

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Dates:</b> Wednesday, May 19, 2004	Thursday, May 20, 2004
<b>Times:</b> To Follow Real Property Tax Public Hearing at 5 p.m.	To Follow Real Property Tax Public Hearing at 6 p.m.
<b>Places:</b> County Building County Council Room 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i	'Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort, Room Kahalu'u I 78-6740 Ali'i Drive Kailua-Kona Hawai'i

Pursuant to Section 249-13, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Hawai'i County Council will be holding public hearings to hear testimony on Bill No. 260 and proposed Draft 3 (and/or any other drafts adopted at Council's meeting of May 5, 2004):

Bill No. 260 proposes to amend Chapter 24, Article 4, Section 24-17 of the Hawai'i County Code 1983 (1995 Edition) Relating to Vehicles and Traffic. Bill No. 260 proposes to raise the annual vehicle weight tax rate for passenger vehicles by ¼ cent per pound (from ½ cent to ¾ cent per pound). It also proposes to raise the rate for trucks, truck-tractors, road tractors, trailers and semi-trailers weighing 6,500 pounds or more by 1 cent (from 1 cent to 2 cents per pound). Bill No. 260 commits the increased revenues to fund ongoing highway maintenance, resurfacing, and paving of roads in the County. Proposed Draft 3 commits a portion of increased revenues for Mass Transit Agency Services. The effective date of the proposed vehicle weight tax increase would be January 1, 2005.

Copies of these bills may be reviewed at the Office of the County Clerk, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i; the Office of the Mayor, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i; and the County Council's Kona Branch Office, 77-6399 Nalani Street, Suite 104, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i (during the hours of 8 a.m. through 4 p.m.).

All persons desiring to express their views on the above matter may do so orally at the hearing and must register prior to the convening of the meeting. Those unable to attend may submit their written statements by Wednesday, May 19, 2004, 4:30 p.m. to the County Clerk's Office, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720. Written statements submitted after this date, through May 20, 2004, 4 p.m., may be submitted to the County Council's Kona Branch Office, 77-6399 Nalani Street, Suite 104, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740.

The meeting place is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who need special accommodations to attend this hearing should call 961-8255 by May 17, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please call 961-8255.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY CLERK

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