

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## Meeting Agenda

December 1, 2004

10:00 a.m.

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## GR-11(2) 2005 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC) LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

### DESCRIPTION:

The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated November 9, 2004, from the Committee Chair, transmitting correspondence dated November 9, 2004 from the President of HSAC requesting consideration of the following proposals for inclusion in the 2005 HSAC Legislative Package:

1. A proposal allowing the counties to charge and collect an additional fee for issuance, reissuance, or return of a driver's license after a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.
2. A proposal requiring the State to transfer fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions to the county in which the violations occurred.
3. A proposal authorizing the counties to increase the maximum fee that may be charged for motor vehicle registration from \$5 to \$10 to defray additional costs relating to abandoned or derelict vehicles.

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4. A proposal increasing from 45 to 75 days the timeframe within which a legislative body must approve or disapprove an affordable housing project under Section 201G-118, Hawaii Revised Statutes; clarifying that the expedited deadline for approval or disapproval by the legislative body shall not apply to proposed amendments to a project that has previously been approved; and requiring that the "corporation" (Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii or the county administration) hold at least one public hearing in the community plan area where the project would be developed.
5. A proposal authorizing the counties with a population of at least 200,000 to establish a general excise tax.
6. A proposal to clarify the requirement imposed on political subdivisions to reimburse the legislative auditor for the cost of financial audits conducted by the legislative auditor from funds appropriated by the legislature.
7. A proposal to repeal the sunset dates contained in Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, and Act 190, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, as amended by Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, and as further amended by Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002. Both acts provide limited immunity to the counties and State in their efforts to provide warning signs and lifeguard services at State and county beach parks.
8. A proposal to designate a portion of the State conveyance tax for affordable housing.
9. A proposal for appropriations for expenses of the 2005 National Association of Counties Annual Conference and Exposition in Honolulu.

**STATUS:** The Committee may consider whether to recommend approval of the above-listed proposals, with or without revisions, for inclusion in the 2005 HSAC Legislative Package. The Committee may also consider other related action.

## **GR-12(3)**

### **2005 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated November 9, 2004, from the Committee Chair, transmitting the following proposals for consideration of inclusion in the 2005 Maui County Legislative Package:

1. A proposal allowing the counties to charge and collect an additional fee for issuance, reissuance, or return of a driver's license after a conviction of driving under the influence of intoxicants.
2. A proposal requiring the State to transfer fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions to the county in which the violations occurred.
3. A proposal authorizing the counties to increase the maximum fee that may be charged for motor vehicle registration from \$5 to \$10 to defray additional costs relating to abandoned or derelict vehicles.
4. A proposal requiring motor vehicle insurers to notify the police department in the county in which a vehicle is registered of the cancellation of or the refusal to renew no-fault insurance.
5. A proposal increasing from 45 to 75 days the timeframe within which a legislative body must approve or disapprove an affordable housing project under Section 201G-118, Hawaii Revised Statutes; clarifying that the expedited deadline for approval or disapproval by the legislative body shall not apply to proposed amendments to a project that has previously been approved; and requiring that the "corporation" (Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii or the county administration) hold at least one public hearing in the community plan area where the project would be developed.
6. A proposal authorizing the counties with a population of at least 200,000 to establish a general excise tax.
7. A proposal authorizing the "instant" impoundment of vehicles where: (1) a vehicle is operated without insurance or evidence of insurance, as required by Chapter 431-10C and Section 286-116, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), respectively;

(2) a vehicle is operated without a current certificate of inspection, as required by Chapter 286, Part II, HRS; (3) a driver operates a vehicle without a license required by Section 286-102, HRS; or (4) if not already covered by Section 249-10, HRS, a vehicle is operated without current registration.

8. A proposal to clarify the requirement imposed on political subdivisions to reimburse the legislative auditor for the cost of financial audits conducted by the legislative auditor from funds appropriated by the legislature.
9. A proposal to repeal the sunset dates contained in Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, and Act 190, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, as amended by Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 1999, and as further amended by Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002. Both acts provide limited immunity to the counties and State in their efforts to provide warning signs and lifeguard services at State and county beach parks.
10. A proposal for appropriations for expenses of the 2005 National Association of Counties Annual Conference and Exposition in Honolulu.

**STATUS:** The Committee may consider whether to recommend approval of the above-listed proposals, with or without revision, for inclusion in the 2005 Maui County Legislative Package. The Committee may also consider other related action.

## **GR-16 DEFERRED COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY OF MAUI EMPLOYEES**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. County Communication No. 04-28, from Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, relating to the matter of deferred compensation for County of Maui employees.
2. Correspondence dated November 22, 2004 from Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, transmitting a proposed resolution, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a new deferred compensation agreement with Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

**STATUS:** The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution with or without revision. The Committee may also consider the possible filing of County Communication No. 04-28 and other related action.

## **GR-23 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee is in receipt of County Communication No. 04-284, from the Council Chair, transmitting a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SALARIES OF PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND OTHER COUNCIL STAFF". The purpose of the draft bill is to adjust the salaries of personnel in the Office of Council Services (OCS) and other Council staff. OCS salaries are set by reference to certain pay levels established by collective bargaining or by the Salary Commission.

**STATUS:** The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of the draft bill on first reading, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the possible filing of County Communication No. 04-284 and other related action.