

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

October 1, 2010

**Committee  
Report No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Committee of the Whole, having met on September 16, 2010, makes reference to County Communication No. 09-15, from Michael J. Molina, Chair of your Committee, relating to the matter of nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated September 2, 2010, (received September 2, 2010), Mayor Charmaine Tavares transmitted the nomination of Ronald Kawahara (replacing Norma Barton) to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2012. The deadline for the Council to approve or disapprove Mr. Kawahara's nomination is November 1, 2010.

Your Committee notes that general appointment procedures for nominees to the Cost of Government Commission are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code ("MCC").

Your Committee further notes that when a vacancy occurs due to death, resignation, or removal, the Mayor is required to submit a nominee within 30 days from the date of the occurrence, and the Council shall have 60 days thereafter to approve or disapprove the nominee. If the Council fails to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominee within the time period provided, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. If the Council disapproves a nominee, it shall immediately notify the Mayor of its action.

Your Committee further notes that specific provisions for the Cost of Government Commission are contained in Chapter 16 of the Charter.

Your Committee noted that Mr. Kawahara is a well-known certified public accountant, devoting much of his time to volunteer work in the community, and that he would make a great addition to the Cost of Government Commission.

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Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend approval of Ronald Kawahara to the Cost of Government Commission. Committee Chair Molina, and members Baisa, Kaho`ohalahala, Medeiros, Nishiki, and Pontanilla voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair Mateo and members Johnson and Victorino were excused.

Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That the nomination of Ronald Kawahara to the Cost of Government Commission be APPROVED for a term expiring on March 31, 2012; and
2. That a copy of this committee report be TRANSMITTED to the Mayor of the County of Maui.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of the Council.

  
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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair