

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

September 7, 2001

**Committee**  
**Report No.** 01-152

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on August 14, 2001, makes reference to the following:

1. County Communication No. 01-73, from the Chair of the Cost of Government Commission, transmitting the "Interim Report on Landfill Amnesty Days" dated November 21, 2000, and the "Interim Report on Per-Bag Trash Collection Fee" dated December 19, 2000; and
2. County Communication No. 01-174, from the Chair, Cost of Government Commission, transmitting the Cost of Government Commission's "Report of Findings and Recommendations for Commission Year April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001".

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, an Executive Assistant from the Office of the Mayor, the Acting Chief of the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works and Waste Management, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee Chair summarized the issues reviewed by the Cost of Government Commission, which was attached to County Communication No. 01-174. He noted that the Commission stated that it was challenged by poor attendance, which resulted in several meetings being cancelled for a lack of a quorum.

Your Committee's discussion then centered on the two interim reports submitted with County Communication No. 01-73.

The Budget Director informed your Committee that beginning with July 1, 2001 (Fiscal Year 2002), the amnesty days at the landfill were increased from once a month to once a week, or from 12 to 52 days per year.

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The Executive Assistant, assigned as staff to the Cost of Government Commission, informed your Committee that the Department of Public Works and Waste Management has decided not to implement a per-bag trash fee at this time. He further noted that the Mayor has recently established a Recycling Task Force, which will be chaired by Ms. Lee Guthrie.

Your Committee raised several concerns, including: (1) a perceived increase in illegal dumping; (2) the use of Sunday as the amnesty day; (3) the absence of a County-sponsored recycling program; and (4) the lack of an incentive for residents to recycle.

Your Committee voted to recommend that the Cost of Government Commission's "Interim Report on Landfill Amnesty Days" and the "Interim Report on Per-Bag Trash Collection Fee" be referred to the Mayor's Recycling Task Force.

Your Committee further voted to recommend that the matter relating to landfill amnesty days and per-bag trash collection fees, and copies of the Cost of Government Commission's "Interim Report on Landfill Amnesty Days" and "Interim Report on Per-Bag Trash Collection Fee" be referred to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Finally, your Committee voted to file all communications.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That copies of the Cost of Government Commission's "Interim Report on Landfill Amnesty Days" and "Interim Report on Per-Bag Trash Collection Fee" be REFERRED to the Mayor's Recycling Task Force;
2. That the matter relating to landfill amnesty days and per-bag trash collection fees, and copies of the Cost of Government Commission's "Interim Report on Landfill Amnesty Days" and "Interim Report on Per-Bag Trash Collection Fee" be REFERRED to the Public Works and Transportation Committee;

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3.     That County Communication No. 01-73 be FILED; and
4.     That County Communication No. 01-174 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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