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Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (out 8:42 p.m.)
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

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Counsel

OTHERS: Wayne Higa
Ashley Takitani Leahey, Maui Family YMCA
Shayna Decker, Maui Family YMCA
Mike Morris, Maui Family YMCA
George Burnette

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(*gavel*). . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. 'Eha minuke i ka hala o kahōla 'eiwa ma Iwakālua o 'Apelila I ka makahiki 'elua kaukani iwakāluakūmākahi. E 'olu'olu mai, e ho'omalū ke Komike Mo'ohelu Kālā a me ho'omohala Waiwai 'o wai ka luna ho'omalū o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's...it was 9:04 on April 20th, 2021. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. And from our Council Chair, miremengjes kākou from Albania, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Me first?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I keia la me kou kākou eia Council Vice-Chair [*sic*] Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Madam Chair --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Council Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- from all the way from Europe, Albania, we say miremengjes. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miremengjes. Okay. Hope luna ho'omalū Tamara Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Miremengjes. A me aloha kakahiaka mai Maui Komohana.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oops. Aloha kakahiaka. And it was just brought to my attention that I accidentally said Council Vice-Chair. I meant Council Chair Alice Lee. E kala mai.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, no problem. I can do that too. . . .*(laughing)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. Member Shane Sinenci, miremengjes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha lā Pō‘alua, Chair, and miremengjes mai Maui Hikina.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha lā Pō‘alua. Okay, Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, miremengjes to you, Madam Chair, to my colleagues, and everyone else viewing in on this beautiful Tuesday, April 20th.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miremengjes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nice shirt. Nice shirt.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, mahalo. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kelly King. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha kakahiaka, everyone, and miremengjes. I think it’s a beautiful day here in Kīhei, but I’m still in my room here and it feels like a dungeon since I’m doing so much work all day long. But good progress yesterday, so congratulations everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, absolutely. And miremengjes, and it’s a good thing you have a comfy dungeon. Okay, and...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That’s right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . And we’ll say nice shirt to you too. It almost looks like you and Member Molina are matching. We didn’t get the memo, guys.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh no. You should have sent the memo to everyone. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. I did not get the memo for matching shirts, but me and Councilmember Shane Sinenci represent right here. Here we go. . . .*(laughing)*. . . But, yeah, I’m looking forward to a great Budget meeting, so, yeah. Aloha. Good morning. Miremengjes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, miremengjes. Does anyone match with me?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Yuki Lei Sugimura, do you match with me?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I did my best.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Where is she?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No. So miremengjes, everybody. I love our greetings, it makes the start of all our meetings very fun. Thank you, Chair Lee, for starting this new tradition for the County Council. I'm looking at the Ka'ahumanu Church, and I notice we have some testifiers who are going to be speaking today, so I look forward to hearing from them. Thank you very much for a great Budget meeting, and good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Pro Tem Tasha Kama is excused, and remains in our thoughts and our prayers. From Corporation Counsel, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Miremengjes, and aloha kakahiaka, Committee Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And our Committee Staff, we have Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Secretary Jean Pokipala.

MS. POKIPALA: Miremengjes. Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miremengjes. Supervising Legislative Analyst Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Miremengjes, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miremengjes. Budget Committee Analyst Lesley Milner.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miremengjes. Legislative Analyst Ana Lillis.

MS. LILLIS: Good morning, Chair. Miremengjes, Members.

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

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and miremengjes. 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. Okay. We have our one big item on today's agenda, BFED-1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. We currently have 13 individuals signed up to testify. Oral testimony via phone and 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 and do not intend to testify. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony, please join the BlueJeans meeting link noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony, please call the number and enter the meeting code, also noted on today's agenda. The Committee intends to keep the same meeting link and phone number throughout the Budget session. 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. 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. Staff has posted the testifiers log in the chat so that you can see where you are on the list. 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 waiting your turn to testify. Once you are done testifying, you will be asked to disconnect from the call. However, you are welcome 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 also disconnect at this time, and instead view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook live, or on mauicounty.us. We will proceed with testimony starting with Wayne Higa, followed by Ashley Takitani Leahey. Aloha.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. HIGA: Aloha. Aloha kakahiaka. Good morning. My name is Wayne Higa. Born and raised Maui boy. Lihikai School, old Kīhei School, graduate Baldwin High School. Presently, I'm the kahuna pule or the Pastor at Ka'ahumanu Church. And to start off, condolences to Councilmember Tasha Kama and her ohana. Mahalo to all the Councilmembers for allowing this time for us to speak in support of our individual interests, but for us especially is for the proposed funding for the restoration of the historic landmark we know as Ka'ahumanu Church. I'd also like to thank Mayor Victorino and his Staff for recognizing a historical treasure and wanting to help perpetuate this treasure, which has stood there for 145 years. And God willing, may it be there for another 145 years. Also, mahalo to the Planning Department, and especially to Annalise Kehler for always being available for our calls, our questions, over the last several years and taking the time to sit in with us in meetings and assisting us in planning and guiding us through the historical and cultural aspects of such a project as Ka'ahumanu Church restoration. And the list of mahalos can go on and on more than the three minutes, so for those in the community who continue to

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support Ka'ahumanu Church, mahalo, mahalo, mahalo. This journey of restoration seems and feels like a long one. And during this...just to bring you up to date, during this past year, Architects Hawai'i has taken on the project of doing the plans and the drawings for Ka'ahumanu Church, sort of a design phase. They will be completing these drawings hopefully shortly. They've been over and done the measurements and the scanning. And we have also partnered with the Hawai'i Conference Foundation. And they have designated Ka'ahumanu Church as one of their legacy properties for Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. Once the Architects of Hawai'i completes the drawings, the plan is to begin a capital campaign to raise the funding to complete the project. The funding from the County would be a great kick start to this capital campaign. Other options or funding sources, one would be Historic Hawai'i Foundation is one of those possibilities. There are some others who have come forward, but nothing definite or in writing at this time. So that's kind of where we're at with the project. We were very happy to hear that the Mayor took it upon himself to include Ka'ahumanu Church . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . in his funding Budget. Is that my three minutes up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HIGA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You may conclude.

MR. HIGA: In closing, it's a very historic building. Two words for church, e kala kia, one is the organization, hale pule, one is the building. We are asking for funding and support of the funding for the historic building across the street, and not for the organization. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Higa. I see a question from Member King. Member King.

MR. HIGA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Higa, or Pastor Higa. Just a quick question. The architects, did they deliver their services for free, or is it...

MR. HIGA: It is my understanding that Architects Hawai'i has...they, I guess, annually, do a pro bono thing, so that's kind of...we were lucky enough to surface to the top of that list, so they are doing the work pro bono.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So none of the money...if we approve the Budget, none of the money goes into that . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

MR. HIGA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

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MR. HIGA: Correct. Yeah. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Very good.

MR. HIGA: Yeah, so it's not going to be paid back kine stuff. Yeah, it's all moving forward.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you. Thank you for being here. You have a very interesting background. It looks like a crown above your head.

MR. HIGA: Oh. The kahili pa'alima. That's the interior of the church.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I thought it was really good. It's very effective.
...*(laughing)*...

MR. HIGA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King.

MR. HIGA: Councilmember Tamara, you had your hand up?

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Higa, for your testimony. My question was just...do you know the full amount that you need?

MR. HIGA: Not at this time, but back in...I believe it was around 2015, we did get some money, and we did pay for a conceptual estimate. That conceptual estimate, when it was done, ran the restoration to about a million seven, and they also added in costs...possibility of cost overruns, and that took it up to about two and a half million. So we have a long ways to go. And that was, again, years ago, so who knows where it's going to be now. And watching the news this morning, building materials, cost of all that stuff is also going up also at this time. So, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And so just wondering...

MR. HIGA: One moment.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, sure. ...*(timer sounds)*... Okay, I'll yield. Go ahead, Member Sugimura.

MR. HIGA: No, go ahead. I'm good. I'm just doing babysitting duties also, so...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure, sure. No problem. Go ahead, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Are you done, Member Paltin? Yeah. Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Hi, Kahu. Nice to see you and thank you for bringing your keiki to bless this meeting also. Remember, you mentioned Annalise Kehler from the Planning Department. So can you explain a little bit about how she helped you? We always hear her name, and she does great work.

MR. HIGA: Yeah. She has always been a part of the planning process. And early on in the discussion, we were introduced. And way back then, there was a...some grant or funding that was done by her predecessor to do a study on the church because of its historical significance. So she kind of held our hands through that process. And there is a study that was on and, of course, for uninitiated laypeople, we thought that survey process was going to do the blueprint stuff. And of course, when we see the report and there's all these drawings inside there, we figure, oh that's good. And of course, through the years we find out, okay, that's not what's needed. So she led us through that portion of it. She was also helpful in getting some funding for us when the post office across the street was taken down for some...the tremors...to make sure that what was being pounded across the street didn't affect the structure of the church.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

MR. HIGA: So there was some monitor stationed around the church building just to make sure that that didn't happen.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Kahu. I was just curious, I always hear her name. So thanks a lot. Thanks.

MR. HIGA: Yeah, she's a big help --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. HIGA: -- from the cultural and historic aspect portion as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: For the Planning Department too.

MR. HIGA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mahalo, Madam Chair. Good morning, Kahu. I'm wondering, you mentioned the United Church of Christ. Have they offered any type of assistance with the restoration whether it be trying to get some pro bono...either pro bono type of work or maybe architectural or engineering work to assist the church?

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MR. HIGA: Yes. I mentioned Hawai'i Conference Foundation. Hawai'i Conference Foundation is actually the fiduciary portion of our denomination, which is the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. So they actually hold the deed, and so they designated Ka'ahumanu Church as one of the legacy properties for the conference. So that kind of pushes it up a little bit on the funding scale. So they plan on partnering with us on doing this capital campaign. Of course, with all the churches that are under their responsibility, it...they can't just write us a check. So it's kind of partnering. And they had always kind of been on the back burner for me. It was like the kuleana rests kind of with the congregation to do a significant part of the work, doing the walk, taking the interest, taking the kuleana and the responsibility. But they had always been there, that I was going to go back to them at a certain point and say, we've done this, so now it's your guys' turn. They've jumped into the whole scheme of things a little bit earlier, which is even greater for us. So they have a new chairperson there, Andrew Bunn, and he's starting to make a difference. So we're looking at, you know...we'll see. Continue to pule and pray and it's just, you know...I know there's a lot of big priorities out in the County. You guys have a hard job, but I'm just happy that...you know, that this opportunity has come up for us at the church.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mahalo, Kahu . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. HIGA: Did that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. HIGA: Or did it get confused?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no, no, it certainly was a great response. But you know, we're certainly praying for your efforts and certainly all of us are very happy to assist. Mahalo, Kahu. And mahalo, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony, Kahu Higa.

MR. HIGA: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. HIGA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then before I call on the next testifier, I just wanted to let Members know that I allowed questions beyond the clarifying questions because he is the Kahu of the church, and this is the first time that we're hearing from this particular project, but moving forward, clarifying questions only since we've gotten a little bit more background on this particular project, okay? Mahalo, Members. Okay, the next testifier is Ashley Takitani Leahey, followed by Shayna Decker. Aloha.

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MS. TAKITANI LEAHEY: Good morning. Hi, all of you. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmembers. It's really nice to see all of you. Before I start, I just wanted to thank you folks. I know that the work that has gone into this past year and a half, you know, I can't even imagine. We've all been going through it, but you folks have really taken the reins, and really trudged through it. So thank you to all of you for the time and effort that you're putting into Maui and all of our community. So I...my name is Ashley Takitani Leahey. I'm here on behalf of the Maui Family YMCA, where I have served as a board member for the past few years. I also learned to swim at the Y, and, you know, spent a lot of afternoons after high school playing racquetball and hanging out there. So I can definitely attest to the safe space that the YMCA has provided throughout my lifetime and, you know, generations before that. So I'm humbly asking that you support our proposal for \$150,000 that's in the Budget currently for our YMCA scholarships that allow families in need to participate in programming at the YMCA. Our board is currently...as well as a board member, we are currently fundraising to match this 150, so we are able to cover more families for this. Our...you know, last year, of course, the need grew. I don't think I have to talk about that, I think we all know that the financial need, the healthcare needs, the childcare needs really, really grew here in our community. So, you know, we're doing all we can to help support these families and to fundraise as much as we can to help, again, those families in need. You know, I personally think that kūpuna health, programs like our diabetes prevention program, things like that, childcare, just generally a safe place for children, should not be for people that can pay a premium for it. It should be for all of our Maui families, right? So, you know, this budget item will really allow a few more families to just sleep better at night knowing that they have a safe place for their children. You know, they have ability and the accessibility to a place like the YMCA in Central Maui. I don't have any children, but I have numerous friends that have used, you know, everything that the YMCA has offered since the pandemic. I think, you know, the staff and Mike and everyone at the YMCA has done such a great job in really just pivoting. They couldn't really do swimming classes anymore. They couldn't really be a gym. They couldn't do group exercise classes. So they started lending out equipment to the diabetes prevention program to make sure, Members, that you know, to make sure that these people that needed physical activity could still get it in the safety of their home. You know, I recently have seen...I haven't been in there because, you know, social distanced and everyone physically distancing, but the YMCA is completely transformed the entire interior to basically be a school, to provide distance learning, to provide a safe place that families can take their children . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . immediately when the pandemic started...oh. Anyway...sorry, I just figured I'd talk until, you know, the bell rang, so I got my three minutes in. Anyway, so thank you again so much. A hundred percent of this will go to supporting these families who need these programs. So thank you again.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Takitani Leahey. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Okay, our next testifier is Shayna Decker, followed by Mike Morris. Aloha.

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MS. DECKER: Good morning. Thank you so much, Chair. And thank you, Councilmembers, for having us offer testimony today. My name is Shayna Decker, long-time Maui girl. Born and raised and now a Maui mom. I'm here testifying to support Maui Family YMCA. And I'm asking you to support...to include \$150,000 in the Budget. And, you know, with three children under the age of eight, it's quite often almost every day my kids are asking, mommy, can we go to the Y? You know, it's where my kids are learning how to swim from Auntie Annalise. It's where their grandpa goes to stay active. You know, it's a really family space for Maui families. And that's why I support the Y. I also serve as a Maui YMCA board member and, you know, like Ashley mentioned, we'll be launching the YMCA Board's annual support campaign with donations because our community and many families on Maui need the YMCA and its programs. You know, especially now that we learned that we offered three times as much in financial aid this year than we did in 2019. And, you know, part of that rise is because the Y's offering programs that have adapted to the pandemic, like the blended learning and the childcare, and it's with safe guidelines and social distancing. And I've heard how parents really appreciate having a safe space for their children to go to while mom and dad, you know, have to go to work. So 100 percent of those \$150,000 would go directly to assist Maui families, children, seniors, anyone that needs services that the Maui Y can provide. So thank you again. You know, it really means a lot for our Maui families to have a safe place to go to so we can stay well, and everyone on Maui can stay healthy. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Decker. No questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Mike Morris, followed by George Burnette.

MR. MORRIS: Good morning. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmembers. And thank you, Councilmember Sugimura for championing our cause here. I don't have much more to add. It's people like Shayna and Ashley that make me want to get up every morning and go to work because they're such wonderful people, and I love Ashley's story of full circle. I've been here long enough to see that many times. Maybe I've been here too long because I see them when they're two or three years old, I see them when they go off to college, and I see them when they come back, and I love that. Today, the Y does look a little different. You know, I was just noticing this morning, watching all the people walk in the front door, the majority of those using the Y right now are our seniors. They understand the need to continue to do their exercise, you know, they're coping with Parkinson's Disease, their class that they attend, water aerobics, I see them get off the Maui Bus right here in front, they head off to do their aerobic classes in the water, of course, staying spaced way out. And we have to do more classes because we've got to keep them spaced out quite a bit. But it's interesting that the folks that come in are this age...our older seniors are using the Y more now than ever. So I'll just reiterate what Ashley and Shayna said, that \$150,000 is really important to many of those people that are on fixed incomes. They can't afford full price. And, you know, I can't say no, so I have to find a way to raise that money. And it's critical for us, and critical for those in our community to continue to do the programs that we offer. So thank you for your consideration. Thank you so much.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Morris. I see a question from Member King. Clarifying question, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, clarifying. Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Mike, thanks for all the work you do. I wanted to ask you if you have received any direct or indirect funding from the CARES Act or the American Recovery Plan? Because this seems like it's COVID-related, the...you know, the increase that you talked about. And also, do you know if any other YMCAs have received funding based on, you know, the need of the community?

MR. MORRIS: Yeah, that's a great question. Last summer we did get CARES Act to provide childcare at the War Memorial, Eddie Tam, and at Kihei Gym gymnasiums. And then once the summer was over and, actually, we started...when the summer was over, we started blended learning program in all three of those gyms. And then end of the year, that's when that money ran out, and so since then, we have not. We've not received any additional funding from CARES Act or anything else at this point. And so we're hoping...we're hoping this summer that we'll be able to partner with the Parks and Rec again to start back the summer PALS program. And I guess we're just waiting on the word from Parks and Rec as to where we're at with that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. All right. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning, Mr. Morris. Aloha.

MR. MORRIS: Thank you. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Our next testifier is George Burnette, followed by Nicholas Winfrey. Aloha, Mr. Burnette.

MR. BURNETTE: Aloha, can you hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Loud and clear.

MR. BURNETTE: Okay. Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers. I'm George Burnette. I'm speaking in favor of the proposed \$150,000 for the restoration of Ka'ahumanu Church in Wailuku. I'm speaking as the Vice-Moderator of the church. First want to relay my condolences to Member Kama and her family. And I'd like to thank the Mayor for including this amount in his proposed Budget. What we're talking about today is to help restore and preserve a historic building and a prominent landmark in Wailuku. The church building was recognized in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and also in the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places in 1981. The church was established in 1832. The grounds and the surrounding area were once the complex of Kahekili the II, who ruled over seven of the Hawaiian Islands. The stones in the walls of the current structure, and also the stones that form the wall along High Street, are from the heiau of Kahekili. Queen Ka'ahumanu, the favored

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wife of Kamehameha the I, visited the church grounds in 1832 and asked that when a permanent structure was built, that it be named after her. The current structure was built in 1876 by Edward Bailey, and named after the Queen as she requested. Excuse me. The church has two cemeteries on the property. Among those buried there is Bartimaeus Puaiki. He was the first Native Hawaiian licensed to preach, and became known as the blind preacher of Maui. Also said to be buried on church grounds in unknown locations are John Honoli'i and Thomas Hopu, who were two of the first four Hawaiians who converted to Christianity when they were living in New England, and then returned to Hawai'i to teach Christianity. The clock in the church steeple has been designated the official town clock of Wailuku, and the church bell was built in New England by Henry Hooper, who was an apprentice of Paul Revere. According to an article from Historic Hawai'i Foundation, preserving the history of a place gives the community its unique character. Historic preservation helps keep communities beautiful, vibrant, and livable, and it connects people with their past and with one another. There are cultural, environmental, and educational benefits of historic preservation, all of which are connected to one another and to the living memory of the community. I'd be happy to submit this entire article if anyone would like to have it. Also, as a member of the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council, I support the proposed amounts in the Budget for the MNMRC to help preserve and educate for the protection of our most precious invaluable coral reefs. And as an individual, I support the recently proposed five to six percent tax increase on investment properties to add \$20 million to the Maui's Affordable Housing Fund. Mahalo, Chair and Council. I am very thankful for your hard work, for your love of Maui County and its people, and for your consideration of these items. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Burnette. I think the Members are waving to you. Okay. Member King has a question, Member Sinenci, and then Member Paltin. Okay, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, George.

MR. BURNETTE: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Or Vice-Moderator George, I should say. . . .*(laughing)*. . . I don't know what that is, but it's an impressive title. So I...my main question is for the 150,000, I know you have a long ways to go to raise the money, but will that actually get used in this next fiscal year?

MR. BURNETTE: That's a good question, and my best answer I can give is I don't know. We have a lead on quite a bit more money, but it's not in writing yet. And I heard the Kahu testify, and he really didn't want to talk about it, so I guess I shouldn't either. So my answer to that question is, I don't know. And we'd be curious how all that works if it can be carried over to the next year.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. BURNETTE: We've been pursuing this...

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just wanted to find out if you were actually going to use the money or if it was just going to sit there, you know, throughout the year in your, you know, maybe better thing to do is to ask for it when you're ready to use it, but that was just my thought on where you're at with your fundraising.

MR. BURNETTE: My guess...my best guess is the restoration is going to take some time, maybe even more than a year. There's a lot of different things that can be done, so perhaps some of the money can be used to start restoration, but I...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, that was my question. So if you could find out maybe and let us know what you would use it for in this next fiscal year, that would be really helpful.

MR. BURNETTE: Okay. I'll make a note.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And aloha Vice-Moderator Burnette.

MR. BURNETTE: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo for your testimony. And so Pastor Higa mentioned working closely with Annalise Kehler. I'm just curious if the renovations of the church would have to adhere to the Historic Preservation Standards.

MR. BURNETTE: I don't know anything about that --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. BURNETTE: -- so I won't answer it.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, just a reminder. Clarifying questions, Members. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

MR. BURNETTE: May I say something?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Burnette.

MR. BURNETTE: Just a little...to somewhat answer the question, we weren't aware that the Mayor was going to provide this money, so it sort of caught us by surprise. So we certainly aren't as prepared as we could have been.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that information, Mr. Burnette. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Burnette, for your testimony. I just wanted to clarify on the part where you said about the rock or the stones from the heiau that are on the foundation under the church? There's no plan to cement them or anything, you're just going to keep them as dry stack?

MR. BURNETTE: Which...now, which stones are you talking about? There's the part of the...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You mentioned --

MR. BURNETTE: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- that the...some of the stones were from the heiau, and I just was wondering if you were plan...if the plan was to keep them as dry stack. And not...not...

MR. BURNETTE: My understanding is...my understanding is part of actual the walls of the church consist of those pohaku. And I don't think those would be...the inside of the walls, I don't think, would be involved in any of the construction, so I don't think any of the pohaku would be touched.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Cool. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. And yeah, as a historic registered place, I think there's, like, really high standards of how to restore, so that a lot of the cultural character would need to be protected. And I think there are . . . *(audio interference)*. . . Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Mr. Burnette. I wanted to know if you could submit that article you referenced in your testimony?

MR. BURNETTE: Yes --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If you could send it to us.

MR. BURNETTE: -- I will.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning, Mr. Burnette.

MR. BURNETTE: Aloha. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Nicholas Winfrey, followed by Rosetta Hiranaga.

MR. WINFREY: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Councilmembers. My name is Nicholas Winfrey, and I am the President and Chief Professional Officer at Maui United Way. Maui United Way has been an active partner and fiscal agent with the Maui ESG Project for almost two years now. In addition to providing fiscal services, we've actually participated in classes and online forums for ESG investment and served on a sovereign wealth working group at the Ahupua'a Investment Summit. In the last year, MUW has strongly embraced an ahupua'a perspective, adopting ESG principles throughout our operations. This includes a focused initiative on equity diversity and inclusion, with targeted board training and developing a new DENI statement with community members, as well as assessing our current investment portfolio and practices with regards to the environmental, social, and governance impact. Maui United Way has also been working with the Maui ESG project to develop mechanisms to leverage community relationships and networks to develop third party data to better inform the social and corporate sector about ESG impacts and needs, with a focus on social impacts specifically. Maui United Way recently received a small mentorship grant from United Way Worldwide to be a thought leader for a broader network in this space as well. Developing these protocols coincides with the ESG assessments that the Maui ESG project is currently working on, including the ultimate goal of developing capacity in Maui County to conduct community-based audits of investments. Along those lines, you might have heard about the survey of our 44 partner agencies that Maui United Way just conducted in February to assess COVID's impact on the community. These were and continue to be public facing agencies, and have had to address both direct and indirect impacts of the virus. With input from the Maui ESG Project, Maui United Way Partnership committee members, Maui United Way board member Lisa Grove and Max Becker of Grove Insights wrote, fielded, and analyzed the results. We learned a great deal, including that more than 80 percent of our partner agencies felt that their health and safety policies were effective, and their health and safety protocols were very effective. However, for the communities that our agencies serve, getting sick was the greatest risk, with job loss and mental health tied for second. We also learned that overall, agencies in our communities had the ability, under difficult circumstances, to come together, that the resources available under our current social and economic structure are not enough to meet the community's needs. This kind of information provides a picture of the kinds of social outcomes we need to be measuring when analyzing the S in ESG. It also tells us that a vital community need right now is economic diversification and strategies to create thousands of new jobs. The scale of the crisis means that providing relief to our...for our residents is beyond the long-term capacity of our nonprofits. We need to make fundamental changes that bring an investment and economic diversification that incorporates ESG, environment protection, social responsibility, and good governments in a measurable way, based on community and indigenous values. I therefore request that you support Councilmember Shane Sinenci's conditional priority to continue to support funding for Responsible Markets' ESG project under Technology and Business or Climate Mitigation in the Office of the

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Mayor's Budget. Appreciate everything that you all are doing. I don't think that it goes said often enough. Anecdotaly, just personally, the work that you all continue to do, I've sat in a few of these meetings, and the amount of time that you all put into this and the care that you have for this community has made my shoulders relax a little bit and ease a little bit, knowing that we can start looking beyond the last 14 months of reactivity and what the next three to five year look like of kind of refocusing and planning. So mahalo for your time and all the good work that you all do for the County of Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Winfrey. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Rosetta Hiranaga, followed by Lucienne de Naie.

MS. HIRANAGA: Good morning. I hope I'm not saying exactly what George Burnette said, but it's a little bit different. The proposed 150,000 funding to Wailuku's historical Ka'ahumanu Church is of paramount importance. The present building was built in 1875 by Edward Bailey, whose house sits right behind it, in the New England style gothic architecture, and is an excellent example of the adaption in this style to Hawai'i and the use of the native Hawaiian materials. I took that out of the registry information when they registered as one of the most historic places in Hawai'i. Much of the church grounds are historical, including the cemetery that holds the grave of the first Hawaiian blind preacher. The steeple, which now has termite-eaten timbers, if you ever get a chance, go up into the steeple. You'll be surprised what it looks like right now, a broken window and other problems. In that tower is a bell tower that holds a Henry Northey Hooper bell. It is engraved with Hooper and Company, Boston, 1840. It came around the South American horn, and then was hung in the steeple. Hooper's bell still chimes. The Seth Thomas clock, six feet in diameter, on the side of the steeple, was designated the town clock by Maui County officials in 1964. It was a gift from Edward Bailey in 1884. It cost then was...its cost then was \$1,000. It still strikes on the hour, day and night. Ka'ahumanu Church was put on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1975. And in 1974, it was placed on the Hawai'i register, which...yeah. So I believe that communities thrive when historic properties are maintained. The Ka'ahumanu Church and its iconic steeple that is seen so far on Maui is one such historic property whose time has come for restoration. The 150,000 donation would help with the removal of the lead paint on the exterior of the church. In 2016, my neighbors and a few Daughters of the American Revolution members--and I'm a member and officer of that group--spent 800-plus hours restoring the 15 pews that were inside the church. Please start the ball rolling by investing in this historic property for future generations. Be the tipping point so that others can pursue grants or other community efforts to restore this magnificent church. For example, the Daughters of the American Revolution, we have such grants that we can facilitate, but money has to be in place at the church and projects started before this organization wants us to fill out forms and said this money is going to go there. And so when I worked for the church, that kind of always stopped me because nothing was in place to start. Hopefully this \$150,000 can be something that can be earmarked for a certain project, like taking the lead paint off the sides, or starting with the steeple in some way. So thank you for your time and that's all I have to say.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Hiranaga. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. HIRANAGA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. HIRANAGA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Shay Chan Hodges--I guess Ms. de Naie, I think, dropped off--followed by Noelani Ahia. Aloha.

MS. CHAN HODGES: Aloha. Sorry, I wasn't ready. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Hi, my name is Shay Chan Hodges, and I am testifying in support of Councilmember Shane Sinenci's conditional priority of Responsible Markets' Maui ESG project. Aloha, everybody, and thank you for your time. We submitted written testimony this morning describing the specific actions we intend to take over the next fiscal year to deploy capital for community need, including activities that "bake in" equity resiliency, environmental protections, community ownership, cultural competency, and good jobs for residents for new and existing projects. In that document, we provide a list of our areas of focus and planned outputs that combine developing clearly articulated community-driven values, standards, and expected ESG outcomes with financially viable, innovative projects that can lay the groundwork for an Ahupua'a economy that is not dependent on tourism. I therefore want to focus my oral testimony on what we're currently working on, particularly since we are in Washington DC right now. As you may know, we published a case study earlier this month analyzing the PSP Mahi Pono investment from an ESG perspective. Our case study was the subject...was the subject of a feature story in Institutional Investor, which has a readership of thousands of pension fund trustees and other large investors, farming, food security and environmental organizations, as well as those representing union members whose wages support pension funds have expressed interest in the report, and we are now networking with them about how to support regenerative agriculture and water equity on Maui. This process is also helping us do things for the specifics of how to develop an audit to hold any impact ESG investors accountable to community-based standards. We're also engaging with East Coast ESG agriculture investors, including our task force members, to take part in a virtual brown bag lunch conversation about accessing financial resources for the new Department of Agriculture. Along those...we've also been working with Maui United Way to develop an audit to measure the social impacts of any investment, as you heard Nick talk about, such as creation of local jobs, COVID mitigation, and positive cultural and equity outcomes. We are meeting with global United Way and others while we're in DC and New York to encourage further engagement nationally, and identify sources of additional funding for Maui to become a model. One of the core objectives of the Maui ESG Project is to support community ownership and control of productive assets. We're currently working to support an excellent example of this approach, Ho'āhu, Moloka'i's energy cooperative. Challenges that the group faces include difficulty in accessing capital as a cooperative community

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startup, and an evolving regulatory framework that currently allows the utility to charge significant interconnection fees and even bid against Moloka'i's renewable energy cooperative in their own RFP. Additionally, we're working on affordable housing, electrification of transportation, intellectual property, and film industry ESG plans. So I just want to thank you guys so much for your support over the last two years. We look forward to continuing to work together for resilient Ahupua'a economy for Maui. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Chan Hodges. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. CHAN HODGES: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Safe travels.

MS. CHAN HODGES: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Noelani Ahia, followed by Jordan Hocker. Aloha, Ms. Ahia.

MS. AHIA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair and Councilmembers. Mahalo for being here this morning. I support the proposed 5 to 6 percent tax increase on investment properties to add \$20 million to Maui's Affordable Housing Fund. We need housing for our local people, but we also can't keep building into perpetuity. We live on an island with limited land base and resources. We can't keep cementing over our 'Āina and not expect to have a detrimental impact to the environment, the delicate ecology, and our culture, including protected Kānaka Maoli rights. We need to get homes that already exist into the hands of local people. There's...that's never going to happen as long as foreign investors can so easily sweep up our housing supply and jack up prices. We need to slow the roll of people moving here, buying houses and land, and pushing locals out. We need to protect the integrity of our home and our people, and it's a very difficult thing to do when investors move here in drones, especially post-pandemic. It adds to the problematic cultural dissonance that affects Kānaka Maoli in particular, but also all local people, and folks who work so hard to protect our very special and sacred place. I support higher taxes for the Affordable Housing Fund, and I hope this measure will also serve as a deterrent. In fact, if you want to make it higher, I would support that too. Mahalo nui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ahia. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Jordan Hocker, followed by Negus Manna. Aloha, Ms. Hocker.

MS. HOCKER: Good morning, everyone. I love that I can be in my pajamas and talk to you guys. It's very nice. So currently...today I'm here to support the 5 to 6 percent tax increase on investment properties. I think it's no secret that we need money for affordable housing, why we need affordable housing. I feel like I've talked to...in front of all of you before to sort of outline that. So I think it's definitely necessary. Also,

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when you look into how many houses are sitting vacant most of the year, and how those properties potentially...I know they were never built to go to people who are within the working class, but if those properties are going to just sit there unoccupied, then I think there should be a premium for that. I think Maui County...I think it's time for us to recognize that we have to help out the little guy, and that things have been very unbalanced in the past. And so similar to what Noelani Ahia was saying, you know, right now, you...properties out in many places, the price has just skyrocketed. People want to live here and own property here more than ever. And if they're going to do so at the cost of our community, then I strongly urge that this body and Maui County's governing bodies really step forward and advocate for the people who live here. I'm not really sure what big solutions would look like, but I think that this is a very good step in the right direction. I think that, as I've said before, we cannot stop people from coming here, but we can make sure that they're contributing to their community, whether or not they view this as their community or not. We know that people who have multiple homes already, who own short-term vacation rentals, that's extractive. I'm not saying it's not well within their right to do, and I support that, you know, they're obviously good businesspeople recognizing that there's an opportunity for them to make money. But we need to stop the extraction of our resources at the cost of the people who live here. And so you have my full support. Also to mirror Noelani, if you wanted to make it higher, I would have no problem with that. I think that the County should feel really good about generating money for affordable housing in as many different ways as we can. So thank you today. Have a wonderful day, you all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Hocker. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Our next testifier is number 11 out of 15. It's Negus Manna, followed by Malia Bohlen. Aloha.

MR. MANNA: Aloha. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having me. My name is Negus Manna. I'm a Maui County resident who lives on Lānaʻi City, and I believe that affordable housing development is the key to a secure, successful society. I think it's essential to support and encourage affordable housing, which can be done with you guys' support by assuring that Lānaʻi affordable housing has plenty of funding for development and its infrastructure. I'm testifying today representing young residents, each of us who have a stake in the development of affordable housing on Lānaʻi, and we're echoing what the kūpuna have always articulated, is that we need more affordable housing. Young residents are passionate about this opportunity to develop affordable housing, and we're interested about participating in the betterment of Lānaʻi and of the rest of Maui County by providing for people within our communities, and we want to truly utilize this affordable housing as the catalyst into our future development endeavors. Thank you, Councilmembers, for allowing me to testify today in strong support on the development of affordable housing, and the importance of proper funding for the infrastructure that's necessary to build it for Lānaʻi by dedicating the amount of funding of 5 million to the affordable housing and 20 million for infrastructure. We appreciate the purpose of developing truly affordable housing and accompanying infrastructure to increase the number of homes available for residents, and to develop the infrastructure necessary to encourage and support the

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development of new and expanding establishments, which is critical to the growth and diversification of Lānaʻi's economy. Affordable housing offers us an opportunity for...to participate in the transformation of Lānaʻi and to build an economic resilience through homeownership. So thank you for taking the time to listen. Respectfully, Negus Manna.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Manna. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Malia Bohlin, followed by Stan Franco. Ms. Bohlin, you are muted on your end.

MS. BOHLIN: Okay. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I hear...

MS. BOHLIN: I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, there you are. Okay.

MS. BOHLIN: I'm just turning up my speaker volume, I couldn't quite hear you. Okay. Thank you, Council, and thank you for being open for our testimony. . . .*(laughing)*. . . I'm sorry. I just came on to again offer our support and ask for your funding on behalf of Aloha House for our current proposals, which we have two. And I know one's been amended to look at simply the planning for construction for a new dorm on our campus here. And that would be great, that would work really well for us for timing this fiscal year. And then again for the other support for...to improve our outreach and how we work with homeless individuals with substance abuse and behavioral health issues in our community. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Bohlin. I see a question from Member Paltin. Clarifying question, Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just clarifying, I tried to call Ms. Bohlin to get the unclarifying questions, but she didn't answer the phone. Anyway, so my one clarifying question is...is, do you see any problem with restricting the beds for the new facility for the planning monies to homeless only?

MS. BOHLIN: Yeah. We can't set aside 12 new beds and hold them only for homeless individuals. So while we are able to provide housing in our residential program for anyone who may be homeless and coming in, you know, we're not a homeless shelter. So our overall objective is to get to those root causes that cause homelessness. In this case, our niche area is substance abuse and behavioral health. So we're treating anyone in the community who has those issues, who then could possibly become homeless because of those issues. So it's not the idea that we want to hold those beds in perpetuity for just that group of individuals. In fact, it would be harmful to our organization in our overall mission.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And the non-homeless clients you have, they pay for the beds...their bed space?

MS. BOHLIN: They don't pay. Typically if they...they may have insurance, or they may...if they don't have insurance, we help them to get on Quest or other services, and then we're able to bill those insurance companies that pay for part of our expense.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I just...so then there's a possibility that homeless won't get a bed because they're taken up by folks whose insurance is paying the way?

MS. BOHLIN: I think that's a very, very slim chance. I think that the population of people coming in is balanced enough where we have people who are homeless and not homeless that come to us. And so I don't see that as being a problem at all.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And just clarifying, there's no guarantee that the homeless will get priority to this beds?

MS. BOHLIN: I think that we have to look at each person for what their needs are and triage accordingly. So, you know, it's a very detailed process of bringing folks into our program because we want to see them succeed. And so for example, they have to have a physical, a TB test, right now they have to have a COVID test. So it can be a process that might take 24 to 48 hours once someone indicates that . . . *(inaudible)*. . . coming in. So within that, there's a lot of assessments that's happening. Are they serious about getting treatment, you know. Are they ready to make that change in their lives? And then we take the folks who, yes, are ready, and they can pass those tests, in particular, the health clearance, and bring them in. So that's our approach. And we know that among that group, there are people who are homeless, and so we will help them in that way.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. BOHLIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. And thank you for your good work that Aloha House does for the community. I wanted to ask you then, just taking off of Member Paltin's questions, so what percentage do you currently...of the people you help are homeless versus other...others, I guess.

MS. BOHLIN: Right. That's a really good question, and I have to actually...Jud, our CEO, is in the room with me. Do you have a estimate on that, Jud?

MR. CUNNINGHAM: No, we don't have the actual on that.

MS. BOHLIN: Yeah.

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MR. CUNNINGHAM: But it's, you know, probably at least half.

MS. BOHLIN: Oh, at least half. Yeah, we would have to get back to you on exact numbers, but his estimate is at least half.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If you can give us some data then.

MS. BOHLIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I guess like Mr. Cunningham was saying. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. BOHLIN: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. All right, seeing no other questions, mahalo, Ms. Bohlin, for your testimony this morning.

MS. BOHLIN: Thanks. Nice to see you all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nice to see you. Okay. And then, Members, I recognize that was a little beyond clarifying questions, but since Member Paltin tried to reach out to the organization without success, I allowed for a little more flexibility. Okay. Mahalo, Members. The next testifier is Stan Franco, followed by Monique Ibarra. Aloha --

MR. FRANCO: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Mr. Franco.

MR. FRANCO: Good morning, everyone. Nice to see you again. You know, I'm a supporter of affordable housing. Now, the gift you folks gave me is to have this comprehensive affordable housing plan to be created, and we soon to get the results of that on June 30th. So I really do support putting in 20 million in the Affordable Housing Fund so we can really implement the plan. We cannot wait. The housing...the situation is a crisis stage, and we need to move on to that goal that we put in for the affordable housing plan of creating 5,000 homes in the next five years. We are losing our young people and our young families to the mainland. We got to stop this. We are at change in this community because we lacked the monies that we need to build affordable housing. And I'm in favor of, you know, taxing those that can afford to pay more so that we can support those that want to live here, the families that want to be here, and cannot afford to be here, and we got to move on this quickly. And, you know, as has been pointed out, you know, I think we're in a good position if we create more monies to put in so that we can create the affordable housing that we need, we can probably get Federal dollars to match it when this Infrastructure bill gets passed by the Federal Government. So we're in a good position. We're in an excellent position to create the affordable housing we need. We can, you know, use the...tax our richer folks to pay for poorer folks, and we need to stop the brain drain and the flow of our young people away from Maui because they want to live here, and they should live here. You know,

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my family came in 1883 so, you know, I don't want to see my kids living on the mainland where most of them are. We got to do something to stop this, and its time is now. So I really appreciate you folks putting in the 20 million in the Affordable Housing Fund so we can implement the comprehensive affordable housing plan right now. And thank you so much for your time and your effort to build affordable housing for Maui. God bless you guys.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Franco. Seeing no questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MR. FRANCO: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Our next testifier is Junya Nakoa, followed by our last testifier...oh, I'm sorry. No, the next testifier is Monique Ibarra. My apologies. Thank you for turning on your video.

MS. IBARRA: Yeah, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Followed by Junya Nakoa, and then our last testifier, individual signed in with the phone number last four digits 0173. Aloha, Ms. Ibarra.

MS. IBARRA: Hi. Good morning. Aloha. Thank you, Chair Rawlins and County Councilmembers. It's really great to be here on a couple of levels. First of all, affordable housing, I'm a huge proponent. I'm Monique Ibarra, Executive Director with Ka Hale O Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers. I should have started with that first. Huge proponent of affordable housing or rental units. I can't tell you how excited we are and the celebrations that we're having every day with our families in shelter who are moving into the Huliau apartment units. It's just been fantastic, so I thank you for your support in those apartments. I also am here on behalf of and to support an agency that we work closely with, and that's Aloha House. So I'd like to support their efforts and Councilmember Johnson's effort to help them get additional beds for their dormitories, and additional outreach for our individuals who are suffering with substance abuse, substance use, and mental health issues. You know, for the homeless shelter, I got super excited because we have families that come in to shelter, and we take them as they are. But we use a harm reduction approach with our families to say, is substance abuse hindering or might challenge your success in permanent housing? And if they agree that it is and they make a decision to get help, one of the first places we refer them to is Aloha House. And they have that chance to go and get treatment, get clean and sober, and it just really helps them, and it gets them to a place where they're even more ready and able to retain permanent housing. Also, behavioral health, and they have their outreach workers. I can't tell you how many times we've offered Aloha House to our residents, our guests at our shelter, and it's been so helpful to help them stabilized, to get the help that they need to...for counseling for trauma that they've been through, it's been amazing. So I do support the efforts to help Aloha House and expand their beds and expand their services. They're complimentary, and I don't know what we would do without them on this

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island, so I support them. And I thank all of you today just for allowing us to be here and to testify. And thank you for all of your good work, Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ibarra. Okay, I see lots of questions for you. Member Johnson, followed by Member King and I think that was Member Paltin. Okay. Okay --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Ms. Ibarra. I just --

MS. IBARRA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- have a real quick question for you in regards to this year's pandemic. Do you think that you can...first off, do you consider this a crisis? And do you think during COVID, have you increased your caseloads? Thank you.

MS. IBARRA: Thank you, Councilmember. Do I feel it's a crisis? Yes. We went through quite a bit of changes and adjustments when COVID hit us. I believe...we've been very successful though to be able to help our guests get through it and to be in this good place. You asked me if it has increased the amount of individuals seeking homeless shelter, I would say it has not. Not yet, because we do have the moratorium, the eviction moratorium that is in place. If we didn't have that, yes, I believe there'd be people lining up at our doors to come in. But our flow hasn't reduced as well. So the amount of people and individuals seeking shelter has not reduced. We have the same amount, and we're here to help them. You know, we don't have...we're pretty much at capacity every single day, and so that bothers me. But at the same time, we do have a flow of individuals coming in and out, and so we can continue to help the individuals on Maui that need it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you. If I may follow up on that, the moratorium on eviction is up in September. So do you anticipate a large number of people coming down the pipe for you?

MS. IBARRA: I would. I do. We also own and operate Hale Makana O Waiale in Wailuku, 200 affordable rental units. We have quite a bit of tenants in our units that are behind on their rent. And I don't...you know, we're helping them, we're working with them right now to get them the assistance that they need because there's a lot of help available to them, but there are some that aren't doing it. There's some that didn't get affected by COVID. And so I do believe we'll have an influx. We'll have an increased amount of individuals seeking shelter, so we have to prepare for that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Ms. Ibarra, for your excellent testimony. I have no further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

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MS. IBARRA: Thank you, Councilmember.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just quickly, Monique. Good to see you. I hope we can connect in the near future.

MS. IBARRA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You spoke about utilizing Aloha House. Are you able to transport any of the folks, of your clients, from South Maui to Aloha House? Is there any direct services? I don't think there's any direct services, similar services in South Maui or am I wrong about that?

MS. IBARRA: We actually do not have transportation services. I cannot speak for Aloha House, but I know with their crisis case managers, I...they might be able to transport the individuals up to Aloha House because they also have LCRS. We don't have that capability, but I...Aloha House might have it. And...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Do you...able to make referrals in South Maui to Aloha House?

MS. IBARRA: Oh yes, absolutely. Absolutely. And Councilmember King, our unit is back up and running in South Maui, the hygiene unit. Just a FYI.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yay.

MS. IBARRA: Yes, we got it back.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: As long as we don't have any more vandals. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. IBARRA: Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Ibarra, for your testimony and your service. I just wanted to clarify the part of your testimony when you were talking about permanent housing. What resources do you have to move people to permanent supportive housing?

MS. IBARRA: Well, you know, we use any resource we can. So we're a part of the coordinated entry system with the County, so that's one resource. We also resource our...and look for landlords who can work with us and our guests as well. And then really anything that's out there, we are going to tap into it, and see what's available to our guests. So we'll take any resource that we can.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And when you talk about the coordinated entry system, is that part of the Homeless Alliance as well?

MS. IBARRA: Yes. Actually, the coordinated entry system stems out of Bridging the Gap, which is the continuum of care, so that's the Federal HUD entity. And then Maui Homeless Alliance stems from Bridging the Gap. And coordinated entry is statewide for all of us in the continuum of care.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. IBARRA: Thank you, Councilmember.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning, Ms. Ibarra. Aloha.

MS. IBARRA: Thank you for the privilege. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Junya Nakoa, followed by our last testifier signed up, Thomas Croly. Aloha.

MR. NAKOA: Ho brah, you guys going get me busted. I thought I was going cut in line. You almost set me up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, sorry. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MR. NAKOA: Brah. Nah, nah, nah, nah. I'm in support of the...I'm in support of the raising the taxes, yeah, the one going put \$20 million in the Affordable Housing thing. Like when we was talking about Bill 10, what Molina was talking about, that's not the only thing that has to be done to help us, you know, fix this affordable housing thing. This is just another entity that can help us to make the affordable thing happen, yeah? You know what I mean. So when the developers come, you know, they like the, you know, the infrastructure credits and all that, the County can get them, yeah, because they going get the money inside there, the \$20 million. And then, yeah, tax the buggahs. Tax that short-term rental guys. Tax them. No scared of them. Put them up to 15 percent, I no care. Same thing with the hotels. You know what I mean? I know we're talking with the Hawai'i Community Asset guys, and I think was...I think was you, the Chairman, Alice Lee, who said, yeah, I like see you go ask the locals for raise their property taxes. No, go raise the hotels one. Go raise the short-term rentals. All the guys who...you over using and neglecting all our resources. Last week Thursday, I was down...I get one call about my aunty went call about sandbags floating in the ocean by S-turns in Kahana. You know, again, that's the hotels. They went go build them, put the sandbags, go tax those buggahs. And you know what, I went over there yesterday for a celebration of life for my nephew and get the bags. The bags is over there. I never pick them up because I went call the Planning Department and the DLNR, you know what I mean. They're the one who went approve them. They are the ones who make them okay for them go build them, go clean up your mess. Go clean up your mess. But yeah, gone, raise the thing. Raise the tax, whatever, the tax

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money thing and then get \$20 million and, yeah, and then you know what, the Hawaiian Community Assets, I guess, is good. But you guys on this board, on this thing, the Council, you guys no need them. I don't know who came up with this Housing Community Asset thing, but you guys no need them. You guys bad ass. You guys get 'em. Keep up the good work. Okay, I pau.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Nakoa. Seeing no questions for you this morning, we'll thank you for your testimony.

MR. NAKOA: Thank you guys so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. The last individual signed up to testify is Thomas Croly. Aloha.

MR. CROLY: Aloha, Council. Let you...I'll try to be brief and...uh-oh. It says my video's been interrupted. Am I here? Okay, good. Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can see you...

MR. CROLY: I'll try to be brief and let you get to the hard work today. I believe that you're going to hear today from the Finance Department and Real Property Tax to give you some insights as to where your Real Property Tax comes from and who pays it. Spoiler, 285 million comes from South Maui and West Maui of your 373 million. And nearly 300 million of your 373 million come from accommodations for visitors, okay. Now, the way that breaks down is maybe not what you expect. The smallest amount comes from the hotels, the largest amount comes from the short-term rentals. And then you have this category that you created last year called Non-Owner-Occupied. Most of the properties in the Non-Owner-Occupied are second homes for people who do not rent them out to people, residents, okay, they use them strictly as second homes. That's where most of the value in that category comes from. Maui island residents pay \$33 million in property tax total, and this includes an \$83 million reduction. And where does that reduction come from? It comes from the taxes being paid by the short-term rental guys. Maui...the people who are making most benefit of that reduction in the homeowner class are not who you think. It's rich people coming over here, buying very expensive homes, and living in them, and going, wow, this is great. Maui doesn't tax my pension, and they give me extremely low property taxes on my multi-million dollar home. So just understand where the benefits that you're giving out are going. The biggest benefit is going to homeowners in very expensive homes. Where is your biggest asset? The biggest asset that you have from a Real Property standpoint is the short-term rentals, okay? I know there is an attack on short-term rentals. I understand, you're trying to get rid of short-term rentals everywhere you go, but understand, that is where your tax dollars that you're using for Maui County are primarily coming from. Recently, this past year, you included 1,700 properties, property owners into that Short-Term Rental class who are not making short-term rental uses. They're using their properties as second homes, but they've now been pushed into that class because they're allowed to do that. Now, what do you think is going to happen? Those people are now going to make short-

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term rental uses. So this policy change that you just made is going to result in more visitors coming to the island, more visitor accommodations. The ones who don't want to pay that, what do you think's going to happen with them? . . .(timer sounds). . . They're going to buy more of the homes that are not allowed to be used for short-term rental. Thank you, I'll leave it there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Croly. Okay, I see a question from Member Paltin. Member Paltin. One moment.

MR. CROLY: Sorry, you're muted, Councilmember.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yeah, I know. Okay, go ahead, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Can you hear me?

MR. CROLY: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. Thank you, Mr. Croly, for your testimony. I just was wondering if you had any data to back up the multi-million dollar owner-occupied information that you provided with us...provided to us?

MR. CROLY: You know, I might ask you, have you asked that question of the Real Property Tax folks. Because they broke that down a few years ago to talk about where those benefits were going, and I think in this report, they'll show you a couple of them. Like, for example, one of them in the report today they're going to show you is an \$18 million house that makes benefit of the, what do you call it, Circuit Breaker. Okay, so that's what I'm talking about. The high-end...it's not a lot of homes, okay, it's like maybe a few hundred homes. But they get the lower tax rate that you're applying to all homeowners. Now, you've established the new, you know, tiers, but you're not really using them, you know. Paying 10 cents more per thousand per tier isn't really making any difference in that. But you can talk to those folks, and they can certainly give you a run report to show you exactly where the...that money's coming from.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Mr. Croly, for your very interesting testimony there. I just have a couple of questions for you. So in 2019, this Council raised our property taxes by 5 percent. How did it affect the STRs at that time in 2019? Do you have any of that information?

MR. CROLY: Thank you. So in the past two years, the Short-Term Rental property tax as a group has gone up from 79 million up to 138 million going back to Fiscal Year '19, okay? Last year, the folks in that Short-Term Rental property tax classification, they weren't allowed to make any short-term rental uses whatsoever, okay, so they paid the bulk of the property taxes to Maui County, and they were not allowed to make those

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uses. Now, how has it affected, like, what's going to happen? That's hard to say at this moment. But as you recognized, making these changes in tax rates will have some effect in what people do. What I can tell you that I'm aware of, none of them said, I'm getting out of the short-term rental business in order to save on taxes and sold their homes to a Maui resident to live in. That did not happen anywhere. Okay? So if that's the goal that you're hoping, it...that has not happened to this point. Now, maybe you're asking --

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

MR. CROLY: -- if we raise them another 5 percent, what's...are they going to sell, what's going to happen? I don't know. But just to be aware that the taxes have gone up in the Short-Term Rental classification from 79 million in Fiscal Year '19 up to a proposed 138 million this year. Now part of that is that you added those...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, did Mr. Croly answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, yeah. I...thank you.

MR. CROLY: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, yeah it sounds like the idea or the talking point that the short-term rentals, oh my God, we're going to get so overtaxed we're going to have to be forced to sell. You and I both agree that that did not happen. So that's kind of where I'm going for the clarification. Thank you, you answered my question. I really appreciate your time.

MR. CROLY: Yeah.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay, seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning, Mr. Croly.

MR. CROLY: Okay. Good luck.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. CROLY: Bye-bye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We had two more individuals sign up to testify. First, individual with the last four digits 3365, followed by Keiki-Pua Dancil. Aloha, caller with the last four digits 3365? You're unmuted, you may proceed with your testimony. Okay, we are going...I'm going to mute our caller for now, and I will go on to the next testifier, Keiki-Pua Dancil, and then we'll come back to the caller.

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MS. DANCIL: Aloha, Councilmembers, can you hear me? I'm turning my video off to preserve bandwidth. Great, thank you, I got some thumbs up. Mahalo and aloha, Councilmembers, for your service. We would like to testify here, Keiki-Pua Dancil, on behalf of Pulama Lānaʻi. I'm not a paid lobbyist. I want to advocate for housing on Lānaʻi, and I do believe in the Councilmembers priority matrix there is an allocation that is earmarked. We believe that the County's affordable housing project has been long delayed, and we are encouraged by this allocation to move this project forward. It's been nearly 30 years since this project has been on the books, and Pulama Lānaʻi supports housing, and we believe that this will help bring more affordable housing on island. It is a commitment that was made by the former company by gifting needed land, 115 acres, and we believe that it is long overdue to move this project forward, so we are encouraged by this. We also believe that this project is a complement to our project that is going to be before you soon. I've met with many of you earlier in January, and you've heard from many of our residents testifying that to support our project, our 201H Hokuao Project as is, moving through review right now at DHHC. So we believe both of these projects will bring long overdue housing solutions to Lānaʻi, and I strongly support this earmark to the Budget. And I'm here for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. No questions, we'll thank you for your testimony. Oh, Member Johnson, you have a question? One moment, Ms. Dancil. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, thank you, Chair. Thank you for your coming today and testifying, Ms. Keiki-Pua Dancil. I just want to speak to you...well, first off, let me make a statement. It's been a long time since the Councilmember and the company saw eye to eye, and I love the fact that we're on this level, this common ground, and we're talking about affordable housing, which we all care about. So in regards to my clarifying question is, you mentioned how Hokuao will help complement the affordable housing project. Can you expand on what you mean by that?

MS. DANCIL: Yes, I believe we can help with the infrastructure, and that's one of the primary impediments to moving affordable housing forward. I think you guys have heard about this time and time again, and especially in the plan that has been put forth by HCA. Our project is adjacent, so we actually share a property line. And we believe that starting our project and building up the infrastructure, if the County's project butts up against and moves over closer to our project, it could be stubbed out and save on infrastructure cost. So I believe there are synergies with both. And I also have spoken with some...in particular, one developer that has shown interest in the County's project. Again, there's no RFP that is out, this is just a sidebar conversation. And this person is successful in other projects that have been put forth at the Council, and we believe that what target market they are targeting in regards to affordable scale and what we're targeting complement each other. So, again, we support all housing options, and we're very excited about potentially having this as an earmark to bring housing on Lānaʻi.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you for that. I heard synergy, I heard complementing projects, so that sounds great to me. Thank you, Chair. I have no further questions. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Johnson. Seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning, Ms. Dancil. Aloha.

MS. DANCIL: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll check in with our caller with the last four digits 3365.

MS. KAHO'OHANO HANO: Aloha mai kākou. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to this truly important issue. Morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Will you please identify yourself for the record?

MS. KAHO'OHANO HANO: Chair, my name is Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano. I currently reside in Kahakuloa, the moku of Wailuku here in Maui. And I just want to speak to this issue from first-hand experience of having had multiple family members statewide, not just here on Maui, through my lifetime be pushed out of Hawai'i due to the lack of affordable housing, as well as the ability for outsiders to come and purchase housing, oftentimes raising the taxes around the surrounding areas, leaving it...you know, leaving it very difficult for people who are from here to pay the amount of taxes that are increased when we have mansions built next to a little shack that's been there for generations...a family that's been there for generations. So sorry, this is so dear to my heart. I have my own family members, my own sisters and family that have had to leave and move to Vegas, and that's their new home away from home because they can afford to raise their families. And it's just a real injustice to the people of Hawai'i that there hasn't been so much emphasis on taking care of those of us that are from here, that have deep roots to this place. And it's just become like this acceptable thing to move on, you know, and do something else because it's all that we can do, if we can even pull that off. So I just actually left my Tita's house, and was helping her move, and she's going to Utah for those same reasons; again, a family from here for generations who can't really afford to make it happen here, so they're going elsewhere. So I just really appreciate this conversation today and having the opportunity to support the work that...thank you, Gabe, for taking this initiative. I've been following just a little bit. I don't have internet at home and things like that, so it's really hard for me to follow all the details. So I just really appreciate...and when I heard that this was being heard today, I just wanted to say mahalo more than anything, and I absolutely support this forward movement for Hawai'i and our people.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Kaho'ohanohano. Okay, seeing no questions for you, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. KAHO'OHANO HANO: Okay. Mahalo nui na maika'i.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Na maika'i. Aloha. All right. Ms. Kaho'ohanohano was the last individual signed up to testify. I'll now invite anyone signed on wishing to testify to please unmute yourself now, and you may proceed with your testimony. Okay, hearing no one indicating their wish to testify, if there are no objections, Members, we will close public testimony, and accept written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I think I have someone coming on to testify. They're struggling a bit if you could --

MR. OLDHAM: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- give them 10 seconds, or...there he is.

MR. OLDHAM: Can you hear me? Yeah. Yeah, I'm sorry, I had to do this on my phone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Aloha.

MR. OLDHAM: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you please identify yourself for the record, and you may proceed with your testimony.

MR. OLDHAM: Yeah. My name is William Oldham. I'm a board member of Aloha House, the three organizations, actually. And I just heard about this in the last half hour, so excuse me for coming in at the last minute. I really wanted to support Councilmember Johnson's proposed funding of Aloha House. My personal feeling is we have kind of missed the boat in the past on the connection between homelessness and substance abuse, and it is my understanding is his proposal is to support...as you, of course, know, we deal...we deal with substance abuse in our three organizations, and his proposal is actually support us in our addressing substance abuse among homelessness. And I think this is really important. Thank you, I'm finished.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Oldham. Seeing no questions for you, we'll thank you for your testimony right before the buzzer.

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MR. OLDHAM: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Aloha.

MR. OLDHAM: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, if there are no objections, we will close public testimony and accept written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo Members. It's...Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry, I thought I had one more person coming in that told me they were coming in to testify.

MR. BOWMAN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If they're not here, I...

MR. BOWMAN: Bradley Bowman's here.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BOWMAN: I don't know if you can hear me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One moment. Members, we closed public testimony. Are there any objections to allowing this last testifier to provide their testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. And we will reopen public testimony one last time, Member Johnson, and then we're closing public testimony after this. And then, Mr. Oldham, I'm going to mute your video. Anyone else who completed their testimony, please disconnect from the meeting now, and you may...oh, continue watching the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, mauicounty.us, or Facebook Live. Okay, our last testifier, please identify yourself for the record, and you may proceed with your testimony.

MR. BOWMAN: Yes, my name's Bradley Bowman. I'm a 30-year resident of Maui County, a 25-year PGA golf professional. I'm currently in a search for a new home. Our owners of our rental in Ha'ikū are moving back from Colorado, and we need to find a place. And it's been...it's been almost impossible to find an affordable rental. I have two children. My partner and I are working to secure a new home, and a 1,000 square

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foot rental in Pā'ia is going for \$5,000. Obviously, that's just crazy. I've been told that every time a Craigslist ad comes out, they get 50 respondents within the hour. This has been really sad and depressing, and I think you're going to see homelessness increase...it's going to skyrocket. You're going to have hardworking, good people, working families living on the streets because there's nowhere to live. You've got mainland people buying up homes like crazy, and there's no inventory, and the local people who are hardworking and just trying to take care of their families have nowhere to live. It's really been sad, and something needs to happen immediately.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Bowman. Seeing no questions --

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you for hearing me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- we'll thank you for your testimony. Aloha.

MR. BOWMAN: Aloha.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members. Okay. Public testimony is now closed, and we have received written testimony into the record. It's 10:42 so we'll take our ten-minute break. Okay. And we'll return at 10:52, I guess. Should I just make it 10:55? All right, we'll go 10:55. Okay, we'll return at 10:55, Members. It's 10:43 on April 20th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 10:43 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:57 a.m.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 21-30 and CC 21-173)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . .Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It's 10:57 on April 20th. And we just completed public testimony. We have one item on today's agenda, Proposed Fiscal Year 2020...2022 Budget for the County of Maui. We are continuing with the second day of decisions week. Yesterday we got off to a very good start, having completed the following departments: Office of the County Clerk, Office of Council Services, Office of the County Auditor, Department of Corporation Counsel, Maui Emergency Management Agency, Department of Economic...Department of Environmental Management, Department of Finance, and Department of Fire and Public Safety. Good job, Members. You guys did so awesome. Okay. So today I would like to complete the following departments: Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Department of Liquor Control, Department of Management, and possibly the Office of the Mayor. So we'll see where we're at when we get to Department of Management. If

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we're at Department of Management by about 5:00, then I would like to take up the Office of the Mayor. If it's later than 5:00, then we can save the Office of the Mayor for tomorrow. Any objections to that plan? Awesome. Mahalo, Members. Okay, I anticipate taking a lunch break at 12:00, and then if we continue on, a dinner break at about 6:30. So today, we're going to start with a brief presentation with the certification...on the certification of RPT from the Finance Department. And then we're going to quickly do a recap of the Members' priorities, and review of the departments that we finalized yesterday via OpenGov so that we can all see the amendments that we made and approve it in that fashion. Okay. Are there any questions? Does anyone need a recap of the process, or have any questions on how we will proceed today? Okay, awesome. Okay, so we have with us the Director of Department of Finance. Aloha, Director Teruya, and if you'll please introduce who you have with you from the Department.

Department of Finance

Certification of Real Property Tax Presentation

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. Good morning, Chair and Members. I believe the word was miremengjes if I was correct, Chair Lee. I have here today the Administrator from Real Property Tax, Marcy Martin, if there's any questions. Also, the Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura available for some comments after I give a brief opening remarks, Chair. If you mind, may I start?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Please proceed, Director. Mahalo.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. Madam Chair and Members, it's an honor this morning, again, to present to the Council the Fiscal '22 certification of the net taxable real property valuations for the County of Maui in accordance with the section 3.48.135 and 580 of the Maui County Code. In accordance with the Chapter 3.48.135 of the Code, yesterday I filed with the County Clerk a list of all real property assessments made within the County. The list, also known as the certification rolls, identifies the properties assessed by its tax map key number. The real property shall be assessed and taxies...taxes levied thereon as of January 1 of the year preceding the tax year. So for the upcoming Fiscal Year '22, assessments are based as of January 1, 2021, and sets the basis for the Council deliberation of tax rates for the upcoming Fiscal '22 Budget. At the time the Mayor submitted the proposed FY'22 Budget to the Council, certification of Real Property Assessments would not have been completed, so the Mayor's proposed budgets was based on projections of valuations and the amount of valuation under appeal, which is unknown at that time. So the appeal period is from March 15 to April 9. The Fiscal '22 net taxable values of Real Property for revenue projections is \$54,115,157,230, a decrease of 1.2 percent over last year's certified values. The net values multiplied by the Mayor's proposed no rates would generate \$373,632,021. After deducting \$490,677 for the Circuit Breaker Credit, and adding \$2.24623 million for a minimum tax, the grand total from Real Property Tax would generate a total of \$375,365,967 in revenue. This amount is \$3,963,634 over the Mayor's proposed budget that was sent to you. The assessment list and certified

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values is available to the public on the County of Maui website. The 2021 certification roll is a snapshot of the County as of January 1, 2021, and identifies the actual net valuations after deducting for exemptions and assessments under dispute. The spiral handbook, for those who have received it, has been provided to the Council with charts and graphs similar to previous years that I've provided, and I want to thank our Property Technical Staff, Marcy Martin and her staff, for generating these booklets on a short notice as it will assist the Members for tax rate deliberations at future BFED meetings. So Chair, that is my summary to you. I now yield my extra minutes to Budget Director for any comments.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya. Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So Mayor Victorino did submit a letter to the Council...or to the Committee yesterday, requesting that...because there's additional funding available through certification, he did make recommendations for you to consider. The first one being the Department of Housing and Human Concerns did bring to your attention that the Department of Education will be increasing their cost for their meal program. So \$115,000 was requested by Department of Housing and Human Concerns to continue the home delivered meal program. The second request that he has is \$100,000 for the Department of Management IT Division. So when we initially put together the Budget, the IT Division has employees who serve the Police Department in Emergency Dispatch on a 24/7 basis, and they...we pay standby for those employees. I think there's four employees, so we do a standby payment to them. And we thought we'd look into having employees rather than on standby to provide 24/7 service, to actually have IT employees to take their vacant positions and try a pilot to see if we could actually have 24/7 employees service the Emergency Services operations. That's going to take a little bit more time than we had anticipated, and therefore, we won't be able to implement it from the get-go on, you know, when the fiscal year starts. So if we could get funding to support the standby pay, that we would appreciate that. That would be \$100,000. The remaining balance of that is \$3.5 million, and the recommendation from Mayor Victorino is to put that into the Emergency Fund. As you know we try to put aside 20...our goal is to set aside 20 percent of the General Fund revenue. We are at about 13.4 percent, but we did just submit a request of \$9 million for the flooding events that took place in March. So we are asking...or just recommending that the funds be put into the Emergency Fund to replenish that fund. So we already have an appropriation for \$3 million that's already included in this year's Budget, and an additional \$3.7 million from this...or \$3.5 million would be appreciated. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director Yoshimura. Okay, Members, I'll now open up the floor for questions. We have Finance Director Teruya, Budget Director Yoshimura, and Real Property Tax Administrator Marcy Martin. I'll start with...well, okay. I'll just go by show of hands if you have questions. I saw Member King with her hand, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Mr. Teruya and Ms. Martin, for your very quick work. And looking at the electronic version, it's...looks awesome

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on the screen. But I have a question for Ms. Yoshimura...two questions, really. The first one is on the...can you explain the DOE, Department of Education meal program, and why the County is picking up this extra expense?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember King, the DOE has been the provider for our Meals on Wheels program. So the Kaunoa does buy their meals through Department of Education through the cafeteria system. And they were notified after we had submitted the Budget that they were going to be increasing the cost to their meals.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So that's the additional cost that we're asking for. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so that's...so it's Kaunoa? That's what I didn't get.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And the other question I have is, what was your plan for the IT employees who were doing...you know, were covering for the Police Dispatchers, since it wasn't in the Mayor's Budget, what was the original plan for that funding for those positions?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So originally, we thought we would have people...rather than paying standby, have the vacant positions that we have in the Department go through union consultation to see if we could make those on a flexible schedule rather than a 7:45 to 4:30 type of schedule, and have, you know, weekends covered or even at nights so that they would be here to provide emergency services or maintenance if need be, or our dispatchers...that type of system. And then they could be working on other things during those hours as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So that funding was already in the Budget...in the Mayor's Budget --

MS. YOSHIMURA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- to do that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: --positions were already in the Budget and we were just going to see if we could...well, transform those positions to work outside of the normal 7:45 to 4:30. So it's going to take us a little bit longer to do that than we had anticipated.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: And it may take additional personnel to provide that type of service.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so --

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MS. YOSHIMURA: So...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- are you willing to reduce those positions in the Budget by...down to eight-month positions instead of one year?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I can check with the Department and see where they're at with filling those positions at this point --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- and then get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because if they are going to fill them, then we don't need the 100,000 for this...these temporary standby, right?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Well...so the employees, if they do fill the positions, they would still be on a 7:45 to 4:30 schedule. So on the outside hours . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . they would need to receive the standby.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. If you could follow up on that, that will be great.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, I will.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. And the \$115,000 was requested by the Department when we were going through the departmental review, and we have that on the list of departmental requests for the Members to consider and vote on when we get to that portion of the process. Okay. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sinenci. Three minutes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Chair...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and then Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Ms. Martin and Ms. Yoshimura. I just had some clarifications to start off with from Ms. Yoshimura. I'm not sure if I understood correctly. Is it that the IT folks are going to work dispatch? Is that the pilot program? Like they're going to answer the calls, like, for Police Dispatch?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, Chair, sorry. They...Councilmember Paltin, they provide the IT services for Dispatch. So they don't actually work the dispatch, but they run their computer systems and their phone system.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So, like...

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MS. YOSHIMURA: So if something goes wrong with those systems, then they get called out.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. So they're on...they would be on standby in case something goes wrong in the systems outside of the 7:45 to 4:30 hour?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct. So --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- we have an employee on standby outside of those hours, I think, on a daily basis.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And they just get standby pay for outside of the hours?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And what was the pilot part of it?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So trying to be creative and knowing that we would have to hire employees anyway in other areas, trying to see if we could put employees on a outside of the normal 7:45 to 4:30 schedule rather than a 7:45 to 4:30 schedule. Maybe somebody can be on a 11:00 to 7:00 in the morning, or whatever the eight-hour shift is. But trying to be...rather than paying the standby, trying to see if we could use employee positions that would be able to address those needs and other needs as well.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And they're currently vacant within the Management IT Division?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. I missed your question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Can you repeat your...sorry.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was asking if they're currently vacant positions within the Management IT, and you're trying to describe them for different hours?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So when we initially thought of doing this, there was vacancies, but I will check with the Department to see if there's any vacancies at this point, or if they went ahead and filled it.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. That's my questions at this time.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And hello, Director Teruya, Ms. Martins [sic] and Budget Director. Just a couple of questions, clarification. Did the Council approve the \$9 million request in 2021?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Sinenci, I believe it was on the April 16th agenda for first reading, and it'll be coming up for second and final at your meeting on the 7th.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right, just following up on that. Thank you. And then did the County apply for FEMA funding due to the March 2021 flood events?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So Councilmember Sinenci, right now we are waiting for Federal declaration that...for the flood. Without that, I don't think there's any FEMA reimbursements. The...and FEMA reimbursements always come after the fact, and it could come a year, two years later. So that...that...but we are working on that, but have to wait for the Federal declaration.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right. Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just following up on the emergency fund recommendation from the Mayor. What is currently the balance of the fund? And again, how much money is being taken out of the fund for the flooding issues? I guess for Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Molina, so on page 46 of the proposed bill, Item J, it gives you about a total of...with this appropriation of \$3 million...52 million. But we are anticipating the \$9 million to be approved. So it will be reduced by 9 million.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And then questions for either Director Teruya or Ms. Martin. If you could help me understand, with the rising prices of homes, median prices, where assessments go down, if you could help me figure out that, how it got to this point. Because I know, you know, almost every month you're hearing from RAM that, you know, median price of a home 890,000...900,000. And then at the time of these assessments were made, can you kind of explain this process and how we arrived to the numbers that we got currently?

MR. TERUYA: I'll defer to Ms. Martin on that.

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: So for practical purposes, our assessments, our valuation date is June 30th. That would be June 30 of 2020. So at that time our real estate values were up

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slightly, they have skyrocketed since then. So that will be reflected next year if the trend continues through June 30th. The decrease in values is largely from hotels, timeshares and some commercial properties, such as the shopping centers.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you very much for that explanation. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Either for the Director of Finance or the Budget Director. Do we have any more recent information on the ARPA funds, and when we can expect to receive them, and the guidelines that go with them? Either Mr. Teruya or Ms. Yoshimura.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. I've been in contact with the State Budget Finance, Mr. Robert Yu, yesterday. There is no communication to him at this time, therefore I have nothing to report at this time for you. There's nothing in the works that I know of or he knows of.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. You said the State Budget Director, and what is his name again?

MR. TERUYA: Mr. Robert Yu, Y-U.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Y-U. Okay.

MR. TERUYA: He's a Deputy.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So he's like the point person for the State --

MR. TERUYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- of these funds?

MR. TERUYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. All right. Thank you.

MR. TERUYA: And when he gets information, he disseminates the information to the four County Directors of Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. All right. So calling...so contacting Senator Schatz would not be helpful because this person would get the information first?

MR. TERUYA: My understanding, he is the point person for the State of Hawai'i, and he relates that information to the four Director of Finances from the different counties.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, Members, any other questions for Finance Director, Budget Director? Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nice seeing you here, Marcy and Scott. So I wanted to get your opinion as...because this is important, and we're looking at projecting for the...this current fiscal year, the tiers. So I wanted to know from either you or Marcy your opinion on the tier levels, and do you think that it should be adjusted based upon your assessments?

MR. TERUYA: I don't have any comments. I'll defer.

MS. MARTIN: Chair, I don't have any comments either. It's up to the discretion of the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, so you're just...okay. I thought maybe you could give us an idea of, you know, if the levels were working based upon the assessments that you've done. Okay. And my other question was related to the 1.2 percent decrease of the certified values, which I think Mr. Molina took up and you answered my question on that. And then I wanted to know about the tier levels. So thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. The tier threshold are policy questions, so that's why we, as the policy makers, would make that decision.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, and I just thought they could give us...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Just a quick question to yourself. We can ask questions in selected real property statistics, is that the...I can ask questions on that document?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can ask any of the questions...you can ask questions on any part of the booklet...on the document that you received.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Great. So that leads me to my --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- my first question. Thank you. So on page 32, we have a list of non-owner-occupied class count by value. So I counted up the homes that are over \$4 million that are considered non-occupied. That comes to 414 houses that are over \$4 million. So how would we go about putting a tax on that, or like a luxury house tax or a luxury house fee. Is there a way or a process we can do that legally?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, so you can ask for information that are currently on booklet. Those types of questions that you just asked now are more kind of questions that we would take up after budget on how we would set other policy decisions. So that's like...kind of like tax reform questions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So then...okay...so then on this...on page 2, it has the Honolulu rates and the Hawai'i rates of hotel taxes, \$13.90 for Honolulu rates, \$11.55 for Hawai'i. Is there any reason why that this County is lower than these other counties?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TERUYA: Member Johnson, whenever you are comparing counties to counties, a lot of times you got to understand that valuation are done a little differently. For example, a home on Maui average might be 900,000, but in Hilo per se, it may be 3 or 400,000, so therefore, larger rate to recapture some of that revenue. So when you talking about hotels, a lot of hotels in Honolulu, the land may be expensive, but it's on maybe 10,000, 20,000 30,000 square feet. A lot of our hotels here are on acreage, large acreage, like 10 acres. So a lot of times the valuation of our hotels are a lot higher than other places. So therefore, maybe our rate is lower, but still recapturing the same amount of revenue. So on page 60 of your document, there it talks about your highest paid property taxes by top ten. So you can get an idea of what kind of taxes they are paying for these top properties, either timeshares or hotels. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Director. So if I could follow up on that, do you think that the other counties in the other areas that have a higher tax rate there, the hotels are having a hard time reaching that, or they're able to pay those tax rates?

MR. TERUYA: Chair? I apologize, I don't know the dynamics on the other counties. I'll defer to Ms. Martin if she knows anything about that.

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: We didn't work with the four counties in valuing the hotels this year, given the economic conditions caused by the pandemic. All of the hotels had a difficult year, but we didn't...I didn't learn of the hotels in another County having a harder time than Maui County.

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Members, any other questions for our Finance Director, Budget Director? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. This is for the Finance team and Director Teruya. On page 15, my question is the appeals statistics for Fiscal Year '21-'22, is this like a projection into the future of what the appeals are expected to be?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, this is the number of appeals that have been filed with the Department as of April 14th, I believe, is we had to cut off for certification purposes. Chair, I could defer to Ms. Martin, but I believe the Department on Friday received about 500 more appeals. So that...that number, even though certification will remain the same, certification is certification. It's just that we had to cut off at certain time. But I believe the Director has until May 1st to give you additional updates to that number, and we will be presenting the Council with that number. And I believe it's May 1st, so I'll defer to Ms. Martin if I'm incorrect or correct. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Chair. And yes, we did receive timely filed appeals based upon the postmark, but after we had created our information for certification. So we can provide you an update prior...either on May 1st or prior. We did receive 440 appeals so far after the certification cutoff.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And is there a requirement of a percentage that we need to hold back for...to address those appeals?

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you. So in certification, 50 percent of the taxes on appeal are withheld for budgeting purposes. But as the taxes are paid throughout the year, 100 percent of those taxes go into litigated claims, and then are released as the cases are closed.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And have you had a chance to look through the appeals, the reasoning?

MS. MARTIN: Yes. Not individually, but we looked at them collectively.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Would you say that the common appeal for visitor accommodation or transient vacation is that they weren't allowed to use the use during the past year? Or what...what was the common reason for the appeals in the visitor accommodation category?

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MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: So for the timeshare appeals, they appealed classification. They would like to be classified as hotel and resort. And for the appeals in the short-term rental, we had a little bit less than 150 appeals where they wanted to be classified as non-owner-occupied. And the remaining of those appeals are generally in value. But I didn't see very many appeals based upon the fact that they couldn't rent last year. There was a handful, but it wasn't the majority.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, I think my time is up. Thank you so much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I wasn't sure if you clarified it or not, Marcy. So the bulk of...would you say the majority of the appeals were for...from short-term rental owners?

MS. MARTIN: Chair? So in the short-term rental class, yes, those are from condominium owners that own short-term rental condos.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And I thought the Director said earlier that, or you said earlier there are 400 and something that came in recently. What's the total number of appeals?

MS. MARTIN: Okay. With the 400, it's about 1,500 total.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 1,500. What's our annual average?

MS. MARTIN: In the chart, page 20...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, while you looking that up, can you...

MS. MARTIN: Yeah. So if you go to page 24, you have the number of appeals filed over the last ten years. And we just got to add 400...440 to that. So we are at a higher number than in the past, and that's because this year, we had three timeshare projects file classification appeals. So the number got bumped up another 400 plus 500 from the timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And so how successful were the appeals last year?

MS. MARTIN: Chair? Last year we prevailed in our timeshare classification appeals. And on chart number...on page number 30, you can see at the bottom, under board hearings, it tells you the additional revenues that we were able to get because our appraiser staff was very successful in their appeals this past year.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So the 1500 appeals this year amount to how much in total?

MS. MARTIN: The total taxes, that's going to be on chart number 22.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

MS. MARTIN: So 100 percent of the taxes on appeal is about \$3.2 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And would you say that we prevailed primarily because...on the short-term rental appeals because they have the choice of going long-term? Would you say that?

MS. MARTIN: Well, for the valuation appeals, it's because our values were well supported. And for the classification appeals, we followed the Code. But next year, they can convert their units to long-term rentals if they lease for 12 months, and receive the long-term rental exemption. But that is an option that would be presented to all of them, definitely, during the appeal period.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay Members any other questions? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just real...thank you, Chair. Just real quickly, Ms. Martin, would you say that the valuations are based on the zoning and the use and not the success of the individual businesses?

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: So we are basing our values based upon sales. So if the bulk of the sales are doing well...they're...they're...it is a real property tax based upon their rights that they're allowed to do short-term rental. And what properties sell for kind of reflect the health of the industry, so that is inherent in those sale prices. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. But it's based on...I just wanted to ascertain that it's based on the value of the property, however you get there, whether it sales, or inherent value rather than...because...because I was talking to somebody in the tourism industry, and they were saying that you were adjusting for whether the hotels were full or not, and I said I didn't really think that could be the case. Because we don't get more taxes when they are full, so why should we get less taxes when they're not full.

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: So we value the hotels in our cost approach model, and that valuation process is replacement cost new, less depreciation for physical deterioration, and economic conditions. So for this year, as of June 30th, all four counties did adjust the hotels for the external obsolescence, which was the pandemic, for the economic conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So you did...

MS. MARTIN: But not based upon the health of one individual hotel.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But you did that for the hotel industry, but you didn't do that for short-term rentals or any other industries or businesses or anything then, did you? Or did you adjust everything for economic conditions?

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: We did adjust other industries for that. So we grouped properties, for some retails went down, some shopping centers went down, the hotels, timeshare. But for the individual condominiums, where we have sales information, we value using the sales comparison approach and whatever values. If they were experiencing value decreases, they weren't lowered.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I don't...I don't understand how some get assessed on economic conditions and others don't. But...okay, that answers my question. Thank you. . . . *(timer sounds)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, Members, any last questions for the Finance Department? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. This is for the Finance Department. So could there be any legal reason if we raised the hotels, the non-owner-occupieds, and the STRs more closer to the timeshare rate? Would that...is there any legal reasoning if we...to prevent us from doing that?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, there isn't.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Finance Director.

MR. TERUYA: No. I was basically...the same thing. As long as you're doing it to the entire class and not segregating the class into different categories, then yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you so much. I have no further questions, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Just a quick follow up for Ms. Martins [sic]. In the hotel valuations did they include like the furniture, the art pieces, the things that are in the hotel?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you for that question, Mr. Sinenci. And that...for all properties in the County of Maui, personal property is not valued.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, seeing no other hands, Members...oh, okay, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to follow up on one of the statements made by the testifiers about the circuit breaker tax. And I think if somebody has an \$18 million home, and you said that you would give an example of the highest owner-occupied classes making out. I just was wondering if you knew anything about that.

MR. TERUYA: I'll defer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Chair, thank you. We have a variety of people on these high-value properties, and some of them are kama'āina, maybe a family has lived on the ocean front for generations, and next door to them someone has purchased for, you know, \$18 million, and now their property is worth \$18 million. I feel very good about the changes that you all made to circuit breakers this past year. I did highlight in the booklet that we were able to get additional applicants, which I feel it really made a big difference, and it's going to help keep people on these properties.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So the total that we're paying out because of the circuit breaker is 490,677. I mean, that's the...is that...that's the revenue lost? Is that what that number represents?

MS. MARTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Martin.

MS. MARTIN: Yes, it is.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. I see no other hands, so we'll thank Finance Director and Ms. Martin for their presentation and answering our questions regarding certification of Real Property Tax. Any final thoughts or closing comments, Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: No. Thank you, Chair. Thank you for the opportunity, Members. If there's any questions in the future, do not hesitate to reach out to us. I will be more than happy to answer any of your questions. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Ms. Martin. Have a great day. Okay. Okay, Members. The next thing that I would like to do is show everyone the tracking of where we're at with priorities and incorporating the Members' totals, as well as the additional funds via certification. Okay, so I will first share my screen showing the amounts of cuts, reductions that were made to the budget, as well as the Real Property Tax Certification. Waiting for it to...oh, there it is...okay. Oh it's really tiny...okay, I will make it bigger for you. Is that better, Members? Okay. So here is the Real Property Tax Certification. The additional amount that was gained from...the certification is \$3,963,634. I took off the 150,000 for Pro Temp Kama, and divided the remaining amount among the...not...eight of us. These here are the reductions that were...that gained the majority of votes from the Departments that we reviewed yesterday. Those who voted on those reductions, and it was evenly distributed amongst those who voted. And here are the totals on the bottom, how much was achieved via budget reductions and certification. One moment. And then I'll...I'm going to share the balance sheet and then I'll take questions, then I can share it again, share the screen again if you need it. Okay. It's not showing up on the TV yet, can you see it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I might need your help, Ms. Milner. I don't know why it's not...I...my...I didn't restart my computer, so it might be upset with me.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can you email that first spreadsheet to us so that...because I wasn't able to see the whole thing at one time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We're going to do that later.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think that maybe just a little bigger, Ms. Milner. Okay, and then the top left...we'll start at the top left. Okay. So we see the number is the total amount that was requested via priority proposals, and the total amount that has been approved thus far based on the departments that we reviewed yesterday. Okay. So I have made boxes for each Member, so it's a basically balance...one column for priority proposals that we have not voted on yet, and then priority proposals that we have voted on, so pending and approved. And then at the bottom, we have...so the pending is the one item that would require new funding on the left column, and that's \$200,000, so that's that one item. And then on the...in the right column is the amount that was approved. And then it's subtracted by the revenue, or the amount that we voted to reduce the budget by, including certification. And so that's the revenue amount. And then I subtract the expenses by the revenue and in red is how much more each Councilmember will need in order to fund those priority proposals. Okay. So the first one is mine, and then the second one is Committee Vice-Chair Paltin's. So if we go up...go up a little bit...okay so the two new funding items are pending, and so you'll see at the bottom there's a zero that's currently approved, and then 755,000 that's pending. And then subtracting the revenue gives, you know, a negative number because we haven't taken up...we haven't approved of the priority proposals. So we'll go back up, and that is Member Johnson, and so all of Member Johnson's priority proposals are pending. So we can go to the bottom and we'll see Member Kama's to our right. So that's the 50,000 for the proposal, and then the \$100,000 that we voted on yesterday. So for Member Johnson, you'll see that the 20,267,305 is pending, zero approved because we haven't taken up those departments yet, and then subtracting the revenue, and then the red is what more would be needed. Okay. And then for Pro Temp Kama, the \$50,000 is pending, the 100,000 was approved yesterday, and so we subtract the \$150,000 we had agreed to set aside for Pro Temp Kama, giving an excess of 50,000. Okay. We'll go back up...oh, perfect we can see all three. Okay. So we see Member King, we see that three of the items were approved, one is pending. Chair Lee's three items, all of her items are pending. And Member Molina, all of his items are also pending. And we'll scroll down, we'll show that...so for Member King \$120,000 is pending, 411,000 have been approved, you know, subtracted by the revenue. So you'll see that if the 120,000 is approved, then it'll just be about \$10,000 more that Member King would need to figure out how to get to cover the cost of the additional funding items. For Chair Lee, the pending items are \$440,720, and then subtracting the amount that we gain via reductions. And then for Member Molina, the 4,934,023 pending, and then subtracting the...okay...stop sharing.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Did you call on me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I just let Ms. Milner know that we can stop share screen.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh.

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MS. MILNER: Sorry, Chair, do you want to do Member Sinenci and Sugimura?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Sorry. Yeah, there's two more boxes at the end. Sorry, Member Sinenci and Member Sugimura. Okay. So again, the items for Member Sinenci and Member Sugimura are pending. And if we scroll to the bottom, then we'll see the total amount pending for Member Sinenci is 738,300, and then pending for Member Sugimura is 150,000. Okay. Sorry about that, Members. Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Okay. So I saw a question from Member Paltin, followed by Chair Lee, and then Member Sinenci. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Well, I just was trying to find the numbers, but I just wanted to double check and make sure that they took out the additional OSF and HF funds off the top, along with Member Kama's share before dividing by eight.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. So we will...before dividing by...oh, okay. So we will get to the reductions review when we get to that part of the process. That's what you're asking, to confirm that those reductions were made from the budget?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Well, because the OSF...the Open Space Fund and the Affordable Housing Fund is a percentage of the total revenues, there is additional monies that needs to go into those funds off the top because the revenue is higher than what was anticipated. I believe they said 39,637 additional to the Open Space Fund, and 158,546 additional to the Affordable Housing Fund. And then take Member Kama's 150,000 off the top, and then divide by eight? Was that how it went down?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Chair, no, this was just a straight division, but I can recalculate it that way if that is the preference. I did go ahead and update, at least in Exhibit 1, the amounts for Open Space Fund and Affordable Housing, as well as Appendix A, part 2. But we did not remove that from the revenue calculation, but we can if that's the preference of the body.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Yeah, we can do that, and we can...we'll also do the tracking, a spreadsheet tracking the departmental requests that will all be fund.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, so I don't know if we're deciding to do that, but that seems like the cleanest way to do it, is subtract those mandatory amounts off the top, along with Member Kama's, and then divide by eight. I think would be...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we can do that, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Chair Lee, followed by Member Sinenci, and then Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, but if we didn't do that, and we kept the 7,476,704 amount equally across the board, and my expenses are \$488,000, then if we did that, then I would just need to find \$12,000. And same with all the other people that I noticed were in the \$500,000 range. Then the difference would be that, yeah. Just checking if...in case we did it the other way, where we just kept that 476,708 per person. Okay. Just checking. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And we'll also need to factor in the departmental requests that will all be...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, right. But the alternative would be to find it in other places.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So we'll simply...you know, we could simply take it from carry over savings. I mean, you know, it's not that difficult. Those are small amounts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...yeah...figure that out, but yeah, so I'm just showing you where we're at as of yesterday.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. And mahalo to Member Paltin too, for me voting on some of her cuts so I got some of the piece of the pie too. So...so and on that note, we're still continuing with the other departments and seeing where we can cut too, so we'll still have some more racking up as we...as we continue throughout the week, so...I just wanted to comment. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So on the list that I had, I have the \$20 million, it's not going to be from General Funds, it will be in RPT. And do we need to separate that, or is that how you want to have it done?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your question, Member Johnson. So General Fund is generated through RPT. So they're one and the same. Does that answer your question?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, I mean, do I have to go and find 20 million? I'm trying to propose that it's, you know, through RPT, so I don't...I mean, how can I follow the rules when...do I have to go back and find 20 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So you would go into RPT and propose rates that would generate \$20 million.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. That makes sense to me. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Johnson. Any other questions, Members? Okay. Seeing no questions, I think that was everything. Ms. Milner, was there anything that I said that I was going to review? Oh, we're going to review each of the Departments. But I think we'll save that for after lunch since it's three minutes to noon. So I'm thinking that when we return, what we'll start with is review of the Departments that we went over yesterday, and we'll show you the amendments made in OpenGov for each of them. And then we'll...after we complete that portion, then we'll go to Department of Housing and Human Concerns, and then start our process of decisions with that Department. Any questions or comments before we recess for lunch? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, just if we could get that...that first document that you showed because I thought it looked like mine was a little bit short and I thought I had voted on more items than what was shown. So if you could send that to us so I can review that over lunch, please.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Just prior to going into lunch I just want to make a statement. I thank you for this process because I'm in line with you for us to produce a budget that is lean, yet prioritizes the highest needs of our communities, like we did last term or last budget session, which I believe we came up \$47 million less than the Mayor's proposal for the last fiscal year. So you know, I'm not going to be shy about proposing cuts, and I hope it's not taken that, you know, we're trying to be bad guys to the departments. You know, I know Member Sugimura always mentions the concerns about the taxpayers, and I totally appreciate that. So if we can...you know, like say if I propose a \$100,000 cut, I'm going to ask my colleagues, don't be shy to amend and propose an alternative number, so maybe cut 25,000. I mean, every little bit here and there can help reduce the budget. And also, I'm sure that would be appreciated by our taxpayers. So don't be shy, I mean...and of course, if the departments feel there is a significant need for that funding or that appropriation, then by all means, they have the option to come back to us and justify it. So just like to encourage my other Members who've been, you know, kind of watching on the sidelines...which is good because I know when I was on the Council years ago, I was sort of just watching, analyzing things, but now that I've gotten to be kind of makule age now and a senior Member, I understand that the need why we cannot be shy about making adjustments to the Department's requests. Because that's our job, you know, we got to make the tough decisions on behalf of the

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taxpayers and our constituents. So Madam Chair, kudos to you for taking this approach. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. And just a disclaimer, so the numbers that I showed, some of them don't include the fringe if the Members didn't propose it, and just said plus fringe. So that may have not been included. These are not final numbers, these are draft numbers, right, and so we're working on just kind of tracking them as we go. If adjustments need to be made, we'll make those adjustments throughout the process. Member Paltin, was that your hand up?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just clarifying to the cuts be to full-year funding, those didn't include fringe deductions as well. Like when it was a full-year salary and we rolled it back. I never calculated the fringe in my amounts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin, that's correct. So we'll be making those types of adjustments accordingly throughout this process. And then...yeah. And we're doing this together so, you know, if you have...if you see anything that needs adjustments, you know, just point it out, and then we'll make those adjustments. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Did we...did we cut any positions? I know there were proposals, but I didn't think any of them passed at this...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, we did. And we'll go over them when we get to the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Oh, the Finance, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I see no more hands. So we're taking off for lunch on time today. So we'll return at 1:30, any objections to that?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. It's 12:01 on April 20th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 12:01 p.m.
RECONVENE: 1:34 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It's 1:34 on April 20th. And I hope everyone had a good lunch. Uh-oh someone lost connection. Oh, okay. Staff, okay. All right, we're good, we're good. *Akakū* is on, and I see all seven Members, so we're all here. Oh, no I didn't...okay...okay. All right. So mahalo for that break. Where we left off was sharing the spreadsheets with Members' balances of priority proposals. So when we gavelled out, I said that I would send it to the Members, but I forgot that it would end up on Granicus, available to the public, and I'm not comfortable sharing

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the numbers without making those adjustments first. And an hour and a half for lunch is for lunch, and I wanted to allow Staff to have lunch, as well as myself. Okay. So therefore, I did not send the spreadsheets to the Members, and...but we will get an opportunity to review those items and the questions that the Members brought up when we do this next part, which is to review each of the departments that we came to consensus on yesterday. So we'll review all of the amendments, we'll review who voted on those adjustments, those reductions to the budget, and ensure that each Member was credited appropriately. Please keep in mind that fringe may not be included in the totals just yet. So again, that's numbers that we'll have to adjust. I encourage Members to also have their office track, you know, their votes on what reductions, and then that way you'll have numbers to be able to compare. Mahalo, good job, Member Paltin. So that way you'll have totals to reconcile with the numbers that Committee Staff is helping to track for us. Okay. And Staff has prepared the RPT spreadsheet that calculates valuation with the rates for the certified numbers. So that will be available, Staff will email that to Councilmembers and to EAs within a few minutes. So mahalo, Staff, for doing that work. All right, I think that is everything. Any questions before we start to review the departments that we came to consensus on yesterday? Okay. All right. Wonderful, okay, no questions. Okay. And just a reminder that revenue includes the additional RPT or property tax that came from certification, so it was higher than what was expected. And if we get to the point of having to raise property taxes, that will also be added to that line that said revenue. So that's where additional revenue will be added to, if you...if we'll have to, you know, do that, as well as the budget reductions. So all of that is added together. Okay. Okay. If Members would like, I can separate those numbers out, and that way you can see clearly where the certification numbers came from, where your reductions came from, and then if we would need to make any additional adjustments to RPT. Okay. Okay. All right, so that is everything. Ms. Milner, are you back on? Okay. I see your name on the list, hopefully you're not having technical difficulties. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, there you are okay. Okay. So we'll review the first Department, Office of the County Clerk. So we're going to share screen, OpenGov, go over the reductions that were made, and the priority proposals that were added, and we'll verify that...uh-oh... oh, okay...it's just...sorry, it's just taking a couple minutes, Ms. Milner said. So...and then we'll, we'll verify that the reductions were credited to the Members who voted . . . *(inaudible)*. . . reductions. Okay. Sorry, BlueJeans is giving Ms. Milner a little bit of heartache because I'm asking to share screen. Just like when I was trying to share a screen. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Maybe this is time for DJ Pajimola to step in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a really fun song lined up if we want to do that.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, Chair. Remi here.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Hi, Remi.

MR. MITCHELL: I just wanted to pop in real quick. Lesley is having to restart her system because BlueJeans is not working for her. So she'll be right back.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. DJ Pajimola, you ready? Don't know if she's got it? All right, she is always on it. DJ Pajimola.

. . . (*music playing*) . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, DJ Pajimola. Mahalo, Members. Okay. Looks like Ms. Milner may still be setting things up. So...all right. Perhaps we can shift gears, and before we do that review...okay, I'll give the Members two options. We can either...oh, okay, she's almost there...okay. We can either take a quick recess, or I was going to say we could get started on DHHC. But Ms. Milner said that she's almost back on...and she's back. All right, perfect. So she will share her screen and show us OpenGov.

MS. MILNER: Sorry about that Chair. Timing's everything.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It happens to all of us, unfortunately. Okay. So we'll start with the Office of the County Clerk. All right. Okay. So here we have the County Clerk program, and what was submitted to the Members was \$2,009,372. And we made one reduction to the office relocation for \$220,000. Ms. Milner, will you move your mouse, please. Oh, okay. Okay. And then we added the mobile voting units for \$300,000. And then that brought us to a new total of 2,089,372. Okay, did I...did I miss anything?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Maybe how many people voted on the reduction and everybody...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah, it's not...well...yeah, mahalo, Member Paltin. So that's not going to show on OpenGov. We're going to...that...that'll be a different spreadsheet. It's going to be the Excel spreadsheet that we'll have to show. Okay. So Ms. Milner, did I...did I catch everything? Oh, no. Okay. Okay. So the audio isn't working on Ms. Milner's side. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So we deducted \$220,000 and added \$300,000, yeah? So there's a difference of \$80,000. So if all...so if all eight of us voted for that, we would minus \$10,000?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, why would we minus 10,000?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because we added \$80,000 more than was there. No? Because...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, okay. I see what your question is. So we're...we're not...so the additions and reductions are not confined within the Department itself, we're going to take it up all together.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. But let's say there was only one department, we would all be cut \$10,000, right? No?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no. Oh, okay. I...I understand what you're asking now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So that was my proposal, the \$300,000 for the mobile voting unit was something I proposed, and so it's my responsibility to achieve enough in reductions or to propose an increase in RPT.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh. Okay. So we get to enjoy...those of us who voted for the \$220,000 cut divided by eight would be a plus in our plus column? Never mind --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- never mind what was added, never mind what was added.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Yes. Because --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You worry about...you worry about --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that came out...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- what was added, not us. Okay. Okay. I got that. I got that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair? So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So that one was actually divided by seven because somebody...there was somebody who voted against it. I didn't take names down, but I --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I noticed --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- that there's seven of us that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Member King...Member King, Chair Lee was just hypothetically speaking.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, no, I know, I was just...yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I didn't...I didn't show the spreadsheet with the...the names. She was just asking --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- like how it would work. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I got that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll...we'll...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But I...we just...we're...we're dividing among those who voted for it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Oh, Chair Lee, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I did say if eight people...if eight people voted. Because I was worried about the 300,000, which I don't really have to worry about. Nobody has to worry about, only you have to worry about that, only you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct. Okay. Ms. Milner's BlueJeans froze again. Okay. So let's see if my BlueJeans will allow me to share my screen, and then at least we'll be able to see the County Clerk's reduction, and see if we got the calculations and the split correct. Okay. Let's see if BlueJeans will let me share my screen. All right. Oh, wait, oh, it's working. Oh, okay. It's working. Can everyone see that? I'm going to guess --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- you all can see it. Okay. All right. So here we are, here's the \$220,000, here's the number of votes, seven, and so that was myself, Member Paltin, Member Johnson, Member King, Member Molina, Member Sinenci, and Member Sugimura. Right? All right. Any corrections to that line? Okay, very good. Okay. So that's how we're going to do it if BlueJeans allows us to share our screen and not freeze on us. Okay. So Ms. Milner is going to restart her computer.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
Administration Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would Members like to start working on the DHHC Administration Program while we wait? Okay. I would like to do that too. Okay. Okay. So we have before us Department of Housing and Human Concerns. Okay. And there are three programs within the Department of Housing and Human Concerns; the Administration Program, the Housing Program, and the Human Concerns Program. So we'll start with the Administration Program, okay, and that

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starts on page 8-3 in your Budget Details. Are there any proposed reductions to the Administration Program? And it's a very small program, it's like three pages. Okay. Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good. Look at us making headway. All right. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS

Housing Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next is the Housing Program, and the Housing Program starts on page 8-7. All right, I see Member Molina with his hand up with a proposal. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I have a consideration for the Members on page 8-11, Budget Details, Housing Program, Hawai'i Community Foundation for Housing Affordability Initiatives, Sub-Code 6317, County Grant Subsidy. I make a motion to delete the appropriation of 250,000. And if I can get a second, I'll explain this consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Molina, second by Member Paltin. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank...thank you very much, Madam Chair, and thank you for the second, Member Paltin. This is a matching grant for a program that, you know, basically doesn't produce housing, it just makes us aware of the following: increased qualified renters and homebuyers, build political and community support for more housing, grow knowledge of decision makers, and enhance existing data collection and reporting capabilities. Members, you know, with all due respect, you know, we need to spend our money on creating shelter, not studying our needs or how to influence decision makers. You know, we know a lot of this already, so I...in my opinion, I don't think any more studies are needed at this point. We know...pretty much know what the problem is and what we need to do. So to me, in my opinion, if it doesn't create housing, you know, I...I just see it as throwing money away, and that's just my thoughts. So I just put...float this out there for the Members to consider. So I think we've had enough studies on the need for housing. I think we've gotten a lot of information from those in the building industry, from our various nonprofits, and our own citizens, who are dying for housing. So and this is \$250,000 that we can put back into the pot for other use...uses. So that's my proposal, Madam Chair, and I await to hear Members' comments and questions. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your consideration, Member Molina. I see two hands, Chair Lee, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So it looks like it was the Department's addition to the budget, so do...are they available to comment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Maybe Director Yoshimura.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we don't have the departments with us. We have...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Just asking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So could Michele Yoshimura comment on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Sugimura, so this is like we said, matching grant funds to Hawai'i Community Foundation. It's to implement and execute Maui's housing affordability initiatives, to work with them on getting programs or infrastructure projects moving for affordable housing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, I think some of us, or many of us were...attended that luncheon last year at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center where Hawai'i Community Foundation kind of launched the initiative, I guess, that they were...they were concerned that Maui had the worst housing problem. And based upon their data, I think it was Michelle Kauhane who spoke and Micah Kane, but they basically talked about it, and they wanted to implement plans. I think they had committed to implement \$5 million according to that...that lunch that we had, and I think this is just a continuation of that. So I would like to keep this, and I will not vote in support of deleting it. So thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member King, you have a question or a comment?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just a question for...for the Director. What did they actually...I...I...you know, we can all read the description of it, but what did they actually do with it, what did the Department do with it last year, or is this a brand new grant? It's brand new? Okay. So we haven't done anything with it yet, and we don't...we haven't seen any plans for how this would be used?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can ask Member Molina if...where he got his details from.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I mean, I think he's reading...yeah, he's reading off...oh, do you have something beyond what's in the book?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, yeah, Madam Chair. And thank you, Member King. Yeah, what I just read to you came from the Department, you know, about what the program does. So that's information we got directly from the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Department took questions.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. But there was nothing specific about what they intend to do with it, it's just that broad description. Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I could contact the Department and get more information on it, but I do know that they did provide homeowner education to...and help prepare residents to qualify for housing that may become available. They also help with the coordination of State and Federal funding to try to make sure if we...when we do proceed with projects, they assist us with that portion too. But I will contact the Department and get more information for you. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because what you just described was actually what they've been doing, right, but this is a brand new grant, so you know, I guess the question would be what are they intending to do differently that we're not already doing?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, Chair, so we did fund them \$250,000 this year, I believe, or at the end of Fiscal '20. I...I need to check. But this is a two-year funding for them. So let me check and get back to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Member Paltin, followed by Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Member Molina, for this proposal. I guess my concern would be in like kind of throwing off the coordination or the collaboration of a partner. I think that they...they did coordinate with State DOT to help the County pay for the Waiale Road extension. And so...I mean, that...that type of thing is kind of beneficial to have a partner in asking the State to help fund County infrastructure for affordable housing. Although, on the other hand, Micah Kane let off bank of...on the promise. So I mean it's six of one, half a dozen of the other. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, just wanted to add, we also have the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan that we appropriated 300,000 that we're still waiting to review, so we have that waiting in the wings for us. And you know, so we have first-time homebuyers educational programs that exist out there already. I believe Hale Mahaolu is one that we've funded before and will likely fund again. So again, to me it's like...I don't want to call it duplication, but it just seems like we...we...we pretty much have a handle on what the problem is and what we need to do to influence decision makers. So I just see this as money that we could spend elsewhere or save, what have you, so anyway. But thank you for allowing this discussion to seriously look into this appropriation. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Members wanting to comment? Okay. So Member Sinenci, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I just...yeah, I can wait until the Director comes back with a response.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King? Oh, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, Chair, I was trying to get information on the grant, I missed the question. So Member Sinenci?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, same question.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just the details of the grant.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Oh, yeah, I'm still working on that. I'll get back to you on that one.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Director, before you continue on that, I wanted to just...you know, we're...we're looking at putting...we have a lot of proposals for affordable housing and, you know, I...I've been operating in the grant world on the renewable energy side for a couple of decades now, and so I know that sometimes when you get these matching grants you could apply other monies that you're already using or other resources that you're already using. So can you also ask, when you're checking with the Department, if they can...if the...if the matching grant is 250,000 and we have to put 250,000 in to get that, the Hawai'i Community Foundation funds, could we identify another pot of money that we're already putting in as those matching funds? Since we have a lot that we're doing in...I mean, I...I feel the same way as Mr. Molina that we're...we're already...we're already doing all that stuff that we just talked about and...in other areas, and so if we're doing that, why couldn't we quantify that money that we already have in our budget as the matching funds? So if you could check on that maybe.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Councilmember King, I'll check into that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Awesome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Okay. So it looks like Members would like to get that additional information before making a decision. Member Molina, if you would like to...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Would you like me to withdraw the motion at this time for now? Okay. I'll go ahead and withdraw the motion for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin, with the second. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. And really quickly, so this is part of the reason that I proposed the new appendix that would provide that additional information from the grantees. And then that way, it's all together and we understand what it...what the deliverables are from the funding, what's the return on the investment, what's the budget that's being proposed, because you know, as...as we've all pointed out, the Budget Details doesn't contain all that information. And so I think, you know, for those that are receiving a line item grant, they should provide the Council, since we're the ones that are fiscally responsible to, you know, do the check and balance on the budget on behalf of the public, that we fully understand what the return on investment for these grant funding. Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Are there any other proposals for...in the Housing Program? Okay. Seeing no hands. I'll ask...I won't ask for consensus right now because we'll come back when we get information from Budget Director Yoshimura. And in the meantime, I believe we have Ms. Milner ready to share screen.

MS. MILNER: Okay. We'll try this one more time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Now...and...and we completed our review of the County Clerk. Okay. This is County Clerk Program. Okay. So now we'll go to the Office of Council Services, Council Services Program. Okay. Okay. So we made a reduction of \$20,000 to reduce Airfare and Transportation. Oh, oh. Oh, okay. All right. And then we added \$51,000 for Member King's proposal for the district offices, \$150,000...oh, okay. Oh, I see. Okay. I read the entire thing when you put your mouse over it. Okay. So...and then \$150,000 for my proposal for the Charter Commission education, outreach, and special counsel. And what is the one? What is the 79,500? It's...

MS. MILNER: Chair, those are the line items for the additional E/Ps, two for the district offices and two for Wailuku and Kahului.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. So you heard Ms. Milner. 79,500 for Wailuku and Kahului E/P, 79,500 for staff for the two proposed district offices in Ha'ikū and South Maui, and one new E/P for a Communications (*audio interference*) for \$53,000, and that was my proposal. And the Department's request to restore the \$8,097 for the mandatory salary adjustment. Okay. And that's everything. Okay. Does...do any of the Members see anything missing? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see no hands.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, what will...can you scroll up and show the...the first part of...of the district office? Oh, 51,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that's for the rental, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. Yeah. No, I...I added it all up and it came up to exactly 210, which is what I proposed, so we're good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So the proposal was for \$7,252,409, and it was adjusted to \$7,653,506. Okay. And then I guess if we can share screen...okay. We can go to the Auditors Program. There...there wasn't any adjustments made. Okay. And then so the...okay. No adjustments. Okay. And then Ms. Milner, would it be enough for you to be able to toggle back and forth to the spreadsheet that has the reductions, the...what was it called? The reduction spreadsheet.

MS. MILNER: I'll pull it up. It may just take a moment to switch between programs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is there a way to share the desktop and toggle between the two, like, quickly or no, no can?

MS. MILNER: Yes, let me just switch it to a different screen so you all don't have to see all my email notifications.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We...we can do all of the departments for now and then go through the spreadsheet, and then that way we won't share screen...sharing the screen takes some time. Okay. All right. So we'll go to Corporation Counsel, and I believe there weren't any adjustments made there. Okay. So \$4,287,503. And then for the Maui Emergency Management Agency, no adjustment there, \$1,112,431. Okay. And then Department of Environmental Management. Uh-oh, did it freeze again? Oh, okay. And then for the Administration Program under DEM, no adjustment. And then the Wastewater Administration Program, no adjustments. And then stop right here. Oh. Okay. Okay. So we can see the proposed and the adjustments for each program on the screen here, and then we'll just open the program that adjustments were made to. Oh, we didn't make any adjustments?

MS. MILNER: We did, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. MILNER: Sorry, it only is showing the first period adjustments, which is the Mayor's budget, so they match.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MS. MILNER: But the first department that changes were made to was the EP&S Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we'll go to the EP&S Program. Okay. Okay. And so the proposal for 150,000 to the Kihei Compost from Member King, 150,000. So the proposal was for \$7,892,101 and we adjusted it to \$8,042,101. Okay. And then we'll go to Finance. Is the one position that...okay. Yeah. All right. And then here is the reduction to the land management position at \$40,000. And again, we didn't adjust for fringe for this position, so right now it's only showing the \$40,000. There was a proposal to remove the funding for the Tax Clerk position, but that did not get a majority of votes, so that's why you'll see it at zero. Okay. All right. And then the Real Property Assessment Program, no adjustments. Okay. And then the Motor Vehicle Program, we added six full-time DMVL Service Representatives, five for Maui, one for Moloka'i, and the Maui LTAs would help to service Lāna'i for an additional \$197,700. What was proposed to *(audio interference)* \$4,704,786, and what we adjusted brought it up to \$4,902,486. Okay. And then...and then we'll do the Fire and Public Safety.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, we had...are you going to include...under Finance, we had some...a couple proposals under the ARP that were under Finance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, that'll be a under a different...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You're not doing proposed --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it'll be...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- revisions? Okay. Okay. No...no worries.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So under the Department of Fire and Public Safety Training Program, a reduction of \$10,000 to Airfare and Transportation, and a reduction of \$9,000 for Other Equipment. Okay. And so it was \$1,794,622, and then we reduced it to \$1,775,622. And so the Other Equipment was the AEDs. Okay. And then we'll...were there any other adjustments for Fire and Public Safety?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair, under Ocean Safety Program.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll do that one, and then we'll go to the special fund for the American Rescue Act. Okay. And here's the Ocean Safety Program, a reduction...so there were two proposals that didn't achieve majority, and then two proposed reductions, one for \$10,000 reduction to Other Services, and a reduction of \$23,500, and that is to remove one rescue water craft with trailer and rescue shield. And then....and then correcting the error, so a reduction of \$36,492, which was an error for the Ocean Safety Officer IV back to I. Okay. And then the last one is the special fund or...or grant revenue fund.

MS. MILNER: Chair, if it's all right with you, we're still updating that in OpenGov, may I show that in Exhibit 1?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. Here's the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for \$35 million. One, up to 250,000 must be for the Department of Police to assist with COVID enforcement violations. That was withdrawn. Okay. Yeah. That one was withdrawn. Okay. So just the two that are highlighted? Okay. Up to 450,000 must be for an asphalt paver and the Department of Public Works, and that's Chair Lee's proposal. And then Member King's proposal is to be used for a Countywide drinking water assessment and ADA refill stations. And there was a proposal for...from Member Molina to restrict funding to be used on travelers...post-travel tests, COVID tests.

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair, we'll add that this evening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Okay. Members, see anything that was missed or see anything on there that should have been added? Okay. And then we'll go to the spreadsheet with the reductions.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. Just a note, on the Ocean Safety Officer position --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- there was a reduction for \$36,000. So if I could refer you to page 7-70, position number C29738. The...that's the position that was a typo, and it should be an SR...it should be an Ocean Safety Officer III.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So...

MS. YOSHIMURA: And it'll be an SR-19E for 60...and the salary is correct though. It's just that's where the typo is, not on the position that was adjusted, position number 30991 on 7-71.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Perhaps we can stop the screen share. Okay. Member Paltin, do you have any questions or comments on the new information we received from Budget Director Yoshimura?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes. So my first question on that would be so you're moving an OS...from the information in the Details on page...where I got it from, page 7-71, it shows a vacant OSO-I position in Fiscal Year '21 becoming an OSO-IV position in Fiscal Year 2022. And if that's not an error, who authorized that to occur?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? So the position was appropriated for in Fiscal Year 2021 as a...as a OSO-I. When we lost the funding for the Mākena grant, in order to transfer the employees over, they created the...they took that one position and redescribed it to an OSO-IV. That didn't increase the number of OSO-IVs, we still have five OSO-IV positions. One is a training position. And we have one OSO...position number 29747 is the Training Captain, which is...that...that's the top on page 7-71. And then we have one for north, one for west, one for south, and one for Ho'okipa.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just wanted --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- to clarify that the OSO-I positions that I put in was for frontline workers specifically. And my understanding is that if Mākena funding was cut, the Captain then had return rights to an OSO-II position and not OSO-IV position. And I don't have a problem with them finding money for him to become an OSO-IV, but specifically the positions I put in were provisoed to be for frontline positions. And the follow-up question would be, what is the total number of OSO-III positions with that error, is it eight or is it nine?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? So there is nine OSO-III positions. So if you look on page 259 of the Program Budget book, they'll have...we'll have a summary of that. We did submit a corrected sheet for this, the corrected page. That you should have a corrected page 259.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you for the answer to the second question, but still waiting for the answer to the first question. And if it's going to be a I to a IV and you have a vacant III, would it not make more sense to make that III into a IV? I mean, the OSO-I vacancies were the ones that I put in with a proviso that they be for frontline workers, so I'm not sure how an OSO-I can be turned into an OSO-IV. If you have an OSO-III position that you'd like to make a IV, that's...and you have the money, that's your business, but specifically the positions that I put in was for frontline, not for captains. So I think that's a breach of the proviso that I put in.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? I will check with the Department on...on the exact movements, but I do know that position number 29738, which was a IV, got downgraded to a III,

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and that's on page 7-70. But as far as the I going to a IV, I will check with the Department and look at the proviso that was put in, I think back in 2020, Fiscal Year 2020. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. All right. So now we'll go to the spreadsheet. Ms. Milner, if you can...oh, I guess I could share my screen too with the pending priority. Okay. Okay. All right. Okay. OCS Airfare, so the...oh. Oh, okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Okay. So the OCS Airfare for 20,000...will you highlight it again please? Okay. So there's the 20,000, all eight of the Members present voted in favor of the reduction, and so it was divided by eight for 2,500 each person. Okay. The next one. This is the financed land management...oh, you got the fringe. All right. Okay. So we got the position salary and fringe, and all eight Members voted on that, and so it was divided equally among the eight Members present. And for Fire and Public Safety, it sounds like we're...we're still in discussion on this one. So there were six Members present that voted on that item, and then divided amongst the six Members, myself, Member Paltin, Member Johnson, Member Molina, Member Sinenci, and Member Sugimura. I think Chair Lee stepped out during that time. Okay. And then for Fire and Public Safety, the reduction of the rescue water craft for 23,500, the six Members who were present during that time voted in favor of that reduction. And *(audio interference)* in Airfare by 10,000, again, all the Members who were present at that time voted in favor of that, as well as the 9,000 reduction for the AEDs. And lastly, the 10,000 for Other Services, the six Members that were present at the time, reducing that item. Okay. We can stop...oh, oh, actually we can leave it up. Members, any questions on the spreadsheet? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I got 3,916 instead of 3,917 for the watercraft, and 1,666 for the Airfare and Ocean Safety.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. So we can add the decimals if you want. It...the Excel spreadsheet rounds up, so the formulas are all plugged in. Okay. Yeah. So Ms. Milner is going to add the two decimals, and then that way we can see the...there. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I see, I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My bad.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Excel...if you don't add the decimals, Excel automatically rounds up or down. Okay. Did you have any other questions, Member Paltin? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. Chair, I just was questioning the associated fringe because the amount removed from that position was 40,000, then the fringe is like 35-plus. Is that correct? It seems so high.

MS. MILNER: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Yeah, our fringe rate for civilian positions is currently 88.08 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: 88 percent, wow. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Any other questions, Members? Okay. Seeing none. Thank you, Ms. Milner, for sharing your screen. Okay. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
Housing Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Now we'll go back to Housing Program, and we'll check with Budget Director Yoshimura if she was able to get the information on Hawai'i Community Foundation?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, sorry, I'm going to need a little bit more time, I haven't been able to reach the Department. So if I could respond hopefully by the time you reach your priority proposals or before that. Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds good. Mahalo, Budget Director. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, if you would like, I instructed Staff to get a response from the Department if you'd like to hear it or either way or wait for Director Yoshimura, but I do have a response from the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Sure, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Let me pull this up real quick. Thank you for the consideration. Okay. Okay. I'm just going to read it verbatim. The question we had asked was how will the \$250,000 be used and will these funds help to purchase land, pay for infrastructure, and result in providing immediate shelter and housing units? The Department's response was, these funds are being used for the following activities: increase the pipeline of qualified renters and homebuyers, build political and

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community support for more housing, grow knowledge base of decision makers on affordable housing issues and opportunities, and enhance existing data collection and reporting capabilities. So that was the response given to us from the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Did that answer your second question, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It didn't answer my second question, but the...the other part of the question was are they doing...because...because it's supposed to be a new grant, so are they doing this now already? It sounds like they're doing it already. Or are they...just what they're intending to do with it in the Fiscal Year '22? Was that...was that...was that indicated in your...in the response you got, Member Molina?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can set this --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- aside --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- if we want to. Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, the other part of the question was this is designated a matching grant, so how does that work? You know, is it leveraging more money from other sources? So that was part of the question too.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. Could we leverage what we're already spending, in other words.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS

Human Concerns Program
Rates and Fees
Department Request

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we'll sent this one aside, and we'll go to Human Concerns Program, and that starts on page 8-13. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Since we're on DHHC, are we going to go through the Affordable Housing Program as well, even though --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- it's a part of Appendix A?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's at the end.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We're still? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, at the end of what? At the end of this Department, or the end of...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Of this Department.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At the end...yeah. Okay. So we're doing the programs, so it's the operating budget first, and then we'll go CIPs, but there aren't any CIPs, and then Rates and Fees, and then departmental requests, and then we'll get to the Affordable Housing. Okay. So Human Concerns Program. Seeing no proposals to reduce, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. And then we'll come back to the Housing Program when we're able to get the additional information needed for Members to be able to make a decision on the proposal from Member Molina. Okay. So Rates and Fees, there are two, four, six different rates and fees under the, this Department. Any proposed amendments? If not, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. The next part is the Department request, and that's for 115,000 to increase the Kaunoa Senior Services Elderly Lunch Program meals due to an unexpected increase in meal prices. And we kind of discussed this a little earlier with Budget Director Yoshimura. Is there a motion to add the \$115,000 to the budget?

COUNCILMEMBERS: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Everybody wants to move. Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Sugimura. Chair Lee, did you want to speak to this?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, so this goes against Michele's requests?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Alice, does that mean you're not going to give me \$10 again?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We will, we will.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: How many cuts did you vote for?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any discussion? If not, I'll call for the vote. All those in favor of the \$115,000 for the Kaunoa lunch program, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see eight "ayes," no "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

MEMBERS' PRIORITY PROPOSALS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. This...this next part we're going to take up the Members' priority proposals, and...and hopefully this will give Budget Director Yoshimura a lot of time. There's a lot of proposals. Okay. The first one is from Member Paltin. It's number 15 on the matrix. That is for the \$500,000 for grants and disbursements for the rental assistance. Okay. Member Paltin, you want to make a motion? Oh, sorry, hold on. One moment. Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to increase the appropriation for grants and disbursements by 500,000. This was a consensus priority from earlier.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seconded by Member Molina. Okay. Okay. Any adjustments? Seeing no discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Okay. Any "noes?" One...Member Johnson, is that a lag? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That was the lag. I didn't know if you counted me so I...my mistake.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. Under Budget Details 8-11, Housing Program, I move to increase the appropriation by 500,000 from 2 million to 2½ million for the same reasons that Member Paltin explained.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Molina, second by Member Johnson. Okay. I'm assuming there'll not be any further discussion, so I'll call for the question unless someone wants to discuss. Okay. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The next is Member Johnson's proposal, it's on number 22 on your matrix. Aloha House 12-bed residential dorm. Member Johnson, would you like to make...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Certainly. I make the motion for my Aloha House proposal, 12 bed, \$225,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Sinenci. Discussion, Members? Okay. Member Johnson, as the movant do you want to speak to your motion before I call on someone else? You don't have to, but --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Certainly.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So for the 12-bed residential dorm, in 2020 Lisa Darcy from Share Your Mana was hired to write a report for Councilmember King to propose solutions to the homeless crisis. The top priority was a multi...was multidimensional and includes decriminalization of homelessness and doubling the amounts of beds for substance abuse and behavioral health. As I said before, we have human beings, our fellow brothers and sisters, falling through the cracks. All the organizations I have spoken to say this is a big concern that needs more funding. We need to expand beds and care and to keep up with the need. I have reduced the grant request from 1.15 million to 225,000 to only include phase one, incorporating planning, design, and permitting. In Fiscal '23...in Fiscal Year '23, I'll come back to request the construction costs. I feel I understand the needs of this community and sincerely believe this expansion will not only change lives, but save lives. When we raise our most

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overlooked and underserved, we raise our whole community. I propose to pay for this by taking cuts between 5 percent and 25 percent. So that's where I came up with this, and that's what I wanted to speak on. I know...I...I went to as many people as I could to talk about this particular issue. I went to many different communities outside of my own, and I think I pounded the pavement to try to come up with a solution that will really affect those folks. Mahalo, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to speak to the motion and thank Member Johnson for picking up that...this very important item out of that report by Lisa Darcy. I think it's important too that we focus in on the needs from the people who are actually on ground floor with the folks...the homeless folks. As we know, Ms. Darcy has been, and wants to see real...real progress being made. So I appreciate you putting this into your priority list. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Sugimura? You had your hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think we had discussion...we had questions regarding like how much home...how many homeless people they take care of, and I think that they were going to get back to us. Did you hear from them, Member...did you hear back? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What is the answer?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Yuki Lei...Councilmember Yuki Lei, for the question. It was over 55 percent of the people they service are homeless. Mahalo.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Yeah, I...I did get an email back, it was a number, 55 percent. It didn't have any supporting documentation. And I just...I did have some follow-up questions. But I just was wondering like can we ensure that these...that...that homeless folks have a priority there? Because the other way around it, they...they get a payout, which I'm not opposed to them getting a payout, but like Member Johnson said, our priority is treating the homeless, and that's what we're using this money for. And...and so, you know, I don't begrudge Aloha House to make money at all, like because, you know, they need to run an operation, but I want there to be some way to ensure that if we're having 12 beds added, and we have 12 homeless folks with alcohol problems, substance abuse problems, that they're going to have access to 12 beds and not, you know, some...someone else that can pay for their situation at any place across the world type of thing, you know what I mean? Is...is there a way to ensure that?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King...so those raising your hands, do you have an answer for Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: As you folks know we have a small nonprofit and we from time to time take people from Aloha House who are ready to become independent. Without Aloha House, we would have a really big gap in services they provide. Unlike Ka Hale A Ke Ola, they provide more services, you know, treatment services for...for the...those with addictions, and who...many of whom are homeless. So...and then what's good about them is that they have a continuum of services so that as you are done with so much treatment, you go into a group home setting and, you know, there's a way out. There's a way up and a way out. So I don't think anybody could guarantee X number of beds for homeless because it's really up to the homeless too, whether they want to live there or not, you know, they...they make the choices. But they serve a tremendous amount of homeless folks, and so I...I have no, you know, doubts or trepidations about giving money to Aloha House because they will do as they say they are going to do. They are committed to this, they have been for the last 30, 40 years.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I...I agree with everything that Chair Lee said, and I also wanted to add that I think they get Federal funding too, so that could be a problem trying to limit to just homeless people. But I believe that their services also...and it's just as valuable to keep people from becoming homeless. That's...that's one of the issues, you know, if we look at this holistically that there are. But we...one of the things we could ask them to do after...you know, at the end of this fiscal year is to give us a report on how many homeless people they have served. You know, we're encouraging them to serve more homeless people. You know, like...like Alice just said, if they're...if the...if there aren't the homeless people there knocking on their door or being willing to be served then it's hard for them. But you know, we want them to...to seek out the homeless people who do need these services and to give them priority to a certain extent. So maybe...and I don't know if we want to add a caveat on there just to say that, you know, you know, this is...this is for...this is a program to increase services to the homeless, and then we would like a report on how many more homeless people that you've served with this extra funding. But either way, I...I agree, Aloha House, you know, is invaluable to our community, and increasing their funding is only going to help everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Paltin, were you finished with your questions and comments?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I...I like Member King's idea, I just would also like to add on like how they will determine if the people are homeless. If they have a VI-SPDAT assessment, or if they're noted in the homeless management information system. Like if...if that could be included in a report back like how Member King was saying, I would feel more comfortable.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Would you like to make an amendment to the main motion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'd love to. I would like to also ask that we get an annual report of how many homeless were served and if their clients have...the homeless clients have a VI-SPDAT assessment or if they're noted in the homeless management information system, and...and just let us know at the...like as a report.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sorry, Chair, just a quick bit of information. I...this proviso is for the residential dorm for planning and...I think the second provision I would have will probably be more appropriate for that, where we're having staff and putting data, you know, I'm adding money for a data system and staff. If you want to put it on this for a construction...or I mean for building and design, I don't know if that's...I mean you guys tell me wherever you want them, that's kind of where I'm coming from.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, make it in the form of a motion, and then I'll see if there is a second.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: You want me to amend the...amend the main motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So you didn't make it in...you didn't say "I move to." You said you would like.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to amend the main motion --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With what you said.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- that everything I said.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Is there a second? Second from Member Sinenci. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And kind of --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- the reason why...I mean, it could go on both, but kind of the reason why is like when we come back for funding next time, then we'll have this...this data in...in the format that we can...we can understand. Because I got the email as well

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and it just said yeah, 50...about 55 percent of our people are homeless, but it's like where is the data, you know? Like anyone can say anything, like oh about 55 percent of us like soup, you know? So just, you know, just a report format, and we can put it on either/or, or both.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I feel like that would help me make my decision going forward on funding the facility in the future, like you know, just get a sense of the homeless needs of...of...that are being met here, along with their grant management score.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, just quickly want to support the amendment on the floor. I think putting the...the language in there for this investment to address homelessness programs, I think...like we said, this is the only time that we get to...you know, once it's out of our hands then it...then it goes on to be implemented. So do as...as much of the intent at this point, then support the funding. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I understand the intent and why because we had those questions about how many homeless they serve, but I hear what Member Johnson is saying in that this is like phase one, and phase two is construction. So the data they're going to collect are on existing efforts, not related to this money. So you're fine with them just collecting like how many homeless that they currently help not connected to this funds, and I wonder if Member Johnson's okay with that then.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I...okay with whatever the body prefers. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, I...I...I'm okay with that, and I think if they come back...if and when they come back for the construction funds, you know, they can...they should come back with a plan for their intent to possibly increase their clientele of...their percentage of homeless clientele at that point. So you know, looking forward, if they're going to get, I think you said a million dollars in construction, then what is their plan for encouraging more...a larger percentage of their clientele be homeless for these extra 12 beds. So you know, it's just a...what...what are they...right now we're asking what have they been doing, how many homeless people have they been...been servicing, and then, you know, going forward we could ask what is their plan for increasing the number of homeless. So I'm good with the...the proposal the way it is, with the amendment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the amendment to the main motion? Okay. I'll...I'll just share a couple comments.

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So during this discussion on the motion to amend, I keep trying to figure out the appropriateness of the condition to this funding. I can see it from both angles, both perspectives that it...in the planning and design and permitting of this structure, if...if it would include...or if...how would it include ensuring that those individuals that are unsheltered are included in this expansion. And so I...I don't know if that's kind of stretch to associate the condition to this...this funding for asking for data that's not exactly related to this appropriation. I think there's information that the Members would like in order to support the...this expansion as a whole. So if Members are needing this information in order to even vote in favor of this phase one planning, design, and permitting, then I think there's a, you know, a connection to it, and so it could be related. So that's kind of where I am. I'll...I'll vote in favor of the motion. Open to hearing more discussion. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I agree with you. I support the basic motion, but this proviso I think is somewhat misplaced because this is only for design, planning and design, and...which has nothing to do with the homeless yet. So maybe their other program you can require or request data or an annual or a biannual report on how the rest of their ongoing program is. But this one hasn't even started yet, so I don't know how you can...you can ascertain how many people you're serving when you're not really serving nobody yet, you're just doing the design part. But you know what, I'm not interested in getting into the weeds, so I support the idea, and I'd be...however it works out. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. So I think maybe I have an idea.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Don't get too excited. Okay. So the compromise perhaps is that a report can be given on this...this funding for how they envision being able to serve more from the...more individuals from our unsheltered community. And the first part of the condition requiring a report on what they currently do can be attached to Member Johnson's other priority proposal if it passes for the salaried positions, and then we can get information on their current services. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I support that. The only caveat is I would like the information, you know, based on what they told us, you know, 55 percent is what we serve currently, and...and so it's not necessary, it's kind of verification of what we're...they're telling us, and you know, just data. But so my only concern with your proposal, which I like, is what if his second proposal doesn't pass and then we don't get that info? So maybe can we take up the second proposal first? I mean, I'm okay either way, I just I would like the...the data because I think it would help me, you know, in verification and...and whatnot. So that's...that's my only concern is --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- if his second proposal doesn't pass, and then we never get the information.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. So another possible path forward is I'm sure that Aloha House is monitoring our meeting and our discussion, and hopefully they'll be able to get us the information they need to get to the Members to enable the Members to feel confident about making these decisions. So we can...we can vote on it, and if the information that we receive is not sufficient for Members, we can move for a reconsideration and add that additional language to this item. Because I think Members would like that information this week and not wait, you know, for an annual report of some sort. That's what I'm hearing. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I'm...I'm good either way. I don't have a problem with attaching that information to this project because this project is coming up as a project for the homeless, to serve the homeless, so I don't have a problem attaching that, the request for the report to...I know it's just for design, but it's designing...the reason why we're trying to design the facility for these extra beds is because we want extra capacity in our community for the homeless. So I think it's relevant to attach it here, and if that makes everything easier and we can move forward, then I just as soon vote on the amendment. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Member Paltin, what...what would you like your motion to be?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I kind of agree with Member King. I mean, if everyone isn't real strong on it, either way, let's just leave it in, you know, that they provide this information on how...how they are...are doing currently, and...and then we can, you know, see where we're at and where we need to go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If there's no further discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion to amend the main motion, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any "noes?" Okay. Six "ayes," one...no. Seven "ayes," one "no" Member Johnson, one excused, yeah.

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

NOES: **Councilmember Johnson.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE amendment to main motion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So now we're on the main motion as amended. Any other discussion? Any further discussion, Members? If not, I will call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye. Okay, I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE main motion as amended.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good. Okay. The next item is from Chair Lee. It's from Chair Lee. It's number 23...conditional language, 50,000...\$50,000 earmark. Chair Lee? Chair, you have to unmute. Oh, unless you're not speaking.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have to find it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: In all these...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. It's \$50,000 of Homeless Program funds for homeless in Waikapu, Wailuku, Waihee, and Paukukalo.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I would like to...I would like to withdraw that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't...and the reason why I...I'm doing this is because I learned...well, I should have learned my lesson a couple...two years ago when I put in \$500,000 for the Homeless Program and it wasn't spent. It wasn't spent because you have to have a very specific program to attach to that funding. And I thought by giving...by adding \$500,000 to the Homeless Program that...that they would just increase whatever services they're giving. It doesn't work that way...that way. You can put \$10 million in that program, you have to have something specific for the Department to do. So that is the reason why I am withdrawing my proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. The next proposal is from Member Sinenci. It's number 24, conditional language, for Share Your Mana. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And yeah, this is one of my conditions, and it's for new grants under the Homeless Program on page 293 of the Department, or 8-37 in your Budget Details. And of course, we spoke about, you know, putting out a mobile hygiene unit, but found that it was difficult to maintain the unit throughout the year, and so I think this was a next and a cheaper version of helping our homeless population to provide fresh water, clean drinking vessels for those living unhoused and unsheltered in isolated areas. So it...it's a truck that's retrofitted to...with water containers, and then there's also...it includes insurance, gas, registration, and some tech items as well. We did get this information from Share Your Mana that shared that this one of the greatest needs for our homeless population, so...but I'm okay with taking off Share Your Mana and...and just leaving it out there for other food nonprofits and church nonprofits that are already supplying these services to our unsheltered population. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Will you make your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I move to earmark 66,200 for mobile water filling stations from the Homeless Program, Index Code 914903B.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there a second? Motion by Member Sinenci, a second from Member Johnson. Okay. Discussion, Members? Member King?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Thanks for the proposal, Member Sinenci. Just wondered who would be driving this? So this would be actually purchasing this equipment for whoever...you know, I guess it's put out to bid and then someone would...a nonprofit would bid on it and then they would have to supply the volunteer drivers *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's...that's...that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I just wanted to know that. And then this...did this come from a special request from Share Your Mana?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, Share Your Mana shared the...the most...the dire needs from some of their outreach to the community, and so we just wanted to address some of those things.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: But we don't have to specifically earmark it for Share Your Mana, we can just have it open to other nonprofits.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And then I also wondered if you wanted to...since it's...basically it's a truck...it's a mobile...it's a mobile unit that would supply some of these much needed things. But if you name them all and they aren't all provided then they have to come back for a budget amendment. You know, if they...if they can't figure out the contracts. Yeah, the things that you have named in here, I just wondered if you wanted to leave it a little more broad so that they're not constrained to having to provide...they don't...if they can't find tech-related items or don't have any contracts, then you either...they wouldn't qualify or we'd have to come back for a budget amendment. So anyway, that was just *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right. Right. And I...I think *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER KING: *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I think the intent was to maybe start to...to get an inventory or...or even have some of the...the homeless have access to...to Internet or Wi-Fi services as well. So those...that is the reason why I...I believe they put the...the tech-related items.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: But...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Because we do have those...we do have those services with the mobile hygiene unit in South Maui, but this is going to be Countywide. This will supply it Countywide.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: This is a district...district request.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, just for South...for Hāna? Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: More...more Central.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, generally, your district requests are in your district. But...so...but if you don't have something like this, I can see that...I can definitely see the need for it, I just think you might want to put the things that you have in here as for example, or something like that so they don't get, you know, they don't preclude someone from bidding on it if they can't provide one of those things.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. And then...yeah, next...next time I'll probably go Countywide and non-Countywide instead of district. Not so much a misnomer. Okay. Any other questions or comments, Members? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just one more question just from us . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So this...this would not be...necessary have to be limited to one district if we vote this in? Just because it says district, is that what you're saying?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, what was the question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, the...the...the designation on this is district, but that doesn't mean that it has to be limited to just one district, is it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So just like your proposal became district and not Countywide with the district offices, and it wasn't just South Maui, it included Ha'ikū, Wailuku, Kahului, but because it wasn't truly Countywide that it became a non-Countywide item. So that...that's what I was explaining.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it's...it's --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. And I like...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that priority proposal that you had that was labeled district, but it wasn't exclusive to South Maui.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. Okay. I just wanted to make sure that if this does pass it's not...doesn't have to be limited to Hāna District if they...if they don't want it to be. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. So Member Sinenci, I have a couple questions. Okay. So the first question, I think you kind of addressed. We know that Share Your Mana had some trouble doing the application, and so I think not naming the organization in the budget won't pigeonhole the...the money if an organization or if that specific organization won't be able to complete the application and compliance requirements in our County Code in order to receive grants. I think...so my question for you, Member Sinenci, is if Share Your Mana doesn't end up getting this grant and purchasing the truck and water containers and all of these things that are named under your proposal, and it ends up going to Upcountry or West Maui or South Maui, is that something that won't be in alignment with your intention?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right, that's a good question, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And...and this was...I think by saying that the unhoused and unsheltered in isolated areas. So I'm open to having it in different districts; however, I mean, if it's...if we have a...you know, we've seen some of these crises at almost humanitarian proportions, and so we...we wanted to make sure the intent was to get life-giving waters to people that don't have access to it. So I believe some areas might have access to some of the parks or...or just water nearby; however, this I believe the intent was to...to go to places where there...there are no access to fresh water.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So I guess we can work a little more on the condition, and we'll add those additional details to your --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- proposal in the new appendix that we're...we're going to create. That way...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, we can...we can supply that...that language, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. I just wanted to make sure that you understood that by not naming the organization, that that particular organization may not end up with that funding, and that was something that is okay with you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, it is. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So in line with your comments and looking at the detail, Member Sinenci, very good, all your research that your...you and your Staff did. By being so specific, I wonder if we're going to get into the situation where we're going

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to have a truck that's going to cost \$40,500 and then you're going to be in line...not in line with your verbiage here. So if there's a way of making it more general, like if...if it...if it's going to be 66,200 for mobile water filling station and just kind of list the variables under it, but not...but specifically not the actual cost, because I think you might run into a situation where the...whoever gets this grant...or is going to have to find exactly what you said, otherwise it won't be in compliance. So I wonder if you could rethink that part too, to get what you want.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We're...we're open to taking off all the...the individual breakdown and just have a straight total if...if the Members are open to that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Any other questions, comments, discussion, Members? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see seven "ayes." Anyone see Chair Lee? Okay. We'll do seven "ayes," two excused, Chair Lee, and Pro Temp Kama. Okay. Mahalo, Members. Member Paltin, you . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No, I...I didn't vote aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I saw your hand, or at least I thought I did. Okay. Okay. All right. I will retake the vote. Okay. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay, wait, wait. Member Sugimura, is your hand up or not? Oh, okay. Okay. I'm just going to say everyone's names - Member Molina, Member Sinenci, Member Sugimura, Member Johnson, Member King, and myself. All those that say...oppose the motion, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay. Member Paltin. Mahalo for that clarification. Six "ayes," one "no," two excused, Chair Lee, Pro Temp Kama.

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NOES: **Vice-Chair Paltin.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. It is 3:21, well past our afternoon break time, so I want to give Members their afternoon break. It's 3:21, so we could go 3:30 and then that would be 9 minutes, or we could go 3:35 and then that would be 14.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections to 3:35.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. Okay. That's what I thought. Okay. Members, we'll reconvene at 3:35. It's 3:21 on April 20th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

 RECESS: 3:21 p.m.
 RECONVENE: 3:38 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 3:38 on April 20th. And we are going over Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Councilmembers' priority proposals. We are on number 25 on the matrix from Member Sugimura for the YMCA.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. So yes, this is...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your motion.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. I move to allocate \$150,000 to the Maui YMCA. That's...that's my motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Motion from Member Sugimura, a second from Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Discussion, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I think you heard the testimony from Mike Morris, he was...he showed up today, as well as his committee members...sorry, board members. Very committed to the organization. He explained what they've been doing, you know, like during COVID and...and what they will continue to do, and I just wanted to support them for this so they can continue what he's calling scholarships for people in need who can utilize their services. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, discussion? Okay. Member King, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just want to say I support this proposal. Thank you, Member Sugimura. I just wish we could find a way to fund this out of the ARP because I think it's perfectly suited for the American Rescue Plan funding since they're addressing a lot of what happened during COVID, but either way, I support it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And yeah, generally supportive. I just was...had a question for Member Sugimura, if...I was just surprised that it wasn't in the original budget, and if there was any reasons for that?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, by talking him, I think he just didn't ask at the right time. So he appeared at my office, and it was already too late, I guess, with putting the budget together. So I...I'm like you, I just want to support them, and if, you know, there's a way that all of us can do it, then it's in my priority. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I supported it before we had testimony today, but when we had testimony it really cemented it. That is a beloved program, and I just want to be real...real quick, I just support it. And growing up as a kid, the Y was where it was at for us, you know, inner city kids, and that's...you prevent all the trouble when you do projects like this. So you got...you know, you...I appreciate that. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. Well said, well said.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Members, any other questions, discussion? Okay. Seeing none. I'll call for the question. Or actually...so, Member Sugimura, your intention is to keep this proposal funded out of the General Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, unless if you have other ideas, but I think it has to be General Funds, and I look towards savings that I can accumulate, you know, through the process.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I just wanted to make sure you weren't considering Member King's idea with the American Rescue Act.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Eight "ayes." Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- is there any opposed? Okay, okay, okay. Yeah, eight "ayes," zero "noes" --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members. Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- one excused.

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NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo Sugimura. The next proposal is number 26 from Member Johnson for Aloha House Enhanced Coordinated Care Program. Member Johnson, your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I move to put \$323,000 to the Aloha House Enhanced Coordinated Care Program.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member King. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I met with the Aloha House on February 11th, and I was shocked to learn that the Mental Health Kokua only had two field case workers for the entire County of Maui, and Aloha House currently works with a crisis mobile outreach, which is a call-in service, and has no case workers actively out on the streets, so it's no wonder we find ourselves in this situation. The ratio should be one case worker to ten clients, in reality the caseload is...is at...pardon me, at MHK is 1 to 25. This program would provide a field specialist data gathering system. I know that was an issue...an issue, so this position will help with data gathering. An intake specialist, a care coordinator, and nursing care. It would give these individuals a fighting chance at life. The last data I was given from the Maui Rescue Wish Mission was that nine people have died on our streets within the last year, and I don't know how to say this in any words, the community needs our help, and they need it now. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Members, any questions, comments, discussion? Member Sugimura, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're muted.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, please unmute.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, wrong way. So I...I believe that on the other item that we took up for the 12 beds, that amendment maybe belongs here better. I think that's what you were trying to tell us, right, Member Johnson? Yeah. Because it's going to be directly working with the homeless. I mean, it's going to be touching, right, it's going to be actual doing versus the one that's planning for who knows how many...how many years in the future we'll actually be able to build that and what will be involved. So I...should I make a motion to your...to this to amend it so that it duplicates Member Paltin's language in this? Because this is...I think it more belongs here. To gather data on homeless and the SPDAT...the DAT [sic] I think, or however you say that, and accumulate information so that we can have the data to make an educated...not guess, but to have the information we need to continue supporting their homeless program. So I'd like to make that motion to add the amendment from...actually, you can just duplicate...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura. It was actually seconded by Member Sinenci, but I needed you to make your motion and then stop talking so I can recognize your motion and recognize the second. And this was what we were discussing during the...the last discussion of Member Johnson's priority proposal. Okay. Any further discussion? Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of adding the condition to this proposal to amend the main motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused.

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NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE amendment to main motion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Main motion as amended. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. I...I wanted to ask Member Johnson, do they have a plan to pay for the ongoing expenses of this brand new staff that they're generating?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, we're in crisis right now, so let's get started. I know that they're...they were talking about how they...their fundraising has been affected due to COVID, but they're really good at fundraising. So that's going to be...I...I don't really have an exact answer for you right now, but the way they're telling me is that fundraising will...has...they took a hit in fundraising. But I figure let's start now, the people on the streets need it, and that's...yeah. So that's kind of where they're at due to COVID.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Any other questions, comments? Okay. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just want to support the proposal. And I wanted to add to what Member Johnson said, that we don't have a whole lot of agencies, and we...the agencies we do have that address these social ills are nonprofits. But I remember, I don't know how many years back when I was working with Hui Malama Learning Center, and we got a new Mayor who came out swinging and said why are we funding these nonprofits, why don't we just defund them all and do it ourselves? And it took two weeks for all the nonprofit directors to get together, form an organization, and put a spreadsheet together to show the County how many hours, volunteer hours they are able to...to garner on top of the money that they get from the County, and how much extra support we're getting beyond just what we

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fund. And it took less than that for the Mayor to rescind that idea of defunding the nonprofits. Because this is...this is basically the work...in a lot of counties, this is the work that a lot of the counties do themselves. We're getting expertise and they're bringing in people who know what they're doing, where if we try to do it through the County, it would...it would...we'd have all the same problems that we have with...with, you know, trying to hire and going through the budget with our own employees, you know, the...the benefits and everything that we have to provide. So I really support these nonprofits that are doing the social work in our County because we would be lost without them, and Aloha House is right up there. So...so thank you for the proposal. I...if I had enough space I would have put it in myself, but I really appreciate you as the Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee taking all these issues up. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. So I just wanted to ask a quick follow-up question to what Chair Lee was asking. So I guess, you know, with what we've seen with, you know, the budget is once someone receives a line item grant in our budget, they kind of remain in our budget. And so do we anticipate funding this...these positions again next year? And you already answered, Chair Lee, and that, you know, was sufficient response for me. But I think one of the things that I'm looking at doing, as the BFED Committee Chair, is like just going through our budget and, you know, seeing what are the items that have remained, and set up a better process to ensure that, you know, our taxpayers are getting a good return on investment. Of course, I support our nonprofits, you know, filling in the gap services, particularly in social services that the County and the State do not provide. So for that reason, I'm grateful to our nonprofit and volunteers Countywide, but I think, you know, we need to set up a process to ensure that when we're asked by our constituents about the funding and the return on investment for the funding that we're allocating using their money that, you know, we're confident in our ability to answer, especially for the funding that has remained in the budget for decades now. Okay. I'll...I support the motion. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Johnson, for your proposal. I also support the motion. We do have the Department of Housing and Human Concerns grant management matrix that is kind of like a scorecard, and I've been having conversations with the Department, and it seems as though prior years...I mean, it only was developed not that long ago, but that they weren't sharing the scores with the awardees. And to some extent they thought that they should be aware of their performance. But I think that we've cleared that up and...and when we get the grants management matrix, that they'll also share it with all the nonprofits on their list. And so just my hope is that that opens up the dialogue and that everybody on that list is going to perform great this next year because now, you know, their...everyone knows there's a matrix, awardees know we look at it. The...the goal is to have great performing grant awardees, and I think we're on the...the track to getting there now better, more than we were six months ago. So that's my only comment. I'll...I support it and I look forward to glowing reviews of all our grant awardees next year.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. And I did revamp the matrix to create different weighting systems for each of the scoring to try to incorporate the feedback that we receive from the grantees to try to make it a little fairer and easier when the final score comes out. So yeah, we'll...my Committee will continue working with the departments on figuring out that matrix so that it works for all the grantees and can be used as a tool to communicate the effectiveness of the grantee to the Council. Member Sugimura, your hand was up?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I was going to bring up your matrix that you developed. And I think that the...I really want to commend--what was it--Curtis Jamison from Department of Housing and Human Concerns which this grant would fall under. And that I...and I don't know, you know, what Aloha House is doing in terms of the matrix. I'm sorry, I didn't look it up. But I hope that one of the important things that Keani brought up was the leveraging. And I believe that if people or organizations that get County grants and they get...think they can get it every year, you know, they got to leverage, they've got to use this to springboard and get more. So I hope that's what Aloha House does for this brand new program you're helping them develop. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Any last questions, comments? If not, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion as amended, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any "noes?" Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused. The motion passes.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
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NOES:	None.
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ABSTAIN:	None.
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ABSENT:	None.
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EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.
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MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE main motion as amended.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. The next item is number 27, and that's from Member Sugimura. Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One of my *(audio interference)*

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Then we'll...we'll take up my item as...as well. I think we can work together on this one since it's a duplicate...well, kind of a duplicate. Yeah, it'll work. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Work together.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, yes, let's do it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So this of course is about the feral animal grant that's in the...it's Countywide, and it's on page 331 in the Program Budget, and then in the Budget Details it's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, motion first.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the...the motion will be to add conditional language, up to \$250,000 for Maui, \$250,000 Molokai, \$250,000 Lanai, equal distribution of funds for feral animal control, \$150,000 for a full-time E/P Molokai Axis Deer Management under that Molokai allocation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, I can't make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I know, I...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You got to make the...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So this is on the axis deer feral...you know, the swine problem that we're having. And I just wanted to clarify how the money is to be used so that we don't have the same problem we had from last year's budget, to make it as clear as possible. For management and control of feral animals. And Keani explained, you know, how her Moloka'i funding will be used also. You can ask her further on that. And it'll remain in the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions, comments, discussion? Okay. Seeing none. I'll extend our apologies to Director Tshako and Mr. Jamison for...thank you for managing this feral animal grant again, we really appreciate you. Right, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, yes. We...we had to think about this. Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Seeing no hands, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wait, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can I...can I ask a question? So how --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- if you wanted to add more money to this, you know, once we're done and if we find out that our accounts has more money, how...how can we do that? I think this problem is huge on Maui. I've read about Moloka'i, and I know Lāna'i has a problem too, and I just wondered if we can expand it somehow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members...okay. So Member Sugimura has the...this one conditional language and the one new proposal, and I think...please correct me if I'm stating this wrong, the...the request from the Department was to restore the spay and neuter program to flat.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, wait. I did (*audio interference*)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, not yet.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Because they actually...I thought Humane Society for the spay and...cat spay and neuter program, we were taking it from this, but they actually get 100,000. There's a line item if you look in the bill on the next page, there's 100,000, so this...delete that part. So we can use the whole 750. But I actually wanted more money to add on to the 750. That's...that's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So what...what you're asking is instead of the 750, you...you wanted this to be a new funding proposal instead?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I don't want to ruin this --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Instead of...

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- because this is 750 already in the budget, so I would like to add on, you know, to it. For...whatever your magic is, Chair, but I would like to add on, because I know this is a huge problem with every one of our islands, and I don't think the 750 or...is enough.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin, it looks like you have an urgent question or comment. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think I have a solution.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's hear it.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So remember all your rules, and I think Member Sugimura only had 150,000 as an additional proposal. So if within her individual pot she has extra money, then can she put it someplace like this?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Members, so our...our...the...the...the rules in my memo was that there...the deadline to submit your top ten, five new funding, five conditional, was last Thursday, April 15th at noon. And then I...I didn't submit the...or transmit the...how we would fund our priority proposals until Monday, I think. Yeah, Monday is when everyone received it. After receiving that new process, Member Sugimura had thought that perhaps, you know, by getting additional funding when she votes in favor of reductions, she may exceed the amount of new funding proposals that she had submitted, which was one. So I know that it's past the deadline, and I don't want to make it unfair for anyone, so I would like as a body for us to decide if for this conditional language if Member Sugimura would be able to instead make it a funding proposal. Discussion, Members? Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So is that something that others can do if we end up with more money from the cuts we need for our proposals?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(audio interference)* Right. That is why I'm discussing this with all of you. Everyone I think submitted their max amount on Thursday at noon. So this would be a variation or a deviation, sorry, from what I proposed in the...the memo as the rules. So Member Sugimura had the one new funding proposal. So that...that's...that's why.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I believe I only had, yeah, four new funding proposals on my final submittal, so I'm just wondering is that something that would be open to me if I wanted to change one of my conditional to new funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question. So what Member Sugimura wants to do is to add more funding to a proposal that she had gotten in prior or by the 15th, so it's not new...it's not a new proposal, it's just adding?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. It's not a...it was a conditional proposal, but she would like to now make that a new funding proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. So yeah, and then this conditional proposal was submitted by the deadline. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: For me, I'm okay with Members adding on money if it comes out of their pot of cuts, if that makes sense? If they're going to raise RPTs to add new monies, then I think that's where I'm not so okay with it. If that makes sense to folks?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that makes sense to me.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. That's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I like the idea.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That's how I feel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good discussion. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Any other discussion, Members? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And of course, if anybody has additional after that, they can help fund the Lāhainā LEADs program or something like that. Just throwing it out there.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, and I was going to put my extra money toward the North-South Collector Road.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I'll vote for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. You realize that all of you will benefit from this because of the growing problem of feral animals, so I just want to pitch it that way. And thank you, Tamara. So I...I just want to be clear, right, because I don't want to ruin this. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Real quick.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura...

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So what we're...what we're talking about right now is not your request. What we're talking about right now is a request to deviate from the rules of this process that I set up, so it has nothing to do with the merits of your proposal, and it has everything to do with following the process to ensure that this process is fair to every Member.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So...okay. Finish this process question and then I have a...I just want to make sure that my request is whole and I understand what you're doing. So finish your...your process question.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So I just wanted to ask if we're going to allow Members to automatically add on, are we going to vote on these additional money...these additional monies toward individual, you know, funding priorities?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're discussing it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Whether...whether we're going to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you have...if you have a...if you have a proposal, make a proposal, and then we can discuss it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, no, I was just asking because, you know, I think we all feel like Member Sugimura, that all of our proposals are...are priorities that advance the needs of Maui and they affect everybody in a positive way, otherwise we wouldn't have, you know, proposed them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King, do...do you have a proposal to amend the process?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I'm kind of just waiting to see how...how it unfolds, and just wanted it throw that out there that, you know, are...whether or not we are just going to, you know, figure out where everybody ends up at the end and then throw all this extra funding into our own priorities, or are we going to vote on them, where the extra money goes, if it can go into our own priorities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So...so we have to amend the process so that it's fair for everyone, and if this is something you would like considered, then you would need to propose an amendment the way that Member Paltin did so that it's something that

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the Members can consider. And if it's something that you're waiting on me to develop, then we're going to have to take a recess because I'm going to need some time to think of the language. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. I'll give it a shot. Move to...to change the process that we have, current process that we have, so if you have extra allocated monies under your...your list, that you can put it towards...increase some of your previous asks or provide it to some of the other Members' priorities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You don't have to make it a motion, I just wanted to hear the...what the process would be so that we can follow it. Okay. So mahalo, Member Sinenci, for taking a stab at it. So that's something that Members can consider. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just wanted clarification from the movant, Mr. Sinenci. So you're talking about pre-established priorities, so it's just simply adding on, not creating new priorities...simply adding on to the established priorities, whether it's yours or somebody else's.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Correct, Chair, because we had --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- an April 15th deadline to...to input those --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- those priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, you know what, we'll take a recess. You tell me what you want this proposal...what this process to be. We'll take a recess, I'll write up the language, and I'll propose it to you. Okay? Tell me what you want it to say. So I heard Member Sinenci, I heard Member Paltin unless Member Paltin has a different idea.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I...I do think that Member King had a valid point, if Members want to increase their priority, then we just vote on it like a priority. You know like Member Sugimura for example says oh, there's 750,000, I have 300,000 spare, I'd like to add that on to X priority, that's my proposal, and then we're like yeah, I vote yes. Just same like how our regular priorities are.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. No, that's too much of a deviation from the process that we set up. Do Members want to do this? Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just, Madam Chair, just in general, I...I'm comfortable with the...with the pathway that you've established already, and I just hate changing the process when we're this far along, but that's just me. So...but if it's the will of the majority to make...to deviate from the process that you've established, you know, I'll...I'll have to live with it. But it's...it's just me, I guess once the...you...you gave us ample time to submit, you know, suggestions, question your process. I think a lot of time was given to us to make these suggestions, and now...you know, I know sometimes things happen, we...we think about things at a later time, but is this...we're this far along already and now to, you know, consider a change. But again, but if it's the will of the majority to change, I'll live with it. But I'll just state that my Staff and I we're fine with your...your process and your guidelines that you established earlier. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair, for the second. So I think there's a couple variants that has...that have brought us to this point, right? We've got Member Sugimura that had only one priority, but with additional funds now she...she has an excess of...of funding, is in the...like the black on...on her list. And then also, you know, the other variant was that...so we've got the...the RPT certification, so that kind of added to it. The third issue is that some of our Members have gotten their priorities up to, you know, like Gabe's 21 million and Mr. Molina's up to 3 million. So I think that's why if we had the flexibility we could be supporting affordable housing if you had any extra funding, or Mr. Molina's...some of his priorities as well. So that...that way, then we're accounting for all the extra monies that some Members might have accumulated with the RPT certification and with some of their voting support.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I guess I'm...I'm kind of along the lines of Member Molina that I like the process the way you set it up. And you know, my thought is we all had the same amount of time to put our priorities together and submit them. And where we're at now is we have some Members who have...who have gotten some really ambitious priorities and they're great ideas for the community, so you know, I feel like...for me I feel the same way about all of my priorities, but I feel like when we get to the point where they're funded, I would just as soon all that extra money go towards other priorities that we've all voted on that may not have gotten funded because, you know, once we divide up the way we're dividing up, it...it may not reach, you know, Member Johnson's 20 million or...you know, I...that's...that's kind of how I feel. I think that we're voting on the priorities that we want to see happen for the County, they're not specifically for individual Councilmembers. And I think if we approach it as a body then we should be able...we should want all of the things that we have proposed and voted on funded. So which I think is the way your process was set up to do. And so anyway, I want to support that because we're all here for Maui County. And everybody's priorities are important, but some of them are just a lot

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more...are a lot bolder than others and, you know, deserve that opportunity as well. That's my thought.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So if we stayed with the same process and we end up with additional funds for one reason or another, do they just automatically go to Countywide expenses?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it doesn't automatically go to Countywide expenses. So at the end, if you voted on things and received credit from those reductions...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Excuse me, let me be more specific.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The...do they automatically go to like the Self-Insurance Fund? That's...that's where all the extra money goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So nothing automatically goes anywhere. With the process that I set up, any...any of the funding that we have will be directed by the Members. So with the additional fund that was recognized after certification of RPT, the 3.9 million, you know, divided by the Members, if it's...whatever excess after funding your priority proposals, you can direct that funds to other projects if you want to or wherever you would like to direct that funds. So Member Molina and Member King are sharing the committee advisory staff. Member Johnson and Member Paltin, they're...they're...Member Paltin is helping to fund the Lāhainā LEADs program, so...if it passes. So these are...these are items that the Members are putting their funds if they have more than they need to fund their priority proposals. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. But isn't that a deviation of the process, or was that in the process to begin with? I don't recall that being in the original process, you know, you know, rule. I can't imagine that you contemplated having that situation, but I mean if you did, wonderful. I...I'm just saying I don't recall what the rule was to do with extra money.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: *(audio interference)*

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Chair Lee, you're absolutely correct, the memo was silent on that, and I hadn't envisioned that Members...that there would have been \$3.9 million more from certification. I really thought that we were going to have to work a lot harder in reducing the budget in order to find that funding. So this...it was a surprise to me when getting the certification.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So are you now saying that any extra money can be directed by the Councilmembers at the end, is that what you're saying?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's what I said yesterday.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That solves everybody's problem I think. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...so I...just to clarify, so if you have more funding than you needed for your priority proposals, you can't put it anywhere. It would have to be part of your proposals or the Members' proposals, or it can go into, you know, the Emergency Fund, or Self-Insurance, or OPEB.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, you can add to an existing proposal, that's what you're saying?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Oh --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: An existing...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- existing proposal. Like one of your...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, somebody's...or somebody's existing priority. You can add to somebody's existing priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you can help another Member cover the cost of their priority proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or add to your own? Like instead of giving \$250,000 to eradicate the deer, I have 50...an extra...she...Ms. Sugimura has an extra 50,000, she can just add to that so that it now for Maui County it's 300,000, is that what you're saying?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Member Sugimura submitted her priority proposal as a conditional proposal and not a new funding proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: If it...if it were a funding...a new funding proposal, she could then add her extra \$50,000 onto that 250 funding proposal, so now for Maui County the allocation will be 300,000, 250,000 for Moloka'i, and 250,000 for Lāna'i, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So her proposal was a conditional proposal. If it was a funding proposal, then she would have been able to...to do that.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But because it wasn't, then that's why we're having this discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay. That's fine. She can put it someplace else where she funded, where she had a funding proposal, right? Okay. So...so you don't get all the deer this year, so you got to leave some behind.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Catch them next year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Did I see a hand? Member Johnson, was that you?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, it wasn't.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Oh, that was Member Sinenci. Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you. And just following up on Chair Lee's questioning. Could you also put back...like say you had provisoed from one department, so you had some excess, could you technically give some back to the department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If your proposal was a conditional proposal, then no.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If it was a new funding proposal, then you would be able to.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Great. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. Fun exercise in Keani's process rules for Budget Session. Okay. So I think it...it sounded like the...the body is kind of split on what to do right now, whether we would stick to the process that was presented from the beginning or if we would make amendments to it now. If you would like to stick to the process that was set, please raise your hand and...please raise your hand. Okay. I see Member Molina, Member King, Member Johnson. Okay. And...and if you would like to amend the process, please raise your hand. Okay. Member Sinenci, Member Sugimura, and Member Paltin. And I feel like I have a conflict of interest because I proposed the process. So I'm going to not vote. I don't want anyone to feel like I'm being a dictator so I want it to be up to the body. So it's four-three. We're going to stick to the process that was presented. Okay, Member Sugimura. Okay. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, it's okay if you're dictator. We had previous Budget Chairs that were, you know, you know, put great emphasis on following their rules, so I have no problem if you want to get heavy handed with us. I mean it's okay for us to disagree, but you know, we...we elected you as the Budget Chair so by all means, you know, set...set the pathway for us. And of course at any time, and which is good, any Member from this Committee can make a proposal to change the rules, and you know, we can do it that way too. But you know, I...I look to you as our Chair of this Committee, blaze a pathway, so if you got crack the whip on us and just say no, this is the path I want to follow, so be it. So anyway, but thank you. And I appreciate all the Members' input on the process. So that's why this is a democracy. And I got to admit, it's...makes for great entertainment sometimes too, yeah? Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for those empowering words, Member Molina. I appreciate it. Okay. All right.

MEMBERS' PRIORITY PROPOSALS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll go back to where we left off? Member Paltin, reality TV, the original reality TV. Okay. The next priority on the list is number 17, and that's Member Molina's proposal to add the 1 percent to Affordable Housing Fund for --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- *(audio interference)* Member Molina, the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I move that we...sorry, I lost my place here. Move to increase the appropriation by 1 percent, from 4 percent to 5 percent of real property tax revenue for a total of 18,768,298 to the Affordable Housing fund, and that, Members, you can find under Special Purpose Revenues budget bill page 46 Appendix A-II.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Johnson. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. You know, since the creation of the Affordable Housing Fund back in 2008, it's been the go-to fund for developers, the County, and housing advocates to create affordable housing. And you know, now more than ever, we need to put our money where our mouth is to exhibit our support to address this crisis. I want to thank the Mayor, who added 1 percent of RPT appropriation for the Affordable Housing Fund in his budget, but I think we could take it just a little farther by adding an additional 1 percent. The addition of 3.7 million is certainly not going to build a significant amount of housing, but as the fund has proven, this amount leveraged with other sources will create needed housing. And so to reinforce our commitment to affordable housing, I feel we should increase it

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a little further by another 1 percent. And the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan also recommended building the fund up to as high as 57 million. Personally, I don't think we're quite ready for that yet, but at least this would be a step in...in that direction for the long term. And so, you know, in...in lieu of, you know, seriously tying our hands to appropriating 57 million as recommended in the study, this I think is a good baby step, if you want to call it that, towards a more fiscally prudent approach at this time. So that is my proposal, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I rise in full support of this. Councilmember Mike Molina, I appreciate it. I...I know we can have a debate on is it going to be enough when people are telling us the homes are \$900,000 and the price is getting outrageous and the...and the people who are making money off of our housing crisis, they're laughing all the way to the bank. So I think we need to ante up and kick in and this is one way to do it, so I got...you got my full support on this. Mahalo.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I believe Chair Lee was ahead of me, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Thank you. I just put this out for your consideration. Rather than increasing the Affordable Housing Fund at this time, within the Affordable Housing Fund there is an amount of \$2 million that has been there for a number of years that has been provisoed for the Lānaʻi Affordable Housing Project, which I support when it comes up one day; however, it's not ready or it's not shovel ready. So we...we do have this sort of general policy here that if something is not shovel ready then what we should do is...if we want to support a project is to provide funding for plans and design. And so instead of setting aside \$2 million again for I don't know how many years it's been there, we could set aside 500,000 for planning and design, and the one...and increase the availability of affordable housing monies to...by \$1.5 million. So that's an alternative to raising the...the Affordable Housing Fund by 1 percent. My two cents.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, just would like to speak in support of the...the motion on the floor. I think we're at critical mass when it comes to housing in the County. We've seen a mass exodus of local residents just trying to...to make it on the mainland because they can't make it here. We've heard numerous times from first the Hawaiian Community Assets as well as developers that they...if we want truly

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affordable housing that the County needs to invest in the infrastructure. Appreciate the motion. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. I...I saw hands from Member Sugimura and Member King. Who...whose hand went up first? Sorry, I...I didn't see.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It doesn't matter. Go ahead, Yuki.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura and then Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. So I guess the question...I hear what Member Lee is saying about that \$2 million for the Lāhainā [sic] project. I...I think that, Member Johnson, if you could speak to this because I thought you were like raring to charge forward, you're going to use the 2 million. I'm not sure, you know, what your plans are, but you certainly sounded like it. And then we heard from Keiki-Pua, I think that was her name, from Pūlama Lānaʻi talking about, you know, let's, you know, kind of coordinate or, you know, work together. So maybe we need...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair? Point of order, Madam Chair. I think the focus needs to be --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- on the...on the fund, rather than focusing on maybe any specific projects just so...to make sure we're not touching bases on a Sunshine Law issue. So I don't know how this ties into the proposal --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. It...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- for what I've made. But if we're talking about specific projects, I think we need to tread carefully on it in terms of not deviating from, you know, what's being proposed.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. What number is your --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just my thoughts.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- priority, Mr. Molina? That was my second question. What is your priority number? I don't see it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Number 17.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: 17.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: 17, yeah. Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...okay. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I...I guess I'm just kind of...I don't know how to vote on this because we've got another proposal to add another 20 million coming up. And so I almost feel like maybe we should take up both of these proposals together because I can't imagine we're going to come up with another 24 million somewhere. So you know, I mean I liked Chair Lee's idea about...because...because, you know, I've been on the Council long enough to see pots of money that just sit there and they don't get used. So I think it's really practical to put an amount of money that could actually be used in this fiscal year and then go after larger pots of money as we're ready. So I like that idea because I think it's...it makes more sense. But I think that we need to look at the Affordable Housing Fund realistic...or, you know, holistically so that we don't...you know, we kind of figure out what is it we want to add. Anyway, that's just my thoughts. So I...I don't know how to vote on this because I'd like to support the 20 million but I, you know, I just don't...I don't know where the money is going to come from. I think I...I think Mr. Johnson knows where he wants to have the money come from for the 20 million, but it's a...it's a whole discussion to me, Chair, so I don't know how you want to handle it. But I just wanted to express that, that...that, you know, there's...there's a lot of money being proposed for affordable housing and I'd like to look at it holistically if possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. So I...I did anticipate this being a concern. So in the memo that I sent you to on...yesterday...oh no, on Sunday. Yeah. Okay. Okay. We'll vote on the Members' priority proposals once we reach the departmental program in the priority it falls under. If the priority is approved by the majority, it'll be included in the budget. If the proposal is not supported because Members are not sure where the funding will come from, I will mark the proposal as a revisit and save those for the last day of decisions week. If the proposal is not supported for a reason that may not be rectified by the proposed funding mechanism, then the vote to exclude the proposal from the budget will stand. So what Member King is speaking to was something that I anticipated coming up during this process. So if...if Members would prefer, we can save this discussion on the Affordable Housing Fund for the end after we review all of the departments, determine all of the reductions, and we can have a discussion holistically with RPT, if that is something that the Members would need to...to discuss in order to make an informed decision on...on these larger items. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Excellent, and excellent forethought. The other question I have is there's item 18 and 19 for the Affordable Housing Fund and they're both 20 million, so I don't...didn't know if that was...those are two separate pots of 20 million, so that's actually 40 million, is that what we're looking at, Mr. Johnson? No. It's the same 20 million? Okay. All right. Just want to make sure, because I don't remember seeing 40 million in...in the column under your name. So all right, thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So would Members need to take up the discussion on the Affordable Housing Fund together at the end when we have the ability to determine our total amount of reductions from all the departments and we have the discussion on RPT? If that's something that the Members would prefer doing at this point, please raise your hand. Okay. All right. Okay, okay. So that's how we'll proceed with priority items 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Okay. So that's...okay, Members? Any objections? Okay, okay. Member Molina, will you please withdraw your motion from the floor --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and then we'll take it up on the last day.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Madam Chair, I withdraw my motion.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I withdraw my second.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, just one more question that maybe Member Johnson can answer when we get to that point is...and I wasn't sure on the...the \$20,000 to be used for upfront infrastructure if that can...if infrastructure can actually come out of the Affordable Housing Fund. So yeah, if I can get confirmation.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, if I may?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. That is a very good question, Kelly King. I went out to OCS and did an RPF to ask them on that...or I mean a PAF, beg your pardon. And I asked them specifically on that, on...in that, and they said it's under the purview, it can be...infrastructure can be used under the Affordable Housing Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: As long it does 100 percent affordable housing...it's got to be connected to an affordable housing project, 100...100 percent affordable. Or no, I'm sorry, related to affordable housing projects, I'll be specific.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If...if you...if you want to clarify, I can read the...the actual Code. I have that if you want it.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Maybe you can just send it to us all.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Code, as in Maui County Code?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, it's 3.35...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The language from our own Code?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. I...you don't need to send it to us, we all have access to the --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Maui County Code. Okay, okay. Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay. So those are all the items, all the priority proposals associated or...with the Affordable Housing Fund. I inadvertently skipped one during our discussion on the process, and that was Member Sugimura's and that's number 16. It's a conditional language. It's the Home Acquisition and Ownership Program Revolving Fund for up to \$250,000 must be for the establishment of an Individual Development Account pilot program that includes 20 qualified homebuyers. Member Sugimura, your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's the motion except add "that will include up to 20 qualified buyers" and it's for the Home...from the Home Acquisition Ownership Program Revolving Fund.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If I can just explain this. This is an effort to develop the Individual Development Account, and it's a pilot project because it's something that the County of Maui doesn't do right now. But it would be established through the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, and it's a two-year program if the Members decide to accept what I kind of am proposing. So up to 20 qualified buyers would be able to participate with \$5,000 in savings account that would be established for them, and it would be...it would be matched with our money five to one which ultimately they will result in \$30,000. And that \$30,000 is exactly what the First-Time Homebuyer Program does right now, except just enter your name in a lottery, you have to be prequalified. Enter your name, you get pulled, and...and you get the 30,000. This program is to incentivize and to learn fiscal responsibility, to give back to the community by having to work hours in...as a volunteer, as well as take classes on fiscal management, and to learn about fiscal responsibility. So it's a combination of many things, which I think it'll make a stronger buyer in the end, and make stronger

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families ultimately. So that's the program. It'll be 250 allocated for this year, and another 250 for next year. And to do this, I am amending Section 3.34, Maui County Code, to include this program, and just in the purpose adding the IDA, Individual Development Account or a incentivized program so that the funds could be used for this program. I'm open for questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So I really support this program, Member Sugimura, and I think one of the other difference, I just wanted to clarify with you is that in the IDA, you do not have to have a home already identified to purchase. So it...it could be that you're working on...you...you come up with your money, you take all the classes, and you're working on it over the course of a year or two or even more if you're in this program. I believe that's how they work. Whereas the First-Time Homebuyers, you only have a small window if you get in that lottery to find a home and purchase it. So this is more of a long-term investment from the County into the homebuyer and educating them and having them have some skin in the game, I guess, is the way it's said. So...so I fully support this. I just question whether we can put something in for two years since we only have an annual budget process. So I mean, you know, I...I would obviously if this is successful in the first year support it for the second year. I don't know that we can describe it as a two-year program, but you know, if we can, you're talking about 250 per year, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I wonder if we can ask Corp. Counsel that question then, because our budget, you're right, it is an annual budget. Is Corp. Counsel there? Oh, there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, thank you for the question. Yes, and I do agree with Member King regarding the funding for one year. You could say that it's a two-year program, but it would be contingent upon the funds being allocated the next budget season.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So we'll...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. But I support the program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Mr. Molina, you have a question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, Member Sugimura. Just a clarifying question, so the recipients is up to 20, so how much money are they...each recipient will be getting? Is it 5,000 or up to 30,000?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So it's 5,000 of your own money, which is teaching them responsibility to save, and then it would be matched five to one. So you'll end up with 25,000 from us and 5,000 of your own money, and that...that is the program. So...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And this is for like down payment assistance?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Then will they have to pay...like once they get their house, like the First-Time Homebuyers Fund, if you live in that house for ten years then it's forgiven basically? Does that...does that work the same way?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think that...I think it's kind of like if you sell your house too soon, right, is...is the provision --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- you're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Okay. Madam Chair, can we get more details at a later point from the Department, just more specifics? Just so I...so I get a better understanding of how...how this new proposal works, which is interesting. It's good, but just for my information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura does have a proposed bill --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that we'll be taking up at the end. And then if...Members, if I can just, you know, gently remind you to just hold on and wait until I call on you before you start speaking, and then that way there's more order so that we're not speaking over each other. Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay. Any other questions or comments relating to the \$250,000? And then at the end we'll take up all the legislation and Member Sugimura has that bill that we'll take up at that time. Okay. Seeing no other hands, with...oh, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I just wanted to clarify. I think it says it here, but I just wanted to clarify that this is coming out of the existing Home Acquisition and Ownership Program, so you're just...it's a conditional, so you're taking...you're just provisoing the 250,000 out of that fund, correct? Okay. That hopefully will follow the same rules as that fund. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Seeing no other hands, we'll...oh, Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So when we do take this up later, I do have a writeup, so I'll share that with the Committee also. I think the...the proposed Maui County Code amendment is already...has been submitted to the Budget Committee, but I'll send it in my writeup also to talk about, you know, this program. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Any other last question, comments? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the proposal, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. I see eight "ayes." Any "noes?" Okay. All right, eight "ayes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members, very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Okay. Before we go to Grant Revenue, I will check with Budget Director Yoshimura on the Housing Program item for the Hawai'i Community Foundation for \$250,000, if there's the details on that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So we did do a \$250,000 grant to Hawai'i Community Foundation, and that was also a matching grant. So what we do is we put up 250,000, Hawai'i Community Foundation puts \$250,000. Though that money...the initial money was used for the financial operating center and to improve...hang on here...to convene a working group with State and County officials and partners, to pair for monies, talent, and objectives to support infrastructure investment that enables creation of more housing. It also improves the access, supply, and readiness for the . . . *(inaudible)* . . . The Financial Opportunity Center...the Financial Opportunity Center opened in December of 2020, and that center currently is serving 671 families. They are...they prepare the local families for housing opportunities. The Financial Opportunity Center has developed partnerships to provide matched savings for down payment and closing assistant...closing cost assistance that is available for our local families to access.

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They did...they did convene a Maui-based community advisory committee, and they are looking at things such as expediting systematic changes, and funding to increase supply, decrease costs, and to empower families to buy or rent as projects become available. So the second \$250,000 will go toward...when we say it's a matching, we'll put up 250,000, Hawai'i Community Foundation puts the other \$250,000 to continue the work of the Financial Opportunity Center and to move...to continue moving projects forward. They are assisting us with the Waiale Road extension, the Waikapu Town, the wastewater treatment plant, bringing in developers, bringing people to the table, Federal/State agencies that we need. They're also helping us with the North-South Collector Road in the grant funding process, and looking at other West Maui opportunities. So that's...that's the assistance we're getting from the Hawai'i Community Foundation, and that's where the \$250,000 is going to go towards. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for getting that additional details for us, Budget Director. I see Member Paltin's hand for questions, followed by Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Yoshimura. I just was wondering if part of their work also is to collaborate with Hawaiian Community Assets on their plan that they're making. Because part of what their plan was about, the list and getting families ready for affordable housing, so it seems as though it's...it's a component of their plan as well in the...getting our local families ready and qualified. And I just was wondering if they're keeping tabs on what's going on in that realm as well, the Hawaiian...Hawai'i Community Foundation folks.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. Chair? Councilmember Paltin, so the Hawai'i Community Assets [sic] runs the Financial Opportunity Center which has hired four Maui-based staff, and they are currently working with 671 families to get them prepared for future projects that come available, and access to down payment and closing cost assistance programs. So that's part of what the money is going for.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry. Okay. Thank you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Director, so this appropriation, how many homes have been built, you know, from this appropriation? And will this \$250,000 second appropriation do this? Because it sounds like this is stuff that HCF is doing that we've already done, you know? And it's almost like an indictment on our Department saying that, I guess, they're incapable of doing stuff like this. I believe otherwise. I think our Department, they have the akamai and the knowledge to do this. So I don't know, it just sounds like we...we...in my opinion we have a handle on what's needed, what needs to be done for affordable housing. So to now do another appropriation for HCF, it's almost like to me saying our Department's

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incompetent. I don't believe that, but that's just me. So again, no disrespect, I...I...I don't think we need another study or stuff that we've been doing already, and I can see better usage of this 250,000. So just my thoughts, Madam Director. And thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I...you know, I'm kind of surprised that we haven't heard about this work being done in our County, but you did mention 671 families that they're helping. And is this sort of...when you say they're helping them, is that along the lines of what Hale Mahaolu does with homeowner preparation education classes?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Yes, it is what...it's the same concept. Grant Chun is on the advisory committee for the Financial Opportunity Center. Hale Mahaolu does support or does offer the financial assistance or the financial...sorry, the...the opportunities or to get...or to help prepare our families for home ownership. Right now they are...Hale Mahaolu does have 350 clients going through that program, so we do have 350 clients through the Hale Mahaolu program, 671 through the Financial Opportunity Center, so over 1,000 families are getting prepared for home ownership. To answer Member Molina's question or statement, it...it doesn't...this money is not because our departments are incompetent, our departments are very competent. This...or Hawai'i Community Foundation helps us pull everything together, State, Federal. Help us look for additional funding that may be out there. And the money is not used to actually build a house, but it sets the groundwork for us to look for additional funding --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So...

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- to assist us.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So the other question I had was when you say they're helping us with things like infrastructure, you mentioned some...a string of infrastructure projects like Waiale Road and you mentioned North-South Collector Road. What does that mean they're helping us? Because they're...they're not putting money into those projects, so --

MS. YOSHIMURA: They're...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- and I haven't seen them advocating for some of these roads that we need. So what are they doing to help us with those...with that infrastructure?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? They're helping us look for other funding sources, they're bringing to the table whether it's private/public monies. We are looking at the North-South Collector Road as Mayor had mentioned, applying for the BUILD Grant, so they're assisting us with that process. Whatever they can to help us expedite or to initiate

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new funding sources, or to help us move projects forward to build infrastructure for affordable housing.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So do they do like an annual report or a...I don't know, maybe semi-annual report on what...on their activities?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. Chair? Councilmember King, so they did have a grant, \$250,000 initially. I can check with the Department for their...if they had submitted their final report on that already, and then have that submitted to the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And...and just to clarify my previous question which was, you know, when they find grants and they ask for matching monies, that a lot of times you can use pots of money that you're already doing, but this is actual grant money that we're giving out to this group. So it's not the same as looking within your budget and finding something to match it, you actually have to give the cash to this group? That's what I'm kind of hearing from you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember King, yes, they are looking for a cash match, not an in-kind match, so it would be funding to them to support the...the programs that they have currently operating.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: To pay them, so it goes to pay...actually pay people that are working...

MS. YOSHIMURA: It goes to...correct, it'll go to people who are running the Financial Opportunity Center, it'll go to people who are actually working on our projects.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I'm just really...I'm surprised we haven't heard about it by now or been given a report about what they're doing because, you know, like Member Molina, I haven't seen...I haven't seen what...this work happening or resulting in, you know, the actual homes. But maybe they're doing some work behind the scenes that is helping some of the projects that we, you know, we approved on the Affordable Housing Fund, but we just don't know. So you know, that...that's...I think that's the frustration there. But thank you for those answers, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. And just really quickly, just for the record and for the public and anyone that may be wondering, okay, so this is Hawai'i Community Foundation and this is Hawai'i Community Assets, and it's Hawai'i Community Assets that we contracted to do the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Fund [sic]. And so just...just in case the...those, you know, in the public are wondering, is...is this the same entity that we're giving funding to after giving funding to Hawai'i Community Assets for doing the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan, and so this is Hawai'i Community Foundation. And as Member Sugimura had talked about, we had attended one of their presentations. Hawai'i Community Assets [sic] did a presentation on their change framework and they identified Maui Island as one of the priority places to develop housing, and are working with our State legislators to

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advance the priority areas for housing. So I just...yeah, just for clarification for our public in case they may be thinking that we're...you know, this is another pot of funding toward the same entity. Okay. Any other questions on this item?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. And sorry to be so persistent on this. And...and like just following up on Member King's question, you know, like well, this is the first time I heard about 600 families getting help, I mean, which is great. So maybe if we could request information, more detailed information about these 600 families that have been helped and how many of these 600 families have secured housing. So it would help me get a better understanding of this. Because now this is what, if we approve this appropriation that's half-a-million dollars we're spending on this, so I want to see what the...what fruit has been, you know, growing from this appropriation. Because yeah, because you know, like Member King said, this is news to me. I mean...I mean, it's nice news but, you know. Maybe dovetailing off Member Paltin's secret letters kind of thing, yeah, this is a...must be a best kept secret I'm...I'm hearing about now on this. I mean, kudos if they've done this, actually put those 600 families or a large number of them into housing, great, but I'd certainly like to get more information. So if Director Yoshimura...and I apologize, I know you're kind of caught in the crossfire with this but, you know, you're...you're always so on it for us, and I appreciate you being the stand-in in many circumstances with regards to the departments and proposals like this. So if that request could be made with your approval, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The request for additional information for the 250,000 or the 250,000 that was already...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, that's already spent. And you know, this...and now that this revelation of 600 families being helped and how many of the 600 families actually have secured housing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can see if Hawai'i Community Foundation will be able to get that information to us. And it's information that I...you know, as I stated earlier that with all the grantees, the line item grantees, I'm proposing starting a new appendix that has...has executive summaries and budgets and deliverables so that we in the Council and, you know, we the public will have more transparency and accessibility to this information for everyone. So that...that's one of my proposals. And as I mentioned earlier, I plan to take up some of these grantees, and then that way we can spend a little more time and not...outside of budget, being able to really dive in to see...to ensure for our constituents that the services that are being provided, you know, it is a good return on investment and isn't redundant. You know, because I...Hawai'i Community Foundation, Hale Mahaolu as you folks mentioned, and I think Hawai'i Community Assets also provide these homebuyer education financial literacy classes, so we can see...you know, make sure that these different families that are

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benefitted...benefitting from the entities. Does that work for you, Member Molina?
Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So Madam Chair, just quickly. With regards to the...I guess I withdrew my motion initially when...from the other night, so I...I'm fine with making a motion if that's your preference on this, continuing this motion to delete.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Please proceed, Member Molina, with your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Under Housing Program, page 8-11 of Budget Details, Hawai'i Community Foundation for Housing Affordability Initiatives, I move to delete the appropriation of \$250,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion from Member Molina, second by Member King. Discussion? I...I know we've discussed this a lot --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- but --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, just briefly. Yeah, and again, if...if this should pass tonight, and of course the foundation can come and testify, and then if they can justify the expense then, you know, we...we can always reconsider it and put it back into the budget. So anyway. But again, yeah, like I said, I...I prefer some houses versus more...more studies or things that we're already been doing, and of course the issue of duplication of services as well, something to consider. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Any other discussion, Members? Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'd like to thank Member Molina for his motion; however, I'm going to be voting against it because although we haven't seen, you know, bricks and mortar at this point from the Hawai'i Community Foundation, they are very well known for their networking and financing abilities. And the fact that thousands of our people need to prepare for home ownership, it...it...no one entity can educate everybody on Maui because we're talking about tens of thousands of people who need to learn how to budget their money, manage their credit, et cetera, and that takes time and a lot of education. So I...I do support HCF, and so I will be voting against the motion. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I...I too am going to be voting against the motion because Hawai'i Community Foundation with their strength and broad reach in the community that they can, you know, bring together resources. Like I can even see them helping, you know, Lāna'i now that Gabe has opened this door. You know they're that kind of organization that...and has that kind of strength. And I appreciate them trying to help Maui because as we all know, we have a housing problem. So thank you. That's...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, any comments? Okay, none. All right. I...my concern with this motion is the matching funds. I'm not...I'm...I'm still not really clear if we don't put the funds in if we will not be making good on our commitment. So that...that...that's the part that I'm unsure of, so for that reason I'm...I'm going to vote against the motion. *(audio interference)* to do a reconsideration later if, you know, if we get that information, if...if the motion doesn't *(audio interference)*. Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." ...*(laughing)*... Okay. Yeah. So I see Member Molina, Member King, Member Johnson, Member Sinenci. Those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee, Member Sugimura, Member Paltin, and myself. The motion fails. It's a tie so it doesn't carry.

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, and Sinenci.

NOES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Lee, and Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mahalo, Madam Chair. Mahalo, Members. Appreciate the discussion. Got to, I guess, keep trying to push the envelope here.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. We very much appreciate it. And it's a good discussion. We all learn --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- together.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. And entertaining at the same time too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We aim to please. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS

Grant Revenue
Revolving and Special Funds
Legislation

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll go to Grant Revenue. DHHC is excellent in securing outside funding to help our County. Is there...are there any proposal...proposals to amend Grant Revenue? If not, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. We'll move on to Revolving and Special Funds, except for the Affordable Housing Fund. So there's the Housing Interim Financing and Buy-Back Revolving Fund, Animal Management Revolving Fund, Kaunoa Senior Services Leisure Program Revolving Fund, Experimental and Demonstration Housing Project Fund, Home Acquisition and Ownership Program Revolving Fund. Any amendments to the Revolving Funds? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know I'm trying to create one, so do I bring this up now or you want me to wait? Mine is the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we're going to take up *(audio interference)* right after.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes. Okay. I'll ask for consensus, Members. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. And the last thing is legislation and my apologies. I...I confused Member...Member Sugimura's two legislation. So there's this legislation on the creating the IDA which we just put \$250,000 for, and there's the Kula Ag Revolving Fund, the ag park revolving fund. So that one falls under OED, not under DHHC. So we won't...we won't be taking that one up now. We're going to wait until we get to the Office of the Mayor.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. But...so we have "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.34, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE HOME ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND" and that's proposed by Member Sugimura. Okay. Would you like me to share my screen, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. You can take...share your screen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, actually, perhaps...yeah, okay, let's go over the bill first and then you can make your motion. I'll...I'll share my screen and then you talk through your amendments in your bill.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So what number is this one? I'm sorry, I'm getting lost on the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's...it's not on the matrix, it's your legislation. I'll...I'll pull it up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And...okay. When...when it starts to share, you can proceed. I'll make it bigger. Okay. Okay. Member Sugimura? This is on the...the Individual Development Accounts. Member Sugimura, are you muted? Sorry, I can't really see you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. No. 3.41 --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- if you look at the purpose, I added in to include the IDA. So in this chapter 3...yeah, there, 3.41.020 under Purpose, I included this...the Individual Development Account Program or similar future programs to be named in the...in this paragraph, upon establishment and approval by the Council. So added into the First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Program which you know we made it into a revolving fund. It is to take money from this revolving fund and using it for this IDA Program. Do you need me to explain it further?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll open it up to the Members for questions. So it's just this one amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any questions for Member Sugimura? Okay. And then I'll...I'll call on them, Member Sugimura. Okay. Member King...oh, I see Corporation Counsel. Aloha, Ms. Toshikiyo. Do you have --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Hi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- feedback on this?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. Just one thing that I just noticed, I reviewed this proposed bill, but it does state here that it's 3.41, although the chapter is 3.34, so I think that's probably just a mistake there. But just to point that out.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. That's kind of a big error. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm sorry, what was the error? I missed it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The...chapter number 3.34.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: The numbers say...in the sections it says 3.34 and then when --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- you get into the body it says --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- 3.41.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 41. Okay. All right. So we will amend...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Make the correction.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Okay. Any...Member King, your...your hand was up.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. That was actually one of the things I was going to say. But the...the 3.41, it's going to have a different number, .020, the Purpose, it says...it says IDA but it also says the...and similar future programs to be named in this paragraph upon establishment. So is that...does that mean that if there are other programs that should be part of this fund then the Council would go back and make that revision?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So that's just leaving...thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are you planning to name...are you planning to name other programs in here already?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So that's...it's because we're using the IDA concept, and if in case there are other programs over time that this changes, I didn't want this to be the only program that can be used. So that's why it has that kind of broader language after it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But the intent is to not just throw other programs into it, but that they would have to be approved by the Council, they would be like amendments to the...to the section with adding programs in here?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So maybe Ms. Toshikiyo can --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Who would decide what --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- clarify.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- programs get added, I guess, is the question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So again, what I did was leave it broad so that if in case the IDA is no longer called the IDA in future years, there's these pilot program goals, then it can be used in this chapter. I don't mean for the Council to actually always go back and amend it and amend it. But Ms. Toshikiyo, could you comment on that? So good question.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Thank you. When you look at the original language, right now it only includes the First-Time Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance Program, but it does leave the door open for establishment and approval of other programs that would fall under this fund. So that is not new language, that's already been there, but it would require that when you are funding programs under the Home Acquisition and Ownership Programs Revolving Fund that we include it in this Code section.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So that would be a decision to be made by the...the existing Council at...at that...such time as new programs are added in here?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And then so...then just to clarify, Member Sugimura, the...there's going to be 250,000 for the IDA Program, so that would go into this fund and then the payments would be made out of this fund. And then is...I'm just asking if that's the intent. And then if there's...if there's a requirement to be in your house for ten years say, and somebody sells their house within five years and has to make the repayment, then that would go back into this fund? Or how are you planning to fund that --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- this fund?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So to go to your first question, the revolving fund is there, so what I decided to do to set this up is to use the revolving fund and take money from there to fund this project, right? So the revolving fund was created by us so that it takes the leftover from the...or the unused Affordable Housing Fund for the First-Time Homebuyer, and what would happen in the past it would just be, you know, lapse at the end of the fiscal year and go into the General Fund. So then this fund was created, this revolving fund was created. So in order to fund this program, I'm just using the balance that's in the Affordable Housing...or the...this...this program, the revolving fund, and using it for this IDA Program. So I'm not...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, no, I understand that part.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: What I'm asking about is that the monies...so in the future so the Individual Development Account Program monies would...I mean, how is it going to be revolved from there? Say it...if it's not all used say, you know, maybe we don't get 20 families then the money would stay in here? Or if we have...if we have homeowners who don't complete their number of years they're supposed to live there, then they have to repay. That would come back into this account?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You know, that...that...that question came up and I need to get back to...talk to Corp. Counsel and get back to you on that, and I will do it, you know, before the...the final of this...the final...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I was just curious because revolving funds, you know, you don't just take money out, usually there's money coming back in. So I'm just asking --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, no.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- where the...where the money would be coming back in from.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So the...the money always comes from the leftover from the Affordable Housing Fund. That's what it's set up, right? All the money that doesn't get used from the Affordable Housing Fund, it revolves into this fund, so that's why it has money now. And so it --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- would take...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So...so there wasn't really an intention of having leftover IDA. I think Director Yoshimura is...looks like she has her hand up.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, if you look at 3.41.030, Administration, letter B, it indicates that all monies repaid to the County by previous recipients of Home Acquisition and Ownership Programs will be deposited back into this fund. So to answer Councilmember King's question, if they do have to repay, it goes back here.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So that's where...that's where extra funds from the IDA Program if it doesn't get fully subscribed that year would go back into. It'd stay in this fund basically.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Okay. Got it. All right. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Members, questions, comments? Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of recommending passage of the bill, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And then all...with the nonsubstantive changes or the corrections?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Oh, excuse me, Committee Chair, I don't think there was a motion made.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, you're right. Getting ahead of myself. Mahalo, Ms. Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- if you'll please make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I move to amend Section 3.41, Maui County Code...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: 3.34.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is it 3.34 or 41, Michele? I think 41 is the way we wrote it up, but did...Mrs. Toshikiyo say it was --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: It's --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- 34?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- 3.34.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It is 34. Okay. Okay. Sorry about that. So Section 3.34, Maui County Code, be amended as presented to add the IDA into the bill.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Member Sugimura, you need to make the motion first. So you...you would...your motion would be...okay, I will entertain a motion to recommend on first reading "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.34, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE HOME ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND." Member Sugimura, so...so move.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I...so move.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member King. Member Sugimura, your motion to amend.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I think we spoke about it, so appreciate your support, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, if you can make the motion to amend. So...okay. So the motion to amend would be amend the sections that have "3.41" to "3.34" in all corresponding sections to...for that correction. Member Sugimura so moved? You have to make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member King. I'm going to...is there any discussion on the motion to amend that nonsubstantive section? So we're just changing the "3.41" to "3.34" right now. Okay. And then I'll call on you on the main motion, Member Molina. Okay. All in favor of the amendment please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Eight “ayes,” one excused. Motion to amend the main motion passes.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment to main motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Now we’re on the motion as amended. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I want to thank Member Sugimura for this consideration, but you know, I think this might have been good to have in committee to further hash out and vet to address some of the uncertainties at least that I have. So regrettably, I...I cannot support this. It’s not that I’m against, you know, any educational programs for homebuyers, but I think to me I would have preferred that this get more vetted out in committee, like the other night with Member Paltin’s proposed bill. So I think this something that I think should maybe have a more increased opportunity to discuss further and get input from the community. So I will not be supporting. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Members, anyone wishing to speak to the main motion as amended? Okay. I’m not seeing any hands on the TV, so I’m going to...oh, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I’ll speak to the motion. In support because...and partially because we...we just voted to fund this, and the funds are coming out of this revolving fund the way we voted on it. So this...I don’t know what would happen if we didn’t pass this because...I guess we could still take the funds out of it. But I don’t have a problem with this, I think it’s a pretty easy one to...to understand and to support being...the budget...the budget item just passed. That’s all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the main motion as amended? I see no hands. So I’ll just quickly make my

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comments. I...I understand Member Molina's hesitation, I felt the same way, but I will be supporting the motion because of the simple amendment that it is to recognize the funding that we voted to put into the budget. But I...I would like more details on how this program would work and operate, and so I think I echo Member King, we can just get the ball rolling and then outside of budget, I would like to have a much fuller discussion on how this program would work. And so I...Member Sugimura has said that she...she would work on that. And I think it might fall under my Committee, and I will expedite scheduling that bill so that we can discuss it in BFED Committee. Member Johnson, your hand?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I...I refrain from my question, it was already answered.
Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, as amended, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say “no.” Okay. All right. I...what was that, six “ayes,” two “noes,” Member Molina, Member Paltin, and one excused. Okay. Mahalo, Members. So the motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: Vice-Chair Paltin and Councilmember Molina.

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised bill.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the last legislation under this Department, and then we can take a dinner break, is...let's see, authorizing the acquisition of real property identified as Tax Map Key Numbers--those tax map keys--situated in Lāhainā, Maui, Hawai'i, for an amount not to exceed \$650,000. This was submitted by Member Paltin. Member Paltin, would you like me to share my screen so Members can see the resolution? Oh. Oh, it's not yours? Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think it's from the Administration.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you're right. It came from...it came from the Administration, sorry. I think this is in response to your request though, yeah? No.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Member Sugimura's request.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That's of the mistake that Planning made in working with the resident. One of many mistakes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Okay. I will share my screen with the resolution. Sorry. I got the...I got the items...so this is the Dickenson one. Okay. Can Members see the resolution? So this was on the agenda as letter J.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Question. So this is being funded through the Affordable Housing Fund, are you going to wait for the discussion on the Affordable Housing Fund before doing this?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that catch. Okay. So we will hold off on that one, and take them all up together with the Affordable Housing Fund discussion. Okay. Members, that...oh, I need to ask for consensus on the Housing Program.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're going back to the program because we're taking up the motion. Okay. Okay. Everyone remembers, awesome. Mahalo, Members. Okay. So we went through the programs, Rates and Fees, department requests, priorities. We're saving the Affordable Housing Fund discussion, and everything involved with those priorities, and requests from the Administration for the end of the week together, and that is, I think, everything for this very involved and complex Department. Ms. Milner, did I miss anything for this Department? Oh. Okay. Ms. Milner? Okay. All right. So we will review the Housing and Human Concerns via OpenGov after...after this. Okay. So...okay. All right. It's 5:32, and I definitely need a break. We have one more department on our schedule if we'd like to stay on schedule, and that's Department of Liquor Control. I...I would like to take up Department of Management and stay ahead of schedule, but we can take up Liquor Control and see where we're at, and then see if we want to take up Department of Management. Is that okay with everyone or would you like to take up Liquor Control now? Member

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Paltin? You're muted, Member Paltin. Not...not on our side, on your side. Maybe...push the letter M, see if that...that works. Okay. Do you want...do you want to put it in the chat? Put it in the chat. Type it in the chat and then I'll...I'll know what you're asking. Okay. Members...Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can't hear you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What...what is going on? Wait, let me see if...Member Molina? Uh-oh. Okay. Can you put it in the chat? I think we need to take a break. I think...I think we need to take a break. I think that's what...what's happening. I think BlueJeans is telling us you know what, you all need to take a break. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. And the keyboard is not working either. Okay. Ms. Milner is also muted. Okay. So everyone's muted, I guess, except for me.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Am I muted?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh no, you're not muted, I can hear you. Okay. We're just going to...we're going to take a break, and then that way maybe Members can restart. Either log...log off, log back on or maybe even restart your device, and then that way when we reconvene, you know, our...our devices and BlueJeans is *(audio interference)* They'll be all refreshed like us after our break. Okay. So shall we take a one-hour break and come back at 6:30? It's 5:35, so it's a little less than an hour. Is that okay if we go a little less than an hour or...okay, okay. All right, I will stop talking and we'll just go so that we have more time for our break. Member Sugimura? Oh, you're muted. Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: See it's telling us we just need to leave.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We...we need to go, we need to go.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I think you and I are the only ones who can talk to each other, Keani.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, go ahead. Go ahead, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You can't hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can hear you. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So I'm going to go drive home to Kula.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you need more than an hour?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, that's fine. Just start the meeting, I'll...I'll join you as soon as I can. I'll drive. I've got to close my office and head Upcountry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you want 6:45?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, let's do that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay, okay. All right. We'll do that. Okay. So we'll reconvene at 6:45, Members. It's 5:36 on April 20th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 5:36 p.m.
RECONVENE: 6:47 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. I hope Members had a good *(audio interference)*. It's 6:47 on April 20th. And let's do a quick mic check with Member Paltin. How was dinner, Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Delicious.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Okay. Okay. And then we'll...so the first thing we'll do before we get to Liquor Control, we'll share screen. Ms. Milner will share her screen, and we'll look at the proposals and adjustments made to DHHC. Okay. Here we go. The Administration...okay. No changes to the Administration Program. Housing Program, we made a few changes. Okay. We added Member Paltin's proposal. Oh, okay. Member...okay. So \$500,000 in rental assistance from Member Paltin, and \$500,000 in rental assistance from Member Molina, for a total of \$1 million in rental assistance. Okay. And for the Human Concerns Program, we added Member Sugimura's proposal for \$150,000 to the YMCA. And \$225,000 to the Aloha House, and that was Member Johnson's proposal. And Member Johnson's proposal to Aloha House for an Enhanced Coordinated Care Program for a total of \$323,000. Okay. And then the Departmental request for \$115,000 due to the increase for the Kaunoa Senior Service Meal Program. And for the Animal Management Program, two conditional proposals; Member Sugimura's proposal to condition \$250,000 each to Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i, and my priority proposal to condition 150,000 in the Moloka'i condition for an E/P...or for...for an E/P for axis deer management on Moloka'i. Okay. And Member Sugimura's priority proposal under the Home Acquisition and Ownership Program Revolving Fund to earmark \$250,000 for the establishment of an Individual Development Account pilot program. And we recommend passage on first reading of the amended...or the revised bill submitted by Member Sugimura to add Individual Development Account in Chapter 3.34. Okay. Members, did you see anything missing or that needs correction? Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just the...the water truck as a district priority. Was that one added or not?

MS. MILNER: Yes, it was. Sorry, just give me a moment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner...yeah, it...it takes a few seconds for the screenshare to get pulled up.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we'll...we'll pull that up. And that was a condition under the Homeless Grants --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- under the Human Concerns Program. And it was Member Sinenci's proposal for...and we'll get revised language, but \$66,200 for a truck and water containers. Anything else, Members? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I...I...in reviewing it, I just was wondering if we wanted to say up to 66,200?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we'll...we'll work on the language when we get the appendix together. Member Sinenci said that he was going to make some adjustments to the...the language. So we'll review that all together at the end of the week, and that way the language on all of our conditions is as clear as possible so that we can clearly communicate to the Administration what the intent of the funding and the earmark is. Budget Director Yoshimura, did you see anything that needed correcting?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. Just for clarification, on the \$150,000 that you conditioned for the Moloka'i animal control --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- you said that's for an E/P. So it'll be a County employee or no? It's...it'll be a grant. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. When I said E/P (*audio interference*) non-County employer...employee, but I'll make that clear when we do the proviso. Mahalo for that question. Okay. Any other questions or corrections, Members, or Budget Director? Okay. Seeing none. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. All right. Okay. Okay. So we'll get started on Department of Liquor Control. The Department of Liquor Control...oh, sorry.

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Before I go to the Department of Liquor Control, so for DHHC...okay. I'll ask for consensus minus the affordable housing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Liquor Control Program
Capital Improvement Projects
Rates and Fees
Grant Revenue
Revolving Fund

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Department of Liquor Control has one program – the Liquor Control Program, and it starts on page 9-3 in your Budget Details. Any proposed adjustments or reductions, Members? Seeing no hands. And I can't...oh, there, okay, I see you now, Member Sugimura. Okay. I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then there aren't any CIPs under this Department. There are Rates and Fees. The Administration or the Mayor hasn't proposed any changes to the Rates and Fees from last fiscal year. Are there any amendments to the rates and fees? Okay. Good. There aren't any priorities under this Department or Grant Revenue. And there is one revolving fund, and that's the Liquor Education Fund. Consensus on the Liquor Education Fund or are there amendments? Consensus. Okay. Okay. And then there's no legislation. So we...we won't ask Ms. Milner to share her screen for the Department of Liquor Control since we didn't make any amendments to it. Okay. Very good, Members. Finished reviewing that program in less than five minutes. Okay. We've now made up for the time that we took on DHHC. Okay. So we're...we're back on track, and we can get ahead of the schedule again we take up Department of Management. Okay. Any objections on taking up Management? Very good.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Management Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Under the Department of Management, there are two programs: Management Program, and Information Technology Services Program. The Management Program starts on page 10-3 of the Budget Details. Are there any amendments to the Management Program? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'll get everyone on the same page and then make the motion. I'm on 10-6 of the Budget Details, Index Code 904011B, Sub-Object

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character type 6129, this is in Other Services. I move to decrease the amount by \$10,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, second by Member King. Member Paltin, what...what item was that again?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: What do you mean, item? The index code or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, the description.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. Oh, sorry. This is other services and I'm just going, you know, Fiscal Year '19 was 5,744, Fiscal Year '20 was 3,373, so just bringing it down a notch from I think it was 25 grand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You want to speak to the motion, Member Paltin? Or yeah, I guess you did. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just have a question from Director. Do you know why there was that big jump or why it's now 25,000 from 3,300? I think that's the number.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So I...I can't say for certain what the \$25,000 is budgeted for. It may be just for unforeseen circumstances that may occur, and in the past we've only used the...the amount that's needed. It also could be that if you look at the next line, 6132, Professional Services, you'll see that there's a request for \$100,000, but in the past there has been more expenditures. And this could be one area again where we say, you know, we budget in general categories and when we do the actual expenditures it gets charged to the appropriate Sub-Object Code. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Members, any other questions, comments, or discussion on the motion? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just what was the reduction?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was a reduction of \$10,000 from Other Services --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- so from 25,000 to 15,000.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? If not, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. So on the same page 10-7 under Professional Services, 904016B, and there was a decrease in the Maui Park Program contract, and I just wanted to get Budget Director's input on the one-time decrease.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Member Sinenci, is this a proposed reduction?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I can...I can make a motion for reduction just to get her input. So I'll do a reduction of 20,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that is for Professional Services from 155,000 minus 20,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: This one was 904016B Professional Services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So all the index code is 904011...1...16.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So this one would be from 307,480, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On page 10-6?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, 10-7 excuse me.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It's under Maui Redevelopment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. The Contractual Services? Oh, Professional Services, the 307,480. Okay. Okay. So everyone found it?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And if there's a second, I just inquire from the Budget Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Sinenci, second by Member Johnson. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Budget Director, if there was a reason for the decrease and what's the fund for?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? So in Fiscal Year 2021 we did ask for an expansion amount of \$160,000 for a Lāhainā parking solicitation and implementation public information contract. So those were one-time costs that we are now deleting in the Fiscal Year '22 Budget of the \$107,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And the contract has already been for 307,000? Is that how...already been accounted for? Or...or that's for the...for this year?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Sinenci, so the \$307,000 is to continue the programs that we do have moving forward, and they were one-time costs in Fiscal Year 2021. So I believe it's for...hang on, let me just check.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So my question is in the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget Details, like Ms. Yoshimura said, it says Lāhainā parking solicitation and implementation, but like when we were in Finance, we never got a parking rate proposal. So did the implementation occur, or is it scheduled to conclude prior to this fiscal year? Or are we still funding that? Or we funded it and it didn't occur yet?

MS. YOSHIMURA: It didn't occur yet. So...okay. So Chair, I will forward you a rollout schedule for the Park Maui proposed program. It looks for May and June they're...we're still looking to do updates to the County Code, so that still needs to be done. July/August, we're...at that point, once we get the County Code...sorry, once we get the County Code updated and we do our financial modeling and data collection plan, we will come in for a budget amendment to do the appropriate changes that needs to be made to the budget in terms of setting the Rates and Fees and other things to implement the plan. So we're still not ready to fully implement it yet.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other...anyone else wishing to speak to the motion of reducing that line item by \$20,000? So the \$307,480. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, I walked away, so sorry if I missed this answer. But is the 307,480 accounted for as part of whatever contracts the Department was working on?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. That was Member Sinenci's question, and we're just...we're...we're going to get some information from --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Budget Director.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, I can...go ahead.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So that...those are part of the...the shuttle that runs through Wailuku Town because of the parking, that's part of the contract. I think we have other consultant contracts under there. So the \$304,000 that is...or \$307,000 that is requested will be used for Contractual Services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. So that's for Da Bee, Da Bee, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Okay. So I can --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The shuttle.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- I can withdraw my motion if that 307,000 is going to be used. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Johnson, the second?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I withdraw my second. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Members, any other proposals in Management Program? Member Paltin?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I had one and mine is under Contractual Services. I believe Member Sinenci's one was Professional Services?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So Contractual Services has 1,308,320.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll get everyone on the same page and then make my motion? Okay. So I'm on same page, 10-7 of the Budget Details, Index Code 904016B, Management, Sub-Object 6112 Contractual Services. My...I move to decrease the amount by 100,000, and if I get a second, I'll explain my reasoning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, second by Member King. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So I'm looking at the FY'21 proposed amount and that amount was 1,234,500, and then looking at the FY'21 adopted amount, that amount was \$100,000 more. So in 2021 the Mayor proposed a number, and then we increased it by 100 grand, and then they delete for one-time appropriation of Clean and Safe Pā'īā trashcans, 26,180 to bring it down to \$1,208,320. So I'm just taking out that 100 grand thing ...*(dog barking)*. . . Stop it. Sorry. That 100 grand that it was increased presumably by us in last fiscal year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so in Fiscal Year 2021, the increase for \$100,000 was for the Pā'īā Clean and Safe Program. So that's where the increase was for. So that was the Council added \$100,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, you're on mute.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thanks. If I can ask a question? So the Pā'īā Clean and Safe Program is still going?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? So yes, we're --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- still going to continue...oh, sorry. We're still going to continue the Pā'īā Clean and Safe Program. The only deletion that we have in Fiscal Year 2022 was for the trashcans, so that was a one-time appropriation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll withdraw that one and I have a different one, but it's in a different program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member King, your second? Mahalo. Okay. So we're on Management Program. Were there any other considerations from the Members? Okay. If not, we'll...is there consensus for the amended program?

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COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
Information Technology Services Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And the second program is Information Technology Services Program. Member Molina, followed by Member Paltin if you're ready. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Yes, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I have a consideration on page 10-17 of the Budget Details, Information Technology Services Program, Sub-Object Code 6138 R&M Services Contract, I move to reduce by 480,000 from the proposed 5,030,000 down to 4,550,000, and if I get a second, I can give an explanation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Johnson. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Members, for that second, I think Member Johnson, Member Lee, I appreciate it. You know, the Council over the years has been very generous with IT and certainly, they do very important work. And you know, we've authorized million-dollar increases consistently over the last three fiscal years. And being that everyone is being asked to tighten their belts...and I understand the Mayor's proposal, they're...it already reflects a \$600,000 decrease in this line item; however, I'd like to ask for consideration to take it a step further to reduce it down by an additional 480,000, close to the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriation. And so yeah, that's my thing or my spiel. You know, certainly timing is never good for cuts, but this R&M item in IT certainly a huge-ticket item, and Department's been a beneficiary of the generosity of the Council for several years. So with that said, I'd certainly like to get input from Director Yoshimura on this proposal. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. Councilmember Molina, so we did look at this and we did the make the cuts that we could, that totaled to \$608,000, but this does pay for all of our licenses and software for all the programs that we have functioning, our County. So any cuts to this would mean that we would have to cut some type of licensing agreement or maintenance contract for any of our IT services. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank...thank you, Madam Director. So this is basically really barebones, this is to the bone cut, I guess, if...as I understand this?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Chair? Yes, Member Molina, it is. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right. Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll get everyone on the same page first. We're on page 10-17 of the Budget Details, Index Code 904015B IT, Subject-Object character type is 6201, and so I move to decrease the amount by 15,000, this is airfare, bringing it in line with the Fiscal Year '19-'20 amount.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member King. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, sorry. I just...

MS. MILNER: Sorry to interrupt.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I blew my load.

MS. MILNER: Member Molina didn't withdraw his previous motion, so we still have a motion on the floor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

MS. MILNER: Sorry to interrupt.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. Thank you. My bad. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. No, no, no. I'm not giving up on this in case anyone else is listening, but I...I...I just put it out there so if...well, let me ask Director Yoshimura one question with your permission, Madam Chair. So what licenses...if we decide to do a cut, what licenses would be affected?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So Chair, sorry, I don't know offhand which licenses if it's going to be a \$400,000 cut. I would have to go back to the Department and ask them. I'm not sure, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well...well, Madam Chair, with that being the case, I'd like to request that I withdraw my motion, and hopefully the seconder, you know, will withdraw their second, and then I'll wait that information if we can look at this again if that's okay with you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. Member Molina has withdrawn his motion, Member Johnson, your second.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'll withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Now we can recognize Member Paltin's motion, which was to reduce the airfare and transportation from 30,000 to 15,000. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you'll...okay. Mahalo. And then second. Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member King. Member Paltin explained her rationale. Anyone wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll...

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. Just wanted to make you aware that this is for travel, it's not for mainland travel, but it is for interisland travel. We do service Moloka'i and Lāna'i, and so if we need to go back and forth, that's the funding that we use there. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Any opposed? Oh, okay. So that is seven "ayes," one no, Member Sinenci, and one excused.

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

NOES: Councilmember Sinenci.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, any other proposals? I see everyone again.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. And Akakū stopped broadcasting on Channel 53. Maybe they'll start just playing it again. If not, I'll have to adjourn and then...oh, there, we're back on again. Okay. We're good, we're good. We're just going to move forward. Member Paltin? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure. I'll get everyone on the same page and then make my motion and try wait on the rationale and do it all in the order that it's supposed to go. So I'm on page 10-19 of the Budget Details, Index Code 904015C, IT Services, Department Priority number 4. I move to delete new software programs for 10,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Sinenci. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So we just heard Member Molina try and reduce RM...R&M Contracts, and now we're adding on a new software program, and I figure if we didn't need it before, then maybe we don't need it now because we've got tough times ahead.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Anyone wishing to speak to the motion? Chair Lee, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I don't think I'm going to support this one. This looks like...like it says, an analysis tool and God knows we have so many issues with our technology this day...these days. So I think this might be something that they actually need. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, this is IT and I'm quite sure they're trying to add on things to make us better, so I'm going to...I'm not going to support this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. And then, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. There you are. Okay. Log . . . *(inaudible)*. . . server log analysis 2. Do you know what that is?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, not offhand. I can get back to you, but I...I'm sure it's something they need if they put it in here, and it does support our IT system. So...and now that we heavily depend on BlueJeans and other...other type of technology...I...I don't know exactly what the function is, but that's a request that they have made and we had supported through the budget process. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. Before I call on Member Johnson, Member King, will you say hi really quickly so that your video appears on Akakū Channel 53.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Yeah, I see. Okay. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I, you know, I...I kind of echo what Councilmember Molina and Councilmember Tamara Paltin is talking about is, you know, time to tighten, it's time to cut the budget on certain things. We have so many free softwares out there, I would encourage the IT Department to look at other ways besides this, just constantly buying, you know, the...the...the softwares when there's a lot of free stuff out there. So I mean I'm okay with cutting as long as...if they...I mean if we could know that, but nobody knows what this software is. So I'm going to wait, but I do think that a lot of these questions or this budget could be trimmed if we go for more of the freer software, maybe not as fancy as Adobe, but something less. Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll...okay. Before I call on Budget Director, Member Molina, how was your dinner?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It was very good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good. Okay. I just want you...your video to show up on Akakū --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Channel 53. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Yeah, I'm here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so I pulled up their request for the piece of equipment. The purpose of the equipment is to...to detect unusual or unexpected events on servers and network equipment. That analysis will help to detect evidence of cybersecurity incidents, including attempted or successful security breaches and data compromise. So that's the equipment that they had asked for. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that important bit of information. Okay. Member Sinenci, how's the weather in Hāna?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Check one, check two. . . .(inaudible). . . kākou.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, there you are. Okay. Perfect. Now you're on Channel 53. When...when BlueJeans crashed, everyone's video stopped broadcasting, so I just wanted everyone to be on Channel 53. Okay. Okay. So hearing that information from Budget Director, I...Member Paltin, would you like to keep your motion for the Members to consider, or would you like to withdraw? You have to unmute.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess I'll withdraw, but I mean...I don't know how good it would be for 10 grand, you know, like for the entire County, but okay. Sure, withdraw. Like I...I figure you kind of get what you pay for, and this is supposed to like...ten grand to keep the entire County secure from data breaches, wow, what a deal, but all right. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I mean you don't have to with...withdraw.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll leave it in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay. So we...we have the motion on the floor for the removal of the \$10,000 for the software. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? All right. I'm...I'm...I...as a proponent of software, I...I feel like a hypocrite voting against this after getting OpenGov, you know, for the betterment of our County, so I...I'm going to have to vote against the motion for...hopefully it's a better, you know, quality than what \$10,000 speaks to me and to Member Paltin. I'm thinking that this might be a module add-on to something existing that falls under the Professional Services/Contractual Services. Because when we want to add on to our software like Granicus, you know, when we add on that eComment, it's a module that we pay for. Or when we add on the GovDelivery, the communications, that's a module that we add on to the existing software that we pay annually for the Granicus subscription. So that's what I'm hoping that this is, but I'm not super sure. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And I just, you know, I know that MEMA is using Homeland Security money also for cybersecurity, so I just question if it's, you know, what was it that Member Molina said, like double...a reduplication of services because didn't we approve a cybersecurity, Homeland Security money through MEMA already? Like can we use those funds to cover this thing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Paltin, I would have to check with MEMA on what they had submitted for their grant. It might be something specific and no...you know, I don't know if they have the flexibility to change what their intent was for the funds that they had requested.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...and just to follow up on that, like so we have IT who kind of deals with cybersecurity, and we have MEMA which deals with like kind of like, you

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know, natural disasters and stuff, and...and I just wonder if they're talking to each other and, you know, just breaking down those silos and stuff.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Yes...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, they do communicate with each other, and a lot of times MEMA's grants will fund the departments' projects, especially in Police and Fire.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'm speaking as a victim. As you folks know, my email account was hacked three weeks ago. So the sooner they fix that thing the better. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee, for sharing your personal experience --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Because you know --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- on...on this discussion (*audio interference*)

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- I don't want any more SPAM from Chair Lee, I'll...I'll withdraw. That was kind of traumatic situation I know for everyone.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin has withdrawn her motion, and Member King her second. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Although I...I expect not to get anymore SPAM from you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or from anyone else. I hope none of us get hacked. Okay. Member Sinenci...oh, did you have your hand up? You have a proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I might have been the...the second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Whoever made that second has definitely been withdrawn now. All right. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, sometimes it's hard to remember after a long conversation. Okay. I'm just going to throw this proposal out there because I think, since we're tightening our belts, that I'm...I'm going to propose on the same page

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10-19 that we cut the...number 2, Priority number 2 which is 450,000. It's a replacement of a...of a computer equipment, and maybe we can hang on for one more year, but I...I also think it's odd that we don't know how old this computer equipment is because it says five to seven years in a lifecycle of five years. So I'm not...maybe...maybe, Director Yoshimura, if you know something about this computer equipment and the condition of it? I mean, I know it is possible to go beyond the lifecycle of a computer because I've done that many times in...in times that are tight. So what can you tell you us? Oh, actually I should wait to get a second, I guess.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member King, second by Member Paltin. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Councilmember King, so this isn't just one piece of equipment, it's desktops that we do replacement, regular replacements on. So desktops, printers, all of the equipment that the...the...the employees use. So we have a regular replacement cycle.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So this is not...not anything emergency, it's just a regular replacement cycle? Okay. Well, I...in light of that, Chair, I'll reduce my...amend my motion to reduce it by half, which would be 225.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member King. So you're...you're just amending your own motion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah? Okay. And then...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can I make a friendly amendment for myself? . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, as long as you're being friendly to yourself.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. My motion is to reduce it in half by 225.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then Member Paltin was the seconder of that motion, yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. And she second your friendly amendment to your motion. Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm going to support this motion only if we make sure we give them the other half next year. Okay. I mean because they...they deserve to have their equipment replaced. Okay. Thanks.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just had a question for Ms. Yoshimura. Like how she was saying that this is like all the desktop stuff, but how come then the quantity says one, and are all the quantities on this page off?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, so it's like we...we get like one lot of equipment. It's...it's...depending on --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, like bulk.

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- the inventory...we do it by bulk, yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. And then so doing it by half we would end up paying more because we have like a bulk rate?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So we...I don't know on the pricing, but we are trying to get everybody up to Windows 10. Okay. So sorry, I'm not the technology person, but trying to get everybody up to speed, and now that we are using BlueJeans a whole lot more and virtual, we try...we're trying to upgrade everybody's computer. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...and a follow-up question on that. In the...I guess in the future, is there a way to indicate how much equipment we're talking about? Understanding that the bulk rate unit is one unit, but if we can like in the future know how many pieces of equipment we're talking about.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, I'll look at their request and see if they gave me detailed information. But this is an annual request, so if we delay it this year, then we'll just need more next year. But let me look at their request.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And by annual request, you mean there's already a schedule for things for next year, so it'll be next year's stuff in addition to half of this year's stuff?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, that's correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. So I'm looking at the...what is this, last...this...this current fiscal year, so FY'21, and under Information Technology, so under the same program, under the same request, last year the lifecycle replacement of computer equipment was 480,000. So it's \$30,000 less this year. And for the lifecycle replacement of UPS equipment it was 950,000, so it's 475,000 this year. So that's a good sign. But we're talking about the lifecycle replacement of the computer equipment. So if last year it was 480,000 and this year it's 450,000, and if we halve that this year, so 225,000, then next year it would be 675,000, Members, is something that you would be supportive of? It's just a...no one

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has to answer, it's just that's something that we may need to consider next year if we're going to withhold half the funding for the lifecycle replacement this year, that we would support them putting in potentially...if we can get the details as Member Paltin has requested for, you know, what equipment we're looking at. I...I tend to support the replacement of computer hardware because we saw what happened with the Unemployment Insurance Office, and when we really needed them to have good equipment, we didn't know that there was going to be a pandemic, and then we had a pandemic, and their equipment was so outdated and not prepared for anything that we experienced in 2020, and a lot of people suffered because of it. So that...that's something that I'm thinking about as we're discussing this. I see Chair Lee, followed by Member Sinenci, Member King, and Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, just...just a comment. You make a good salesperson.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll keep my day job that sometimes goes into the night. Okay. Member Sinenci, and then Member King, and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And yeah, you bring up a good point. You know I do have a proposal, one of my proposals was to add the LiDAR drone to the IT Department. So I was...I'm just kind of speculating, you know, if we are going to be...I...I know for the cultural overlay, there's a lot of information that needs to be stored within the computers. And then also, I think if...if other departments will use the drone, like the Water Department assessing the 600 acres of Wailuku Water, I mean so I'm just thinking that the technology might have to kind of fit some of the information that we're going to be gathering. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, thank you. I'm going to...you know, I'm going to stick with my proposal because this is replacement equipment, it's not new...newer technology, it's replacement technology. But I also think if...if it's something that is urgent, I think the ARP funds could...it could cover it as well if it's something related to what you just mentioned, which was COVID related, you know, the crash in insurance and unemployment things, and certainly it could be covered by American Rescue Plan. But this is the type of...type...belt tightening that personally a lot of us do when we have low fund...when we have...we're low on funds is we put off buying that new computer for another year. So that's, you know, that's kind of my philosophy about this. I think we can look at it the following year and, you know, hopefully have more funding by then because we...we're anticipating getting out of the situation that we're in. But anyway, that's...that's sort of, you know, my thought about that.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I had a question for Ms. Yoshimura, and it kind of goes into my Management Department policy proposal. You know, Member Kama, I think was instrumental in getting kids computers and things like that, and...and one of my

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policy items was, you know, tracking not just vehicles but our equipment, what happens to it. And with this pandemic situation, more people are being forced to go to virtual, and being that they're IT, I'm assuming that they wipe it clean before disposal anyway. But if it's five to seven-year-old equipment, is there a way to get these into schools or to like, you know, single mothers that maybe could work online from home with their kids or anything in that realm?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so when we decommission the computers, they actually crush the hard drives. So if we're going to repurpose them I would need to check with the Department.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so I'm going to be voting against this because I think that the replacement of equipment is critical, and that to be kept up to date, I mean we see it. The difference between my...my MAC computer and the computer that the office got, it's...it's updated, and I think we need to keep that way just because of how we're communicating now. So I believe that the Department knows the needs of their, you know, what they're trying to do, and I don't want to second guess them because it's too important because we communicate by computers all the time. So I understand the intent. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, for the last time, I think if the need is really critical, there are other means...other sources to...to pay for this equipment, whether it's the Rescue Act or MEMA funds or emergency funds or...we're dealing with an \$828 million budget, there is money in the budget for these kinds of things. And we're all...and for me anyway, I'm only asking them to wait for one year. But if it's critical, they need it tomorrow, there is money. Thank you. So I'm staying with the...I'm voting aye on the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? We're missing someone. Are we missing someone? Oh, okay. Okay. Someone disappeared on the TV. I guess that was Budget Director. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just vote already.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, I was going...I was going to ask Member King if she would consider 200 instead of 225. Oh, actually I wanted to ask Budget Director Yoshimura one quick question. For...mahalo. For the...for each year because it's laid out differently for us in the Budget Details, it doesn't show how much was actually spent in, you know, past years. So 480,000 was allocated for this fiscal year. I'm...I'm guessing something...a similar amount, 4 to 500,000 was allocated in Fiscal Year

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2020. So I'm...I'm wondering if you have that information on how much of that funds was spent, because we don't have access to that information in what we have.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I could look up that information for you. You wanted to know the actual expenditures, right, for equipment? Okay. I'll find out.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, replacement of the computer equipment.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. I'll...I'll...I'll look for that information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. I...I would like to know that information before we vote, but if other Members don't, I can call for the question. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Maybe just to stall while you're waiting for that information, I'd like to crowdsource my answer from you folks, if anybody knows when she says the hard drives are crushed, is the hard drive the computer? They crush the computer and the monitor is okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So the hard drive is in the CPU [*sic*]. If the CPU is part of the monitor, then they would crush the monitor too. But if the CPU is separate from the monitor, then they would just crush the CPU [*sic*].

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Like with a car or hammer?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sure they have...they have equipment that crushes it and...and then they take the metal pieces and...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Do...and we don't...so we don't use like the e-cycle program, the County funds, the e-cycle, but we don't take our thing...like I mean maybe after we crush them do we e-cycle...I mean responsible, accountable. It's...today's is Earth Day, you know. And --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- e-waste is a big...big thing. And so that was...I mean I guess that's making the case for my policy priority about like being responsible and accountable disposer of things. But that just seems like whoa, like they don't...they don't know...is there no way to erase the hard drive, you got to physically destroy it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You...I guess you can like throw it in some saltwater.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: We still could retrieve GoPro footage I guess, so maybe I see your point.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You know I'm really enjoying this conversation, but I really think we need to move on. It's almost 8:00.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All those...oh, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so for Fiscal Year 2020 the equipment that was budgeted...well, all...all of it was spent except for \$2,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that information, Budget Director Yoshimura. Okay. I'll call for the question, Members. All those in favor of reducing this lifecycle replacement of computer equipment from 450,000 to 225,000, please raise your hand and say "aye." Oh, okay. Okay. I see Member King, Chair Lee, Member Molina, and Member Johnson. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Member Paltin, Member Sinenci, Member Sugimura, and myself.

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, and Molina.

**NOES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and
Councilmembers Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the motion doesn't get five votes, but I would vote for a reduction, just not that much. I would...I would vote for 100,000, Member King, if you want to consider that. I don't...I don't know if we would...oh, I guess you just need one more vote so I could be your one more vote.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I'll move to reduce it by 100,000, is that what you want?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member King, seconded by Chair Lee. Discussion, Members? I think we discussed it enough running over computers and throwing it into saltwater. Okay. And...and I...I will be open to adding the \$100,000 back in for the next fiscal year if that's what we need...need to do next year. Okay. I'll call for the vote. All those in favor of a \$100,000 reduction, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay. Seven "ayes," one "no" – Member Sugimura, and one excused.

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

NOES: Councilmember Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Any other proposals, Members, for the Information Technology Program? Okay. Seeing no hands, I will ask for consensus on the amended Information Technology Services Program.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Capital Improvement Projects

Rates and Fees

Departmental Request

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good. Okay. We'll go to the CIPs. Any amendments on the CIPs? Okay. I see no hands, so I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Rates and Fees, there's just the parking permit fees. Any amendments there? If not, I'll ask for consensus. Okay. Okay. And then there's one departmental request--where did it go—from the...okay, \$100,000, and that was in the Mayor's letter. I'm trying to get it for you. Okay. I'll put it in the chat.

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Okay. And that's \$100,000 for 25...24/7 service to the Department of Police and Emergency Dispatch Support. The Department of Management explored the option of creating self...staff positions to provide around-the-clock coverage needed by our Emergency Services. However, after review, the consideration to implement such staffing, it was determined that it could not be implemented in FY'22. Therefore, the program is requesting \$100,000 to cover any increase to off-hours support. So that's what the \$100,000 requested by the Department is for. Is there a motion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by, okay, Member Paltin, seconded by Member Sinenci. And we discussed this morning when we received the certification presentation and Budget Director Yoshimura explained the requests from the Administration, from the Mayor and the departments. Okay. Chair Lee, you had your hand up? Oh, okay. You were seconding the motion. Okay, okay. Any other discussion to the motion? If not, I'm going to call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed, please raise...oh, okay. Okay. Zero opposed. Okay. So eight "ayes," zero opposed, one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

MEMBERS' PRIORITY PROPOSALS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Now we have priorities, proposals. We have--one, two, three--four priority proposals. The first priority proposal is from Member Paltin. It's a conditional language and this is what she's been talking about for the entire review of this Department. Good strategy, Member Paltin. Your motion?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to condition that the Department of Management create a program to, you know, track responsible...replacement, you know, when our equipment and our vehicles...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You want me to read it? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Develop a program to track responsible and transparent disposal of County vehicles and equipment. Okay. Moved...moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member King. Member Paltin, if you'd like to speak to your motion.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just, you know, think that destroying good equipment is...is not smart, you know, in this limited resource world that we live in, on Earth Day and everything. And you know, like to the vehicles, if we're going to be selling them for 50 bucks or something, maybe we can develop a program where we...we assist families in need that don't have transportation. Or I'm not sure, but it's...every year we ask like so what happened to the cars that you need new cars for, and...and you know, sometimes they're still good because if...if we're going to say let's put this off until next year, then obviously the department has to like either use it for a whole 'nother year or make do. So sometimes there's still like life in it and, you know, I don't know, I think that people would like to know what happens to it. People would like to have a shot at possibly be the owner, but it's...it's so...it seems like nobody knows what happens to these things. And...and as responsible stewards of taxpayer money and resources, I think that we should be responsible with our disposal. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the...oh, I see Corporation Counsel. Aloha, Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Hi. Thank you, Chair. I...sorry, I probably should have looked this up earlier, but in Chapter 2.72 of the County Code, there is a section for disposal of County personal property, and it's...under the definitions, director means the Director of Finance. So this may be under the purview of the Finance Department. Sorry, I haven't read the...the entire chapter here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You don't have our County Code memorized yet?
...*(laughing)*...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, no. ...*(laughing)*... I will get there one day.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That would be very impressive, especially with all the amendments made. Member Paltin, you have a question for Corporation Counsel?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. And...and I just...I understand that it's under the purview of Finance, but like the program that tracks transparently and responsibly, I...I figured would...would be the Management Department because they oversee all of the

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departments. I think when we asked the question to Finance one time when folks pointed to Finance, that like oh, Public Works does this, and so and so does that, and so that was my reasoning for saying to Management. And it's not like the disposal that I want Management to do, it's the program of like, you know, 200 cars were disposed of, these were all unsalvageable, unused, we took them to Hammerhead, these were sold at auction for some much, these were like...you know, just kind of a way to say like to the taxpayer this is --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: *(audio interference)*

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- what happened. Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So what is the OCS policy? What do we do? Or do we fall under Director of Finance or are we separate?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I don't know, if you're asking me. That's my...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Marlene handles...Marlene handles all the inventory, so you have to ask her.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So we have a system.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: She has like five cars at home, six computers...nah, just kidding. So...so we need to ask Marlene how she does it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can...we can --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- ask, you know, our own Department at another time. But I know over here, we have a storage room full of inoperable printers because Marlene is very strict about disposal of equipment. And so we just have a graveyard of printers right now. We don't dispose of them, we just hold on to them. Okay. Member Paltin, quick clarifying question, so the conditional language is where? What...where's the condition attached to? Is it just a policy...okay. So on 3...page...page 327? 357. Okay. Yeah, we'll still...we'll still need to put where the condition...conditional language will go. Oh, Member Paltin, are you speaking to us?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think I put it either under Professional Services or Contractual Services, but not the Maui Redevelopment one. The...yeah, 904011B, 6132.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What...what page on the Budget Details?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 10-6.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 10-6. Okay. 10-6, and then you said...which one? Which description?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 6132.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Professional Services?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I'll call for the question. Chair Lee, it looks like you have a question.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait, wait, is that the one on the expansion to pay for workplace violence?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So that...that's Professional Services for a total of \$155,000, but it's not only for professional investigative services.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's likely...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So...so it's not only for that. And you...you're --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- recommending deleting 55,000, the expansion amount?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. No, no, no.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It's just a policy --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- condition.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- adding conditional language to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, adding...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the funding.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that's --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to track responsible and transparent disposal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'm not sure how that fits with that particular item, but yeah, sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just...just wanted to confirm that you're leaving it open as far as cost? So it's basically a mandate for action, but we don't know how much it's going to cost at this point.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: For me I don't even think it should cost money, it's just a little legwork. Like hey, every time you delete...you dispose of an equipment or a vehicle, please tell me how much you...like where it went to and how much it cost. And then after the first year when we look at it, then we see can we be a little bit more responsible, like take our stuff to e-cycle or can we, you know, recycle our batteries or whatever. Like I mean we don't know anything at this point. So I mean it could be as --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, that's --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- easy as...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- that's okay. Yeah, you answered my question. I just wanted to make sure that I wasn't missing something and there was an expense.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. I'll call for the question, Members. Okay. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Eight "ayes," okay; zero "noes." Oh, any "noes?"

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Zero "noes." . . .*(laughing)*. . . One excused.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. Member Sinenci has the next priority proposal, and that's number 30. Member Sinenci, your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Move to increase the Department of Management budget by 159,492 to increase the archaeology program capacity.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yes, we...we kind of lumped all of this into one ask under the Department of Management. We had 34,000 for an Archaeologist II eight-month salary, and we followed Ms. Milner's 88.8 percent for fringe, so we added the 30,192 to...to her salary. And then we've got the new price for the...the LiDAR drone, that came in at \$69,300. And then of course, we also proposed a salary increase for the Principal Archaeologist of \$26,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Members, anyone wishing to speak to the motion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please raise your hand and say "aye." Anyone opposed please raise your hand and say "no." Oh, Member Sugimura, are you talking to me? Oh, you're...you're muted, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I have...I have a question. I know everybody voted already, but when we...when we talked to Personnel, what did Personnel say about doing this? We can put this in and...or does it have to go through a process first?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Thank you, Member Sugimura. When we spoke with Personnel during the Department of Personnel week, they talked about having specific duties listed so that it can...so it can show the...the correct salary amounts.

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And so we're going to leave it up to Director Baz and the archaeologist to...to present those to...to the Department of Personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So it can be done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. So Member Sugimura, how did you vote? Okay. Eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. The next--oh, okay--is Member Molina's, and that's number 32, the Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program. Member Molina --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to increase Contractual Services by \$200,000 and add a condition that 350,000 shall be used for Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program, and Members, you can find that under Budget Details page 10-7, Sub-Object Code 6112 Contractual Services. If I get a second, I'll explain.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Sinenci. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. As...as the Members and everyone else knows that we did get consensus earlier on this matter, and the...the

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initial appropriation that I had requested was 350 but I reduced it to 200,000, and now I've added this condition that 350,000 shall be used for the Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program. So the...you know, having this condition in there ensures that, you know, both the clean and the safe program will be implemented simultaneously. I'd thank to thank Ms. Erin Wade for her work with our office and the community on this. And we've had support from not only business owners, but longtime kamaainas that live in the area such as Auntie Mopsy and a member of the Kuloloio family. And you know, now that the visitors are coming back to Pā'ia, we need to maintain cleanliness and focus on a healthy environment and maintain safety for both our residents and the visitors. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Member...okay. Any opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Oh, Member Paltin, was that a yes or a no? Support the motion or opposed? Was there a lag, Member Paltin? Yeah, Member Paltin? Yes, Member Paltin? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I support. I support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So it was just a lag. Okay. All right. Eight "ayes," one excused.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
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NOES:	None.
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ABSTAIN:	None.
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ABSENT:	None.
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EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.
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MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Members.

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DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Grant Revenue
Revolving Fund

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. So those were all the Members' priority proposals. We have no grant revenue, and one revolving fund, Employee Parking Fees Fund. Any amendments? If not, consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Budget Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. That is everything under the Department of Management. I think I got everything. All right. Okay. Members, it's 8:13. We have the Office of the Mayor next. Would the Members like to take up the programs? And then we can save...we can do Administration Program, and Budget Program, and then see where we're at and assess, and we can save the Economic Development Program for tomorrow if...if it's late. Okay. I see lots of heads nodding. Okay. Start with the Administration Program. There are three programs under the Office of the Mayor; the Administration Program, Budget Program, and Economic Development Program.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Administration Program starts on page 11-3. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So are we going through the programs tonight?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was proposing just the Administration and the Budget Program if you have the juice for it. If not, we can --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- maybe we can...okay. Objection to taking up the Administration Program?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I would rather not, but I'll go with what everyone...I have to...I have a presentation I have to do at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay. How about...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Budget.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What if...okay, what if we do the bills? Budget, you want to do the Budget Program? We'll do the Budget Program and the bills, how's that? We're going to add \$10 to the Budget Program. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I thought that was coming from Chair Lee's pocket.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It is, it is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is...is everyone amendable to just taking up Budget Program and then the associated legislation? There's three bills, and then we can...and then...and then we'll call it a night, how does that sound? And...and we're ahead of schedule. Okay. Very good. Okay. So Budget Program. Any amendments to Budget Program, and that starts on page 11-15 in the Program Budget. Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll ask for consensus. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have consensus, but I would...I would like to give Michele Yoshimura a raise if we could. She works so hard. I mean, she's here with us nonstop. She even helps us, right? And I know last year Alice Lee had that joke about \$10, but just wanted to thank Michele. She's super good. She helps us, and she helps Administration. Let's give her a real raise.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that the \$10?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We should give her more.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Mahalo, Member Sugimura. I think we all echo your sentiments. Mahalo for sticking with us through the late nights, Budget Director.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sorry, I had a consideration for Budget Program. I know we...did we reach consensus yet?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, we did.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, shucks. I'm sorry, I missed it. But I'd like to just throw that out for consideration...reconsider.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Anyway, this is for...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections? Okay. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, page 11-17 on Details, Central Budget Module, Professional Services, I propose a reduction of 50,000 from 53,547 down to 3,547, and if I get a second I can explain my rationale.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Molina. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second by Member King. Okay. And I'm sorry, that was on page 11-17?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, what...what page was...okay. 11-17 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Budget Details...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and Professional Services.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Central Budget Module under Professional Services, 11-17 Details.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yeah, Madam Chair, my proposal for this has to do with...because no description of what it is and how it will improve the budget process, so there's that uncertainty. So that's why, you know, I'd like to get more information about this and further vetting, and certainly I'm open to hearing from Director Yoshimura on this proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. I'm...I'm going to speak to this item. This...this is a push that we together, the Council and the Administration in upgrading IFAS to OneSolution, adding a budget module so that all the departments would all come together and be able to enter their budgets in one time. And then that way, Budget Director Yoshimura doesn't have to reenter in the budgets that are given to her by all the different departments in an Excel spreadsheet, in IFAS, in all these...so it's streamlining the process. And then we'll be able to get that information from the Administration and then put it into OpenGov. So we're trying to work on streamlining the process and then making it more efficient and transparent for everyone. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, we did take that on. It'll make the process easier working together with the Council, be more transparent. So what we did in Fiscal Year '21 was buy the...buy the module, so we are actually doing the training as we speak. And the monies that we asked for, the \$50,000 will continue training. It pays, I think our licensed software is 9,000...the licensing is \$9,000. And...or the...sorry, that's the annual subscription, \$9,000, and for each license for each

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department, it'll be another \$1,600 per department. So that's what the funding is going to be for. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll get us...okay. We're back on TV. We're good, we can move forward. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, thank you very much for the explanation from both you, Madam Chair, and Madam Director. You know I guess, you know, be good to have this stuff upfront early on, and typically I don't usually throw in the towel so soon on proposed reductions, but in this case I will walk away with my tail between my legs, but if this is all about working together and get...expediting the process between the Council and Administration, then I will support it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your support, Member Molina. And there's no tail between the legs. Mahalo for asking. And I hope to do...have this in the BFED Committee, and then we can talk about the upgrades that we've all made, including OpenGov, and then we can all give feedback to where we're at and give a status update. Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. And then, Member Johnson --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- how's it going?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm turning it on and off, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then let's see, who else is missing. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think we better move...move it along because our computers are not cooperating.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: They're hungry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. Any other...any other amendments to Budget Program? Okay. I'll ask for consensus again.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(raised their hands in consensus)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then if you'll please unmute yourself and say consensus so that all of your videos pop up on Channel 53.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Consensus.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good. Okay. Now we'll go to the three bills. There are three bills. It's item "g" on the agenda, "h" on the agenda, and "5.a" on the agenda. The first is "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.38.020, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL RESTORATION AND REVOLVING FUND." And I think this...Member Paltin, was this the bill that we were going to refer to Committee?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. And I think I...I had a proviso on that about to ensure that it's a fair, transparent, and respectful process, and that the County takes steps to ensure against bullying and violence. And I believe we also did get some test...written testimony, but I guess we can address that when the bill is in Committee maybe? But it was basically --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- along the lines of, you know, it's not like that...I mean, it's a community...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll refer it to Committee. Yeah. We'll refer it --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- to committee and then we'll discuss it then. Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. The next is "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.81, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND." Okay. Okay. Okay. So this is adding to Economic Development the words "and cultural programs." Ms. Milner, do you have it on...would you be able to share screen?

MS. MILNER: Chair, just a moment.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...okay. So throughout the bill, all it's adding is wherever it makes reference of Economic Development it's also...now it's proposing to include "and cultural programs." Okay. So here at the top of the title "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND" and then down in the purpose, Purpose of the Economic Development and cultural programs, and then below cultural restoration and cultural programs, and then to restore cultural and historic sites and facilities to promote cultural programs. Under the Administration, it just adds and cultural to economic development and cultural programs. And that's it, just wherever it says economic development, it adds and cultural programs (*audio interference*) to...okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Okay. Is there a motion to recommend passage on first reading or we can refer it to Committee? Member Sugimura? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can you hear me now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I move passage of this on first reading.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is there a second? Okay. Second by Member Johnson to recommend passage on first reading of "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.81, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND." Anyone wishing to discuss the motion? I see Member Sinenci, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Just a clarification, this is proposed by the Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I wanted to speak in support of the motion, but ask Ms. Yoshimura if there's plans to get the word out. Because I can probably name a handful of people watching us what we're doing right now in the midst of all the \$800 million of things, and...and I really support it and I want the folks that do cultural programs and stuff to make sure that they all know, you know, so it's not like I'm just going to tell my ten friends or something, you know. So I just was wondering if there was some plans from the Administration to publicize this, or if we should take that on individually?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you. Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, yes, we will work with Economic Development, and as they apply for grants, these funds will also be available. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Anyone opposed? Okay. Eight "ayes," one excused. The motion passes.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of bill.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The last bill for Members' consideration is from Member Sugimura, it is the "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 3.41, MAUI COUNTY CODE, CREATING THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK REVOLVING FUND." Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oops. Do you have the bill to show everyone?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner, do you have the bill?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I move to pass on first reading a brand new bill for an ordinance establishing a new Chapter 3.41, Maui County Code, creating the Kula Agriculture Park Revolving Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Chair Lee. Member Sugimura, if you will explain.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. The reason I did this is...as you know, thank you very much for allowing me to continue on as the Committee Member on behalf of the Council for the Kula Ag Park. And through the years I've been hearing...the farmers now have come to see me about things that like they want a fence for the Kula Ag Park because the growing axis deer problem. And so one of the ideas was to establish this fund and put into the fund the lease payments that are made by the farmers to each individual...for each individual plot that can be used for some of the things that are commonly requested, like security or the fencing or maintenance of the general areas, but not take care of their farms or pay their water bill. So this will just be for another way of establishing a fund so that the Office of Economic Development can therefore use this towards management of the park with the funds that are collected. So that's...that's basically an explanation. I request your support. Oh, and to start off this fund, this year according to the information presented by the Administration, there's about \$30,854. This is for the first ag park, and I guess the second one, the Kula...Maui Ag Park is the second one, there's no tenants yet. But this is the first payment towards it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see Member Sinenci with a question. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, supportive. Just a couple questions. So currently the...the lease fees are going directly to the General Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. And then the...the 34, the first installment payment, where...that is also coming from...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The...the current lease --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- agreements, yeah. So it's...it's the tenants, it's their payment.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And I hope to if we get, you know, more funding towards the park that we can...Kula Ag Park, we can put it in here so that the...they can help maintain and be able to take care of some of their own needs that I've been hearing about through the years. Of course one is the fencing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Okay. Okay. I'll speak to the motion. Okay. I...I support the concept of the...the bill. I think that I...I would like to discuss if, you know, the purpose of collecting the lease payments and rent payments, whatever is going into the fund was meant to pay for something else, or if it was meant...you know, if...if, you know, policy-wise this is something that we would, you know, support that they would pay, you know, a lease payment to the County, and then the County would turn around and give them back the money to build a fence. So...and then with \$34,000 to start, I don't know, I just...I guess I would just like to be able to discuss it more before...before creating the revolving fund to ensure that the intent of helping the Kula farmers is achieved at the Kula Ag Park in building this fence. And I would like to hear what the expectations are in creating the revolving fund. So I'm going to be voting against the motion, and then...yeah. I would...I would prefer it to be referred to Committee. Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just had a question probably for Ms. Sugimura. Is there a mechanism in the bill of how they decide to spend revolving fund monies? Does it...is it something like how every budget time we have to make the appropriation or they...the Administration makes the recommendation of how it will be spent? Like what if they have this 30,000 and the fence costs like 10 million or something, and then they're like well, let's just gravel this pothole or something with this 30 grand. And like how...is it like by vote of the ag farmers, or do the ag farmers take their requests to OED and then OED submits it at budget? Like that the revolving fund monies be used kind of like the SMA Fund? Just...just that's my question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, is your question for Member Sugimura? Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The...the department responsible for this is OED because that's where the...Patrick Ornellas is who takes care of the ag park, and they would be responsible for spending and then reporting. I will tell you that as you know, I've been talking about this fence, and I have some good news about it. So the State department...the State Legislature is actually putting in money in this budget, which I hope it passes, which would cover fencing for the existing Kula Ag Park as well as the brand new one, which is...they call it the Upcountry Kula Park. But it's for...agriculture park. But it...it...we'll get fencing for both. DLNR is...who has...who

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will be designated to help coordinate with us to install it. And then I'm working with Department of Finance just to see how to make that happen. So this all started because I was trying to figure out how to get a fence made, but as it turns out the Legislature is going to help us achieve that wish through the Department of Land and Natural Resources. And you'll hear back from...from me on this because I think we have to come up with an MOU when it's time because that's our land, although they're paying for the...the fence, but just to make this happen there's some coordination. So that's a separate issue, that fence is going to get done. But Tamara, to answer your question, it's OED to take care of how to spend the money. It is so little that every year, all these years it's been going just into the General Fund, and if anything else needs to get paid for, we used to just pay for it through budget amendments or whatever they would request. So I'm just trying to establish a pot so they can, you know, help solve their own problems if possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin? Member Paltin, was your question answered?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So what I got from that is the Kula farmers will make their request known to Mr. Ornellas, Mr. Ornellas will submit a budget proposal through the Mayor, and then we'll vote on it?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I will defer to Michele Yoshimura on that as far as that logistics. . . .*(laughing)*. . . It...it...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, once the fund is set up, we will work with the Kula...the tenants of the Kula Ag Farm *[sic]* and try to address the needs that they present. And of course put an appropriation under this item in Appendix A, Part II. If the...if the fund...or if this bill passes then it would be created in Appendix A, Part II, and we'll put the appropriations there. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Yoshimura.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? If not, I'm going to call for the question. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, Chair, I just wanted to express...you know, I...I support the concept, but I do think it needs to go through Committee because it affects...it doesn't just affect the Kula Ag Park, it affects all the residents around that area. So yeah, even though I support the concept, I'm going to be voting no at this time and hope that we could discuss this in Committee. Because I don't think it's...especially for the State it won't affect the funding that they're looking at. So that's my position on this. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Yeah, I...I too would support Committee referral just so that we can set up some expectations of the fund. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. *(audio interference)* wishing to speak to the motion? Seeing no hands, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. Member Sugimura, Chair Lee, Member Johnson, and Member Paltin. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." No. Okay. Member Sinenci, Member King, Member Molina, and myself. It was four-four, it needs five votes to pass it.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Lee, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers King, Molina, and Sinenci.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can refer it to Committee. Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, everybody. At least...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can we request that it be scheduled right away since there is State money in, you know, impending. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. All right. Those were the three bills for our consideration so we can be done for tonight unless Members want to take up more things. Grant Revenue maybe? No? Yeah? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was wondering if you could give us a foreshadowing of tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. All right. So...so no to Grant Revenue?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I got a lot of bugs here, you know, with the light and bugs and...there's bugs at night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. All right. It's just Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and CDBG, that's all. Consensus? No? Okay. All right. All right, Members. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have to jump off --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the call.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good night, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good night, everybody. Good night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So before...bye, Alice.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So for tomorrow...okay. So for tomorrow we will complete the Office of the Mayor. We'll go...we'll take up the Administration Program first, then the Economic Development Program, Rates and Fees. There are a number of priority proposals. And the Grant Revenue Revolving Fund...Open Space Fund is under this Department, so we'll attempt to take that up. Okay. And then we finished the bills. And then we have Department of Parks and Recreation, and then I'd like to take up Department of Personnel Services and Department of Planning. And if we are...if it's like, you know, around evening time then perhaps we can also take up Department of Police. Department of Personnel Services is really small, so I anticipate that kind of going rather quickly, and then Department of Planning, and so...okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just double checking if my Planning Rates and Fees proposal was received by the Committee?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair, we got it via email.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We got it, Member Paltin. All right. So yeah, so we can take that up tomorrow. And because tomorrow, you know, we'll...is planned...oh, who's speaking? Is speaking...is someone speaking to me?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry, my daughter was complaining about the bugs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. All right. Okay. So I anticipate there being more testimony again. We had about two hours of testimony today, you know, and we usually get a number of testifiers when we have DHHC because of the grants. And because we'll be taking up OED because of the grants, I anticipate, you know, another potentially two-ish hours of testimony, and then we'll take up...we'll finish up Office of the Mayor, Department of Parks and Rec, Personnel Services, Planning, and maybe Police. Sounds good? Any questions on how we'll proceed tomorrow? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No questions, Chair, just a comment. I'm scheduled for my first vaccination shot tomorrow morning, so I...I cannot promise any coherency, but we'll see how it goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. I think you probably have some priority proposals, so I don't know if you want to plan...have a plan B in place if you are not here. Okay. Just...yeah, just a heads-up about that if it...if it's...if it's not...if you're not here then we're...we're going to have to move forward. Okay. Good luck on your shot tomorrow. Okay. Any other questions? Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So it's not a question, it's...just to let you know, I...I told Keani, on Friday my son comes home, he arrives about 2:30 in the afternoon, and we haven't seen him pre-pandemic, you know, so we haven't...he usually comes home Christmas, and we haven't seen him for months and months and months. So if I can, I want to leave and go to the airport and greet him, and I'll come back and, you know, continue on working, but I really would like to greet him with our traditions if possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So is it tomorrow, Member Sugimura? I thought that was next week --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Friday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Monday.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, Friday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Friday. Oh, okay. The 23rd. Okay. Well, we are making really good progress ahead of schedule so, you know, we...we could...we could be done by then, but I won't jinx us. Not jinxing us. Okay. Member Paltin?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess since we're making disclosures, Friday morning I'm scheduled for my second vaccination on that side. So I was going to...the three of us that are doing it are carpooling over. On one app I have a schedule at 8:30, at another one I have at 9:40. I can be on my phone, but then when we get on the Pali to Launiupoko it's kind of spotty. Just that's my disclaimer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. All right. Nothing else to be aware of I guess? Okay. If not, we're going to call it a night. Good job, Members. You are all champions. Okay. It's...so I'll see you all tomorrow morning at 9:00.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good night, everybody.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Po malie e na keiki. Okay. So it's 8:48 on April 20th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 8:48 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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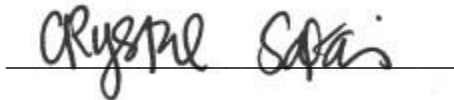
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