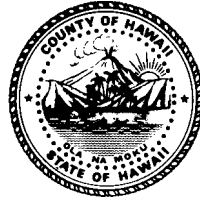


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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
5th Session**

DATE: February 19, 2003 (Wednesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REFERRALS

- Comm. 8.3: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - JANUARY 16 - 31, 2003
From Controller Deanna Sako, dated February 3, 2003, transmitting a Report of Transfers Authorized showing transfers made from January 16 through 31, 2003, and copies of the approved transfer forms.
- Comm. 12.3: MARIJUANA ERADICATION MISSION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2002
From Police Chief Lawrence K. Mahuna, dated January 17, 2003, transmitting the above report of marijuana eradication missions conducted on December 16-18, 2002 in East Hawai'i, and on December 19-20, 2002 in West Hawai'i, as required by Resolution 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.

Comm. 118: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLES 1,7 AND 8 OF THE
(Bill 49) HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), RELATING TO REAL
PROPERTY TAX DEFINITIONS; NON-DEDICATED AGRICULTURAL USE
ASSESSMENT AND AGRICULTURAL USE DEDICATION

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated January 22, 2003, transmitting the above bill.

This Bill amends Chapter 19, Articles 1 (Administration), 7 (Tax Maps, Valuations) and 8 (currently Reserved) of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (1995 Edition), relating to Real Property Tax Definitions; Non-Dedicated Agricultural Use Assessment and Agricultural Use Dedication.

Generally, amendments proposed in this bill include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Adds agricultural-related definitions to clarify terminology.**
- (2) Clarifies the category of *non-dedicated agricultural use assessments*; requires property to be in certain County zoning districts; changes the assessment of those properties from assigned productivity values to a percentage of market value (25%, 50% and 75% beginning July 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively); and changes the tax rollback period.**
- (3) Clarifies the category of *agricultural use dedication* by requiring new dedications be for 10 years and the dedicated property be used for commercial purposes (gross revenues of \$2,000/year); grandfathers 20-year agricultural dedications; requires property to be in certain County zoning districts; changes breach conditions; adds breach exceptions; and changes rollback period.**

Comm. 121: SECOND QUARTER REPORT - CLAIMS/CASES (OCTOBER - DECEMBER
2002) FY 2002-03

From Deputy Corporation Counsel Joseph K. Kamelamela, dated January 28, 2003, transmitting the above report of claims not involving or requiring payments in excess of \$1,500, pursuant to Section 2-9, Hawai'i County Code.

Comm. 122: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE
(Bill 51) 1983 (1995 EDITION) RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION (amends Hawai'i
County Code Section 2-115, Exchange of Real Property, allowing for the exchange
of real property for private property and the waiver of the appraisal requirement
where County roadways encroach into private property)

From Assistant Corporation Counsel Gerald Takase, dated January 24, 2003, transmitting the above bill. The Corporation Counsel's Office has encountered situations when the appraisal report would create an unnecessary expense and therefore request that the Code be changed to waive this report when appropriate.

- Comm. 129:
(Res. 39-03) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO HRS 46-7, FOR A VISITOR ALOHA PROGRAM GRANT; and
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- (Bill 53) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 02-76, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003 (by appropriating a \$40,000 Visitor Aloha Program Grant)
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- From Finance Director William Takaba, dated January 30, 2003, transmitting the above resolution and bill. The State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, has authorized a \$40,000 Visitor Aloha Program Grant to the Department of Research and Development. This program will provide services related to assisting visitors victimized by crime and other adversities while on the Big Island.
- Comm. 130:
(Bill 54) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 02-76, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003 (by increasing the Sewer Fund's Fund Balance Reserve for the Equipment Replacement Fund by \$1,100,000 and appropriating it to the Replacement Reserve Account)
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- From Finance Director William Takaba, dated February 6, 2003, transmitting the above bill. The funds will be used for the Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant Biotower Pump Replacement (\$800,000) and for the King Kamehameha Sewage Pump Station Modifications (\$300,000).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Comm. 775:
(Bill 269)
(2002) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY CODE 1983 (1995 EDITION), BY ADDING A NEW SECTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
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- From Corporation Counsel Lincoln S.Y. Ashida, dated September 25, 2002, transmitting the above bill. Presently, the current Cost of Government Commission is nearing the end of its term and the Commission feels it has only "scraped the surface" with respect to the work they need to accomplish. A permanent Cost of Government Commission will provide members of our public the opportunity to review County operations on an ongoing basis and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council.
- Comm. 124: From Legislative Assistant Erika Yamamoto, dated February 3, 2003, providing more information about the Hawai'i County Charter Commission's intent of establishing the Cost of Government Commission.

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 February 14, 2003. Persons using TDDs may call 961-8521.

(Copies of this agenda and the communications 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 the testimony to staff prior to the convening of the meeting.)

VIEWING OF MEETINGS ON GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION - Channel 52 (Hilo/Kona)
Planning Committee and Finance Committee meetings -Tuesdays, February 25 and March 4, 2003, at 8:30 p.m.; Human Services & Economic Development Committee meeting - Thursdays, February 27 and March 6, 2003, at 8:30 p.m.; and all three Committee meetings - Sunday, March 9, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.