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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS &  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
23rd Session**

**DATE:** May 18, 2004 (Tuesday)  
**PLACE:** Councilroom  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**REFERRALS**

Comm. 617: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE (Res. 184-04) PUNA EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD IN THE HAWAIIAN ACRES SUBDIVISION, DISTRICT OF PUNA, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I  
From Councilmember Bob Jacobson, dated May 4, 2004, transmitting the above resolution.

**DEFERRED TO JUNE 1, 2004 PWIRC MEETING.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Comm. 573: BILL AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I (2000) TO (Bill 255) REORGANIZE THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY COUNCIL BY ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT FUNCTION WITHIN AN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
From County Clerk Al Konishi, dated March 30, 2004, transmitting the above bill. The intent of the proposal is to create an independent Office of the Legislative Auditor in order to improve County government efficiency, effectiveness and integrity. Under the proposed amendment, the Auditor would be appointed by the County Council for an eight year term and could only be removed for cause. Also, the powers of the Legislative Auditor would be augmented and the office's role more clearly defined.

**RECOMMENDS FILING BILL 255.**

*Related communications follow on Page 2.*

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Comm. 573.1: From Council Chairman James Y. Arakaki, dated April 6, 2004, transmitting Bill 255 (Bill 255) Draft 2, which incorporates or clarifies points made by State Auditor Marion Higa in (Draft 2) her attached communication.

**RECOMMENDS FILING BILL 255, DRAFT 2.**

Comm. 573.2: From Royce Dela Cruz, a Boy Scout of Troop 19, dated April 14, 2004, in support of Bill 255. He is writing for his Boy Scout Citizenship in the Community badge.

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Comm. 573.3: From Michael R. Ben, SPHR, Director of Personnel, dated April 19, 2004, offering his comments on Section 3 of Bill 255, Draft 2, in particular, the proposed section titled "Office Established; County Auditor."

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Comm. 573.4: From Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, Deputy Corporation Counsel, dated May 4, 2004, regarding Council authority to appoint and employ staff exempt from civil service. Her memorandum offers a legal opinion in response to the query of what current and future staff positions in the legislative branch of the County of Hawai'i, the County Council, are exempt civil service positions under the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and which positions are civil service.

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## **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 May 14, 2004. 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) Public Works & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Finance Committee meetings - Tuesdays, May 25 and June 1, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; Planning Committee and Human Services & Economic Development Committee meetings - Thursdays, May 27 and June 3, 2004, at 8:30 p.m.; and all four Committee meetings - Sunday, June 6, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.