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**HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
22nd Session**

DATE: November 6, 2001 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE REAL PROPERTY MINIMUM TAX PROPOSAL (COMM. 387/BILL 121)

REFERRALS

- Comm. 66.2 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT - CLAIMS (April - June 2001) FY 2001
From Corporation Counsel Lincoln S. T. Ashida, dated October 9, 2001, transmitting the quarterly report for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2001 of claims not involving or requiring payments in excess of \$1,500.
- Comm. 102.28: MARIJUANA ERADICATION MISSION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2001
From Police Chief James S. Correa, dated October 18, 2001, transmitting the above report, as required by Resolution No. 46-01. The attached reports indicate the number of plants eradicated and the number of complaints received from the public, the type of complaint and the complaint disposition. Also included is a complaint received on September 19, 2001, which is not related to their mission.
- Comm. 139.3: QUARTERLY REALLOCATION REPORT - 07/01/01 - 09/30/01
From Director of Personnel Michael R. Ben, SPHR, dated October 17, 2001, transmitting the above referenced report of reallocation actions taken on the positions covered by civil service classification and pay laws for the first quarter of the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

- Comm. 387:
(Bill 121) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 11, SECTION 19-90(g), HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION) RELATING TO THE MINIMUM TAX (by increasing the minimum tax of \$25 to \$100 and, thereby, creating a more equitable distribution of County revenue collections among all property owners)
From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated October 8, 2001, transmitting the above bill.
- Comm. 398:
(Bill 123) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-56, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2001 TO JUNE 30, 2002 (by adding the Ali'i Drive Road Improvement project for \$400,000 to the Capital Budget; and
- (Bill 124) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 01-55, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002 (to appropriate \$80,000 of the Beautification Fund's Fund Balance towards the aforementioned capital improvement project)
From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated October 15, 2001, transmitting the above referenced bills. The project includes bicycle, pedestrian, landscaping and scenic view improvements along Oneo Bay from Hualalai Road to Walua Road. The Federal government's share for planning and design is \$320,000 and the County's portion is \$80,000 from the Beautification Fund's Fund Balance.
- Comm. 401:
(Bill 125) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-56, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCING THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2001 TO JUNE 30, 2002 (by adding the La'aloa Bay Beach Park Improvement project for \$150,000 to the Capital Budget)
From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated October 12, 2001, transmitting the above bill. The project includes the construction of parking facilities and pedestrian pathways, preservation of archaeological features, landscaping and other improvements which will alleviate a potential fugitive dust problem, improve accessibility and improve the overall function and appearance of the park.
- Comm. 405:
(Bill 127) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 5 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE (1995 EDITION), RELATING TO REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (by eliminating the requirement of only one reading to adopt a refunding ordinance)
From Council Chairman James Y. Arakaki, dated October 24, 2001, transmitting the above bill. Because the Hawai'i County Charter says that ordinances shall be passed only after two readings, this bill proposes to make the County Code consistent with the County Charter. Attached is a supporting opinion from the Corporation Counsel.

Comm. 406:
(Res. 143-01)

RESOLUTION CREATING A DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (TEMPORARY) POSITION, AN INVESTIGATOR V (TEMPORARY) POSITION, AND A LEGAL CLERK III (TEMPORARY) POSITION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Community Oriented Prosecution [COP] unit in West Hawai'i)

From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated October 19, 2001, transmitting the above resolution. The unit will implement community oriented prosecution strategies to reduce and prevent crime and to increase community involvement in the criminal justice process. Monies through the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial State & Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant will allow for the establishment of these positions to staff the COP unit.

Comm. 407:
(Bill 128)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 01-55, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002 (by appropriating a \$200,000 grant from the Federal Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration)

From Director of Finance William Takaba, dated October 19, 2001, transmitting the above bill. These funds are to be used to develop data and concepts for the County of Hawai'i Hazards Mitigation Plan that should limit the economic impacts of natural disasters.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

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