

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 25, 2013

**Committee
Report No.** _____

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 July 2, 2013, makes reference to County Communication 12-206, from Council Vice-Chair Joseph Pontanilla, relating to the matter of appropriations made for computer equipment and equivalent personnel for the Department of Finance, Real Property Tax Division ("Division") in the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2013 Budget.

Your Committee notes in the FY 2013 Budget the Council added two equivalent personnel to expand the Division's ability to review properties receiving agricultural use assessments for compliance with actual agricultural use.

The Council also appropriated \$980,000 to update the Division's Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal system. The updated computer system would enable the Division to conduct an initial review of parcels throughout the County electronically and minimize the need for in-person site inspections.

The Director of Finance noted the Division hired a Geographic Information Systems Analyst in May 2013 and is in the process of establishing a Valuation Analyst position.

He further noted a contract for the computer system has been executed. The upgrade of the system is estimated to be completed by January 2014. The system will be implemented for the cost analysis of the 2015 tax year.

The Director explained how the Division's use of Pictometry or aerial photography software and additional personnel have contributed towards an increase in revenue for the County.

Accordingly, your Committee determined further discussion on the matter is no longer needed.

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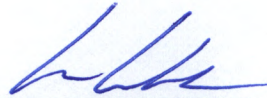
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Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair White, Vice-Chair Hokama, and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, and Victorino voted "aye". Committee member Guzman was excused.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication 12-206 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MIKE WHITE, Chair

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