

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

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DISPARITY OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL VERSUS NON-AGRICULTURAL LANDS

DESCRIPTION:

The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. County Communication 11-227, from Councilmember Mike White, relating to the disparity of real property assessments for agricultural versus non-agricultural lands, including the matter of an investigative group as permitted under Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
2. Correspondence dated October 11, 2011, from the Chair of the Committee, confirming the establishment of a Temporary Investigative Group ("TIG") to make findings and

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recommendations on policies relating to the apparent disparity of real property assessments for agricultural use versus non-agricultural use and advising that the TIG shall be dissolved upon presentation of its findings and recommendations to the Committee.

3. Correspondence dated November 4, 2011, from the Chair of the TIG, transmitting the TIG's findings and recommendations.
4. Correspondence dated November 9, 2011, from Councilmember Mike White, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE TAX ASSESSMENT OF HOMESITES ON PARCELS RECEIVING AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENTS". The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, as it relates to the real property tax valuation of the homesite portions of parcels receiving agricultural use assessments (discounted tax treatment for lands classified and used for agriculture).

STATUS: The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication 11-227 and other related action.

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