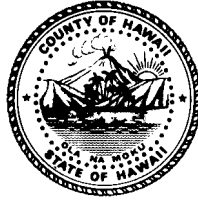


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**HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4th Session**

DATE: April 17, 2007 (Tuesday)
PLACE: Councilroom
Hilo, Hawai'i
TIME: 3:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REFERRALS

Comm. 295: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND DESIGNATED COUNCIL MEMBER TO COORDINATE WITH AN ESTABLISHED HAWAI'I ISLAND PIG HUNTERS ASSOCIATION TO FORMULATE A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO TRAP INVASIVE FERAL PIG POPULATIONS IN HAWAI'I ISLAND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES AND AGRICULTURAL FARM LOTS
From Councilmember Dominic Yagong, dated March 27, 2007, transmitting the above resolution.

Comm. 302: PRESENTATION BY WILLIAM W. M. STEINER, DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I - HILO, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, ON THE FEASIBILITY OF GROWING VARIOUS TROPICAL PLANTS AND TREES FOR BIOFUEL PRODUCTION IN HAWAI'I COUNTY (development of a new biofuel industry for Hawai'i County creating our own fuel and energy resources)
From Human Services and Economic Development Committee Chair Emily I. Naeole, dated April 5, 2007, requesting time at the Human Services & Economic Development Committee meeting on April 17, 2007, for the above presentation. Attaches a copy of a letter from Dean Steiner, dated April 1, 2007, stating the University will conduct research to determine the mix of crops suitable for the different microclimates that exist in Hawai'i County, as agricultural producers wish to see a "proof of concept" to demonstrate that these crops can be grown economically and trouble free before committing millions of dollars to new plantations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Comm. 157: APPLICATIONS FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR COUNTY GRANT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008
From Finance Director William Takaba, dated February 5, 2007, submitting the qualifying applications from nonprofit organizations pursuant to Chapter 2, Article 25, Hawai'i County Code, for the Council's review and appropriation of funds for inclusion in the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Thirty-six (36) organizations have submitted applications for 57 programs, totaling \$1,778,800. Attaches a list of organizations, the program titles, and amount requested including three (3) that were ruled ineligible.

Postponed: February 21, 2007

- Comm. 157.4: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 APPROPRIATIONS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
From Human Services and Economic Development Committee (HSEDC) Chair Emily I. Naeole, dated March 30, 2007, transmitting the above recommendations for inclusion in the County of Hawai'i's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. States the recommendations have been developed through an intense review of qualifying applications submitted to the Department of Finance, interviews and/or site visits, and strong consideration of recommendations submitted by Councilmembers who were part of the Ad Hoc Committee who attended the interviews and site visits. Recommendations include an additional \$600,000 to the awards bringing the total amount of grant awards to \$1.5 million.

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