

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 16, 2001

**Committee
Report No.**

01-219

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 October 30, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-282, from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, RELATING TO THE GOOD BEGINNINGS PROGRAM".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the acceptance of a \$34,000 grant for the Good Beginnings Program from the State Department of Human Services.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Budget, relating to grant revenues, to appropriate \$34,000 for the Good Beginnings Program in the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Budget Director informed your Committee that this grant was not anticipated, and therefore, was not included in the FY 2002 Budget.

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The Director of Housing and Human Concerns provided a brief overview of the Good Beginnings Program. She stated that the program is a free, family-education program for parents (or other family caregivers) and their children, from birth through age five. She explained that children and parents participate in play-and-learn activities, and are guided by early childhood teachers. Following the activity, parents participate in discussion time, during which they share experiences and learn more about their child's development.

Your Committee expressed support and appreciation for the work performed by the Good Beginnings Coordinator.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, passage of the proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, RELATING TO THE GOOD BEGINNINGS PROGRAM" be ADOPTED;
2. That Bill No. _____ (2001), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS" PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT; and
3. That County Communication No. 01-282 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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