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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
18th Session**

DATE: November 20, 2001 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (Note: Please turn cell phones, pagers, and other mobile communication devices on silent mode.)

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY THE HAWAII GOLD CACAO TREE, INC. (HGCT), REGARDING THEIR BUSINESS PLAN THAT WILL PROVIDE A NEW CROP FOR HAWAI'I'S FARMERS AND A NEW INDUSTRY FOR HAWAI'I'S CITIZENS.

REFERRAL

Comm. 371: HAWAII GOLD CACAO TREE, INC.'S (HGCT), REQUEST TO DO A PRESENTATION
From Richard J. Oszustowicz, Chairman, Hawaii Gold Cacao Tree, Inc., dated August 10, 2001, stating that for the past three years they have researched and studied the farming and processing of cacao and the manufacturing of cocoa by-products and chocolate in Hawai'i. Requests an opportunity to make a presentation on their plans for farming and processing cacao and manufacturing chocolate in Hawai'i; giving an update on their most recent activities; informing of the development of an education and resource center for cacao farmers to use in order to discuss issues, learn techniques, and conduct workshops in conjunction with the State of Hawai'i Agricultural Department, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Pacific Basin Agricultural Resource Center and the development of a strategy to promote sustainable cacao farming on the Big Island and the State of Hawai'i.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting place is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who need special accommodations to attend this meeting should call 961-8245 by Friday, November 16, 2001. Persons using TDDs may call 961-8521.

(Copies of this agenda and the communication are posted and filed at the County Clerk's Office, 25 Aupuni St., Hilo; the Office of the Mayor, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona; and the Kona Councilmembers' Office, 77-6399 Nalani St., Suite 104, Kailua-Kona. For further information, please call 961-8245. Those wishing to testify, please register with the County Clerk's staff prior to the convening of the meeting. If possible, submit fifteen (15) written copies of testimony to staff prior to the convening of the meeting.)

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