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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
12th Session**

DATE: May 15, 2007 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
Ben Franklin Building, 2nd Floor
333 Kīlauea Ave
Hilo, Hawai'i
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REFERRALS

Comm. 20.8: TRANSFER OF FUNDS - APRIL 16 - 30, 2007
Close file From Deanna Sako, Controller, dated May 4, 2007, transmitting a Report of Transfers Authorized showing transfers from April 16, 2007 through April 30, 2007. Copies of the approved transfer forms are attached for reference.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Higa, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 9.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Comm. 373: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 20, 2008
(Res. 184-07) From Finance Committee Chairperson Dominic Yagong, dated May 1, 2007, transmitting the above resolution. The proposed schedule of property tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year has no changes from the previous year.

Recommends adoption of Res. 184-07.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Higa, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 9.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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Comm. 377: A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO FUNDING THE COST ITEMS AGREED
(Res. 186-07) UPON BY THE EMPLOYERS AND THE HAWAI'I GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (HGEA) UNITS 02, 03, 04, 13 AND EMPLOYEES
EXCLUDED FROM THOSE UNITS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated April 26, 2007, transmitting the above resolution in accordance with Section 89-10(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Cost items presented for the Council's consideration are across-the-board increases, step movements, increases to meal allowances, increase in night differential and increases in per diem rates. In addition, compensatory time will be capped at 240 hours.

Recommends adoption of Res. 186-07.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Higa, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 9.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Comm. 381: A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO FUNDING THE COST ITEMS AWARDED
(Res. 188-07) BY ARBITRATION TO THE HAWAI'I GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION (HGEA) BARGAINING UNIT 09 FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated April 27, 2007, transmitting the above resolution in accordance with Sections 89-11(e) and (g), Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The settlement, awarded by the arbitration panel to resolve the impasse between the employer and HGEA Unit 09, includes across-the-board increases, step movements and an increase in night differential.

Recommends adoption of Res. 188-07.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Higa, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 9.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Comm. 382: **INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT
(IPFNA): IMPACT FEE STUDY**

Close file

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated April 30, 2007, transmitting the above study, which is a statutory requirement and prerequisite to the adoption of an Impact Fee Ordinance for the County of Hawai'i. The attached study covered assessment fees for police, fire, parks, roads, sewers and solid waste. In accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 46-142, impact fees for water were not included as the Board of Water Supply is the only authorizing body for the imposition of impact fees for water. The Mayor explains the purpose of the study and the definition of Impact Fee, and discusses the reasons for initiation of the study. After much consideration and detailed discussions with department heads, the Administration recommends that the County not proceed with an Impact Fee Ordinance at this time. An overview of the reasons for this recommendation is provided.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 8.

Noes: Committee Member Higa - 1.

Absent: None.

Comm. 394: **A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO FUNDING THE COST ITEMS AGREED
(Res. 194-07) UPON BY THE EMPLOYERS AND THE UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS (UPW)
UNIT 1 AND EMPLOYEES EXCLUDED FROM BARGAINING UNIT 01 FOR
THE CONTRACT PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009**

From Mayor Harry Kim, dated May 4, 2007, transmitting the above resolution in accordance with 89-10-(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes. Cost items presented for the Council's consideration are across-the-board increases, replacement of identification tags, increase in stand-by work, increase in night differential, increases in meal allowances, increases in drug testing, and increases in per diem.

Recommends adoption of Res. 194-07.

Ayes: Committee Members Ford, Higa, Hoffmann, Ikeda, Jacobson, Naeole, Pilago, Yoshimoto and Chair Yagong - 9.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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