Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Next is Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Item number 74 on the matrix. And Keani, thank whoever compiled this matrix, it's very --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sarah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- consolidated and useful, so thank you very much to Staff. So this is regarding the Kula Ag Park, and I want to establish a revolving fund. Yes, Tamara, I agree, establish a revolving fund, and I actually have a proposed ordinance that I asked the RPT about. It's to create another section in Maui County Code, a new chapter would be 3.41. And basically, what I'm trying to ask for is that the monies collected from the tenants to go directly into this newly formed Kula Ag Park Revolving Fund. So this year, according to the report for CIP, it's about \$31,000 from lease payments collected from them. And what the fund would basically do is provide fencing for the perimeters for the ungulate problem that we're having, feral ungulate control, maintenance and repairs for common areas, as well as...and that OED, Office of Economic Development, would manage it. And that...the Council can add more funds to this if appropriate, and a report would be presented each year. On or before March 1st of each year, the Director of Finance shall transmit to the Council a detailed report of the funds during the preceding year. So that's kind of a summary of it. This is the proposed ordinance. And Keani, I wanted to know if I could submit this to you, and it could be part of the Budget documents, or did you want it to go to Chair Lee, Council, and then it get referred to a Committee for further discussion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So you have a Budget Bill...I mean, you have a bill --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Uh-huh. Brand new.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to create...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: To create this Kula Ag Park Revolving Fund. And it would be a new chapter, 3.41.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, you can submit that to me. Or --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to EDB [sic] Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. And with your permission then, if this does happen, the leases would be approximately 30,000 that would go into the revolving fund each year. And I wanted to also add...sorry, \$500,000 to this Kula Ag Park as I'm trying to get...as the tenants have requested, and probably you heard from them also, is that they're looking for fencing...because of the ungulate problem that's growing, for protection of, you know, their crops. So it's obvious, so I don't have to explain any of it to you. . . .(timer sounds). . . And that's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So once again, Finance isn't the department. But if Finance wants to share with us, like, the cost of administering special funds, I think that might be relevant information regarding this proposal.

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MR. TERUYA: Chair, we don't have any real impact to us. All we need to do at Finance is establish the account.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That is good feedback. Mahalo, Director. Okay. Members, any questions for Member Sugimura? And yeah, so it was Sarah that compiled the matrix. She gave up her entire holiday and weekend until 4:00 in the morning every day compiling this for all of us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Sarah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Feel the love. We appreciate you. Okay. Members, questions? Member Paltin, you have two minutes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think my question is for Member Sugimura. And I just was wondering, what was the reason for a revolving fund? If we just fund their needs, and then the money comes into the General Fund, and then we...like, they say we need this fence. And we're like, okay, how much is it? Are you going to contract it out? And we're adding 500 grand from the General Fund to kick it off anyway. So, like, I don't --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'll answer.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- understand the revolving fund --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So the...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- concept.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So the reason is because I represent you on the Kula Ag Park Committee and...as well as the, you know, whatever you have been hearing about the feral axis deer and the swine problem that has, you know, permeated Upcountry. I had that...I had a Zoom meeting with the community. It was very, you know, widely received. But this is a problem, and I will tell you that they have been asking for a fence. We still don't have a fence around the Ag Park. I did ask the Ag Specialist for how much would it cost, and with...and I did ask the Legislature. So I haven't stopped asking, and I'm not going to stop asking, but I think we need to solve that problem. And that...I just wanted this to start so that we could help them manage and maintain the kind of needs that they have. Security is a really big problem also. So I figured that if they had control over this Kula Ag Park, OED has control, based upon the lease payments, it doesn't go into the General Fund, and then every year somebody has to beg for what they need. So the farmers have needs, and they are paying the lease payments. I just thought to establish this fund, then they can...they, the farmers with this Kula Ag Park Committee and the OED . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . the Ag Specialist and JoAnn Inamasu, can solve their problems. Yeah?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, you know, back in the day I was a farmer, so I love the fact that you're thinking about the farmers. You know, in regards to the fencing, as a farmer, what...the deer, of course, a deer can come in and destroy your crop overnight. But there's different types of fences, the ones...a predator proof fence that keeps the rats and mice out. And one of the things that a farmer has to fight is when your plants are small, one mouse is just the same damage as one deer, yeah? So that's why, like, I'm...I support, you know, funding fences, but not all fences are made the same. If it's only a four-foot fence, deer will jump over it, you know. And then there's also the idea of it's not just the ungulates, there's also...they can...you know, the rats can dig under, so there's...that's when the price starts jumping and jumping. So I understand the 500 Gs. It sounds like a lot for a fence, but on the other end...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Doesn't even cover it. Oh, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I know, I worry, like the...how high you can go, the ceiling of a stainless steel fence with the little scoop on top that makes them unable to jump over.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You know, it gets complicated.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So I appreciate that you're doing that, and I kind of want to hear...bend your ear about...in regards to what the OED, the Agricultural Specialist was saying in regards to that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We can ask for...I got the numbers from the Ag Specialist to actually answer the question for Legislature when they ask me well, how much is it going to cost to fence the two ag parks, right? Because we have existing...and then the new one is called the Upcountry Maui Kula Park. It has a different name that was...because of different pots of funding for water that we got there. But so that's...I got the numbers from them, and we probably have to ask OED these questions . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . because you're right. I mean, what I've been hearing is not only what you said about rats, I didn't even think about rats. But because of the swine problem, they dig, you actually have to go deeper. So the problem is, you know, above ground is one, right, to keep the deer out, but then the swine problem also. So it's kind of...hopefully we can get control over it, but when we build your Lānaʻi Ag Park, then we'll be...we'll have a lot of experience with this.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay. So it sounds like some of the questions that we need to ask will need OED to be with us to answer?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So do you have a question for Member Sugimura that you think that she would be able to answer, you can ask now. Otherwise, if you think it's more OED specific, then we'll hold off on this proposal until OED is before us. Member Sinenci, do you have a question for Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It would be more so for the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just clarification.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we'll hold off because --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- unless it's...okay?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It's just...I mean, where does the fees go to right now? I mean, I believe Ms. Sugimura is proposing a revolving fund where the monies go into the fund. But currently, those funds go into the General Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct? Okay.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Member Sugimura, yeah, I'm actually in farming as well, so I like the fact that you're thinking about this. I had another issue than the mice because I think the birds are a bigger issue in some respects, and you can't fence against those unfortunately, but they will eat the shoots. But no, I just wondered if before we get to OED if you could find a...maybe a more accurate number for what it would cost to fence. Because it sounds like what you're talking about is a separate item that we should fund, you know, and then maybe after that, create the revolving fund. But the revolving fund is not going to cover this for probably many years, so I would rather just see, you know, what is it going to take to fence, and what kind of fencing are they looking for. Is it...if that's the biggest concern, deer, then maybe that's what you need to focus on other than the other things. But yeah, the pigs will knock fences over that are tall if they're not the right material, so they have to be pig proof as well. But anyway, I support the concept. I

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think we should get a more concise figure of what it would cost, and I think we should focus on that as an item to fund instead of trying to go do that through the revolving fund. Because we're just going to add money anyway, so it's not really a revolving fund issue.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Well...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, thank you. Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's frozen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, you're on mute.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I just wanted to get clarification on what you meant by hold off. I mean, so if you tell us we're going to hold off, that means we're going to...we're not getting consensus on an item and we're waiting for feedback from a department? Okay. All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's...mahalo for the question. Yeah. Because I think there's a lot of questions that we would...Members would like answered before we're asked to take a vote on items.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Did that apply to my abandoned vehicles?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Abandoned vehicles. Oh, with DEM?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we got consensus on that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because they were the appropriate department, and so we got our questions answered. Okay. Okay. And then...yeah, so I have questions on this as well. I think...and I'm happy to wait until we have OED before us because I think...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You want to...the question is, you want to know how much it would be to pay for the fence for the Kula Ag Park and...with the parameters --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- that we're going to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm going to hold my questions until we have OED before us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. But was --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- Members don't want me to do some research and find out how much it would cost to build a fence? Is that what I was hearing from the Members? I will do that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. And the last two proposals are from myself, and it falls under Finance. It's three minutes. Okay. So my proposal is to add a part-time LTA to the Moloka'i DMV, and it's number 13 on your matrix. It's a district priority, and it would be adding funding. So if you're in your Program Budget, then it would be on page 214. But it's not there because this is my proposal. Okay. So it's a increase of \$50,000 for one part-time eight month LTA Moloka'i DMVL Service Representative II. So on Moloka'i, we have two workers in our DMV. And when they do driver's tests, they have to close the office. And so during that time that they're doing driver's tests, then the office isn't open to help people in the community do things that they need to do at DMV. Also, it's...if there's a family emergency, or if there's vacation...so when there's only two people, it's just really challenging to keep the office open. And so it's been an ongoing issue on our island. And I think starting our...off with a part-time person on Moloka'i would be of great relief to our workers here so that they don't put too much pressure on each other when one, you know, has an emergency, or wants to take vacation, then it's just one person. Yeah. So there is a concern about the amount of space, but I think having someone part-time to start off with would allow for juggling of schedules to satisfy the amount of space there currently is. Okay. And then I'll ask the Director for feedback on my proposal.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. Knowing the operations at DMV in Moloka'i, I think you hit it kind of on the head. There are challenges when people are out. People are sick, they're on vacation, they're on lunch, they go to breaks, you're leaving one person alone in the office and then the additional person to cover that. And to be honest, the only thing on the LTA, it's very difficult to get LTAs. I'm not saying that we don't want a LTA, we'll take any help. But, you know, it probably could use, honestly...to be honest, a full-time position permanent would actually...there's enough work for a full-time position as well. So I'll leave it up to the body to discuss, but I know for a fact we could use a full-time position additional there. It's just very difficult to ask for positions outright during the time, but I think the numbers speak for itself. There's a lot of Real ID needs. Because of COVID, we got to station people outside. I'm not sure if you've ever seen our current Service Center, so that's an additional two, three people

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working outside of the line that can't work inside just because we got to deal with the line. So the additional bodies are a real help, and I appreciate the proposal, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll take it. Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members, any questions for me or for the Department? Lots of questions. Member Paltin, followed by Chair Lee, and then Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I just was wondering if you're going to amend the proposal because usually, limited term appointment is, like, there's a start date and a end date, so it's not going to continue on. I mean, you could do, like, a half-time permanent, a three-quarters time permanent, a full-time permanent, or whatever. But it seems like beyond a start and end date problem.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your question, Member Paltin. Yeah. I...if we can make it work, I think the workers here would really appreciate it, as well as our community so that, you know, the office can be open more frequently.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So you're just going to take out the LTA from the front?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, the recommendation was also for full-time. So one EP.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'm sorry, I didn't understand that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the proposal was for a half-time LTA. I wasn't sure if there was enough work for a full-time person or enough space to make it work, but if there is, then I think the community here would appreciate a one EP.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Chair Lee, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I just noticed you didn't put any money down, so I was just wondering if it's going to be a half-time person now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There was money.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or you just left that open? You just left that open?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, money after Member Paltin asked her question? On the matrix it has 50,000, 30,000 salary and 20,000 fringe, and that was for an eight-month position for a part-time LTA.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What number is that?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. That's number 13 on the revised matrix that was posted on Granicus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. I guess --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- I didn't have the revised.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mine has no number. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. But that would have to be revised again if we're changing it from a part-time LTA to a one EP. So I will update that number. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, listening to your justification has really kind of nailed it on the head for me on Lānaʻi as well. Everything you said is exactly what happens on Lānaʻi. When the DMV has to go do road tests, she closes the DMV. And then with COVID, we have all these extra protocols. And then when she takes vacation, we don't have DMV. So I just have, like, a question in regards to how do...can you amend it to have more than one DMV, or is it...because like what Director Teruya was saying, that there's other DMVs that they have lines outside the door now. Is that just...can you edit it to make it so that it's Countywide or is it just...is it only specifically for this one position?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: District.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, district.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So this was my priority proposal for district.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Yup, I understand. All right. I guess I...all right. I see maybe as it goes on, I don't know, maybe I'll have to rewrite something. I have a...a what do you call it, a back...a wildcard or backup. So maybe I'll put that on there on one of mine. All right, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So the reserved one is for existing funding. This one is for additional funding. And so the wildcard one is for existing funding. So if you are asking...if you're requesting something, you can make that request.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't...would it take away one of my provisos?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you trying . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . to add on to my priority list?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Hey, that's a good idea. . . . *(laughter)* . . . No, I'm just kind of learning the process here, that's all. I like your...I like the way you're thinking, though, Chair Keani.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(laughter)* . . . I'll talk story with the Director and see. Okay, Members, any other questions? Okay. Seeing none...oh, Member Sinenci. You want to add on to my proposal too?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No, I was just wondering. I didn't get a chance to ask when Chair Lee had her proposals, and so just let me know when is a good time for...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. For Chair Lee's proposals, we are holding off on those until...I don't have my paper. So the first one, we're going to wait until we have Department of Management so we can ask that Department questions. And then Police, and then possibly Council, so we can, you know, ask ourselves questions. And then the last two is for Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So when we have those departments before us, we'll ask those questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And I just had a really quick question because...oh, for one, we did have a duplicate from our office for the LIDAR. But if Chair Lee wants to go ahead and do that, then maybe we can do another ask as well. But on the general question about the American Rescue Act, it looks like Chair Lee's...she has one for a million dollars for Countywide Bridge and Drainage Program. So in anticipation of a possible Infrastructure Bill from the Biden Administration, know that we have the grants for the American Rescue Act, what if...what happens if we're going to receive another grant from the Federal Government for infrastructure?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I think that the infrastructure funding is separate. But, you know, I suspect that it's going to take some thought to put this whole package together because--and I know Michele is more than capable, and Scott--because to me, that's one of the reasons why I was thinking of using the ARP number...money proviso because that frees up cash in Highways. Because this is already...this is in Highways.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Highways might have, let's say, \$2 million worth of bridges and roads, okay? And I took out one million and put it under ARP to free up a million dollars. Now, the...when I free up the million dollars, a number of things can happen. One, we can substitute that for a cash project. And we can use additional cash to leverage the Federal funds, or any other funds where we have to match. I'm sure there's a point where we're going to have to match these funds, and we will...so we

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can't use every last dime we have in the Budget and tie everything up. We need to leave flexibility in the Budget, and that's what I'm trying to do.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right. And so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Provided we can use the ARP money. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct. And I'll just...in anticipation of a Federal Infrastructure, is that...a general question, is that going to change our 2022 Budget should those funds also come down?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. Those funds are...we don't even know what those funds are going to entail or how much, and that would come down as special funds, and that would be an amendment to our Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. And the last priority proposal is from myself, and it's an alternate one. I can't find it. It's also under DMV, and it's something I've been talking about for two years now, and it's been super successful in the places that they do have it, and it's a kiosk that you can pay for your DMV stuff. But also, I think we're expanding to being able to pay for water bills and other bills, yeah? So if...so my priority proposal is to have a kiosk on Moloka'i, and I estimated about \$30,000. Director...Deputy Director.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair. I really don't have any, you know, actual costs right now for those, but I do know that currently, for the kiosk for the DMVL, the fees are absorbed by the County. However, the convenience fee to utilize credit card is being passed on to the users. And it's...there are paying cash and the cash kiosk is only available at our satellite office. I mean...I'm sorry, the --

MR. TERUYA: Main...

MS. ALIBIN: -- at the new Service Center. Then there's no associated convenience fees that is passed on to the user. We can get back to you as far as how much it would cost for us to install additional kiosks. However, I think what you're also referring to is not just a kiosk to process renewal of vehicle registrations, but also have the ability to accept payments for utility types, and also Real Property Taxes. We are currently in discussion with our current vendor, which is the Inova for our cashiering platform.

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The challenge right now is there is...the technology is available. However, most of these initiatives that we currently have identified are pending because of the need to upgrade our Windows system into version...I think, Windows 10. And we had already discussed our concern with our Department of Management, so I know that this is one of the ITS Managers, Vince Yu, top priority is the ability to convert, you know, the desktop into Windows 10 to be able to...for us to move forward with all the other projects that we would like to implement in the next few years.

MR. TERUYA: If I may, Chair, add to that. We like kiosk, it's working well. We were hopeful that we had the technology right now to probably take two steps forward instead of one by going mobile phone type of payments, receiving alerts, receiving bills, and paying via mobile phones. That was the hope, but everything is ready except for our infrastructure. We're not equipped with Windows 10, so we can't do that. But I like your idea, as well as another measure of doing that, and we will explore that option. The current kiosk that the DMVL does, there is a possibility that it can incorporate other bills, we're going to be checking with the vendor on that. So we're looking at all options available. But for sure, the Deputy knows I've been asking for a long time to go digital. You know, everybody's paying with their phones already with the tap and all these iPays and et cetera and stuff. So we're hoping that we're going to have more multimedia type of payments. Right now, almost any DMV can already accept payments as well. So by adding another position at DMV, that's another duty that they can do. I think you know by moving to Inova, and every Department being on the same platform opens a lot more opportunities for the County. So it took a while for us to get there, but I think in the near future, you're going to see a lot of improvements and lot of efficiencies. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And, you know, that . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . we're very supportive of this forward movement. I also know though, that there are a lot of people on Moloka'i that still have flip phones and not smart phones. So acknowledging that, I think, you know, a kiosk for now would really work for our community. So mahalo for your feedback on all of that. Does someone over there still have a flip phone too? Is that what's going on? Just kidding. Okay. Members, any questions on this proposal? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just...what number is that? I don't see it on...I also have the old one. I don't have the revised version. So was it not on the old...the original version of the combined priorities?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm not sure. Sorry. I think it's here. It's on the revised one.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm not sure what number right now.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just looked through the old one and I don't see it anywhere, so...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. It's an alternate, and we didn't add the alternates to the matrix.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But my alternates are on my proposal on Granicus. Mahalo for that clarification, Staff. Okay. But did you have any other questions regarding the proposal itself? Or you just wanted to...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I understand it's similar to the kiosk that we have at Safeway here for people to go up to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It would be housed inside somewhere like that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh. Yeah. Yeah, that would be the plan. Member Paltin, you had your hand up?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, no, I just was going to say the revised FY'22 Member priority proposal matrix from Committee Chair is item 39 on the Granicus, so that's what I've been looking off of. I just click on that and then I scroll.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Granicus item number 39. Okay. Any other questions? Okay. Yeah. I...yeah. I think it's been a very long...a long day. Fun. Good fun. Yeah? Okay. And so I think that will end that portion. And then the last portion is the Grant Revenue for Finance. And there's commercial driver's license, periodic motor vehicle --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- inspection program. I'm sorry. Yes, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Did you want to do a...take...do a consensus on your first item? I don't think we voted on that one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It can wait until decisions week.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for...I guess, yeah, I can. But it sounds like there may be some requests, so I might need to make adjustments. So before you vote on it, I want you to know what it is you'll be voting on. Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Good catch on our process. . . . *(laughter)* . . . No one can accuse you of not paying attention.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. And Member King, you can add on to her DMV person in Kihei.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, maybe we'll stick another person in the Kihei office.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: See.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: See what Gabe started?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(laughter)* . . . You're welcome, Members. It might end up being a Countywide one.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. It is Countywide now.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can we add on a drainage project too, onto Alice Lee's project?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Anything you guys want.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay, the last thing is the Grant Revenue. Were there any questions about the funds that...we asked, you know, most of the questions regarding the American Rescue Plan Act already. There are a few other grants that we are recognizing under this Department. Are there any questions? Excellent. Look at that, before 6:00 p.m. Okay. And there are no special purpose revenues. Good job, Members. Okay. We're only an hour behind schedule. Director Teruya, would you like to end with any final thoughts or closing comments?

MR. TERUYA: Just want to thank the Council and the Members for allowing us to come before you and present our Budget. Yeah, from myself and the Deputy, I appreciate your guys' time. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Director, and Deputy Director, and Budget Director. Have a wonderful evening. Rest up. Tomorrow will be another fun day. Okay. I don't have my calendar in front of me. It's somewhere buried. Okay. Tomorrow is going to be --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Fire.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- it's DH...oh, Fire. Fire before Finance, and DHHC is after. I mean, Fire after Finance, and then DHHC. And so two more big departments, but we're doing a great job, Members. Way to keep up the energy. Here comes a...so we've concluded day two of Budgets, and we'll be starting day three. Any questions or comments before I adjourn our meeting? Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just checking if we need jogging gear or sweats tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You may want to wear a sweatband for your forehead because we're going to turn up the heat tomorrow. We got Fire coming before us. . . . *(laughter)* . . . Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You like my cheesy jokes, huh, Member Johnson?
Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Not right now. No. I just was wondering, when was the estimated
time frame for us to get the missing information?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Member...okay. Which missing information?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: All the missing information we haven't gotten the past two years, this
year, that every other Administration provides...and jurisdictions. Well, what the step
and the SR ratings are and the annual salaries. We don't need identifying information
like names or anything, but we're equal with the Administration on this, and it's...I
didn't...once Mr. Mitchell said we were going to be getting that information, I didn't
continue on with my specificity in the A section because I figure when we get that
information, I could answer the questions myself. And so just wondering a estimated
time frame. If not, I might need to go and revise my section A questions if we hit those
departments where I didn't include that level of specificity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I got two hands. I got Director Teruya and Budget
Director Yoshimura.

MR. TERUYA: I'll pass it on.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Whoever would like to answer that question.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, my Staff is currently working on that information for...that
Councilmember Paltin had mentioned. So as soon as we get that done, we will send it.
Hopefully we'll get it done by Friday, and then we'll transmit it.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Any other questions or comments
from the Members? Okay. Seeing none, we can adjourn for the day. Don't forget your
sweatbands for tomorrow. It is 5:51 on April 7th, and we'll see everyone tomorrow at
9:00. We got Fire Department, Fire and Public Safety, and Department of Housing
and Human Concerns tomorrow. I think we should probably be prepared for a little
bit more testimony with the Grants under DHHC, and an all-around wonderful day
tomorrow. Okay. 5:51 on April 7th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee is now adjourned. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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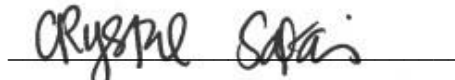
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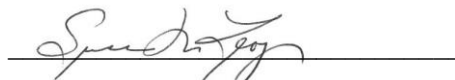
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