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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
15th Session**

DATE: July 21, 2005 (Thursday)
PLACE: Councilroom
TIME: 9:00 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

Presentation on gasification/biocatalytic technology by James L. Stewart, Vice President and Director of Marketing of BRI Energy Hawai'i (Comm. 365).

REFERRALS

- Comm. 24.13: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - JUNE 16-30, 2005
From Deanna Sako, Controller, dated July 11, 2005, transmitting a Report of Transfers Authorized showing transfers made from June 16-30, 2005, and copies of the approved transfer forms.
- Comm. 345:
(Res. 128-05) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I TO ENTER INTO MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRONIC LEGAL RESEARCH FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008
From Assistant Corporation Counsel Gerald Takase, dated July 5, 2005, transmitting the above resolution. This electronic researching capability has been used to assist all County departments, is shared with the Council staff, and is a requirement in today's legal environment.
- Comm. 348: MONETARY DONATION OF \$79 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO BE USED TOWARDS PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT AT THE PU'UEO COMMUNITY CENTER/WAINAKU GYM COMPLEX (from the Young at Heart Dance Group from Kamana Senior Center)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 5, 2005, requesting Council's approval of the above donation.

- Comm. 349:
(Res. 129-05) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A POOL TABLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (estimated total value of \$2,500; donated by the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 5, 2005, transmitting the above resolution. This donation of an Ohana Billiards Rockwell pool table is for the seniors of the Yano Senior Center.
- Comm. 354:
(Res. 131-05) A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING/APPROPRIATING AN APPROPRIATION OUT AND FROM THE DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT(S) AND CREDITING SAME TO A DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT(S) (transfers \$6,000 out and from the Police Special Duty - Other Current Expenses account and credits same to the new Police Special Duty - Equipment account)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 8, 2005, transmitting the above resolution. This transfer requires Council approval, as the equipment base account does not exist in the current Operating Budget. Funds are needed to purchase computer equipment for two Special Duty Clerks, as their current ones are outdated and inefficient.
- Comm. 355:
(Res. 132-05) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) FROM THE HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE NA LEO O NA 'OPIO YOUTH ACTION SUMMIT; and
- (Bill 118) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 05-86, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 (by appropriating a \$5,000 Na Leo O Na 'Opio Youth Action Summit grant)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 8, 2005, transmitting the above resolution and bill. This Summit is held each year by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for high school students throughout the island to learn leadership and team building skills.
- Comm. 356:
(Res. 133-05) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM (DBEDT) PURSUANT TO HRS 46-7, FOR A GEOTHERMAL OUTREACH GRANT; and
- (Bill 119) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 05-86, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 (by appropriating a \$95,602 Geothermal Outreach grant)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 8, 2005, transmitting the above resolution and bill. The U.S. Department of Energy, through DBEDT, has authorized the above grant to the Department of Research and Development. The purpose of this grant is to conduct a feasibility study for viable commercial Geothermal Direct Use (GDU) enterprises in the Kapoho region of Puna on the Island of Hawai'i, and to coordinate community education and outreach programs to disseminate GDU information and to gather input and comments pertinent to the feasibility study.

- Comm. 357: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 05-86, AS AMENDED, THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 (by appropriating the remaining \$18,420 to the Disabled Persons Parking program)
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated July 8, 2005, transmitting the above bill. In 2004, the State Legislature appropriated funds to compensate the County of Hawai'i and the other three counties for issuing parking placards under the Statewide Program on Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Previously, the State released 50 percent of Hawai'i County's share (\$18,420), which was appropriated by Ordinance No. 05-15. On June 30, 2005, the County was notified by the State of Hawai'i Department of Health - Disability and Communication Access Board that the remaining funds had been released.
- Comm. 365: PRESENTATION ON GASIFICATION/BIOCATALYTIC TECHNOLOGY BY JAMES L. STEWART, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF MARKETING OF BRI ENGERGY HAWAI'I
From Finance Committee Chair Virginia Isbell, dated July 11, 2005, requesting the above presentation to be made at the Committee on Finance on July 21, 2005, to address the possibility of solving the County's mounting solid waste problem in East Hawai'i. States that BRI Energy Hawai'i commercializes this technology throughout the nation and world, and that 80 percent of all waste could be converted to beneficial products using their process.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/ADJOURNMENT

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Note: Videoconferencing from the Kona Mayor's Office is not available for this meeting.

Those persons wishing to testify in person must register with the County Clerk's staff. Those testifying in person and submitting written testimony at the meeting should bring sixteen (16) copies of the testimony for distribution at the meeting. Those persons unable to testify in person may submit testimony 1) by mail to the County Clerk's Office in Hilo at the above address; 2) by facsimile to (808) 961-8912; or 3) by e-mail to counciltestimony@co.hawaii.hi.us. Copies will be made and distributed at the meeting when transmitted in a timely manner. In any case, both oral and written testimony will be made a part of the public record.

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Finance and Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Committee meetings - Fridays, July 29 and August 5, 2005, at 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 7, 2005, at 10:30 a.m.

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