

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 30, 2013

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 9:08 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Mike White, Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair (Out 5:02 p.m.)
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member (In 9:43 a.m.)
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member

STAFF: Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst
Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst
Josiah Nishita, Legislative Analyst
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary
Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary (via telephone conference bridge from Lanai Council Office)
Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Sananda K. Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Jacob Verkerke, Information Systems Manager, Management Information Systems Division, Department of Management
Herman T. Andaya, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
Brian Hashiro, Chief of Field Operations and Maintenance, Highways Division, Department of Public Works
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the gallery:

Roderick W. Antone, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
William J. Medeiros, Geographic Services Manager, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division, Department of Management
John Buck III, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Mayor

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OTHERS: Craig McDonough
Susun White, Executive Director, Paia Youth and Cultural Center
Lucy Feinberg, Maui Regional Director,, Parents and Children Together
J. D. Wyatt, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui
Billy Jalbert, Board President, Paia Youth and Cultural Center
Dorothy Kamalu Kaho`okele, Founder and President, Nahiku Community Association
John McKee, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, University of Hawaii Maui College
Lisa Darcy, Executive Director, Ho`omoana Foundation
Jaymeesha Strom
Thomas Soliben
Jocelyn Bouchard, CEO, The Maui Humane Society
Rebecca L. Woods, CEO, Ka Hale A Ke Ola
Folingi Hiliau, Youth Facilitator, Kihei Youth Center
Alisha Harrold, Youth Facilitator, Kihei Youth Center
Thomas Croly
Roy Katsuda, Executive Director, Hale Mahaolu
Doarcy Henderson, Case Manager, Aloha House
Debbie Cabebe, Chief Programs Officer, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Paula Ambre, Executive Director, The Maui Farm
Jani Sheppard, CEO, Maui Family Support Services, Inc.
Kathy Louis, Personal Care Director, Hale Mahaolu
Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika
Rosemary S. Robbins
Robert Collesano, Executive Director, Mental Health Association dba Mental Health America/Maui
Pinky Mendoza, Program Director, Hale Kau Kau
Pualani Enos, Executive Director, Hui Malama Learning Center
Debbie Butay, Director of Finance, Maui Family Support Services, Inc.
Marsha Jones, Maui Family Support Services, Inc.
Terryl Vencl
Jeanne Skog
Art Vento
Ten (10) additional unidentified attendees

PRESS: *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*
Melissa Tanji, The Maui News

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . .This meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will please come to order. Good morning, Members. I'd like to start by recognizing the presence of our Committee Vice-Chair, Riki Hokama --

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman.

CHAIR WHITE: --good morning, and our Council Chair, Gladys Baisa --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: --and Members Cochran --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha and good morning, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: --Couch --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: --Guzman --

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Good morning.

CHAIR WHITE: --and Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. And Ms. Crivello will be joining us shortly. This morning, again, we have our Committee Secretary, Camille Sakamoto and Analysts Scott Kaneshina, Michele Yoshimura, and Josiah Nishita, and we have our Budget Director, Sandy Baz --

MR. BAZ: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: --and Deputy Corporation Counsel, Jeffrey Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 13-100 and CC 13-124)

CHAIR WHITE: And without objection, Members, we will start public testimony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR WHITE: So far this morning in the Chambers, we have 20 signed up and we have somebody in, I believe it's Hana, and no one on Molokai or Lanai as yet. So, as we've done in previous days, we'll go five in the Chamber and then go to Hana and the other Districts to check. And with that, we will call our first testifier, that is Craig McDonough, and he will be followed by Susun White.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MR. McDONOUGH: Good morning. I'm a voting member of the community and I'm a disabled person. I have to pay rent. I live, I live with other disabled people in a group home. I have to pay rent and that leaves me with not enough money for a bus pass because they're full price for me. So I have very, I have a lot of difficulty getting around because I only have a few dollars extra after I pay my rent. But Oahu has disabled bus pass. I think it's very unfair to the people of Maui, the disabled people of Maui, that we don't have it, a disabled bus pass. That's all I have.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. McDonough.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Members, any questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Mr. McDonough, thank you for your testimony. You realize that we have the MEO Bus, which assists you, as a disabled person, or anybody, the elderly, you can get picked up at your site, your residence, taken to whatever doctors, whatever appointments and brought back? You, have you utilized that?

MR. McDONOUGH: It's a very difficult, that's a very difficult system. If, it would be, I have not utilized that because you gotta get a bus pass for that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, you don't.

MR. McDONOUGH: As far as I know.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, you don't. No, you don't. I'll give you, later on, you stop by, and I'll get you a name and number of Ms. McNeff, the Head of MEO and she can explain the service better to you. But there's no buss pass needed for MEO.

MR. McDONOUGH: But it would be, it would be so nice if I could just buy a bus pass for the month and then...

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, it, I'm just trying to help you out because it's just a phone call and you can, they can pick you up right at your location. They don't, you don't have to walk to a bus stop and all that. So, you know, please, check with my office and I'll get you more information on that, Mr. McDonough.

MR. McDONOUGH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you, Sir.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. McDonough. Susun White will be followed by Lucy Feinberg.

MS. WHITE: Aloha. My name is Susun White and I'm...

CHAIR WHITE: Could you pull the microphone down just a little bit?

MS. WHITE: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MS. WHITE: Aloha. My name is Susun White and I'm the Executive Director of the Paia Youth and Cultural Center. I had submitted testimony, written testimony back when you all were coming around to the communities to have increase for funding for the Paia Youth and Cultural Center, and I'm here for one last time to request that funding be increased to the Paia Youth and Cultural Center. We have doubled our membership in the last four years and I am down two staff even with double membership. We have managed to maintain operations as is but it's gotten to a point in our budget that I'm looking into going into Fiscal Year 2014 that unless I see an increase of funding from somewhere that I'm going to have to cut all staff, including myself 20 percent. We, I have done, I've, a remarkable good job, I think, over the last 20 years in maintaining a very frugal-type budget for the Paia Youth and Cultural Center and it's due to situations that are outside of our control, basically an extreme decrease in donations from a major donor, that has put us in this situation. So I would be willing to have property taxes raised a little bit to have our youth center funding increased.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Ms. White, for being here. And how much were you looking for an increase?

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MS. WHITE: I'm, I asked for 50,000 but I have put out grants to Maui United Way and also to the Hawaii Community Foundation Flex Fund that we have not received word about. So I might not need that much depending upon what the word is from those two organizations.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you for coming this morning. I just have one question. If you were to, able, for those grants that you applied for, if they were able to come through for you, how much of the County appropriation would you then need?

MS. WHITE: Twenty grand.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Twenty grand. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Any other questions, Members? Appreciate your coming this morning.

MS. WHITE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Lucy Feinberg will be followed by J. D. Wyatt.

MS. FEINBERG: Good morning, Mr. White and Council members. Thank you for the opportunity today to speak to you regarding our continued and second-year funding for our County Partnership Grant for the Maui, for the Family Peace Center, Puuhonua, or place of peace and safety. We assisted 277 victims last year and so far this year we've assisted 210 victim/survivors to obtain temporary restraining orders, and many of them entered our support group where we provide a strength based and trauma informed group where they develop their skills in order to increase safety for themselves and for their children. We have more than met our numerical goals and we are headed this year even more so, more than we even expected. I brought a statement from one of our Puuhonua clients that I would like to read to you. Very short. The day I walked into PACT, I was floundering, searching for a way to heal. I was hurting deeply inside, realizing it was compromising my existence. I was desperately trying to come to terms with the destruction, chaos, and utter despair that I, that had unraveled my world and my family's. I was not only seeking answers, I had read all the right books, kept a journal, which helped me to find the courage to leave an abusive relationship. Yes, I had done my homework. But there were some very missing links. I opened the door that day to PACT, but Connie is the one who gave me the key to wellness and to hope. She provided me with concrete ways of working toward goals and tools to make them a reality. With the insight, positive reinforcement

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and encouragement coupled with her passion to make a real difference in our world in regards to violence toward women and the welfare of children that was affected as well. She has given us resources, well thought-out plans of action, exercises in positive thinking, and ways to really look at how and why we got where we did to begin with, self-empowering ways to build our confidence. With Connie's help and the needed resources of PACT, I feel extremely hopeful and determined to do the work of our families and heal the patterns of dysfunction and have a real chance to empower generations of women by giving back one day what Connie has done for me. She has been a light at the end of a very dark tunnel. I don't think I would have come there nearly as unscathed as I have without the help of Parents and Children Together that they have provided for our community. I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart. I know that we, you share...

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. FEINBERG: Oh. I just wanna say I know you share the importance of the safety of women and men who are victims of intimate partner violence, and we wanna prevent any more horrible, horrific experiences that we just had on Molokai with Malia Kahalewai who gave up her life and her children are now left with no mother. Thank you for your support and again we always say there is help available, please call PACT if you have any friends or family members who may need our assistance. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Feinberg. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, J. D. Wyatt will be followed by Bill Jalbert.

MR. WYATT: Good morning, Chair White and Council members. My name is J. D. Wyatt. I am the Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Maui and I'm here today to thank you for your past support of our organization and in advance for future support. I'm proud to say that our mission is to provide Maui County's children facing adversity with professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships that change the lives of both the little and the big in that match for the better forever. And through the third quarter of this Fiscal Year, we're already at 133 percent of what we stated as our community service goals for Fiscal Year 2013. So we've asked for a similar amount, no increases, and we'd like to thank you again for the support of our organization.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Wyatt. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. And our next testifier is, well after Mr. Jalbert, we will be going to the districts.

MR. JALBERT: Aloha, County Council members and Chairman.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MR. JALBERT: I am a Paia resident, a small business owner, father, and volunteer board member at Paia Youth and Cultural Center. Quite frankly, I never thought I would be standing in front of

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the County Council asking you to raise my property taxes, but I am here on behalf of the thousands of children of Maui County that are members of the youth centers. I know that all youth centers on Maui are bursting at the seams. Since the beginning of our recessions, of the recession, our memberships have exploded. PYCC's membership has doubled over the last four years and our budget allocation from the County has remained flat. In reality, our budget is being eviscerated by State funding cuts and reduction in private donations. We are doing a lot more with a lot less and our children really need your help. Maui County is climbing out of the recession pretty nicely. Employment is up. Tourism is up. Commercial and residential construction are up. Real estate prices have stabilized and are finally starting to inch up themselves. All these, to me, seem to be leading indicators of increased revenues into Maui County's coffers. The recession left a lot of members of the community behind and PYCC helped pick up the slack. We continue to provide innovative programs to help our youth become better, more productive, more employable citizens of Maui County and the world. Maui County currently enjoys the lowest property taxes in the State. So if the only way I can get Maui County to invest more money in our youth is to stand here and testify for you to raise my property taxes, I say have at it. We will invest those funds wisely. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Jalbert. Questions for the testifier? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair, and thank you very much, Mr. Jalbert, for being here. I think it's important that we hear from the residents who, you know, we're going to have to decide what to do about property taxes and about funding all the requests that we have and so it's important that you're here. I'm trying to get a little better handle on, I know that you're not saying, well, raise them ridiculously. We're thinking, and one of the, some of them, like many other proposals, were between something like 25 cents a thousand to 50 cents a thousand for homeowners. Does that sound reasonable?

MR. JALBERT: It's a great question and I will tell you honestly. I am here based on what I learned last night and this morning in the newspaper, and for me to tell you what I think is reasonable without doing some calculations would probably not be a wise decision on my part. I can tell you that our taxes are lower than the remaining counties and that a good reason for that, or a good part of that is because we have spent and invested our dollars very wisely in Maui County and I hope that we will continue to do so. You know, I know it's going to be a stress on every homeowner in Maui County to see their rates go up, but I think the stresses will be greater if our youth are not supported and are not put in a position where they will succeed in the future because they truly are the ones that will be running the County and the companies and creating the jobs for Maui County in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. I think that's a very fair, you know, answer. When you have time to think about it, and we will be deciding this hopefully by the end of the week. So if you have any further thoughts, please share them. You can e-mail. You don't have to come back if you're busy. But thank you for coming. I tend to think like you do. I'd like to see the investment. Thank you.

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MR. JALBERT: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Jalbert.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Jalbert, thank you very much. To expand upon Ms. Baisa, Chair Baisa's comments, a quick calculation and it's just a rough calculation and Chair, correct me if I'm wrong, but it, a 25 cent increase in homeowners' taxes on average is about a \$65 a year increase in your property taxes in general. Is that, \$65 a year, is that too high? Too low?

MR. JALBERT: I can speak on my own behalf. I would more than happily tighten my belt by \$65 per year if it's going to help the youth centers in Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Other questions? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, thank you. And again, thank you for being here, Mr. Jalbert. My question to you is you understand that homeowners is just one segment. There may be other areas such as commercial properties and others that may go up. Would your business be able to take a small hit like 65 or 100 dollars more a year? And again, I'm putting you on the spot.

MR. JALBERT: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I know that.

MR. JALBERT: And it's a fair question and if I'd look at that as a business owner --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

MR. JALBERT: --and someone who leases right now --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MR. JALBERT: --I would love to own, for my business, you know, again, if my rent were to go up in my building, could I handle it? I think I could and I would be willing to. I think we all have to make some sacrifices here. Hopefully those are going to be less and less as the County revenues

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increase. And again, I'm seeing a lot of positive signs in the economy here and I think that we're probably going to be pleasantly surprised by County revenues this year and next Fiscal Year as opposed to a negative surprise, which we've been seeing a lot of in the past.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I thank you and I think the Council on Revenues, the State Council on Revenues agreed with you and they up'd their forecast so I think we all see a brighter picture, but like everything else I think sequestration and what's happening with the Federal government also dampers our optimism or at least holds it back just a bit. But thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any further questions for Mr. Jalbert? Seeing none, thank you very much for your testimony and for what you do with them. We will go to Hana. Can you call your first testifier, please?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. The first testifier in Hana is Dorothy Kamalu Kaho`okele, President of the Nahiku Community Association. She is joined by her Environmental Director, Harold Lihau`ulaokalani Kekahuna, and her Safety Director, Paul Bodner, in support of her testimony. They will not be testifying but they are here supporting her testimony.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Please, proceed. Yeah. And I heard...

MS. KAHOOKELE: County of Maui 2014 Capital Improvement Funding for the Nahiku Community Center.

CHAIR WHITE: Could you state your name, please?

MS. KAHOOKELE: Nahiku Community Center total Capital Improvement Project appropriations and total appropriations of \$600,000 for the operating and Capital Improvement Projects. Aloha kakahiaka pakahi a pau. My name is Kumu Kamalu Kaho`okele, Founder and President of the Nahiku Community Association Officers and Directors. Mahalo. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We are humbly asking for your continued support in the funding for the appropriation of the Nahiku Community Center Project. We also would like to extend a mahalo to all that have attended and supported the groundbreaking of this site on March the 30th, 2013. We believe that this addition to our community and for the east side of Maui will be of great benefit for the East Maui, and we look forward to the construction of this facility and to see the vision become a reality for our community. We thank all of you, Council Chair, Gladys Baisa, Vice-Chair, Robert Carroll, Budget Chair, Mike White, Budget Vice-Chair, Riki Hokama, and all of the Council members for your continued support on this project as well as Mayor Alan Arakawa's Administration for supporting this project also. We look forward to this partnership with the County to see this project from beginning to finish, and we're humbled and very, very grateful to have all of you at the initial grand opening of the first miracle community center to be built on the east side of Maui since the Haiku Community Center. Mahalo ke akua a me na po`o kane a me po`o wahine o Maui nei a me Hawaii nei. God bless you all. Respectfully submitted, Kamalu Kaho`okele. Mahalo.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Kaho`okele. Members, any questions to the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much for your testimony and we will now move to Lanai.

MS. BALALA: Good morning, Chair. The Lanai Office has no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. And we'll go to Ella in Molokai.

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. And all of you in the District Offices, if you have additional testifiers that come in before the testimony is closed for the day, please e-mail Staff and then we'll come back to you after we've gone through...well, we'll come back to you when you have a new testifier, and otherwise we will continue to go right through the testifiers in the Chamber. And our next testifier is John McKee, and John will be followed by Lisa Darcy.

MR. McKEE: I'm going to screw the level of the mike up for everybody that follows me here this morning.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: . . .*(Laughter)*. . .

MR. McKEE: Thank you for this opportunity to testify and good morning, Council members and the rest of you presenters this morning that are presenting. Each of you are presenting worthy projects. I'm here to thank you for your continuing support of Maui College. I'm, my name is John McKee. I'm the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Maui College, and I've just been so impressed in the four years I've been with the College at things that we've been able to accomplish with your support, I guess you could say in some respects, in partnership. We've trained several individuals through our Sustainable Living Institute of Maui to help with energy retrofits to help install renewable energy systems on homes and businesses. In fact, my personal, my home was installed by, my solar system on my own home was installed by people that received their training through the SLIM Programs. We, and as a result of that, those improvements in energy efficiency and renewable energy, we've reduced our dependence on fossil-fuel driven, less-sustainable sources of energy on Maui. And also we've helped develop economic development through these partnerships. These are folks that are making good wages and making a living in our community because of those efforts. Through our Oral Health Center over the years, we've served tens of thousands of individuals and we've trained several dental assistants and dental hygienists and during that time, that are going out and being employed in family wage jobs, getting real life experience through the Oral Health Center, but more important, you know, we're making a real improvement in the quality of healthcare on Maui. And as all of you know, Hawaii received the lowest scorecard in the nation in terms of the quality of oral healthcare. So this is really an important concern. We're working closely with other community partners to expand our ability to serve that fragile part of our community. And again, that's a partnership that we've had with you and we really appreciate your support through

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the years. And then, finally, Chair Baisa, you've been very involved with our Emerging Leaders Program. You know, we've helped scores of young leaders develop the skills necessary to step into leadership roles throughout our community. That program's been very positive and popular and will continue to make a difference going forward and again we thank you for that. And with that I have an older brother that was a county commissioner for 18 years and I can appreciate the challenge before you. I have every, I have all, great respect for what you have to decide over the next several days and wish you the best of luck. And again, thank you for your support.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. McKee. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much for coming today. Lisa Darcy will be followed by Jaymeesha Strom.

MS. DARCY: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Council. My name is Lisa Darcy. I was here last week and I was representing Ho`omoana. I was representing a former member of the Mental Health Association Board, Mental Health Kokua. I've worked with Aloha House, currently with Ho`omoana Foundation, and I wrote a script but I wasn't sure everybody heard me. I know Councilmember Couch did. He asked me a question. I wanna thank him for that straight away. I came looking for a champion and I'm still looking for a champion. People with disabilities are financially at an amazing disadvantage in our community. They are not able to use the systems and everything the way we are because they do not have the financial ability. A lot of their disabilities are not, you can't see them. So the fact that some people can walk to a bus stop but yet they can't get on it because they can't afford it, to me, is something that all of us as a community need to recognize. We need to champion. We need to support the...almost everybody in the entire country supports their disabled by providing disabled bus passes and we of --

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Darcy, could you...

MS. DARCY: --Maui County do not.

CHAIR WHITE: Could you move back a little ways --

MS. DARCY: A little?

CHAIR WHITE: --from the mike?

MS. DARCY: I think it's fiscally responsible. I think that sending the MEO bus out for one person to one place when somebody can walk to a bus stop makes absolutely zero sense financially and as a human being. I don't, I think if I had a disability that prevented me from getting to a bus stop, I would be so grateful for that and it is used and it is valued. However, there are lots of people that can get to bus stops that we do not need to be sending one of those buses. You're paying insurance. You're paying a driver. You're paying the gas. How is this fiscally sound? This is baffling to me. I have been talking about this for years and Councilmember Victorino, with all due respect, I understand why, when I sent you that packet last year and I called and I e-mailed, we had all those signatures that I didn't get a response back. I don't think you understand the

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value this has to the people that can get to the bus stops and need to get to the bus stops. They need to get to their appointments. The last couple of years has been a disaster for people with disabilities in terms of the cuts. A disaster. They're not here. They're stuck places. They are, they're decompensating more quickly. They don't have the access and it, I'm baffled at why other community agencies are not here as well. I really am. I know I stand out in a lot of ways and I see things in a different view, but I work with people that are trying to get to work that have massive disabilities and there's a really healthy part of them that we as a community need to engage and we are not doing that. And so I come today, this is not exactly what I wanted to say, but I come to say please pay attention to this. There is still time to do this. There is still time to recognize the healthy part of the individual. That Craig got up here and said, I don't need that big bus coming to my house.

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. DARCY: You don't need to do that. I can get to a bus stop and it's going to cost you what? How much, when you figure the amount of a disabled bus pass versus the amount of sending that bus to one person's house? And he's saying I'm willing to do it. I wanna do it. I can do it. It's healthy for me to do it. If we don't hear that, if you don't hear that, no one will hear it. I hear it all the time. I see it all the time and I think this County has got to get smart on taking care of its people and I need you to do that. I need you. I, I'm doing it every day one little chip at a time but it's not enough. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: --Ms. Darcy.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, and thank you, Ms. Darcy, for being here. And no matter what you say, I've always worked hard for our special citizens. So I could care less what anybody thinks. When I suggested MEO, he didn't even know what I was talking about so I beg to differ with you and we don't send one bus out for one person. They normally schedule a number of stops and then we bring those people in. So that's not just what we do. So let's correct the record, okay?

MS. DARCY: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: First and foremost, okay? Secondly, I'm not saying that we won't help them with bus passes and all that. I'm saying that there are many of these people who need extra help who cannot get to a bus stop who do not have the ability. I do not want them left out.

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Don't get me wrong. Do not challenge what I believe in because I believe in this community, our less fortunate --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of order.

CHAIR WHITE: You know what, yeah, I...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --who need it.

CHAIR WHITE: Just...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I mean, you know, you can say what you want, Mr. Hokama, but when my name is mentioned in a negative manner --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Point of order, Chairman.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --I apologize. But thank you very much. Just wanted the record --

CHAIR WHITE: Mr....

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --straight.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino?

MS. DARCY: Well, you know, we can continue --

CHAIR WHITE: Wait.

MS. DARCY: --to correct --

CHAIR WHITE: Could you...

MS. DARCY: --the record --

CHAIR WHITE: Could you hold on?

MS. DARCY: --which I would appreciate. Oh, sorry.

CHAIR WHITE: Hold on a second. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I believe we're in testimony.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Well...

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I know there's some comments that are said that may inspire a Member to return a comment. I think there's enough places in the agenda for the Members to respond.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. I would just like to remind Members that we do have a long day ahead of us and the purpose of this period is to clarify. And I certainly understand the --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I apologize, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: --desire to...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I just wanted the record straight.

CHAIR WHITE: No, I understand the desire to respond, but at the same time we need to keep those responses as short as possible since we are --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: --not in deliberation at this point. Members, other questions for Mrs. Darcy? I think you've made excellent points and I want to thank you for coming today.

MS. DARCY: Okay, just to --

CHAIR WHITE: No.

MS. DARCY: --Councilmember Victorino, we are on the same page. I believe with MEO. I would never want to challenge that. I would like to add to our system not challenge that. We're on the same page with that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MS. DARCY: Totally.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much.

MS. DARCY: Yeah. Right on. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Ms. Darcy...uh, Jaymeesha Strom will be followed by Thomas Soliben.

MS. STROM: Hi.

CHAIR WHITE: Please move the microphone in front of you. Thank you.

MS. STROM: Hi. Can you hear?

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CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MS. STROM: Okay. I have a bus pass. Okay, I'm not trying to do anything here I'm just trying to say that I do have a bus pass from...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: What's your name?

CHAIR WHITE: Please...

MS. STROM: I...

CHAIR WHITE: You need to...

MS. STROM: I'm sorry. Jaymeesha Strom.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Strom.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MS. STROM: I have a bus pass from Oahu and the, I'm a client of Ho`omoana Foundation and I'm also a client of mental health, a mental health program and what, how I got this, I got this from a vocational rehabilitation within the State, the State of Hawaii, and it was for, to go to and from work, and it was also to go job search, and it was also to use your personal, you know, personal use, but it was for independent, being independently instead of calling and relying on busses and stuff. I, I'm not too sure if, I'm pretty much sure that they do, they call these other busses for physical disabilities really much more, but they support having those that don't have a physical disability to use the bus system. I think, if I'm not quite sure, it might have been that way in, on Oahu. But I know this is Maui and they also take you to your doctor's appointment. I mean, you have your own free transportation, you know. You're able to go to the bus stop, you go to the bus stop. I think they had that thing with the physical disability calling those little busses I guess because there's so much people on Oahu. I'm not sure. I guess it's a big difference here. But the mental health program also does that for these people with mental disabilities. So it's a free independent thinking. Do you want to call the bus? I mean, do you want to go on the bus today or do you want to just go one place today? You know, I think that's a major issue sometimes for also the people that are driving those little busses to pick them up to go many places if a person wants to go a lot of places in one day. That could be kind of stressful on them too, you know, so everybody has to be fair with that. Well, they shouldn't be stressed out because that's their job, but you don't want to have them overwhelmed too. And it's like having your own transportation. I guess there's many disabilities as far as mental health disabilities also, so some of us are not able to think that way. Some of us are and we are, some of us wanna do everything in one day, some of us can't. You know, whatever the disability is. It's like having your own transportation, you know, and fit in with other residents, you know. You don't have to feel so isolated like I've gotta call the bus because I'm disabled and not, you know, oh, I just wanna go

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to the mall and look around or I just wanna go to the beach and cruise. Or, you know, just be around other people --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. STROM: --go to and from. That's it.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Ms. Strom. Hold on just a second.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Questions? Ms. Baisa followed by Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Ms. Strom for being here. I think what we have here is an interesting array of ideas for us to look at. I think what we have is good. The MEO system meets the needs of people that have real special needs that need to be picked up and need to be really taken care of, and then there's another group of people who are, who can be more independent and who are asking to be mainstream. They wanna get on a regular public bus with a pass, but they don't feel that they need particularly somebody to come to the house and accompany them. I think that this kind of decision-making has to be done when we get through with this Budget. It's something for this Council and for the Department of Transportation to take a look at and have a real good discussion with the community about what do we really need? So that we can decide maybe a combination of both can work. But that's a discussion probably for some other time. It would be very difficult to do it now. But I understand what you're saying. I am all for mainstreaming. I think that, you know, if people can get on the public bus that's fine. It saves us money and we can save the MEO one-on-one service for people who really need it. So I wanna thank you for coming and sharing your experience, and I also wanna thank the other testifiers for coming and bringing their viewpoints. It's important we hear all this. So again, thank you very much.

MS. STROM: You're welcome.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Before we go to Mr. Victorino, I'd like to recognize the presence of Member Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha. Good morning.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. May I ask how much the Oahu pass costs?

MS. STROM: I think with the vocational rehab for the job search team or whatever, that Department, theirs one I'm not too sure. I think it's \$60 for two years.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sixty dollars for two years?

MS. STROM: Yeah. Or something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MS. STROM: 'Cause I wasn't...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I just wanted to know.

MS. STROM: I wasn't quite sure because they were gonna pay for it. So I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MS. STROM: I guess maybe it's whatever you think it could be.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'd ask the Chair and the Staff to look that up for later on for discussion purposes but thank you.

MS. STROM: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further questions for Mrs. Strom? Thank you very much. I believe Mr. Baz already has the information if you'd like it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Soliben will be followed by Jocelyn Bouchard.

MR. SOLIBEN: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Council members. My name is Thomas Soliben and I'm here to, I came here to support and to ask for help to reduce bus fare passes. I just got out of jail and don't have a ride to get around, sometimes to get to my appointments, and I need to catch the bus but don't have enough money for the bus passes. I in the Maui Job Corps Program and I gotta do a lot of errands and a lot of things I gotta get around to and I don't have enough money for pay the bus pass but, so I'm here, so I came here to ask for help for individuals with, you know, disabilities along with seniors, students, and also inmates coming out of jail to receive reduced bus fare passes. I ask that the Maui County Council take this into consideration, please.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much.

MR. SOLIBEN: That's all I got to say.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you for coming today.

MR. SOLIBEN: Thank you. You guys have a good day.

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CHAIR WHITE: And Jocelyn Bouchard will be followed by Rebecca Woods.

MS. BOUCHARD: Good morning, Budget Chair White and --

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. BOUCHARD: --Committee members. My name is Jocelyn Bouchard. I am honored and privileged to be the CEO for the Maui Humane Society. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning on the Chair's Budget proposal regarding Animal Management and thank you for all the hard work you have put in and have ahead of you. The Maui Humane Society has always been proud of our partnership with the County and we take seriously our contractual obligations with respect to the Animal Management Program. The Department which we work so closely with, Housing and Human Concerns, has told us we are good partners and we believe we are good partners. Such good partners that we have recognized the County's issues with the struggling economy and so believed in the programs and services we provide that we have subsidized the funding for this program through our own fundraising efforts and hard earned investment income to the tune of \$1.5 million over the past four years. Frankly, we did so with the expectation that our funding would be restored as soon as the County was able. I have sat through a decade of Budget meetings and have a pretty good idea of how hard each one of you work to ensure that the process of creating this County Budget is a fair and democratic one. That is why I was perplexed when the Animal Management line item did not even come up for discussion during the deliberations last week or any time prior to that. We were so frustrated to see that without even an opportunity to discuss concerns and without even a fair bidding process, programs and related funding are being allocated to other agencies and we are left with funding levels from Fiscal Year '05 - nine years ago. We hope that the Council as a whole will reconsider that decision when you revisit the Animal Management Program. Please restore our funding to the Fiscal Year '09 levels, before the Budget cuts, as proposed by the Mayor. We are okay with Lanai Animal Rescue Center and Molokai Humane Society being line items if that is their wish. However, if there is a desire to re-evaluate service providers within our existing Animal Management contract, we respectfully request the opportunity to hear and address any concerns and that the County put this contract to bid rather than having Council make an uninformed decision selecting service providers without a formal proposal or other basic information available. Thank you again for your time and difficult job ahead.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Bouchard. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. BOUCHARD: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Rebecca Woods will be followed by Folingi Hilau, or Hiliau, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I think so.

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MS. WOODS: Good morning, Budget Chair --

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. WOODS: --and County Council members. Thank you for having me here. I would like to just encourage you to increase the funds for the Homeless Programs. As Maui's CEO for the largest homeless shelter on Maui, we provide services for a great number of people, from 1,200 to 1,500 each year, half of which are children. We really need to have our services continue and it's been very difficult. Over the last four, five years our Budget has been cut tremendously and we can't continue to move on like this. Someone was talking earlier about the children and our mission is to break the cycle of homelessness and we believe that's through our children. Education, life skills, tutoring services - there's an array of programs available to our teens that help them establish themselves, build their self-esteem, so that when they come into the shelter and they're failing in school, by the time they leave within six months, they're earning As and Bs on their report card, they have self-esteem and the parents do well as well. But I encourage you to please support the agency, Ka Hale A Ke Ola. We cannot endure any more cuts. We do need the funding. We have been cut a great deal over the last four years. Last week I gave you our Budget just to show you what we have been cut so I look, you know, I appreciate your support. So does the agency.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Wood. Members, questions for the testifier? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair, and thank you, Ms. Woods, for being here this morning. Ms. Woods, I'm looking at the Chair's Proposal, and we had \$641,000 in there and that was the, was that a small increase?

MS. WOODS: It was a very small increase, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: As it stands now, Chair's recommendation is to take that \$41,000 out and go back to 600,000. Can you tell me what that means to you?

MS. WOODS: It means a lot because our funding has also been taken away to give to another agency. So now the Homeless Funds not only come to us but they are going to another agency. So our funds have been cut because of that. So when I look at the \$600,000 and even the \$41,000 that's been taken away, I'm just thinking, oh, my god. What does that mean for us? How can we continue? It's imperative that we receive funding. We need an increase. We do furloughs, fundraisers, you know, I mean we all say the same story. We're all telling the same story as nonprofits, and we're social service, you know, servants and we're here to help the community and work with the County to provide these services to the community but it becomes more difficult all the time. We have demands placed upon us as far as, like, we have 30 security personnel. They are now required to take the security test, which is 130, 140 dollars per person. We are now in the process of being certified as a Red Cross Disaster Shelters for Lahaina and Wailuku so that the community can come to us and we'll be provided the necessities for the Red Cross. We're trying to enhance our programs with qualified personnel but it gets hard when you

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can't pay what you need to pay your personnel and get the quality employees to provide the services for the homeless.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. You know, as you know, I totally understand the plight of the nonprofit and how we deal with cuts in funding. I think for yourself and for the other Directors, I think it's really important that when you testify, if you could please tell us, you know, this means that we're going to lose a half-time case manager. That means we'll be able to serve ten people less. We're going to cut back on meals. It would be helpful for us to hear that.

MS. WOODS: Well, it cuts...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So when you have time to think about it some more, you'll have another day.

MS. WOODS: Alright, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Woods?

MS. WOODS: I'm sorry.

CHAIR WHITE: One more. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Woods for coming. And you guys have been doing a really good job in supporting our homeless.

MS. WOODS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I had a question. You mentioned earlier that from the 600,000 that you received in the last Fiscal Year, some of those cuts went to other agencies. I was kind of confused on that statement. What other agencies and what did you mean by cuts going to other agencies?

MS. WOODS: Well, we did have a program cut and that, from the Homeless Funds, and that money did go to Family Life Center. So that was, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: This, the 600,000 that you received in the fiscal year, part of that...

MS. WOODS: The 600,000...

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --went to...

MS. WOODS: I'm sorry. The \$600,000 is not just for our agency. It's for Homeless Programs.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Further questions? Seeing none, thank you very much, Ms. Woods. And Folingi Hiliau will be followed by Alisha Harred, or, I'm sorry, Harrold.

MS. HILIAU: Aloha and good morning, County Council members.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. HILIAU: My name is Folingi Hiliau. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to stand here in front of you to testify on behalf of the Kihei Youth Center. Kihei Youth Center is the only youth center in Kihei and has been since 1983. With over thirty years of service, we have touched the lives of many youth and we have provided much needed services for our families. I am proud to be a part of the Kihei Youth Center family and I love what I do. As a youth facilitator, my primary job is to ensure that our youth members are safe, happy, and healthy. My coworkers and I provide healthy, positive, and nurturing programs and services for youth between the ages of 8 through 17. Two examples are our successful Homework Assistant Program and our Meal Program. Our staff work very hard and we are pleased to do, to do so. Besides working with the youth, we must also perform janitorial and maintenance duties to ensure the safety and sanitation of our facility. We must also cook and prepare snacks and meals to ensure that no child is ever without breakfast, lunch, snack, or food at home. We fundraise and do outside events to help raise funds to support our organization. We volunteer many extra hours so we can give back to our community and show our youth that is what we are supposed to do so we can have a safe and healthy community. We do what we do because we love doing it. Our Executive Director, Lehuanani Huddleston Hafoka has expressed many times to my coworkers and I how fortunate we are that the County of Maui provides the largest part of our grant. I am here to say thank you to everyone for supporting our youth center. We would be forever grateful for continued support for this upcoming Fiscal Year. Considering that this is my first time testifying in front of you, I hope it's okay to say that if there, if there should be extra funding, please consider the Kihei Youth Center. You will be very pleased at what we do and what it means to our community and your community. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Ms. Hiliau. I hope I got that right?

MS. HILIAU: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you for being here this morning. In the Chair's Proposal, there's a proposal to have a line item for Kihei Youth Center for \$179,000. What is your need? Do you know?

MS. HILIAU: No, I do not.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm sorry your Director's not here.

MS. HILIAU: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And, you know, you may even not be the right person to ask but you might want to ask her if she could communicate that to us. It would be helpful.

MS. HILIAU: Okay. I will let her know.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MS. HILIAU: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions, Members? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony.

MS. HILIAU: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And Alisha Harrold will be followed by Thomas Croly.

MS. HARROLD: Aloha and good morning to the Council. My name is Alisha Harrold. It's a pleasure to be here to testify on behalf of the Kihei Youth Center. It gives me great satisfaction to work with our youth and their family as well as with all of my coworkers. I look forward to a positive and fun day each day, each and every day I enter those doors. Knowing that our service is so valuable to our community inspires me to what I do. The positive feedback from both the youth members and their parents justifies that we are making a positive contribution to our overall community. With a grateful heart, I would like to thank the County of Maui for supporting the Kihei Youth Center. Your funding is vital to our services and I humbly ask you to please consider funding for us for this upcoming Fiscal Year. We have over 500 registered youth members and can have as many as 120 on a daily basis. They all benefit greatly by having a safe place called the Kihei Youth Center. As you all know, youth services, the Kihei Youth Center in particular, are essential to a healthy community. Maui is a great place because our community cares so deeply for our youth. As a youth facilitator, I witnessed firsthand the importance of a safe place for our youth. It gives our parents a peace of mind knowing that their child is safely cared for. I understand that there are so many factors that the city Council must face in terms of budgeting and it must be a daunting task to do so, but please know that your investment in the Kihei Youth Center is a positive investment in our community as a whole and no community can be considered healthy without taking care of our youth. I am so proud to be a part of the

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community here that puts the needs of our youth center at the forefront. Thank you. And before I leave, I would like to also ask for support of MEO Youth Transportation and the Maui Food Bank. They are the, they are true partners of the Kihei Youth Center and essential to our daily services. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. HARROLD: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thomas Croly will be followed by Roy Katsuda.

MR. CROLY: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Council members. Thomas Croly yet again speaking on my own behalf. I will be back on real property tax night to speak on behalf of the Maui Vacation Rental Association. In the final chapter, I didn't want to leave you hanging of our real property tax saga. I submitted some written testimony today. There's another spreadsheet. And I don't want to bore you with all the numbers but there's two significant numbers in this spreadsheet. Number one, right in the middle of the spreadsheet, it shows the net average rate through the years and this is the overall tax rate that it took in order to generate revenues required that year. You can see it started at \$4.50. Through most of the years it was in the \$5.50 range, and just in the last two years, or three years, we've broken through the \$6 range and with the Mayor's proposed tax increases we'd be at \$7.15. And what that means as through the years is that we're increasing, you know, the size of government and the weight on the people. I'm not here to say to you whether or not . . . *(clears throat)* . . . you should raise taxes. There's a lot of worthy reasons for why we should raise taxes but just to recognize the path that we're on here. The other important thing in this spreadsheet is the Homeowner discount rate that I put next to that. This is the amount that we're essentially giving a reduction to the Homeowner class for against this overall rate. And again, just look at the last few years and look at how it's gone up from where it usually was in the \$2 range...we were giving a discount of \$2...to, with the proposed taxes at \$4.40. That is what's not sustainable. We can't continue to have that number go up and give the homeowners a lower rate and then continue to provide the core services that are necessary and the nice things that we might want to do for the County. So we need to stem that tide and I support the approach that the Chair has taken, which is let's leave the tax rates where they are for last year, and then anything that we want to add to that, let's figure out if it's important enough and if the people are ready to pay for it in order to add to that. But that's not really been the core of my testimony over these few weeks when I've come in, and that, the core of my testimony has been that we've really gotten out of balance. We've gotten the different categories out of balance with respect to how we're applying the tax. And the reason we've gotten them out of balance is we've just given too much subsidy to the Homeowner class. If we bring that back into sync, if we bring the Homeowner class back to where it belongs and to be very honest with you, it should be around \$3.50, maybe \$4? That would give, that would establish --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

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MR. CROLY: --balance. I recognize that's not going to happen this year. I recognize that it's not going to be politically savvy for you to raise the taxes by a dollar and a quarter. Ms. Baisa's talked about raising them a quarter or fifty cents. That won't do it but that will start you in the right direction. So again, I hope that I brought you information that you find useful in your deliberations. Again, I'm not saying don't raise my taxes, raises somebody else's taxes. I'm just saying we need to look at the balance that we have and try to establish a better balance there. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for Mr. Croly? Seeing none, thank you very much. And Roy Katsuda will be followed by Doarcy Henderson.

MR. KATSUDA: Good morning, Chair White and Council members. My name is Roy Katsuda. I'm the Executive Director at Hale Mahaolu. First of all, thank you, Council members, for your deliberations. It's a hard job. I would not want to be in your position. Having said that, I am here to ask you to revisit the proposed deletion of \$175,000 for the Personal Care Program. All of you are familiar with the program. It started 28 years ago. I'm not going to go into great detail but it has helped hundreds of people from premature institutionalization. If you look at current rates today, it costs at least \$100,000 for one person to be in a nursing home. The needs have increased as the baby boomers have increased in numbers. Our staff, led by Kathy Louis, have done an excellent job. They've done as much as they could with the monies that they have. As promised to the County of Maui, the Mayor, and the Council, we have also pursued other funding sources. We have approached the State Legislature. It appears that we are on their GIA List for \$210,000 for Personal Care Program. We don't know, of course, if the Governor will release this or if it'll even become true. If it is appropriated and if the Governor does release it, then as this has happened in the past, we would utilize the State Funds and not utilize the County Funds. I'll be happy to answer any questions, but if you have detailed questions, I have to refer to, defer to Kathy Louis.

CHAIR WHITE: Just to clarify, the, this past year, you received an additional 400,000 in Kupuna Care. Is the 200,000 or 210,000 in addition to what you expect to have from Kupuna Care and what do you expect from that program --

MR. KATSUDA: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: --this coming year?

MR. KATSUDA: I'm going to speak a little bit outside of my knowledge realm but that is correct. Kathy's not saying no so I guess it is correct . . . *(laughs)* . . . okay, yes. But the Kupuna Care program has just increased tremendously and the needs of the Kupuna Care program are not only Personal Care. They go into other aspects as well.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Well, just from the Chair's perspective, we've always known you to be very, very frugal and watching over the monies. The reason the amount was taken out of the Chair's Proposal was that none of the funds have been accessed this year to our knowledge and so...

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MR. KATSUDA: Okay. I can respond to that.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. KATSUDA: Actually, the funds have been accessed. Well, the services have been provided but the contract hasn't been executed yet. If I'm not mistaken, we have already expended about \$50,000 of those funds.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MR. KATSUDA: So we're hoping the contract comes in so we can receive those \$50,000.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Members, questions? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Katsuda, for being here. You're saying that a contract, is that a contract with the County that you're --

MR. KATSUDA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --you're waiting for it to be signed?

MR. KATSUDA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And you've expended about 50,000 --

MR. KATSUDA: About.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --of the 175?

MR. KATSUDA: We've provided about \$50,000 worth of --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That's over --

MR. KATSUDA: --that contract.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --and above the Grants-in-Aide that the State has given you?

MR. KATSUDA: Okay. The Grant-in-Aide from many years ago from the State Legislature took a long time to get appropriated, released by the Governor. At that time it was Governor Lingle. It took a long time. Several years. When it was finally released, we used the State Funds. Those funds have been exhausted. When we used those State Funds, we did not use any County Funds. Right now we're into the County Funds, but that contract has not been executed yet. I don't know. I hope that made sense.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: A little bit other than how did you, how did you get County Funds without a contract?

CHAIR WHITE: No. The, I think what you're saying, Mr. Katsuda, is you're using other funds in hopes to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In hopes of getting it back.

CHAIR WHITE: --get reimbursed --

MR. KATSUDA: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: --by the County.

MR. KATSUDA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. KATSUDA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, other questions? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MR. KATSUDA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And Doarcy Henderson will be followed by Debbie Cabebe.

MS. HENDERSON: Good morning, Council. My name is Doarcy Henderson.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. HENDERSON: I am a community-based case manager specifically working with disabled people, and I'm here to support discounted bus fare or free bus fare for people with disabilities. My job typically entails making sure my clients are stable on their medicines, stable mentally, healthy, trying to help integrate them back into the community, to function as positive people, and transportation is a huge, huge barrier. And yes, we do have MEO and also there's a service through their insurance companies that's provided through DHS where a taxi will come and pick people up and take them to their appointments. And once again, I think that this is a terrible abuse of resources when clients are capable and willing to utilize the bus and they just don't have that funding. I am here speaking not on behalf of my agency, although I'm sure it would be supportive, but I also work with many other agencies in the community and I know that there's a lot more people in the community that would support this also, and this becomes a huge resource

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on us as individuals trying to work for our clients. Several years ago, there was a funding cutback where it only allows us caseworkers to work with our clients for about three hours a month, and to ensure that a disabled client's needs are met, just basic needs, food stamps, medical insurance, medications, doctors' appointments and whatnot can't all be done within that three hours. And if we're being utilized for that transportation, that's taking away from other services that I should be providing. And so to ensure maybe one client that might live in Pukalani is medicated that month, that's my entire three hours that I'm allowed to service the client. So that means I haven't ensured that they have a roof over their head, that they have, that they've made it to their sobriety meetings, that they've gotten other forms of treatment that they needed, that they have their food stamps. So the independence of a bus pass, and I've seen it work in other communities that I've worked in, it eliminates a barrier, and I believe that people in our community with disabilities have a tremendous amount of barriers that they need to overcome on a daily basis. And so providing people without the ability to get around and meet their own needs or I guess assisting them in being able to get around could be a tremendous support and benefit on the clients, the workers, and the rest of the community and the agencies that are trying to support.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. And thank you very much for being here. I have a question. We've heard a lot about, you know, support for disability bus passes. Do you have any consensus among you as to what you're willing to pay or what a suggested amount would be?

MS. HENDERSON: Any sort of discount is helpful. Anything. But I've seen it in the communities, in other communities, where it's free if they verify that there's a diagnosable disability that they're entitled to a free bus pass and that relieves a tremendous amount of stress on the other service providers. But anything. And the MEO requires that a client might have a phone. Plenty of our clients don't even have telephones. MEO requires a schedule, limitations. It won't take a client to an AA meeting at 6:00 at night. And it also requires that there's an address and even the taxi service for the medical insurances. So I have homeless clients that, you know, maybe in Happy Valley that want to say a street where to be picked up at, but without a home physical address they won't be picked up and then that becomes another barrier.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We understand, you know, the complication of it all, but if we were going to consider this obviously we'd have to come up with some kind of a fee schedule. So I think it might be helpful. If it's free you want, it's free. If it's a dollar, it's a dollar. It'd be nice if we could get some suggestions. It'll help us. Thank you.

MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Do you...excuse me? Could you give us some sense of how many people would be qualified for these passes? Do you have any...

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MS. HENDERSON: I know our agency services about 400.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

MS. HENDERSON: Mental Health Kokua might service 200 or 300...300, and then there's APS that services maybe two, three hundred.

CHAIR WHITE: So we're talking roughly 1,200 people?

MS. HENDERSON: Easily.

CHAIR WHITE: They...

MS. HENDERSON: I mean, I'm sure there's a lot more people with disabilities that aren't getting our services.

CHAIR WHITE: The pass for one year on Oahu, I believe it's Oahu, is \$30 and \$60 for two years. Is that in a range that would be acceptable?

MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. Any help would be acceptable. I mean, of course. Free would be ideal but we recognize that there's other concerns and I support the Humane Society and all these other places that need support and the children.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you.

MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: We'll work on it. Members, other questions for the testifier? Debbie Cabebe will be followed by Paula Ambre.

MS. CABEBE: Good morning, Council Chair...excuse me, Finance Chair, and Councilmember Baisa and Council members. I'm Debbie Cabebe. I'm the Chief Programs Officer for Maui Economic Opportunity. I just wanted to thank you for your continued funding of the services that we provide to the community. I'm also here to ask you to consider the additional 3 percent that we requested that was in the Mayor's Budget. And we understand that times are hard and we're listening to all of our fellow community service organization workers and understand that funding is tight, but it's very difficult to continue to perform the level of services that we are with the same amount of funding. You know, as of December 31st, we exceeded all of our program outcomes in every program that's County funded, and so the need is great and the staff resources are stretched quite thin. We have cut administration staff. We've cut management staff. We try not to cut line staff because we really feel that the services are...the frontline staff is vital to provide the services to the community. So I'm just here to thank you for your funding in the past and to ask you to consider an increase in funding going forward. Thank you.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Just to provide a little clarity as to where the, where the Chair is coming from is that during our review of the Budget, we were, it was mentioned to us that all, all grantees in the Human Services, Housing and Human Services group were asked to provide flat budgets and then, and that's what was provided to the Mayor for his review. What happened from there was that some got increases and some were left flat.

MS. CABEBE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: So the Chair's Proposal took it back to flat with the intention of working through the process and deciding whether an across-the-board increase to all nonprofits is more fair.

MS. CABEBE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: I believe it is because if we told people not to ask for any increase and they didn't, then it's not fair for others to get an increase and those that followed the, you know, followed the directions not to do so or not to get it. So the Chair is more than open to adjusting nonprofits. I don't think it's fair for the nonprofits to be held to no increase while the County government is growing, and we depend on you guys a lot so I just wanted to make that clear because I understand that costs go up and that we need to be there for you.

MS. CABEBE: May I say something, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Something brief.

MS. CABEBE: Yes, sir. Just in terms of the request for flat funding. We, unfortunately, weren't clear that we weren't able to ask for an increase so we didn't realize that we were asked to submit a flat budget. So we apologize for the misunderstanding.

CHAIR WHITE: No, that's...it might be my misunderstanding but that's what we heard in...

MS. CABEBE: We've heard it in the gallery so I think we were misinformed. So thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Any further questions, Members? Okay, seeing none, Paula Ambre will be followed by Sani *[sic]* Sheppard.

MS. AMBRE: Good morning, Committee Chair White --

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. AMBRE: --Council Chair Baisa, and Committee members. My name is Paula Ambre. I am Executive Director of The Maui Farm. We have a line item through the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and I wanted to speak to that this morning. First of all, thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the funding matters before you. We recognize the difficulties and challenges that our community faces this year. I previously testified on our program services and

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so I'll briefly say that our family strengthening program works with families who are homeless due to domestic violence and other economic challenges to prepare them for self-sufficient living in our community. This year, we requested a 2.8 percent increase in our line item over the FY '13 funding level. We came up with the 2.8 percent. This was the Consumer Price Index at the time that we were formulating our Budget request and we based our request on that. And this is basically just to help us to kind of keep up with the growing cost of doing business. Our request totaled \$6,097. Those funds will help us to offset increases in our Chart of Accounts, including things like our medical benefit. Each year, our medical benefit is increasing 5 to 10 percent. State Unemployment Taxes have gone up. Utilities have gone up. Gasoline, insurance, audit...so these are some of the fixed cost of doing business that we need to continue to keep up with, and doing so without funding increases has been difficult. The request that we put forward does not cover any kinds of increases for our staff salaries. In fact, we have had no staff raises since 2009. It does not cover an allocation to our retirement plan. Our Retirement Program has been frozen since 2009. We have eliminated positions. We have implemented furloughs. We have implemented an expanded Resource Development Program that is growing our outreach to our community, seeking private donations, writing grants to multiple private foundations. We have sought and been awarded Maui United Way funding to supplement this program. So we believe that we've been a diligent partner, that we're behaving fiscally prudent, and we're asking for your support just to help us to keep up with the cost of doing business. And I think it's important to note that we're currently operating at a budget that's less than our 2010 funding level for this program. So we continue to do our best to continue to serve the same numbers of people and to deliver our services with quality, and we ask for your support in that endeavor. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Ambre. Questions for the testifier? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Good morning. Thank you for being here and thank you for the work that you do.

MS. AMBRE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Alright, so with your flat budget of the previous fiscal, can you tell me about how much you've leveraged from other funders?

MS. AMBRE: Yes, I can. Two years ago, we sought for the first time to become a Maui United Way partner agency. Over the last two funding cycles, that has been an additional \$60,000 in our coffers. We have also expanded our Resource Development Program, which means we're outreaching to our community. We're basically utilizing a couple of strategies, small donor education events as well as annual mailings, periodic mailings to our community. As an example, I would say that our Resource Development Program year-end appeal last year brought in the greatest amount of funds that we ever had for a year-end appeal at \$30,000. We are a small organization. We're trying to build our donor base and that's an example that we have been effective in that strategy. We have a number of small family foundations who are choosing to support us. Those are generally at levels between 2,000 and 5,000 annually. We work really

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hard to keep those family foundations as friends and ongoing donors. And then we write the private foundation grants to, you know, Hawaii Community Foundation and the whole array of Hawaii-based foundations.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So, you get monies from Hawaii Community Foundation also?

MS. AMBRE: We write grants to foundations who are managed by the Hawaii Community Foundation as well as, these are foundations that are common in our, you know, Atherton, Baldwin, Cooke, you know, foundations like that. Those are not ongoing funds. Those are generally project based, very specific in their timelines, and for the most part do not support ongoing day-to-day operations.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So most of the funders don't support ongoing?

MS. AMBRE: They do not.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MS. AMBRE: They do not.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And how many clients do you serve on the average?

MS. AMBRE: We serve an average of eight to ten families per year, that's approximately 32 to probably 36 individuals including parents and children. We are a small program, high touch, high impact, significant outcomes. We work with small numbers because our physical facilities are limited.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

MS. AMBRE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Other questions for the testifiers...testifier? Thank you, Ms. Ambre.

MS. AMBRE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And Sani [*sic*] Sheppard will be followed by Kathy Louis.

MS. SHEPPARD: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Members. My name is Jani Sheppard. I'm the CEO with Maui Family Support Services. Our mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect. We were here last week and we had families who shared with you the importance of the Early Head Start Program, which provides services to families, pregnant women, and expectant fathers and families with children zero to three to help them to be self-sufficient so that they can, in

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order to qualify for the program, these individuals must meet Federal Poverty Guidelines, must be in school or working, and then their children can attend the program in addition to the home visiting services. We have participants here to share that with you. We've not asked for an increase and never received an increase since 2005 when we actually received this funding. However, we were disheartened to know that it's been removed from the Budget completely. This is not a new program. This program has excellent outcomes. We have used evidence-based curricula. The money that we receive from the County for our Early Head Start Program is 19 percent of that Federal share that we're required to bring in the 1.2 million from that Federal grant, so it does, that \$60,000 leverages a lot of Federal money, but it also allows us to receive funding from other sources knowing that our County is supporting the program. In terms of the total budget for the Early Head Start Program, it's 4 percent of that, so we're not asking that the County fund all or a major portion of the program, but it is very, very significant to us, one, to show this County funding, also the way the dollars are used for the specialist services for the children. If there are questions about how we use funds? If there are questions --

CHAIR WHITE: I could...

MS. SHEPPARD: --about...

CHAIR WHITE: If I could just give you a little comfort?

MS. SHEPPARD: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: The existing program --

MS. SHEPPARD: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: --we cut inadvertently.

MS. SHEPPARD: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: So that, that's gonna go back in.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: It was just the new request that we didn't include.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: The existing...

MS. SHEPPARD: It's not a new request. Neither is. Is that, am I mistaken?

CHAIR WHITE: Teen Voices is the only one we saw as a new program.

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MS. SHEPPARD: Okay. Thank you so much for clearing up the Early Head Start. That really does help me.

CHAIR WHITE: The Early Head Start amounts will also be included in whatever percentage increase we all agree on.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you so much for that. Thank you for clearing that and maybe some of team members can go home if they would like.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I could feel your pain and I just couldn't wait 'til the end of your testimony.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you so much. Our Teen Voices Program, it's actually not a new program. It was cut in July of this year and we were asking why, especially given that it was effective. We did respond to questions about whether or not we were using evidence-based programing. We did respond to the questions about the outcomes.

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. SHEPPARD: They are, they are effective and so I don't know if there's another confusion there. We did notice that it was in there twice and we brought that up saying we think that was a mistake. We're sure because we only put in one grant and I'm not sure if that's the issue but it's not a new program. We've been doing that for about 13 years.

CHAIR WHITE: With County Funds?

MS. SHEPPARD: With County Funds.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And you said it was stopped in July?

MS. SHEPPARD: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: Was that by the Department or...

MS. SHEPPARD: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. SHEPPARD: And so yeah, it's not new and even for that one, the percentage of that one is 21 percent that we ask for from the County and again that's not an increase. It was already cut and then eliminated.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, questions for the testifier? Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Jani, for being here, and I'm glad we got that clarified --

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --for you. I was going to tell you that same thing but I'm glad the Chair got you up there, 'cause I could see your pain and you were ready to, you know...and we believe in that program.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: How many teens are actually helped with this program? How many participants in the program itself?

MS. SHEPPARD: I believe it's 889 that we did for Fiscal Year ending June 30th, 2012.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Eight hundred eighty-nine?

MS. SHEPPARD: Yeah. And that includes, that included Lanai and Maui. And then for this request, we've moved funds around so that we can include and put back Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Put back Molokai in the program. Okay. Thank you, and, you know, we've gotta, like the Chair has said, we're starting from zero and we're working our way back up so hang on.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We'll see what we can do.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you so much.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You can quit sweating too.

MS. SHEPPARD: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: And thank you and I apologize for misstating your name but --

MS. SHEPPARD: That's okay.

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CHAIR WHITE: --it looks like a big 'S'.

MS. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jani. Kathy Louis will be followed by Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika.

MS. LOUIS: Good morning Budget and Finance Chair White, Council members. I'm Kathy Louis. I'm the Personal Care Program Director at Hale Mahaolu. I just wanted to clarify a few things that were said earlier by Mr. Katsuda. You brought up the Kupuna Care program and their funds and if the 175,000 was in addition to that. There are actually two different programs. Although we provide similar services, they're actually different contracts. The Kupuna Care program is actually a State program, which the County also provides, contributes to, which we are very grateful for. I always tell my clients that they're lucky they're aging in Maui County, because our Mayor and the County Council is very generous in supporting these programs. But that program we are serving people who are 60 and over. In this other personal, Adult Personal Care program, we're serving people who are 18 years and over. So we're also serving the disabled, young disabled adult clients as well as the frail elderly. I also wanted to touch on the \$100,000 that looks like it was untouched from this current Fiscal Year from the County and, as Mr. Katsuda mentioned, we are expending, well, we're putting out monies for that program right now, pending our contract from the County. What happened was for Fiscal Year '12, we started, we were spending State monies. It was State monies that were appropriated for 2010, which were only released for 2012. So as promised to the County, we started spending the State Funds. For 2012, the County had actually appropriated 135,000, which we're still, I guess, on the books as it were and we've spent all of those funds from July 1st, 2012 through February. In February, we started spending the \$100,000 and so far we've spent about 40,000 of that. Mr. Katsuda mentioned 50. We are waiting for the County to come through with the contract and it has been promised to us, it's just been delayed for one reason or another in the Department, but we are counting on those funds to continue with the services for our clients. The reason we put in for 175,000 this year is because, you know, there is a great need. Probably by the end of this Fiscal Year, we'll have spent probably 75,000 of that \$100,000. That in combination with the 135,000 that we've already spent --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. LOUIS: --we're at, you know, about \$210,000. The 175,000 with possibly a Carryover of 25,000 from this 100,000 for this Fiscal Year will bring us at about 200,000, which would be actually a little less than we're currently putting into this program for subsidies. Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you.

MS. LOUIS: So I just wanted to clarify that. If you have any questions --

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for that.

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MS. LOUIS: --I'll be happy to answer.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, questions --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: --for the testifier? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. And thank you, Kathy, for being here today. The number of seniors that you are assisting is constantly growing, right?

MS. LOUIS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: What is the number right now and what do you project over the next two or three years?

MS. LOUIS: The number of seniors for all of our programs combined?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MS. LOUIS: Probably...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, this program itself. I, you know, I --

MS. LOUIS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --want to keep you focused on this program.

MS. LOUIS: Okay. So with this particular program we serve about 20 unduplicated clients a year --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MS. LOUIS: --but about a third of that are the adult clients. So they're under 60 but they need our services to remain safely at home. What we do with this particular program is we subsidize up to four hours a day of personal care services. The subsidies for the clients are based on their income, so they pay a fair share of what they have to pay their attendants. They might go in for four hours at a time or they might break that down. They might go in two, you know, three, four times a day, especially for clients that we have who may be bedridden. They need to be turned. They need to be changed so they're not sitting in, you know, wet underwear, things like that. Without assistance, they might be subject to falls, skin breakdown, you know, it's just, it's not a pretty picture and, you know, we've been very successful in helping these people remain safely at home. Unfortunately, we just recently lost one of our Hana clients who we've been serving for eight years and she passed away at 98 years old. You know, so we have clients on this

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program that we have been serving for a number of years. This program does work in keeping them out of the nursing home and keeping them safely at home. So it may not sound like a lot of clients that we're serving but, you know, it's important to the clients we're serving. It's important to the families that, you know, of these clients. It gives them respite from, you know, 24 hours/7 caregiving. It's important to the aides who go in and help them. It's income for them. And so, you know, if we had more funding we'd be serving more clients. We have a waitlist for this program so there's a lot of need out there and we're not duplicating services, you know. We're filling in a gap with this particular program.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you.

MS. LOUIS: Sure.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just a quick question, Kathy. I know that you've been doing this for a long time and you probably know, but I think it's important. What does it cost to put somebody in a nursing home at this point?

MS. LOUIS: I would estimate it's about 14,000 a year from what I've heard.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Contrast that with personal care.

MS. LOUIS: I mean 14,000 a month, not a year.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: A month, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: A month.

MS. LOUIS: Fourteen thousand a month.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, not a...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I wish.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

MS. LOUIS: Fourteen thousand a month.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And contrast that with the cost of personal care.

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MS. LOUIS: Personal care, our average client receives about maybe 1,000 to 1,200 of subsidy a month if they're at the maximum that we can allow, which is the --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So...

MS. LOUIS: --four hours a day.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So with the clock ticking and all of us getting older by the minute, I think we can see the investment.

MS. LOUIS: Yes. It's a huge bill really.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank...

MS. LOUIS: I think we're saving not only the families and the clients but the community as well. We're saving millions of dollars, if you will.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you so much --

MS. LOUIS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --and thank you for the work you do.

MS. LOUIS: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kathy. And I think everybody here understands that you, you and Roy run a very tight ship. Our next testifier, actually, Members, why don't we take a quick break?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, we need one.

CHAIR WHITE: We have about five more.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: How many more?

CHAIR WHITE: Recess for ten minutes. Be back here at ten minutes to eleven. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:38 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:57 a.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . The Budget and Finance Committee meeting will come back to order. Thank you all for that break and we will continue with public testimony. And our first testifier is Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika and she will be followed by Rosemary Robbins.

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MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKAIKA: Aloha. My name is Leinell Coloma-Nahooikaika. First, I need you to excuse me because I'm getting off of a cold so I'm kind of raspy and I'm nervous. So I'll admit to that. I'm a taxpayer, a voter, but most importantly I'm a parent and I'm a survivor. I usually don't like to speak because I get so emotional, and I'm sitting here for the past two hours and I'm watching people come up with scripts and I'm thinking, 'oh my gosh, nobody told me I'm supposed to write something down'. But, you know, I humbly thank you for this time to talk about the reason why I support the Early Head Start Program and I don't need a script because it's my own story. And I, it's an emotional one so sorry. Early Head Start Program, when you, when people say Early Head Start Program, they automatically assume it's just children, but their program itself is so holistic that they take...

CHAIR WHITE: Just move a little further away from the microphone, please.

MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKAIKA: It's so holistic that they take into consideration the whole family. Besides being a parent, I have been in the social services or human services field for over 10 years, almost 14 years, and daily I've been in contact with people who have health disadvantages, chemical dependency, homelessness, and it's a struggle to listen to their stories. And you can't help but tell yourself that'll never going to be me. You know, so you make sure your "t"s are crossed, your "i"s are dotted and you go home and you love your kids and you love your family. And three years ago my husband committed suicide and so I was left with three young children and basically became the daddy of the house, the mommy of the house, the sole provider, everything all at once. But the Early Head Start Program did so much for my family and I'm like a walking testimony for them. Because of the services they provided me, my daughter, who is now three years old and is in a regular preschool, oh my gosh, amazing. Amazing, amazing, amazing. You look at my children and they dream. They dream big. They thrive in school. They thrive in their sports. And I totally believe it's because of the support that the Early Head Start Program gave me. I think the best testimony came when I went to my son's parent-teacher conference a few months ago, well, a month ago. And, you know, we're a close family and this is just so unexpected. Nobody thinks it's going to happen to their family. Nobody thinks, oh, tomorrow my husband's going to commit suicide and I'm going to be by myself, you know, but it happens. And so I went to my son's teacher conference and she just totally praised and gave me all these positive affirmations about my family and my kids and my son, and I think the best thing she told me was, you know, at this age, children will show you or give you some sign of the type of adult that person will be, and your son is the type of man, is the type of boy that you hope your child will turn into as a man, because he has...and she gave me all these positive stuff and she told me you're doing such a great job. And she goes, and, you know, looking at your family and looking at your kids --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKAIKA: --you'll, you would never know that they have, that they had to face something so devastating at such an early age because they're thriving. And besides the Early Head Start Program, I think it's because of god and my faith and my family. So when Jani came up and you corrected her and said, you know, we're not going to cut it. It's still in the

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Budget. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. I speak on behalf of the parents who are not here and the current parents. Early Head Start is amazing. It's an amazing program. This should never be cut from the Budget. And at Teen Voices, now my daughter, my oldest, she's 13 years old. She's a teenager. And to hear that Teen Voices will hopefully eventually be back put in the Budget, I'm ecstatic because I know not only intervention but it provides prevention programs, life skills. I mean, I can go on and on, all the good programs that the Maui Family Support Services provides, but especially for the Early Head Start Program and Teen Voices because I not only believe in the program --

MR. NISHITA: Four minutes.

MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKA: --but I'm a walking billboard. And I thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none...

MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKA: You don't have to give me questions, that's fine.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ...*Laughter*...

MS. COLOMA-NAHOOIKA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And congratulations. The next testifier is Rosemary Robbins followed by Robert Collesano.

MS. ROBBINS: Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. ROBBINS: Wasn't that exciting to hear from Hana this morning?

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

MS. ROBBINS: Yes. I'm here to talk in view of the need for a highly qualified auditor. I spoke about this last week or the week before when I was here and in the meanwhile have gone and picked up some information that might help whoever the folks that are going to be dealing with securing this person a history to be aware of. The State of Hawaii, Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund that we're seeing in the paper now that the Department of Water is planning to enter into an intergovernmental relationship with in order to get some of that money, when we were going back over this a year ago this time in May '12, the County was, Water, was also going after that. We never heard what happened on that. I would love...I don't see anybody here from the Water Department, I think...but I would love to be able to see that front page of *The Maui News*. It was applied for here. It was accomplished there. We're going to spend it thus. And just a quick review for people who know it. I'm seeing some folks who went through that before. The from whence of that water, that's Federal money that comes in with money collected from all 50 of

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the states, and then it gets divvied up to the 50 states if they're applying for it. And then it needs to be utilized as per the plan to utilize it. Not a hope. Not a dream. A plan with a specific break ground starting date. Not a quarter, not a fiscal year. Specific. So it's a load of homework that needs to be done before that, and we're not seeing in the public communications the success of that. We do know that for '08, the preliminary work we thought was done, turns out that Piiholo Water Treatment Plant was the third worst in the State in need of . . .(pause). . . curing. It was in tough shape and the two worst than Piiholo were both on another island. So it was number one for our three islands and again, if that's a success story, let's publish that. Also, I would like to just give you a quick history for those of you who . . .(inaudible)... and this is hats off to you, Sandy. When we were working on the EPA Oversight and Advisory Committee initial stuff, it was primarily to educate the public. We put together a Water Fair and --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MS. ROBBINS: --the County Water Department said after all the months of planning on that, you can't do it because you're not a 501(c)(3). We can't give you a place. And so MEO, good cultivating Gladys, came up with the fact that MEO could put us under their 501(c) status and make sure that the public got informed. That was the point. Okay, and so also back in '06 in October, that was a different Water Director but the same Administration as we're dealing with now, public understanding was again in there. We were asking for water assessment results, which the County is required to supply by law, and held on to them. Wouldn't give it to us. We went around to all the different offices, handed in our requests. Handed in the whyfors. Didn't happen until the EPA really started to say fat chance. You're going to be hearing from us again if you can't do your part of the program. So we wanna make sure that we don't get caught in that bind again. With the..

MR. NISHITA: Four minutes.

MS. ROBBINS: Okay, I'm going to close. But with the fact that we still have the needs excepting the worst because we have a larger population and the equipment is older, I understand why they put in that it should be within the drought situation, faulty equipment. Most of us as we're getting older are using some sort of equipment. So to please make sure that, that gets done well. There's a whole pattern of room for improvement.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you very much. Members, questions for the testifier? Thank you very much.

MS. ROBBINS: You're welcome.

CHAIR WHITE: And Robert Collesano will be followed by Pinky Mendoza.

MR. CALLESANO: Chairman, Council members, I'm here primarily to thank you for not revising our request at the Mental Health Association here on Maui. We sometimes, you might hear of us called as Mental Health America, but we are a mental health association doing business as

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Mental Health America. I wanna clear that up. And my name's Robert Collesano. I took over as the Executive Director of Mental Health America recently, about six months ago. Colleen O'Shea Wallace was my predecessor and she did a great job. But we've, we're expanding what we're doing. Principally, I want to tell you real quickly, some of the things that we're offering here in Maui County, and then I want to give you my contact information so you have that so you can contact me if any of your constituents, any of your friends, neighbors, have problems with mental health or substance abuse issues here in Maui. I've been a substance abuse counselor 25 years, a mental health counselor intermixed with that the whole time. I've been on Maui about eight years. I worked at Aloha House when I first came here and then when CARE Hawaii had the ACT Team for mental health outreach, I was the substance abuse person at the ACT Team. And I also set up the inpatient substance abuse education program in the jail and at MCCC for Maui Drug Court. So those are some of the things I've done since I've been here on Maui. My direct phone number for you if you any questions about mental health, substance abuse, is 242-6461, 242-6461. And some of the things that we've offered to Maui since I've come onboard is simultaneously we've had two 12-week education courses for persons struggling with mental health issues. They're in one track, a 12-week education program, and another track is an education program for family members who have someone with mental illness in their family and that helps them deal with their relatives. One of, a new thing that I'm hoping to start because there's been so many cutbacks, I've seen cutbacks in case management and so on, people that go through our consumer training. We're going to train them to be peer mentors for people in the community. I get calls at the Mental Health Association office, people call, they don't have any insurance, they don't know what to do, they don't know where to go. And if we get enough peer mentors, very similar to like the AA Sponsorship mode where people that are recovering compliant with their meds, we're gonna get those people to connect with other people in the community --

MR. NISHITA: Three minutes.

MR. CALLESANO: --and...did you say three minutes? And help them. So I wanna thank you very much for your time. I wanted to introduce myself. Call me, 242-6461, if I can help you at all in the community. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Callesano. Questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MR. CALLESANO: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And our next testifier, Pinky Mendoza, will be followed by Pualani Enos.

MS. MENDOZA: Hi. Good morning.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

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MS. MENDOZA: Yeah. I am Pinky Mendoza. I am the brand new Program Director of Hale Kau Kau. Probably you have met Marie Thomas. She has, she's usually is presenting for Hale Kau Kau but she's in the mainland. She left last night because her sister-in-law passed away so she has to be with family. So I'll do the best I can. So Hale Kau Kau is the only agency on Maui that serves a hot nutritious meal 365 days per year. Anyone who is hungry is welcome. The community served includes all of Maui. However, onsite meals are prepared and served in _____ of St. Theresa Church, and homebound deliveries are limited to South Maui. The program serves every evening from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The kitchen serves between 100 to 140 meals daily. The population served includes men, women, and children. There are several families who are fed regularly. The Hale Kau Kau Program also delivers hot, nutritious meals daily to the homebound, elderly, sick, and disabled. Although deliveries vary, the program delivers between 60 and 65 shut-ins daily. Hale Kau Kau in conjunction with the Keolahou Hawaiian Church provides canned and packaged goods to assist the, with the families in need of free emergency food supplies to approximately 50 individuals or families per week. The Hale Kau Kau Program also has emergency food kits available in, onsite for those in need. Again, I just would like to introduce myself and I would like to thank you on behalf of Hale Kau Kau for the support that you continue to give the program. It gives us the opportunity to serve the hungry.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much for your testimony. Members, questions? Ms. Cochran, did you have your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, sorry.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Awesome job.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Real quickly. And thank you very much. Approximately how many meals an evening do you serve?

MS. MENDOZA: Oh well, between 100 to 140. It really depends on what day of the month. Usually towards the end of the month we serve as much as 200.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, that's a good average, thank you. And that's 365? You don't ...(*inaudible*)... Christmas --

MS. MENDOZA: Three hundred sixty-five days.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --Thanksgiving, nothing? Thank you.

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MS. MENDOZA: Yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Thank you very much. Our next testifier is Pualani Enos and she is the last person to sign up. So if you would like to provide testimony today and you have not yet done so, please either come forward and be ready to testify, or go sign up in the lobby. Please proceed.

MS. ENOS: Good morning, Council Chair and Council members. Thank you for giving me another opportunity to speak. I wanted to thank you for keeping us at our level and I understand about the increase and didn't realize that you folks weren't considering that as well. So I apologize for that but we're really grateful for what we got, and I'd just like to ask you in considering some of the cuts to the other social service providers, that sometimes it's really easy to see the successes of more mainstream programs, but it's some of the programs that have been testifying today around some of the cuts, that actually provide really innovative, kind of under-the-radar kinds of services that are really critical to the parents. And having kids who have parents who often struggle, some of the partners that we have, have been The Maui Farm, Maui Family Support Services, who provide direct services to teen parents for which there're really few programs now, and things that we as a school can't do. And I also wanted to mention the Humane Society because we have a program with them where we've had 24 of really at-risk youth who serve weekly with them, and their staff is fabulous in working with these at-risk kids and it has transformed them and they've continued to be ongoing members. So I know that you all might not have time to hear or find out information on your own, so I just wanted to share that with you and thank you so much for, I know the gazillion hours that you folks been putting in for this effort. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. And I don't believe anyone has rushed to sign up. We'll go back to the Hana District Office. Do you have any testifiers?

MS. LONO: There's no one waiting to testify at the Hana Office.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. And the Lanai District Office?

MS. BALALA: There is no one waiting to testify at the Lanai Office.

CHAIR WHITE: And the Molokai District Office.

MS. ALCON: There is no one here waiting on Molokai to testify.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, ladies. Members, without objection, we will close public testimony.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR WHITE: We will move to the review of the Budget and we'll be working off of Exhibit "1", and Mr. Baz and I discussed the pass and maybe, Mr. Baz, you can share with the Members a rough estimate of what the pass would, or the change from a monthly...I believe currently their only option is a \$30 a month pass. Oahu does a \$30 a year pass. So if we were to just move from \$30 a month to \$30 a year, Mr. Baz has an estimated cost for us.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair? Thank you. The, there is some questions regarding the bus pass, bus fare system. If you don't mind, Mr. Chair, I'll just kind of brief the Members. The differences between the system that was discussed in testimony and the Maui system, the Maui system is made up of one system. We have our fixed-route system and our para transit and then the commuter is an additional system. The para transit system accepts the passes that are supported right now in our Maui system. In Honolulu, the Handi-Van system does not support passes at all. The, to ride the Handi-Van service, you pay \$2 per boarding and that's it. There's no passes available. There's no anything like that. What the passes that are available for the Honolulu system are either \$5 per month or \$30 per year or \$60 for two years, and those are passes that are available to qualified disabled clients to ride the regular Honolulu bus, The Bus, and the express routes, not the Handi-Van service. So, if that distinction was made in Maui, then that possibility could be discussed. Probably want to bring the Director of Transportation up, but that's, I think, the difference between the Maui and the Honolulu system when we're talking about bus passes. Currently, I believe that from my recollection, there was a discussion about taking away the passes on the para transit services, and there was a number of constituents that, I don't know if the right term is revolted, but had very big concerns about that. So that's why we haven't proposed it again. I don't know if it was this prior Administration or if our Administration had proposed that, it was, but I know it was proposed in the past. We have around 700 certified clients that ride the para transit services that are certified disabled clients, so if we went from assuming that they were seniors riding, the ADA Paratransit pass would be \$30 a month. Regular general boarding, I believe, is \$45, includes commuter and ADA Paratransit, yeah. So if you're not a senior then you're paying \$45 a month right now for that pass. So if you wanted to reduce that to \$5 a month for everybody, it could theoretically be, you know, \$40 a month decrease in revenue times, you know, the 700 clients. We're talking about a pretty significant amount of money, but that's if they ride the, if they buy the monthly pass. If they're riding it, you know, buying the daily pass at \$4 per day, depends on again on how much they ride versus the \$5 a month that Honolulu is paying for.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, but that all, the number depends on how many are actually using it of the various clients?

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MR. BAZ: Yeah. We, I couldn't get in this short amount of time here we're discussing this, the actual passenger trips that we're looking at here, but just to understand the revenue generation difference. Right now, they have a daily pass that's available at \$4 per day or \$2 per boarding for, you know, all passengers including the ADA Paratransit service and the regular bus services. If they, so those are the rates that they're paying if they're not doing bus passes. So just to compare those two if you wanna have a discussion about that amongst the Members.

CHAIR WHITE: So just, I don't know if you gave a total difference. That, my calculation was that it would be approximately \$220,000.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, it would range but that's probably a decent estimate.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and since there was, there seemed to be some interest in taking a second look at that. I thought it was important to at least give you a rough number that we're talking about.

EXHIBIT "1" MATRIX

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, let's start with Page 2, the Operating Budget and we had consensus on the Administrative Assistant being eliminated and then the explanation on the two, the next two Premium Pays, the previous non-election year actual expense in Premium Pay was \$32,000 in those two categories shown and the Department was asking for 55. The Chair's adjustment leaves \$40,000. So the \$40,000 represents an increase of \$8,000 in Premium Pay over the previous non-election year. So that's the explanation there and if you'd like to revisit that again, that's fine but any concerns? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I think the difficulty when we look at the Chair's Proposal --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --is that we're only seeing what's in front of us.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: But if we had a column that showed what it did last year, it would really help --

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --for comparison.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. I share your challenge because otherwise --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, you're flipping back and forth --

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CHAIR WHITE: --you're left going...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --and it's really hard to make these comparisons, because we have to listen to what you say and hopefully write it down so we can come back to it but.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's the issue here is we don't know what we have as opposed to what we're talking about.

CHAIR WHITE: You know, I don't know, it's, I think we can do that maybe next year but I think at this point I...how much time it would take to input all that, those numbers? But I think it may be necessary for us to just follow along with the Details unless --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Why don't...

CHAIR WHITE: --somebody else has a...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We don't have one of these things from last year, a final one, that we could put here and put the new one here and just look like that?

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, that's a good question. Do we have Exhibit "1" from last year?

MR. KANESHINA: We can make Exhibit "1" available, or I mean, you know, it's, it's, they'll all be in the Budget Ordinance that got passed, but you gotta remember that, that's pre any amendments that were made subsequently, but I'd have to talk to the other Staff to figure out if you wanted a new column more or less how long that would take.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think creating a new column is gonna --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --probably take a lot of time.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I, I'm not saying create a new column even though that would be nice. What I'm saying is just have a reference from last year that we can put side-by-side. It would really help us as we go through this.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. I think that's a really valid suggestion for next year that would make, it makes the perspective a lot clearer.

MR. KANESHINA: In the meantime, we can try and figure something out, whether it's making copies of the Exhibit "1" from last year. At least you can have it side-by-side but we're at your guidance.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair? Are...

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: My wonderful Staff, Sarah, actually has it all written, numbered, what was last year and what is today's --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --and you can make copies of my copy. I don't know. That's, she just went through the, as you said, the Budget Ordinance and wrote down last year's and then now I can see totally side-by-side the number from last year.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And she just sat there and wrote these numbers down by hand so, I don't know if that helps.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Can we borrow?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, why don't we take a look and see if it's something that can be easily copied.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thanks, Elle.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: ...*(Inaudible)*... good.

CHAIR WHITE: Let's take a two minute recess and take a look at that ...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 11:27 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:29 a.m.

CHAIR WHITE: ...*(gavel)*... Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. During the quick recess, we determined that it would take Staff some time to put the, put that extra column in, but I think it's going to make this process a whole lot quicker and easier. So with that...

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah?

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MR. KANESHINA: Excuse me. Thank you. Just to clarify so that we have some guidance. We can add a new column and we can probably put in the previous Council-approved appropriation for the Program. If you want it by Detail, I don't think we can, we can't do that in half an hour, but we could definitely add another column and put the total appropriation by Program. So you'll see, for example, if you look at Office of Council County Clerk, we would be able to add a new column that says, you know, FY '13 Council-approved and put the, a number similar to that 2 million figure. But as far as expanding it out by individual cost account or Index Code, that's going to be a pretty big rework that I don't want to commit to any sort of timeframe in this session. But maybe we could get some guidance --

CHAIR WHITE: Well then --

MR. KANESHINA: --to, as to what exactly you want.

CHAIR WHITE: --the other option is just making copies of the, of Ms. Cochran's notes.

MR. KANESHINA: No. We can definitely do that and add the column, you know, by program, total amount by program, which is what Member Cochran has. But by Index Code, which is something similar to the Details, which Mr. Baz presents, would be, would be a pretty big rework of what you guys have historically seen.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran, is yours just by program as you get into the...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah. I mean it's not broken down.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It's just every line item and, you know, last year's total versus this year's. So the page we're on, Page 2...

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I understand what the Staff is saying and, you know, it's just paper. If they would give us what they can give us and we can make a copy of with what Ms., Member Cochran has, I think we'll be good to go.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And that's just copies.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Let's try and get this going.

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CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Let's, let's...

MR. KANESHINA: We can give you something what Member Cochran has in about a half an hour, I'll just say that.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Fine.

CHAIR WHITE: So, why don't we come back at 1 o'clock instead of 1:30 if everyone's okay with that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, Chair. I'm not --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --because I have a meeting that's going to last 'til about 1:15. I committed.

CHAIR WHITE: That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I won't be back 'til 1:30.

CHAIR WHITE: That's fine. We'll just continue. We'll move along.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I don't want to miss when I can, I don't have to miss but that's what I'm trying to say, you know. Plus I wanted to ask one more question. You know, this Details that they're gonna give us, last year totals and all that, I understand. You've broken it out by, and in other areas, by positions, by, like for example, our youth centers, and you've done all of that, and I don't want them to have to go to do that for us, but, you know, that also creates another challenge because you've gone an extra step, which I appreciate.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But now how do we compare to last year what was actually allocated to these various items?

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, that's the question I have for that one.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Okay with that, we will start up at 1 o'clock and we'll, you know, we'll advise you what, you know, what...

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIR WHITE: We gotta keep the process moving.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay with that, we are in recess until 1 o'clock. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 11:33 a.m.

RECONVENE: 1:03 p.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . This meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. Members, we are still printing and told that we will be ready to go at 1:30. So we'll be in recess until 1:30. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 1:03 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:43 p.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . The Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. We have for distribution the new sheets for which to work through the Exhibit "1". So we'll distribute those now and give you a couple of minutes to get yourselves situated. So let's, let's take a five-minute recess while you guys get ready. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 1:44 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:47 p.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order and Staff will explain what you've got sitting in front of you.

MR. KANESHINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Per the request of Member Baisa, we added two columns on the far right-hand side of this sheet. The first column you'll see is entitled Council-approved FY '13, and what that basically is is that's the appropriation made for each program by this body for the Fiscal Year '13. The only caveat on that I'd say right now is that is pre any Budget amendments that have been approved by the Council since the Budget has been passed. So that's, you know, so just be aware of that. We didn't do CIP because CIP doesn't line up very well. That changes year-to-year but as far as the operations we compared program to program from Fiscal '14 proposed to Fiscal '13 approved by the Council. The far right-hand side column is just the easy calculation, increase or decrease. If you see a negative number there, that is saying that there is a decrease of what Chair's Proposal shows to what the Council approved last year. If the number is positive, that means Chair White's proposal is an increase for that specific program of what the Council approved last year. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Scotty? Chair? Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And the column that says Council?

MR. KANESHINA: That's the same column that we're traditionally used to being seen. The three, those are the three. The Mayor, revision, and Council. So Council is the Chair's Proposal and that's, that column is the same as what you guys have normally been used to seeing for the last few years.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: But this is the Chair's, but when it says Council it's Chair's Proposal?

MR. KANESHINA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

MR. KANESHINA: Right now.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MR. KANESHINA: It's, that's the working document we've been using for a long time.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I just wanted it clear. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. If you notice on the original document we were working off of, that Council column is the one on the far right. We've just added two more columns on the, to the right of that to show the Fiscal Year 2013 appropriation and then the change. Okay? Any further questions, Members? Okay, seeing none, let's move to the Office of the County Clerk. We have consensus on the removal of the Administrative Assistant and we were discussing the item, and again this new iteration doesn't help us too much with the Detail numbers, so you're going to have to, you know, I think I would prefer we just, if there's a question that we have to look at the Details, we will revisit and then I ask each of you Members to go back and look at your own Detail rather than us taking that time now. So, my explanation on the two reductions of Premium Pay is that the number that you see, the 5,000 and 10,000 dollar reductions take that back to 40,000, which is still \$8,000 more than the previous non-election year. So that should be an easy consensus but we can revisit if you'd like to go look at the Details yourself. So, is that a consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: RV.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

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CHAIR WHITE: Did I hear something other than a consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And a reduction in Professional Services, I believe the prior year, oh no, that's my other note. Staff, can you give us what the prior year expenditure was?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, while they're looking it up?

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Since this is pretty much a Program Budget, it doesn't too much matter whether, where it came from and as far as I'm concerned. It's just that we're looking at what we did from the Mayor's revision to our revision and comparison to last year. I, you know, when we get down into the Details, it's going to be moved around anyway. So I'm just curious as to if we need to get to that much detail unless somebody has a question.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, that's where we're at. If somebody wants to revisit, I'm willing to revisit, so.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, for me, I got no issues with your recommendations for Clerk or Council. This is pretty much our Budget and if they don't follow what we expect, I have no problem having new employees next term either.

CHAIR WHITE: Wait, say that again, Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: This is our Budget. If our employees don't want to follow our directive in our Budget that we control, then for me it's, I got no problem with new employees either.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, with respect to my esteemed colleague, who has many, many more years of experience with this than I do, my problem is that yes, we say well it's a Program Budget and we can move it around, but then we attempt to move it around and we're told that we can't do because, you know, we have to have this approved and that approved. So I'm not that comfortable with just doing a blanket thing and then saying well we'll massage it the way we want because I already ran into a brick wall on this.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We're going to revisit the two appropriations for, or the two reductions in Premium Pay. And regarding the Professional Services, it's a 50,000 increase so we just simply took that back down by the 50,000...oh, I'm sorry. That's the...yeah. So if you want to revisit that, we can revisit that but it's, it's a reduction. You know what...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Professional Services, Elections. We're proposing to reduce that to 50,000.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It's a very simple thing.

CHAIR WHITE: Staff, can you tell us where we are for, or what impact the 50,000 has?

MR. NISHITA: Mr. Chair, for Professional Services, Elections, you can find that on Page 3-7 of the Details.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

MR. NISHITA: And the FY '13 adopted is 200,000. FY '14 proposed is 150,000. So in addition to the 150,000 in FY '14, the Chair's Proposal is calling for an additional 50,000 decrease.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Consensus on the 50,000 reduction?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Have we heard from the County Clerk in regards to this?

CHAIR WHITE: I've not asked.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I would like to know what he thinks and what is his reason.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we'll revisit and you can check with him between now and the time we go through this next. And the reduction in Special Election expenses is actually a fairly minor one, because the Clerk had added 400,000 to that line last, for a move that won't be necessitated because of all mail-in elections is not gonna --

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: --be going forward.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: So we can make that reduction larger if you'd like? But we'll take that as a consensus on a \$200,000...

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, that does it for the Clerk's Office. Moving down to the Legislative Analysts and that is, that's a delete expansion position for that and Council Services Supervisor for IT and that's consistent with our reducing other positions. So I'm open to comment on that if you have any.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh, yes. I'd like to have it revisited. My concern is, Chair --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --that, you know, people have complained and grumbled and I've been approached and I think all of us have been told over and over again. The public keeps saying nobody told us. We didn't know. No communication. We want transparency. And this is an attempt to take care of that, and I just feel that it's a very, very important thing for us to do with the communications person and with the IT person. We really, really need the help in Council Services. You know, Council Services is the heartbeat of what work we do and those people are working hard. They're overworked. They work long hours and they just cannot get all of the work done and they really, really need help. So if we're going to try to take this away, I am really opposed to it. You know, I would think that this group would be very anxious to communicate with our clients and these are the people of Maui County who want to know and, you know, communication being what it is today, social media is instant. You know, there was some kind of explosion last night and before anybody could breathe it was all over Facebook and, you know, it had turned into an earthquake and whatever. Communication is instant today and you have to be on it and everybody, somebody, and nobody does it and somebody needs to be responsible. And unlike the characterizations that have been made here, this is not the re-elect

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Gladys Baisa Campaign Fund for communications person. This is an attempt to help the public understand what we're planning, what we're thinking about, and give them a heads up so they can participate and that's the whole intent of it.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I'm absolutely fine with the Legislative Analysts. However, the Council Services Supervisor for IT, in some of our discussions, there's always been talk about combining the IT Departments again. So if we were to have a position to help with the load, I would rather it be an LTA or an outside consultant until we get everything taken care of. But the way I see the handwriting on the wall is that the two Departments will probably merge into one so that we don't have duplication of services. So either LTA or delete is fine for me.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, any other comments?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I have no problem using my office staff to take care of my communication needs. I don't have a problem with using the District Offices to communicate within the districts for my needs. In fact, I think we could use, we can use them more to assist the districts specific for Members' communication requirements. At this point, Chairman, I would rather go with the cuts, you know. You know, every Member has their own needs, you know. I don't need a script to run my meeting. Okay, so I don't need certain services that maybe somebody else may need. But that's up to the Member to decide within his own budget that they control to determine what their specific needs are and how they can use their discretionary spending to assist their priorities. For me, from a Council standpoint, what I'm wishing to impose upon the departments I have no problem imposing on us either, Chairman, so I can support your recommendation at this time.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, the Chair's concern is that I think we have a lot of talent on the seventh floor already and with, and we have, I believe, the capacity to do these kinds of things without adding staff and I think we need to lead by example as much as we can. And so, you know, I've put some money in to hire in other services to provide an outside person to come in and do this work as a communications vendor to help see what works and help see what kind of gains we can have, but I'm, as I've said before on many other positions, I'm hesitant to add more people to the County rolls when the County number of jobs has grown significantly over the years, and we should be able to find wherewithal within the existing list of employees to get these things accomplished. So with that, we will revisit this.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR WHITE: And we'll revisit the IT Supervisor. The increase for salary updates is the same as we've done for other departments, so we'll just put a P for pass on that and the reduction in salary adjustments. And the reduction in other services, again this is a Program Budget. We're just trying to save a little money here and there so I would appreciate consensus on that.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Reduce Contractual Services. I believe that is . . . *(pause)* . . . basically just making it with, leaving it with no expansion. So leaving a flat Budget. So is that a revisit? Or...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: And an increase to Professional Services, Litigation Contingency. We're doing that because there are situations into which we've got to hire our own attorneys, as we're all familiar.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And we've, the computer reduction is, we've left, we've simply reduced that by half. So...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And the County Auditor position had a consensus on.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, we did not.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We didn't?

CHAIR WHITE: We did.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I thought we did?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, I did, I also said...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit, yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Not necessarily. All I said was to change that 400,000 to 500,000 and I'm okay with it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, to drop it to 900,000?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Correct.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. The Chair is comfortable with the cut to 900.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So am I.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Consensus. You guys are hiring.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Cool.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, moving to Corp. Counsel. That I'm going to change to a pass.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, what?

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, remember we talked yesterday about the, we have zeroed out all the increases that are for the private secretaries and so forth --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --with the understanding that when we come back, when we find out what's happening with the other increases, we'll come back. So rather than that being a revisit, it's just simply a pass. Okay, then after the Administration Program in Environmental Management, we have a pass there and then I believe we had consensus down to the beginning of Solid Waste. Is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Correct.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Uh-huh.

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CHAIR WHITE: Solid Waste, Operations Program, right? Okay, and the initial line reduced the, I believe it was 1,200,000 in fill material. Remember, we bought the tarp and they've reduced the, well, they're covering the --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Landfill.

CHAIR WHITE: --the dump with the tarp, so they're using fill material every other day, but there's no reduction in the amount of fill that we're budgeting for. So we felt it was appropriate to reduce that by 400,000 because half the fill should only be 600. So rather than reducing it by 600, we're leaving them a little bit of a buffer. And the other thing is that at the end of, in 2000, in this year, we transferred \$5 million into their account and they're going to end the year with a \$3.7 million projected Carryover/Savings. So I think there's adequate funds there.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: We're not asking for comment.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I am.

CHAIR WHITE: Unless, okay, if you want to ask them a specific question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, I just wanted to make a comment that the tarp was from two years, two fiscal budgets ago, so I'm guessing that...

CHAIR WHITE: No, we budgeted for that but I don't believe it went into use until more recently.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then the other half was that part of this, it's my understanding from the explanation from the Director, is that it was for the change in the Hana things that we had to do.

CHAIR WHITE: I believe that's a separate line.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, see...

CHAIR WHITE: Staff, isn't there a separate line for the Hana Landfill?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: There is a different...

MR. NISHITA: Mr. Chair, the Miscellaneous Other Costs for the Hana Landfill, you can find that on Page 5-72 of the Details.

CHAIR WHITE: So it's, yeah, it's not included in this line.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, it doesn't say that in here. Okay. I, Mr. Baz did have a comment and I would like to hear what he has to say if it's alright with you.

MR. BAZ: No, Mr. Chair, thank you for the clarification on...I would want some direction as far as the where you're taking, which Index Code you're desiring to take the \$400,000 out of. Just a note, their Third Quarterly Report, they've already overspent. They're at 19.6 percent balance as of March 31st. So this Program is already overspent for this year and we're contemplating coming in for a Budget amendment to increase the funding for this Program otherwise they will be overspent.

CHAIR WHITE: Even though you're projecting a \$3.7 million Carryover/Savings?

MR. BAZ: That was from the previous year and there was a significantly larger interfund transfer in the previous year.

CHAIR WHITE: Is that correct, Staff?

MR. KANESHINA: Are you asking if there's a larger interfund transfer last year than what's being proposed this year? I'd have to check. I'll get back to you guys. But I defer to the Budget Director but if I see anything otherwise I'll let you know.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We'll revisit that. And the R&M Services/Contracts.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Reason? What...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Given all the discussion prior to some of our hearings about the whole recycling drop boxes and it costing about 700,000 and that they had removed that from the Budget this time, I'm hesitant to cut anything from Solid Waste, just for the Members' information.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, then I would ask you, are you interested in moving this somewhere else? With respect to the R&M Contracts, there was an \$80,000 appropriation and there's 75,000 remaining available. So that was the reason for that reduction. The next one, Repairs and Maintenance, there's a \$100,000 appropriation and about 73,000 has been spent. So, we can revisit all of these --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

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CHAIR WHITE: --if you'd like. Okay, then the other one, the next one is the delete vacation, vacant position rather.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: . . .*(Laughter)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No vacation for you.

CHAIR WHITE: There was no request to fill on that. So is that a consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, I have somewhat of a consensus. I'm fine with that in this position here but possibly as an E/P Count that we can put somewhere else if necessary if people say that they would like an E/P at another position.

CHAIR WHITE: I think that's reasonable.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: You know, as I've said before, I don't have a problem with positions being reallocated between Departments --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: --because I think that's what we should be doing, not just adding.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So it's just, it would be deleting from here but then --

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --adding. Okay, thank you.

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: You can do that?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MR. KANESHINA: Yeah, general that guidance is pretty much right on. You know, if we deleted somebody from Fire, we could add somebody to Police. If we deleted somebody from Parks General Fund, we could add somebody to Planning. Once we start getting into the Special Funds, Solid Waste is probably okay because we do an interfund, we do a transfer to support the Solid Waste Fund with the General Fund. But if you're in the Water Department, for example, and you wanted to do something like this...so just be aware that this one might be okay but other Special Funds it might get a little complicated. Thanks.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so is that a consensus?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you for that clarification, Staff, because I was going to bring that up.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we're now in the Department of Finance. Private Secretary is a pass and the reason for the next reduction is that our understanding is that only about \$3,000 had been spent out of the accounts, therefore the \$80,000 reduction.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, does the Budget Director know what that account is supposed to be for? I can't remember what the Director said.

CHAIR WHITE: You know, the, yeah, he can answer that. But the thing that's hard for us is that it's hard for us to tell where they have, for lack of a better word "stashed" money. And so, you know, I can't tell whether this is a stash account or not. So, you know, I would appreciate it if Mr. Baz can maybe share with us what...

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, thank you. The request was from the Director of Finance. He has increased his training within his Department, done a lot of significant trainings Department-wide as well as in the Service Center area and this additional monies was, were to continue that, those services. I'm not sure which Index Code you're looking at that shows an item.

CHAIR WHITE: Staff, what Index Code is this, what page?

MR. NISHITA: Mr. Chair, it's on Page 6-6 of the Details, Index Code 907014, Sub-Object Code 6132.

CHAIR WHITE: Let us find the page first. What was the number again?

MR. NISHITA: It's on 6-6 of the Details and the Sub-Object Code is 6132.

CHAIR WHITE: So halfway down the page.

MR NISHITA: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: Okay, it looks...

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, the, what we're responding to, Mr. Baz, is not, that's not...the appropriation request for this year is 87,000, but the allocation last year was 89,000 and they've only spent 3,000 from what we can see, so I don't have a problem with putting money in there but I don't, I like to make sure that it's...

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Gets used.

CHAIR WHITE: He says it's for training, and I have no problem supporting training. But if we've, if we put 89,000 there last year and they spent 3,000, I don't want to put the same amount again. So.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, I'm not sure what the year-to-date expenditures are for that specific line item.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Is it possible that we can make a quick contact and revisit this and put a number in there. If they're not using it I agree with you. Let's get something real. Maybe they'll use 10,000 instead of 80.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: But let's ask. It should be a simple question.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Who wants, would you like to --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I can do that.

CHAIR WHITE: --contact them? Okay. Revisit that and I'll put your initial there as the...the other, the next one is the deletion of the 55" Smart Board. My understanding is that there's smart boards upstairs and they can certainly share with I think what the amount of use it might get.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Reduce...

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair? I apologize. Can I just go back?

CHAIR WHITE: I'm going to limit you at some point --

MR. BAZ: Yeah, I know. I understand.

CHAIR WHITE: --because, you know, we gotta get through this.

MR. BAZ: Just that position in Environmental Management, the Department did request to fill and the fill has been approved for that position on April 11th.

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CHAIR WHITE: Well, you know, we get these reports from personnel that are quite recent. Okay, we'll leave it as is for now and revisit. Okay, so the, I believe the \$44,000 in Professional Services was something that I felt we can hold off on until we have the, a more overall IT assessment and they can come back to us with a Budget amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Does, is it okay to ask Budget Director Baz about what that is? That, you think that's an IT issue?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, the Department of Finance has been working for quite a while on having electronic accounts payable system, workflow system. This is doing online requisitioning, purchase order requests, things like that reducing the amount of paperwork that's required for the purchasing workflow and this is continuing that from my understanding.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Okay, the remainder, basically we've taken out all the increased positions, expansion positions for DMVL, and again this is not so much that I don't agree with upgrading the services but if we had been able to reduce the number of employees in the County as the Mayor had suggested by 7 percent, we would have, even if we had only achieved a third of that, we would be able to cover all these positions. And I, as I've said before, I totally support reallocation and reassignment, but I don't feel that we're at a point where we should be just simply adding positions.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That seems like a reasonable response. The question I would have is are there enough positions that can be reallocated into these that are, have been vacant for a while?

CHAIR WHITE: I don't know whether they're within this Department but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Or through the County.

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CHAIR WHITE: Countywide we've got, I believe, a couple hundred vacant positions. We have a number in Parks. I think the number we had was about 80, 80-something --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --positions. Now, I'd like to see them filled in Parks because we need help there obviously. But even if they were to fill a good portion of them, there's still a number of vacant --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: A bunch.

CHAIR WHITE: --positions that can be reallocated. So my concern with all these increases is we have employee counts for which we have assigned dollars in every other Department and I, my feeling is that we should be able to reallocate something. And as I've said, I'm happy to do that in my Committee as we go through the year. I'm happy to do it here if we can, you know, get some consensus from the Administration or some direction from the Administration, so. So I'm assuming that's a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Not necessarily. I'm just asking.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and then the \$6,000 is simply the equipment for the expansion, so that goes together with that. The Bloomberg Item for 25,000...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair? We got the Real Property Tax Appraiser, Valuation Analyst, and Real Property Tax Software.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Basically that, those are the positions that we approved last year and so we're simply adjusting to provide full funding because my understanding is they're going to be filled by that time.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Real Property Tax Software?

CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry. I'm talking about Real Property Tax Appraiser and Evaluation Analyst.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: So do we have a consensus on that?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And the \$41,000 for Real Property Tax Software is the Change Detection Software from Pictometry to identify any changes between flyovers. So it simply allows us to make use of the flyover. Consensus?

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, then the, we didn't feel that there is adequate reason for the Bloomberg Advisory Services. I think that the, those resources are available in other ways so if they would like to come in and make a better presentation on the need for that, then we'll need to listen. Otherwise, I'd like to remove that.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and then the next, let's see. I believe we had . . . *(pause)* . . . okay, the rest of the page all the way down to the Department of Fire and Public Safety, those are all things that will be affected by other decisions, so we'll come back to all of those. Okay, then the first item under Department of Fire and Public Safety is the Secretary. That's a pass.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, I think you missed, might have missed one or I wasn't sure. Page 8, Number 5, the Supplemental Transfer to Solid Waste Management Fund. I know it's because of the --

CHAIR WHITE: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --decrease in services so I'd like to revisit that if at all possible.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Okay, then again as far as the Fire positions, I have no real problem with Fire expanding some of their positions, but again it gets down to a question of whether they can use some of their existing positions for that or whether we can find positions elsewhere. They currently have 36 positions of which they have, I believe, 25 corresponding training positions filled. I don't know whether that means they've got funded positions for which they have cash sitting on the sideline or not, but we are, we're going to run the, run a report on whether, to see how much they've spent down their budgeted amount. My, one of my challenges with Fire is that over the last three years, they've gotten, and unlike all the other bargaining units, they've had increases while everyone else has had furlough reductions and they're now just getting back to where they were. The Fire Department has had increases of approximately 10.3 percent. During that same time, they've increased their, in 2012, they increased their actual expenditure on Salaries and Wages by 15.5 percent. Now conversely, the Police Department had increases amounting to 17 percent but they only increased their actual expenditure by 1.4 percent. So even with a 17 percent union increase, the Police Department's increase in expenditures was lower than some of the departments on which there were furloughs. So I'm concerned that we have less fiscal responsibility in Fire than we see in Police. That tells me that we probably need to give them more financial help then, because I think Mr. Takahashi in the Police Department does a very, very credible job. So the Chair is open to some expansion in this Department but I'd also like to see if we can do this through re-description or reallocation. Comments?

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair? I would like to bring the Fire back in terms...I remember when they were on the floor, you posed a question as to which positions if needed to be cut down that he would give us a list of those that would be on his priority.

CHAIR WHITE: He sent his list.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: He did? Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you all have it. Let me pull it out. Yeah, I got it. The prioritization that he provided us was the Internal Affairs Officer was the first priority, Fire Mechanic was the second priority, Office Operations Assistant for Admin and Mechanic Shop is the third priority, Account Clerk III was the fourth, Secretary III was fifth, Accreditation Manager the sixth, Operations Assistant II Training Division was the seventh, and the last was a Storekeeper. So comments? I don't have a problem bringing departments back if you'd like --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I like that there.

CHAIR WHITE: --to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, please, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so why don't we --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Keep everything on hold.

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MR. KANESHINA: You know, Staff can work with Budget Director Baz to see if we can get in touch with Fire Department. Maybe we can have them come in sometime tomorrow morning maybe. But we'll work offline and we'll report back to the Committee.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so we'll...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And, Mr. Chair, and I've sat here very quietly through most of this and I understand and I want to move it along. But I think every department should be given, afforded the opportunity to come in and at least say if we're going to cut a bunch of positions or whatever, what they could really, really, really, really need and what they can really do without. I think they've been cut from the Administration --

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CHAIR WHITE: I'm...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and we're trying...

CHAIR WHITE: I'm comfortable doing that. And we can, I'm, I remember in the past they've been sitting in the audience available and no one's here.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Well.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm happy to do that if you guys want to have them here. But I will ask that we move through as quickly as we can --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's fine.

CHAIR WHITE: --when we have them here.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's fine, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So we will revisit all Fire. Okay, Maui Economic Opportunity. These are...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: There's Housing and Human...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Housing and Human Concerns?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Human Concerns, right?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Page 10.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, no wonder. Mine are, I have 12, 11, 13.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ...*(Laughter)*...

CHAIR WHITE: And no 10.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Nice.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Nice.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, sorry about that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's okay, Chair.

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CHAIR WHITE: Department of Housing and Human Concerns, we'll do a pass on the Secretarial.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And my recollection that we had a consensus on the reduction or the elimination of the First Time Homebuyers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And a consensus on the grant to Hale Mahaolu. Consensus, right?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And we do flat 15. Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: And then the next was delete expansion position Office Operations Assistant for Immigration Services.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: And I believe there...yeah? Ms. Baisa, or Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. I was able to speak to the Department in regards to this position, and I guess it's, I'd like to address Mr. Baz as in this was inadvertently left out perhaps, this position from last year FY '12?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so it's a position that was, it's been temporarily filled by a couple Kaunoa people and now Kaunoa are filling in those positions so now there is nobody to fill in this clerk-type position for IS and I feel it's a needed service and help for this Department. So I don't know if Mr. Baz has comments on that, or Chair, you?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think, let's go, whenever there's a revisit...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, I'll just do revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: We'll call, we'll --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, got it.

CHAIR WHITE: --have the Department Head tomorrow.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Okay, and then the, we had a revisit on the delete Moving to OED and provisoing. Mr. Carroll has, well, I should say through his staff, Mr. Carroll has advised me that, that's okay with him.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: So consensus?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And we have a revisit on MAPA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And a revisit on E Malama I Na Keiki.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And Head Start.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh. . . .(Pause). . . Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Sorry, I'm, my pages are not matching up. Okay, then we had a consensus on Early Childhood Programs, right? There was no change.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: We still, were you still Infant/Toddler Care, Kansha Preschool?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, what about, yeah those. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: On the next one is Kansha.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Page 12.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: There's no revision.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Five and six.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, where?

CHAIR WHITE: I'm at the top of page, my Page 12.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, you're at...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Head Start.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It's the Head Start.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah but the heading is Early Childhood Programs, 100,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: The bottom of Page 11.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It's on the bottom? Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's at the bottom of Page 11.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Page 11 on ours.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And going to the top of Page 12.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Page 11, okay.

CHAIR WHITE: So.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And top of Page 12.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: We already have revisit on --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit on this whole thing.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --Head Start, Head Start, and then...

CHAIR WHITE: Well, we had the early, if you look at the top --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Early Childhood Care.

CHAIR WHITE: --the bottom of Page 11 and the top of Page 12, it's --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: All revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: --\$100,000 that I thought we had consensus on --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus on that.

CHAIR WHITE: --because there was no change.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so that's a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's a revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: That's fine. I just...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: We had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

CHAIR WHITE: I thought we had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: We did.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I don't have nothing marked.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I had it marked down as consensus but if there's somebody else who wants to revisit?

CHAIR WHITE: If you want to revisit today, that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: They had that consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I had no mark.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: If anybody wants a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What does Staff have?

MR. KANESHINA: Well, we have consensus on that, for that item for Early Childhood 100,000.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, consensus then.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Let's go. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, then revisit on Head Start.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Head Start.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For summer.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and revisit on all the Head Starts.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so then at Maui Arts and Culture we had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Kانشا Preschool.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What happened to Toddler Care?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Kانشا Preschool revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, that's a revisit...well, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And American Red Cross --

CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --I thought was consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry. I'm transferring my R's from one sheet to the other so I thought okay, we got that already. So yeah, Kansha is a revisit and American Red Cross is a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I had that down as consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We had...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, I had, I had a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I have okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I got a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we're on Maui Arts and Culture was a consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Community Work Day was a revisit by Elle.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: Correct?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Frail and Elderly, I thought was --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. That's what I have.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's what I have.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Page 13. We had revisit on, yeah, this is...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: You know, based on the testimony today, I think this needs to go back in at probably at least 100,000. Anybody have any...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No objections.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, we'll, just revisit that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'll revisit that.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I would say revisit. We'll know soon.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And same with Homeless Program.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Homeless, yes, please.

CHAIR WHITE: And we had consensus on the Dialysis Program.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And revisit Hui Malama.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: And I can't read my writing on --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: --Imua.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It was a revisit.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Riki.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That was a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I had a R.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And then Lanai Community Health Center we had a consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: And on the Adult Day Care --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: --we have consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Food Bank we had a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And same on Enlace Hispano Program.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It was, it was here last year.

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Now this one was the, this Maui Family Support Services one is the one that we deleted in error.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, okay so that's...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: So that's, we put that back in.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And so we can have consensus so long as it's put back in, right?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I, but again, the reason we're revisiting all the others is to see whether we're going to increase them.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: So.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, this one is a mistake so.

CHAIR WHITE: No, no. No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

CHAIR WHITE: What I'm saying, we want to revisit it not...it's consensus to put it back in. I'm sure there's a consensus to put it back in.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: The revisit is to see whether we want to increase it --

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --if we have the ability to do so later.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: There was no...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But they weren't asking for it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: They weren't asking for an increase.

CHAIR WHITE: I understand that, but a lot of people that have put grants in were not asking for --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, got you.

CHAIR WHITE: --increases because they were told not to.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Correct.

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CHAIR WHITE: At least that's my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: So that's a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. All right.

CHAIR WHITE: The Maui Farm was a revisit. Mental Health was an Elle revisit. And Salvation Army was a revisit. And Self Sufficiency Programs was consensus. Special Olympics --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: RV.

CHAIR WHITE: --was a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: And UH was a revisit . . .*(pause)*. . . as was Women Helping Women and the Cameron Center. Coalition for Drug Free Lanai was consensus. Ohana Makamae was consensus. Substance Abuse was a revisit as was the \$150,000 add for Alcohol Education. Best Buddies is a revisit. Big Brothers Big/Big Sisters was consensus. Boys & Girls Club was revisit by Mr. Couch. Hawaiian Kamalii was consensus and the elimination of Keiki Kokua was a consensus as well.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know...

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I hate to throw a monkey wrench in this whole system but you said earlier we put back the 60,000 and the reason you wanted to revisit in case they wanted an increase, and yet we have consensus on some of these other ones like Big Brothers/Big Sisters because it's the same thing but are we affording them the same opportunity to come back.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So how can we have consensus if we're going to say...

CHAIR WHITE: Well we're...

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm just asking the question.

CHAIR WHITE: No. No, that's a valid question. So I can handle this any way you want.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I...

CHAIR WHITE: If you...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Again, for me I feel like you. If you going do for one, you do for all. If you going be fair --

CHAIR WHITE: My...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --same.

CHAIR WHITE: The Chair's plan is if we can find the money, we'll do an across the board increase and then if there are certain ones that have to have, you know, have extenuating circumstances, then we can reconsider those.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, Chair. Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: So for now we have consensus on Boys & Girls Club. We have a revisit on Youth Services and Maui Family Support Services, Teen Voices Program. And the question is whether...this was a program that was taken out last, sometime this year. So we'll ask Mr. Ridao about that. Project Graduation was a consensus. And then, oh, Youth Centers is a revisit. Youth Programs, we had consensus and then the broken out Youth Centers is all a revisit . . .(pause). . . down to Boys & Girls Club of Maui. And the Animal Management Program is a revisit as are all of the line items for Molokai and Lanai Animal Rescue, SPCA, and Valley Isle. And Department of Liquor Control, Staff, have we gotten numbers on that?

MR. KANESHINA: I've been in contact with the Deputy Director of the Liquor Control Department. She's off, out of State, actually but she e-mailed me a couple times the past few days and we're going to try and get something from the remaining staff here, so we'll report back as soon as we can.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, revisit.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I no need revisit that Department. I no need revisit that Department.

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CHAIR WHITE: I'm gonna just take a quick recess, couple minutes. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 2:48 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:02 p.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. Members, what our discussion was about was the, because of the, our discussion about the grants having money left over if we can find the money, I think there's a general desire to increase the grants. So I think we've got a lot of work other than grants and we need to get a sense of what we have left over. So what I'd like to do is when we get to, we'll have Human Services come in tomorrow to answer the questions on a couple that we just need some clarification on. Other than that, I think it's probably appropriate to suspend some of the discussion on grants until we get through the other items. So when we get to OED, rather than discussing them, we may just move along to the other cost items so that we have a sense of where, what we're dealing with as far as our finances are concerned. Okay, moving along to Department of Management. We have a revisit on both the Training Fees and a pass on the Private Secretary, is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And then the explanation on the deletion of the positions is the same as previously provided, and that is that I would like the Administration to look for positions elsewhere in the list of vacancies and reallocate or re-describe as they see fit.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I was just going to ask, I don't know if Mr. Baz knows or not, what the difficulty in that is. If it's an easy thing to do, I agree with you. If it's something that's going to take six months because of reclassifications and all kinds of weird bureaucratic stuff, then I would think it might be not worth the hassle. So if I could ask Mr., if he even knows.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. That might be more appropriate for Mr. Hashimoto. Go ahead.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, the involved process of moving between programs would require a Budget amendment for that. We'd have to identify a position that was vacant and that we could utilize that, I, from what I'm understanding of your request, is a vacant E/P. We would be deleting from one program and adding to another program with some kind of appropriate funding. Then

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once that position is approved by Council, then the Department would request a creation of a position and filling, but that also includes the...the creation of a position includes the classification requirements, identifying the correct classification, the correct salary range and job description, getting that approved through the Civil Service System, getting a list of...and then just the normal process of requesting to fill, getting a list of Civil Servant, you know, posting, getting applicants, getting the Civil Service Eligible List, doing interviews and all that kind of stuff.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, well let me ask the question. You mentioned that it requires a Budget amendment. What if we were to simply say we're going to move four positions from Parks in here? It's our Budget, we don't have to amend it. We just move 'em. And then you guys figure out the details. I don't know. I'm just asking --

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --the question.

MR. BAZ: No. You, you have the ability to, that's the privy of the Council, as far as I understand in the Charter, to set --

CHAIR WHITE: We have the ability --

MR. BAZ: --equivalent personnel.

CHAIR WHITE: --to set E/P counts and funding.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: As long as we do that, can't we do that in the Budget? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I have no doubt that we can do that because, you know, we craft the Budget and we say who gets positions and how much and whatever, but unfortunately we are hampered by the Personnel Division's policies and procedures, and so are they by their policies and procedures. They get caught up in their own paper and it takes forever. And, you know, I've sat here now for years and listened to, well, we're in the process of filling. We're trying to do a job description, we have a waiting list, we're doing testing. I mean this is a major deal to move stuff. We can move it in the Budget, but that's not the problem. The problem is going to be the process that follows.

CHAIR WHITE: But that process is going to follow either way.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I understand.

CHAIR WHITE: So.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And...

CHAIR WHITE: And that's why I believe they usually put in --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I don't...

CHAIR WHITE: --just eight months of funding because it takes them that long to fill them.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah. I don't know which is worse but, you know --

CHAIR WHITE: But the...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --we wanna get this done.

CHAIR WHITE: The Chair is very comfortable moving positions if that's the will of the body.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I want them filled because I wanna help Mr. Verkerke, you know, this poor man, every year comes and he begs and he pleads for help in trying to do what we need to have him do, and I'm just amazed that, you know, he manages to make due and carry us from year to year without staff and things falling apart and --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --I really wanna address his needs. I'm sorry, I think it's time.

CHAIR WHITE: I think we all do, it's a matter of how we do it.

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MR. KANESHINA: If I may?

CHAIR WHITE: Staff?

MR. KANESHINA: I kind of concur with Member, Mr. Baz's...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Member?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ...*(Laughter)*...

MR. KANESHINA: Sorry.

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CHAIR WHITE: No. You know, every year you call him Member at least once.

MR. KANESHINA: This is the second time this term already. Anyway, on a serious note, I agree with Mr. Baz's technical interpretation of what's involved but I guess my, what I see in looking at the reports from, you know, 30,000 feet up, is that you have expansion position requests from the Department saying I need this specific position. I need that specific position, but yet we look at the vacancy report and they have lots of other vacancies for other positions. So perhaps maybe the compromise so we can move forward at this point in time is the Committee can do a discretionary referral as part of their Budget proposal to Mr. Hokama's Committee, I'm sorry, or to Budget Committee, or other, or the, or PIA or Budget to have a more in-depth discussion as to what the actual Department Director's needs are for personnel. Why carry five Analyst IVs if he really needs two Analyst IIs, a Secretary, and a Planner, which is what they're requesting? So anyway, that's just something we could do to talk about it more in depth later and possibly move on here but.

CHAIR WHITE: My understanding is what you're referring to is a broader review of the vacancy list, or are you saying that's what we should do instead of moving E/Ps and funding?

MR. KANESHINA: Yes because moving E/Ps, as Mr. Baz said, can get very, very messy. My understanding is, is that there are lots of vacancies in the departments. It doesn't appear, based on what the department heads are requesting it's what, is what they need. They have vacancies but it's not what the need. So maybe we should have a more in-depth discussion in Budget or PIA after this to figure out which positions they need and if it's not positions they need, maybe it's time to just bite the bullet and reallocate them into what they need so we don't have these new expansions every year. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, if that's what the department needs and they're not presented to us in a Budget format then what good are they to me? They know our cycle. They know our schedule. And yet, when I listen to a Civil Service Commission meeting and one of the commissioner's comments is that don't, you know, delete the position, 'cause Council's not going to give it back to you and, you know, you're not going to get the money. You know, for me that's part of the problem. If they don't want to trust the Council to do the right thing for the departments staffing and funding, I can say the same thing. Why should I trust the department that they going tell me the honest request? Same thing. My thing is the departments know what is coming before us every March, whatever the Charter states for the Budget cycle, Chair. If the rest of the year they cannot come up with some plan to go to Personnel Service, work with Mr. Baz, Mr. Hiromoto in DPS, then to me the question is do I need better directors?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think to be fair to the directors that are requiring...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I too, and see, and that's the privilege of being a Member. I don't need to be fair.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: . . .*(Laughter)*. . .

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, I sit here enough that, you know, for me I earn to be cynical --

CHAIR WHITE: But to be...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --from your action and lack of action on their part.

CHAIR WHITE: To be clear though, the department directors all have to go through the Budget process. I think what would be, what, after going through this Budget for the, for my first time, I think what's become clear to me is that we need to have more engagement between directors and the subject matter Committees --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: --whether they'd be in Policy, whether it'd be in Infrastructure or Planning or in PIA for Fire and Police. We need to have more of these kinds of discussions not during Budget when we've got a very short timeframe. So, I agree with...

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I see your point, Chairman. But the point is we deal with departmental written reports, responses to us, okay? You just brought up the DPS report on vacancies that supposed to be the most current information but what I hear is that's not accurate.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, what do we rely on then to make decisions?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. It's, it can be a bit frustrating.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I just go on my years of service and experience, Chairman.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, it appears to me...I was listening very carefully to what Mr. Kaneshina said about, you know, asking for what we want. You know, to me it's pretty clear that we have them wanting an Information Systems Analyst I, II, III, IV or whatever it is. So to me the requests are clear as to what is needed. The question is if we're going to get a position from someplace else, say we have a person, let's try and use the same kind of funds. Okay, we have a person in Finance who we need somebody in IT, maybe that person in Finance doesn't have the qualifications that is needed for the IT person, so even though there's a vacant

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position, we're going to have to somehow re-describe that so we get the person we want and that process is where we get all caught up in this.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, but as we've seen in other areas, we have had re-descriptions and reallocations throughout the County, and one of the first things I did was go through, I went through every page in the Budget Detail and added up the pluses and minuses of all the reallocation and re-descriptions because I thought I was going to find there was a big plus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: You know, a big add to the Budget. But the actual result was a negative number of about \$230,000. So what all these changes have amounted to is actually a negative number. So, you know, the departments, or many of the departments have gone through this process from time to time. But question for Corp. Counsel, is there anything that prohibits us from taking E/P counts from one department and putting them in another along with adequate funding for whatever that position is that...because we're not taking...well, let me ask, rephrase the question. If we take just the E/P count, not the position, obviously we're taking the position out of the department, but let's say it's a Groundskeeper and we wanna put it in MIS or ITS?

MR. UEOKA: Mr. Chair, I believe the E/P is just an...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

MR. UEOKA: I forget what it stands for, but it's just the position. It's not necessarily described so I believe yes, you can move one position from one department to another. It won't necessarily be moving, like a Park Caretaker to MIS.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MR. UEOKA: It would just be moving a position to another department.

CHAIR WHITE: Right. But is there anything that would prohibit the Council from doing that in our Budget as opposed to waiting for a Budget amendment?

MR. UEOKA: Not that I am aware of. I don't have the expertise of everyone else here, but I'm not sure how it would exactly work but I don't think it is prohibited.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Then you move the money with it?

CHAIR WHITE: Pardon?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Do you move the money with him or her, the position?

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CHAIR WHITE: That would be my thought because, you know, part of the challenge that we face is that these departments with significant vacancies are really holding bank accounts --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I understand.

CHAIR WHITE: --of funded positions that they use for sometimes equipment, sometimes overtime, sometimes --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Because of the flexibility --

CHAIR WHITE: --other stuff.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --in the Program --

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --Budget.

CHAIR WHITE: And, you know, we've never been able to change that level of flexibility, but the degree to which we leave these bank accounts of vacant positions where we don't seem to be using them is to our peril as far as I'm concerned. Because it makes some sense for us to use the money on positions that are needed as opposed to leaving them where they're not.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So the proposed idea then would be to take them where they're not being used, put them where they're going to be used and move the money with it and then we take care of two problems. We kill the fat and we take care of the need.

CHAIR WHITE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Well, that makes sense. If it can be done.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm sure it's probably going to cause more challenges than --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm very sure.

CHAIR WHITE: --it sounds.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Nothing is as simple as it sounds.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. But the Chair is willing to look at that closely and we'll spend some time after we get through this.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Let's go.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay, the reduction in Premium Pay was for the same reasons that we discussed earlier. I eliminated all increases in Premium Pay and it's a small amount. And again, they have a Budget. It can go wherever they want it to go. So can we have consensus on that?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What?

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we'll revisit. The reason I reduced the KIVA Replacement Professional Services is I wanna have a, I want some discussion on what we're going to get for that. I don't know whether this is something that will be given or be done by Gartner, but as I've suggested in some of the other discussions, we seem to be spending a lot of time and energy, and maybe this is a requirement of our procurement system, but it seems to me that we spend a lot of time having somebody draft an RFP to go out to bid on a system where we, I would think in most cases, you have providers that are willing to come in and do a layout of exactly what you want, give you a price, and give you the details necessary to make a decision and you go out to a number of providers. So the question in my mind is whether we need \$300,000 to go out to a consultant who's going to take a boilerplate presentation that they've already spent money on or gotten paid for by some other client, dress it up to look like it's all ours, and charge us big bucks for it. So that's my rationale on that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: That's fine. And again, we'll have the department managers come down and give us some context on that tomorrow. The VoIP System, I deleted the system and from the Detail, we could see that was the amount of the increase that pertained to that. So --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: --we'll revisit that. And the reduction in computer software, we had in previous years they've had amounts, I believe 87,000 and fifty-something thousand and they've spent about 330,000 so far out of the 525 so we felt that a reduction to, that 225 would be adequate, but if you'd like that number to go up that's something we can do.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And reduce Airfare and Transportation, I'll put a revisit there.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

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CHAIR WHITE: And we also reduced the amount of the PC Replacement from \$1 million to 600,000, and of the, last year with the Carryover and the new appropriation, they had about 723,000 to spend and they've spent about 376, so we felt that 600,000 would be a significant increase and it doesn't seem that we're spending it all that quickly.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Revisit. Mr. Chair? Mr. Verkerke is here if you, I mean, since we --

CHAIR WHITE: We'll have to come back to this.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --go through this.

CHAIR WHITE: We'll go this, we'll go through it tomorrow --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh.

CHAIR WHITE: --with the departments.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would ask you to consider a request from me, and this may or may not help the Committee at all. You know, for me my frustration is I'm going to through this second round and hear the same thing, revisit, revisit, revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So for me, Chairman, you know, maybe the question we should ask first is is there enough support for one tax increase? Because if there is --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --then we can consider this. If the answer is no, I'm ready to vote on the Budget today --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --because I know your proposal. I know how much money there is, I know where your recommendations are and I can make some slight recommendation adjustments and I'm ready to go. But if the, you know, the Committee says no, we got enough that we're going to consider raising taxes x amount, then it makes sense for us to continue to go through this

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cycles of whether or not we want to make adjustments to certain considerations, because enough Members will vote for one tax increase. And they may, and, you know, I would ask you to take that under advisement and, you know, see if that makes sense or not, but if we're not going to consider a tax increase, Chairman, then I'm happy to vote this afternoon. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: The Chair's feeling is that tomorrow we're going to have to start voting on all this stuff. Very close because we're, you know, we've got only so much time so the revisits are, you know, we need to trim some of these down and so. I don't, you know, the Chair's not terribly excited about voting today, because I think the reality is that we're somewhere, the reality is that we are somewhere in between what, you know, either way we're going to have to revisit all this stuff unless we were to just vote today and see what happens, but I don't, you know, I think there's significant interest in moving things back in and I'm comfortable moving some stuff back in. But I'm, you know, I don't think we can do it with just voting today. So we, but we will have to start voting on all of these increases at least by tomorrow afternoon, because we can only go through so many rounds of revisit, revisit, revisit. So.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So again, Chairman, you know, you might want to consider a short recess and discuss with, you know, whether you want to talk to Chair Baisa or Mr. Baz whether or not it makes sense for us. But, you know, at the end of the day you are my Chairman of this Committee and I will follow your recommendation, and so I just appreciate you letting me give a different point of view regarding this second cycle.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: This is not a comfortable process and I'm getting the break signal from Mr. Couch who is always nice enough to remind me that the ladies need a break so we'll take a 10 minute recess. In recess. . .(*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 3:28 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:57 p.m.

CHAIR WHITE: . . .(*gavel*) . . . Okay, Members, we will get the departments down here starting, Mr. Verkerke is here already. We'll start with Mr. Verkerke.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Wow. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Whoa.

CHAIR WHITE: And since we're on his Department, and anyone that we are unable to get this evening, we will arrange to have here tomorrow morning and then tomorrow afternoon we're

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going to need to start voting on these things so. So this is your last shot at the Departments. So please make use of it. Okay, Members, questions for Mr. Verkerke? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. I'm trying to find my spot, just a moment. Can you clarify for me your Detail and reallocation of positions to higher pay scales and how the reallocation of your position differ from all your analysts that you're asking for the expansion side?

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, please proceed.

MR. VERKERKE: I believe that the question is on the Detail Pages 10-8, 10-9, is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: On your Detail 10-7, 10-8, and 10-9, you propose reallocation of positions to higher SR levels and their description or position title. For instance, on Page 10-9, we have Information Systems Analyst III and the new proposal is to the Information Systems Analyst IV. At the same time, we're also asking for an expansion of that so maybe I need to understand as a newbie.

MR. VERKERKE: In general terms, we try to hire at the level most closely to the responsibilities that ultimately need to be performed by this position. That doesn't always work that way. Often we find ourselves hiring at a lower level and developing people in-house. So for various positions, that's what happens. We grow and train the staff to the level where ultimately it needs to be performed. Sometimes new responsibilities get added to a job because of new technology or expansion of area of responsibility, and that would also warrant a new position description that then triggers review by DPS to determine what is the appropriate allocation level. So we're dealing with a number of factors, whether it's career development or whether it's trying to recruit appropriately for the marketplace here on Maui, but ultimately over time we like to develop staff and increase their responsibilities and with it their allocation. It's part of how we try to retain people that we invest in for training and what have you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So in...Mr. Chair? So an addition, is this an addition to your reallocated or re-described position, the 10-10 or the four positions of analysts that you're requesting, your expansion position, and at the same time your reallocating or, with the Information Systems Analyst III, Information Systems Analyst IV, V? So in other words, you'll have both? You'll have two Information Systems Analyst IV, for instance, or III?

MR. VERKERKE: Member Crivello, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah. We need more staff and right now we believe we'll be successful hiring at these levels relative to the responsibilities of the expansion positions. It may turn out we'll have

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to make some adjustments to make sure we find a suitable candidate that is willing to come work for us, but based on the requirements for the expansion positions, their responsibilities, we believe these to be at the right levels.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, other questions? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One more time, this KIVA Replacement. You were planning on putting out an RFP to replace the KIVA System?

MR. VERKERKE: Member Couch, that's correct. In the proposed Budget, the \$300,000 for Professional Services is not only for KIVA. There are other, as described in the document provided by the Administration. We will also need some help just to deal with the workload increase temporarily of the desktop replacement. The approach to KIVA replacement will be to, as was suggested, to talk to a number of leading vendors in the marketplace and come up with RFP language that they have been successful in responding to. We can't do that with just one vendor, because then we would be removing the required competitive aspect of this solicitation. So we'll do that with a number of vendors. Then we'll need to go to, I think there's a minimum of six departments that are heavy users of KIVA and a couple of departments that are casual users of KIVA and validate with them if all their functional requirements, all the requirements of their various business processes are appropriately reflected in these RFPs. And so we need help reconciling that coming up with one blended single version of an RFP that we can go out to through the RFP process and procurement with. We need to also look at the typical requirements of a permitting system, a development monitoring system, whatever you want to call it, to make sure that the technical aspects of that fit well with the new Real Property Tax system that we'll be implementing over the next year. So we need to have some expert help to make sure that requirements for the new system are developed in a way that we know then to be optimally compatible with the Real Property Tax System. That's a lot of work. It requires a thorough knowledge of the industry, both from a business side and from a technical side, and we want to make sure that we do it right so we need to have some help with that. Because on our own, you know, that would be hard to add to the existing workload, and we are not 100 percent sure that we are fully aware of everything that's possible in that marketplace, and so we're looking to find somebody that can guide us through that process and coordinate with all the departments.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, and you heard Mr. Chair talk about the amount of money that was allocated for new computers and was actually spent in the replacement. It seemed like it was almost half, Mr. White? Is that what? So far this year, so the concern is why bump it up if you aren't able to spend what you've got already.

MR. VERKERKE: Well, if we look at FY '12 and FY '11 Financial Reports at the end of the year, in FY '12, I had \$15,000 unspent out of a more than \$3 million budget. So half a percent of my budget was unspent. In FY '11, it was under \$10,000. So the timing of expenditures over the year is not necessarily a straight line. And as I've said before, this year we have an important

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decision to make on the desktop environment. We wanted to get advice because, as I mentioned last year, we were thinking that we were going to a virtualized environment. The advice we received was to be very cautious about that. So right now we're evaluating whether the traditional, I shouldn't say traditional, modern desktop in the Windows 8 environment is the appropriate environment. We've come to the conclusion it probably is. So that will allow us to go ahead and make the purchase that we've been holding off on all year in a way that we are going to be in good shape for a number of years. Rather than rushing into expending the money, we want to make sure we do it right. Also, we always need to make sure...the Budgets have been tight. We need to make sure we don't spend all of our money and then be caught short-handed when some major system goes down and we have to find a couple hundred thousand dollars to replace it. So we are careful to time it right so that we know we can, you know, get through the year in good shape. You will find when the final reports come in for FY '13 that the bulk of it will be spent.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, I have more but other Members may so I'll yield the floor.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, other questions? Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. If, if so happen that we do have to make some cuts, what would be your priorities in terms of the positions, if you were to name them in order, of your Information Analysts?

MR. VERKERKE: That's like asking a parent to choose between his children. I'd hate to do that. We need, as we discussed earlier on question from Member Hokama, we really need to take care of security. It's a big issue. So one of the ISA-V's is earmarked to have that security oversight role. We have found with the merger of the IT Service Division and the IT Group within Police Department that the workload for end user support is much greater than we expected so the ISA-II position is targeted for that.

CHAIR WHITE: Is that your first...

MR. VERKERKE: The ISA-III position...

CHAIR WHITE: Is that your first priority then?

MR. VERKERKE: It's going to end up putting me in a position to decide which area needs more attention. I would have to say the Analyst II followed by the security person, the Analyst III, for network support I have two people right now doing all the network support. They're working very, very hard. They're doing a good job but it's a situation that is not tenable for very long. That leaves the fourth position, the other Analyst V, which is really strategically very important. The IT assessment we just completed really pointed out how we're struggling with lining up the IT services with strategic initiatives of the Administration and Council, and that position is intended to improve the communication, improve the transparency, improve the interaction

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before IT initiatives gets funded to make sure that it all lines up correctly. If I'd have to make a choice, that'd probably be one that could wait 'til next year.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Now, where was the security position? Which one was that one?

MR. VERKERKE: That was the other ISA-V I believe.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh.

MR. VERKERKE: I believe there's two ISA-Vs on the list.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: So that's one and two.

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Analyst II is one and the Security Analyst V is number two. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Other questions, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. You also, we also were talking a little bit about the Countywide phone system. Can you let us know what happens if we don't appropriate that for this year? What's that...I mean we have phones that are working. It seems to be working fine for me. I get a lot of phone calls.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you answer when we call.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: And it works. We can hear you.

MR. VERKERKE: What will happen is that the County will be the owner of two phone systems, because we have, we will install a new phone system, for instance the new Kihei Police Station. Rather than spending money on old technology, the decision was made to go voiceover IP in the new police station. The system we have Countywide is three to four years past its supported life. I mean there are parts available. We have an arrangement for maintenance with a third-party vendor, but the original manufacturer no longer supports the equipment. So it's a matter of risk. How willing are you to take risks with the phone system. The other aspect, of course, is the new phone system will open up new avenues for communication, for integration with smartphones, for improved management, for improved control, better auditing for toll charges and what have you. So it'll be opportunities lost. Will people be completely without phone service if we don't fund it? No. Will we be limping along in a pretty outrageous way? Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, the other question is, is that, you know, if we say okay, go ahead and get the system, you're already short with people so and it requires people to put the system in throughout all the offices and whatnot we have. So how are you going to manage that? Is that, was that a consultant that's going to come in and put 'em all in?

MR. VERKERKE: It's part of the implementation process. The RFP asked for Professional Services for both the planning and the implementation of the new phone system both on the hardware side and on the user side, so we could examine a dial plan and work on training users. And it also calls for a number of years of, at least the first year of fairly intense support services so that we can deal with the learning curve that is probably not going to be very steep but there will be some of that and then it will taper off as the organization gets comfortable with the system. So it won't be sustained at that level and the expense will drop off after the second and third year a little bit more.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And lastly, on the positions, if we were to say we'll give you two E/Ps, you're on your own however you want to do it. We'll give you two E/Ps and some funding, you'll be able to decide at that time what you want. Or if we say we'll give you all four, I mean, if we give you some number and some funding, it's up to you to decide which ones you'd want, are you able to work with the Budget office or Personnel or whomever? It's to say...say we give you two and funding for two and are you willing to work with the departments to go grab two vacant positions from say Parks or Police or somewhere that's been vacant for several years and go through that whole process so you don't have to go through this? I would think that process, even though longer and more laborious, it's probably less stressful than this process.

MR. VERKERKE: Today, yes. We went through that exercise with the merger of the IT staff, because really what will happen is new positions will be created in the receiving department and positions will be abandoned in the losing department, or that may not be the best term, but the department gives up...*(laughs)*... the giving Department, that's right. The sharing department. So the process is time consuming, complicated, an opportunity for me to learn even more about the system that I hadn't learned yet in my 10 years on the job and ultimately in the end it will be completed. It will just taken up, it will be taking up a lot of time one way or the other. So if whatever the body decides, I'll find the best use for those positions. I'm asking for four now. There's a negotiating position and while I only need two, actually I need more than four but that's all I could hope to be able to fill in a year and incorporate and, you know, into my organization because all that takes adjustment and time. But the need is great enough for four positions, no doubt.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Verkerke.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and thank you, Mr. Verkerke. The, my concern about the phone system is that, as you detailed it in your letter to me, it seems as though the new phone system, you know, the phone system that we have now is working and I realize that it's not supported. We kept our

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phone system going for 10 years after support, and I don't want to go that long because then you do start running out of parts pretty quickly and we ended up having to bring cards in from old systems that had been taken out of other places. But my concern is that based on the numbers you gave me, the new phone system will actually cost us more next year than the current will to continue operating, and I felt that we were given the impression that there would be significant savings but the reduction in long distance charges, I believe, you mentioned it was about 25 percent. And the maintenance seems to be a little bit higher depending on which percentage we use, whether it's 15 percent of the...you had given us 15 percent and 20 percent as the estimated support and maintenance fees.

MR. VERKERKE: I believe the challenge that exists in comparing the cost numbers for the new system and the old system is that we probably don't know the entire story about the old system. What we have right now is PBX system that's largely available in Central Maui. Upcountry, the neighbor islands, Molokai, Lanai, Hana, areas in Lahaina, I'm not sure about all of Kihei, a lot of those installations are on small key systems or individual lines that sometimes get absorbed in departmental operation's budget and not necessarily all show up in the Central Phone Program Index Code. So besides not necessarily having a good idea of the total cost of that, what that means is that we don't have the ability for easy transfer of messages, for four-digit dialing, for...because we have probably, I have to guess, I'm not responsible for management of the existing phone system so I don't have all the details, but we probably have upwards of 10, 15, maybe more different little phone systems in place. Even some places here in Wailuku, that's the case.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. We have --

MR. VERKERKE: So...

CHAIR WHITE: --lots of cellphones too.

MR. VERKERKE: Right. So what this new system offers is bringing the whole County on all islands in all communities on the same phone system. Wherever there's network connectivity and that's pretty much everywhere there is a County employee, we'll be able to bring this phone system. We'll also be able to incorporate cellphones so that we don't necessarily have, you know, a Blackberry and a smartphone on somebody's belt and then a desk phone on their desk. So we can integrate all that and there may be cost savings there that are not really incorporated in the proposal. But ultimately this is about more than strictly saving a few dollars here or quite a few dollars here and there but also about improving the whole communication, the collaboration between employees, the improved mobility of employees. All of that will be supported by this new system. So the qualitative benefits of the system should be taken into account and it's hard to put a dollar figure on that --

CHAIR WHITE: No, we understand that.

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MR. VERKERKE: --to really understand, you know, what the benefit to the organization would be of this system.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. I'm trying to understand as to how the phone system will network all in one for the neighbor islands or for the outlying districts or even for Lahaina as well as centralizing. Are you saying that the connectivity will be...in other words, if I want to call Lahaina, I will be calling a main number and then an extension would take me to Lahaina? Is that what I'm to understand?

MR. VERKERKE: The generic name for this phone system is voiceover IP. IP is the network protocol. So that allows us to share files and e-mail on the network. The voice part is the new technology in telephone systems. The phone switch sits on the network. The phone switch knows if a number is contained within the network or if it's out through, you know, the public telephone system. So it will route a call that is from one employee to the other over the network without having to go out to the public telephone system. So the technology that has become mainstream by now allows us to leverage the infrastructure that already exists. The County of Maui over the last few years has worked very hard and very well on expanding the reach of the network through the convergence that I talked about earlier between our data network and the Police's radio network, because that also is using that same IP technology as the underlying connectivity protocol. So now we have the ability to reach places that we couldn't reach before and it makes sense for us to select this technology for a new phone system rather than if we have new offices spending money on older technology that is isolated.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So is this technology used, does it exist anywhere in Hawaii?

MR. VERKERKE: Almost every government agency, the State, the Big Island, City and County of Honolulu, and I'm not 100 percent sure but I believe Kauai already uses that. It may very well be that at a local government level, Maui County is the last one to adopt it.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I see.

MR. VERKERKE: It exists in school systems, it exists in the Federal government, in the public sector many companies use this for these same reasons.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Other questions, Members? Okay.

MR. VERKERKE: I believe some of the hotels even have adopted it.

CHAIR WHITE: Some of them have. Members, any further questions for Mr. Verkerke? Seeing none, okay. Thank you very much.

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MR. VERKERKE: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: You don't cover GIS, right?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Didn't we have consensus on that?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh no, we didn't.

CHAIR WHITE: On what?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: GIS.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It was a revisit.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, do you want to see if Mr....

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Medeiros.

CHAIR WHITE: Let's see, it was Mr. Medeiros would be the one or Mr. Regan. Let's see. Should we see who else is around?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Huh?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Get it done.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, can you call Mr. Regan if he's available?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, while you're waiting for that.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Can you give us your thoughts on what was going there? What you were thinking --

CHAIR WHITE: On the Enterprise license?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --on the cut?

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CHAIR WHITE: My feeling on this is it's an unnecessary add to go to an Enterprise license at this time. I'm, it seems as though it was a nice, he felt it was a good thing for us to do, but it didn't seem critical and we reduced the computer replacement to one computer instead of three so.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm fine with that. I can go with consensus on that.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, do we have consensus on that, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Which ones?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: On what?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: GIS.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It's okay.

CHAIR WHITE: GIS.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Whatever you say.

CHAIR WHITE: I didn't, the reason that I heard for adding the Enterprise license didn't seem necessary to me. We've already got the coverage and we can, if we need to grow the number of licenses down the road then it may be appropriate, but it seemed as though it was a nice thing to do not something that was necessary. And we eliminated the, we eliminated two of the three computers so our techie is saying he's okay with that.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: We can? Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's fine.

CHAIR WHITE: So do we have consensus?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, god.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's on you, Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It's all on you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Couch is . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: As long as you have consensus with Couch.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Moving on. Okay, down, moving into the Mayor's area, probably we should, might as well wait and see who we can get there. Can we check to see if...we'll hold off on the OED Grants. I don't imagine we have anyone from Parks, but I'm not sure that there's anything that dramatic other than the move or the lack of move and those allocations to the various districts of the Maintenance and Painting Fund. So let's, shall we move to Parks and Recreation.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Page?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Twenty-four.

CHAIR WHITE: Page 24.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Twenty-four.

CHAIR WHITE: Now I guess, you know, part of this discussion is the move to, move back of the Ocean Safety folks. If you want, I believe we have Fire coming tomorrow morning. I'm comfortable with the move back, because the Charter clearly gives the responsibility for providing a timetable to the Fire Chief. It's clear that the Fire Chief is not comfortable yet to bring them through. I think we all feel that he should probably have spent more time making it happen but the reality is the Charter gives him the ability. And it says, Upon adoption of the proposed 2012 Amendment to Section 8-7.4, Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety shall provide the timetable for the transition to include the functions of shoreline and ocean rescue and safety. So the shall means that it's up to him to provide it and the Administration has put together a transition plan, but I don't, I don't believe that the Fire Department is in concurrence and the Charter says we defer to the Fire Chief for that move. My feeling is we would be well served if we were to refer the matter either to PIA or to Parks and Recreation or EAR Committee to build a fire under the Police Department and get the move --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Fire.

CHAIR WHITE: --handled next year.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Fire Department.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Fire Department.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Under Fire.

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CHAIR WHITE: Fire Department.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr., oh.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa followed by Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. Chair, it says he shall provide the timetable. Has he done that?

CHAIR WHITE: I...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We've heard him. It says he shall provide the timetable. I've listened to him and he's kind of vague.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Kind of?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Do we have a timetable? That's what the Charter says.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a timetable that was written by the Administration not by the Fire Department, not by the Fire Chief or the Fire Department.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right. So until he provides a timetable, has he complied?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: How can that be?

CHAIR WHITE: I...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Or is it a legal issue?

CHAIR WHITE: I don't believe...yeah. I don't believe we have the ability to tell the Fire Chief what to do when the Charter clearly says --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Obviously not.

CHAIR WHITE: --he shall --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I think that's clear.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: That's clear.

CHAIR WHITE: --provide the timetable. So...

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: My question is not telling him what to do. My question is complying with the Charter and it says he shall provide the timetable. Has he done it?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

CHAIR WHITE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Do we have a legal opinion?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, I want to know.

CHAIR WHITE: Corp. Counsel can answer the legal question.

MR. UEOKA: No, we have not rendered an opinion on this. We have advised the Fire Department, I believe the Charter language in one way, shape, or form is referred to reasonable so we've been asking the Department to --create a reasonable, do it in a reasonable timeframe.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Reasonable is like a little bit pregnant. . . .(Laughs). . .

CHAIR WHITE: Well, we won't ask him for an opinion on that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, please.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, I've had several comments made to me about, you know, whether or not we had the ability to do this so I think there is a question.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And I think we wanna, we might wanna get something in writing.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, maybe we can ask the Charter Commission Member here what the intent was and whether their view is...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: The intent was to allow the Fire Department to have the time, to have the organizational, how can I say, the organizational functions all in place and the agreements with the bargaining, because there are two bargaining units. And I don't, I think tomorrow if the Fire Chief is coming, I don't think it will be outside of us to ask what sort of a timetable that he can give us. Like, you know...

CHAIR WHITE: I know he was a little vague because of his concerns about getting the accreditation completed.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: He's keeping it on the backburner.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That's what's...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I think the accreditation is a separate issue. I really feel it's just the full organizational facilities, access to facilities, and where are they going to house? I think it's all the how do you fully accept it into that organization and giving him the time with Parks and if with Parks if everything will be, is in place.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So the intent was to allow the Fire, the accepting entity to be ready to...but it's not like it's something to be dragged out. I'm sure --

CHAIR WHITE: Was it the...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --the Chief can give us some sort of timetable as Chair Baisa is requesting.

CHAIR WHITE: From the Commission's perspective, did you have any anticipated timetable, like one year? Two years? Six months?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: One to two years the most. One year to two years the most. I think, like I said, that was just something putting that in place so that we can give the accepting organization at least the full preparation to accept a new...and when we were deliberating this in the Charter, we received correspondence from the counties, I think it was Kauai and Big Island, that encouraged us to give the Fire Department the kind of time they need to accept this transition. They indicated in correspondence to us they are still facing lots of challenges because it was just, they just accepted it. They felt better planning should have been included with, on their end from the Fire Department.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. So if the intention was to give them one to two years, two years being the upper end, to expect them to do it in seven months might not be...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Actually I think Ms. Cochran was next and then Mr. Couch. Then we'll come back to you, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Ms. Crivello, for being on the Charter and having, you know, come up with the language and the discussion in regards to this. You know, this has been really frustrating for me as in I've been hearing from Fire this and then Ocean Safety that and it's just Ocean Safety has always stood their ground. They wanna merge in. Fire has vacillated back and forth. You know, it's to the point where they need to make the

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call. And this Charter, unfortunately, doesn't give them the exact timeframe. It's all up to them and for me I'm hearing a lot of excuses and I think this needs to happen ASAP. They can learn from the other counties and the reason why they're having issues is because they didn't have the dialogue and communication and that's what's lacking here too. As far as I'm being told over and over and over from Administration to Ocean Safety.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: They need to come together on one table and as far as I understand it, that has not happened. So until that occurs this is going to sit where it sits and nobody's going to come to any agreement. It's not going to work out and they're going to have issues like the other counties because that's how they started. They were just kind of thrown, slammed together. We need to get the people together and hash it out and figure it out. I don't, it's not that difficult. The money is there. The bodies are there. The facilities are there. I don't see where the issue is here. It's just that one doesn't want to take the other. But for me, it's only common sense and proper that Public Safety merges with Public Safety. So I'm very, very frustrated with this whole situation.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So for, you know, and I was told six months. I was told a year. Now it's max two, you know, I'm, again, I think I've stated my case and I'd like to have Fire here along with Ocean Safety. I mean just, let's get them together --

CHAIR WHITE: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --and talk it out and explain what's going on.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, that's why, that's why the Chair mentioned referring it to a Committee because --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --this, it's not really a Budget issue.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: It's a timing issue and an organizational issue so.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And you mentioned that you had a plan. Is that something we're all privy too? I'd like to see a copy of that.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, the first time I saw it was this morning when Mr. Baz handed it to me and it's in this stack here somewhere.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: If at all possible, not for this discussion at this moment, but I'd like to see if we can all get a copy of that just for grins. The other issue is...

CHAIR WHITE: Again, this is Administration's plan.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But it's a plan. A plan that's around. But my other concern is this has been going on for, this is our third Budget where this has been talked about.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So they've had some time and my thought is that if we leave the funding in Fire, that gives them a little bit of fire under their seats, pun very well intended, to get moving on this 'cause they're going to have to be paying those guys into the other Department. So in order to get this thing going, we need to do something and we really can't, obviously as you're well aware, we can't give orders to people in the departments what to do, so this is our way of saying you guys deal with this. You're paying for 'em, you get 'em over there, in my opinion.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa followed by Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I understand totally that this is a major event and that it has many, it's very complicated. There's too many issues that, you know, have to be dealt with. I really think, though, that it would be very good when we have the Chief tomorrow, if he would be willing to kind of outline some kind of a timeline just so that we know. You know, obviously we can't hold his feet to the fire but he must have some idea. That it's going to take him six months to do this or eight months to do that and at least we'll have something to take a look at.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Because, you know, we're getting a lot of comments from both sides about people that we didn't want this to happen and people that are concerned about it happening, so I think a timeline will kind of make people get to the table and deal with it.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

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CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Well, the Charter was put into place last year November, yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So I think in all fairness, the people have spoken. They want the Ocean Safety to merge with the Fire Department. There's no question. But in so many months to get every detail, I think we need to hear from Fire. We need to hear from Parks and Ocean Safety in particular and whoever has complete oversight. What is the problem and why do we need to rush it in? Our last discussion on this was, the confusing part I had, it was if they're not ready or not ready to accept it, where do we put this Budget? Where do we put Ocean Safety? Where do we put the bodies, the headcounts? And I think, you know, I agree that Fire Department will have to give us some sort of timetable as to when they feel they can accept the complete merge, and if the Administration provided the plan, let's hear if that's an acceptable plan for them at this stage. And I think the idea that the Fire is coming tomorrow will be of benefit for all of us to have a better understanding, you know.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, the Chair is not terribly excited about bringing all the parties together during Budget's --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --last three days. That's why my preference is simply to refer this to Committee and I'm more than happy to bring him in tomorrow and have him give his side of it but I, you know, this is not going to change the Budget. So I don't want to take up a whole lot of the Committee's time hashing over something that's been around for three years and hasn't been resolved yet.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, thank you. And to close this discussion, if you just take a moment and read Section 15.4, Upon adoption of the Proposed 2012 Amended Section 8.8-7.4, the Maui County Department of Fire and Public Safety shall provide the timetable for transition to include the functions of shoreline and ocean rescue and safety It clearly says.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So we can talk what we want.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's right here. Leave it be. Let's move on.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Because there's the time a wasting for a lot of other things. I appreciate what you're trying to do.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Lot of experts in this room. Read the Charter and let's move on. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. You stated the Chair's position precisely. You know, we, the Charter says they shall provide the transition. We can all be as frustrated as we want but it's not going to change.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's not even the Chief, it's the Fire Department.

CHAIR WHITE: Pardon?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's the timeline?

CHAIR WHITE: Right, and we'll ask them the question of the timeline tomorrow. Okay, is Mr. Andaya here? I heard that he was.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR WHITE: I understood that he was going to make himself available.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: One last question. Did we determine whether or not Corp. Counsel was going to give us an opinion? I would like an opinion in writing on that.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Can you? Can you give us a rough idea now? What is the question you would like him to provide an opinion on?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What, when the Charter says "shall" provide the plan, what's the timeline? What's a reasonable time? I know he said reasonable.

MR. UEOKA: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: I would prefer that you do that outside of Committee rather than using Committee staff for that at this point.

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MR. UEOKA: I can...

CHAIR WHITE: Well, unless you can answer it now.

MR. UEOKA: I can answer it in the sense that Corp. Counsel wouldn't be the decider of what a reasonable timeframe or isn't a reasonable timeframe. It would...we can advise the Department and we can advise the Council, but reasonable is difficult to define. It might be a matter better worked with the Department of Fire and Public Safety and the OSOs on.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. What the Chair would like to have, I know there's a lot of frustration, but I'd like to have consensus based on the Charter, we leave the Ocean Safety in Parks for this Budget and build a fire under the Department and move ahead next year.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We're going to have to take a vote on it pretty soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Let's vote right now.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Let's vote on it right now.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll just state my position as the subject matter, Chair, of Fire where that has _____ over Fire and Police . I support the Fire Department and the Fire Commission's position to keep it the way it is being presented today in the Budget.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, I have no problem keeping the money in Parks at this time, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, the Chair will --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And it's...

CHAIR WHITE: --hold off taking a vote until we hear from the Chief tomorrow but as I've said, tomorrow we need to start voting or we're never going to get to where we need to be. Okay, going down to, continuing on Parks, we'll pass on the return of Ocean Safety and pass on the return of the Clerk from Ocean Safety and pass on the Secretary. Miscellaneous Other Costs, for Paint for Park Facilities, that was an increase of \$851,000 that we took and combined with the Parks Repair and Maintenance allocation, which was increased by 1.1, a little over 1.1 million.

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So we've deleted the 850,000 and we deleted the 1,150,000 and then distributed it between the various districts. Is there any discussion on that? Can we get consensus on that? Basically we've reduced the amount by approximately 525,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Total, from the 851 --

CHAIR WHITE: Total.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --and the...

CHAIR WHITE: From the combination of the 851 and the 1150 and my visual is paying for \$850,000 worth of paint. That's a lot of paint every day. Every day of the week so. And I also feel that it's more appropriate to spread it between the districts.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So the question right now is for the 851 at this point?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I'd like...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Delete?

CHAIR WHITE: I'd like a discussion on the combined moves.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Basically what it boils down to is a reduction of about a half a million dollars. That's still a 1.475 million increase over what they had last year. I think all of us agree that we need to move forward. If they need more money, they can come back in a Budget amendment, but I doubt that they're going to be able to spend all this money. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. My only concern with it, I agree with that concept. My only concern is Parks districts are not the same as Council districts and community plan districts. Parks has a Central district and then they have an East district, which is Central encompasses essentially Wailuku, Kahului and East essentially Makawao, Haiku, Paia, and I believe Hana, you know, they...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: They're not equaled up.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And Pukalani, Kula is the...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Part of it.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Part of it as well, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I understand that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: But we know where the Council districts are and they can put them in the Parks that are in whichever, you know, my, my difficulty with doing it by community plan or by their districts is that it just makes it more difficult for me to do the math. So they can take this and do the math themselves because --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: My only concern is --

CHAIR WHITE: --I don't have a problem with our...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --it's in an ordinance if that proviso is a valid proviso. That would be my only concern.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think everybody knows where your district is.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, I understand that.

CHAIR WHITE: And they know which parks are in your district. Corp. Counsel?

MR. UEOKA: I don't think it's illegal but just for clarity for the Parks Department, could you state the, put in there the Council district otherwise they might just be really confused when --

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MR. UEOKA: --they're trying to _____ with that approach.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Yeah, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Hana council district and...okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we'll insert Council district there and we gave the, we gave a little more to West Maui and South Maui than to the other districts, but I feel that it's a reasonably fair distribution. So if we can get consensus on that it would be nice to have something we can agree on today.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . .*(Laughs)*. . .

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Concur.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so the consensus on the deletion of the two big items and the combination by district. And the next item is deleting, I believe that's two mowers . . .*(pause)*. . . and that's a question of timing, whether we need them right now or whether we can live with the ones we've got for another year so.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What?

CHAIR WHITE: Huh?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Which one were you talking about?

CHAIR WHITE: At the bottom of that list there's --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Deleting.

CHAIR WHITE: --Maintenance & Repair two mowers.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What if they really need 'em?

CHAIR WHITE: And again --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Just...

CHAIR WHITE: this is a program --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: My question...

CHAIR WHITE: --Program Budget. They can move --

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: --money around.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah so I...

CHAIR WHITE: They can...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I have no problem with that. I can go with that.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, do we have consensus?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: We had consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, sorry. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Are we getting Parks here also or no?

CHAIR WHITE: Well we'll, let's go through Parks and if you have burning questions for them, I'm happy to do that but I don't wanna bring...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Well, these mowers.

CHAIR WHITE: Pardon?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I kind of want to know.

CHAIR WHITE: On?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I don't know the condition, I don't recall detailed discussion about mowers.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, Parks has a very large Budget and they can, as you know, they can take money out of their vacancies and spend it on mowers, so.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we had consensus on --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: PALS.

CHAIR WHITE: --PALS. No, we had a revisit on PALS. What was the reason for that?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: What?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Consensus. No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I don't remember anything on PALS.

MR. KANESHINA: Our Staff record shows consensus on that particular item, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: It's consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, sometimes I must write Rs when I mean Cs.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Notes for the Ka Lima over here?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I know what you're talking about I think.

CHAIR WHITE: What?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It's not so much PALS it's above there. This is where, I believe, we were supposed to, I would like to talk about the increase in Ka Lima O Maui.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes, Ka Lima.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That one.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But that wasn't Parks.

CHAIR WHITE: ...*(Inaudible)*...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That wasn't PALS.

CHAIR WHITE: Because there was some...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It was above, yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, did you provide the Staff what you wanted inserted there?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes, we did.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Don't?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: In our proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We did in our proposal.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. When we recalibrate this, we'll move those in. And Staff, if you can just put initials on that item from whoever proposal it was.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and we had consensus on all the Golf Course items.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Whatever.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, we did.

CHAIR WHITE: And we had a pass on the adjustment for the Private Secretary there and in Department of Planning, which is the next one down. And we had a revisit on reduced rentals for One Main Plaza. We took out the move from Planning. Any concerns on that?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Just was wondering what the reason was, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, the reason was that it seems like we're moving a lot of people around and I'm just not sure that I wanna spend \$181,000 on moving a Department. Now, there may be an offset because I think where these folks are going or were going to go in One Main Plaza as, there will

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be an offset of rent. But my understanding is that there is \$100,000 rental expense in Finance that is to pay the lease rent in the offices that these guys are moving into. So I, we may have a double expenditure or double booking for that, and maybe Mr. Baz can...

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, from my understanding the lease agreements for the...or Planning Department's move to One Main Plaza have been executed. Other notifications of cancellation of leases have happened for the departments that are moving out of One Main Plaza. I don't currently know the financial situation of the impact of that other than the total net impact was supposed to be a negative around \$800 a month or something like that. I can get that for you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so essentially you're asking for permission to do something that's already happened.

MR. BAZ: We're not necessarily asking for permission. What we're asking for is the financial resources to provide the Department the ability to continue doing what they're doing.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so we'll revisit that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is this Long Range or Current Planning Divisions?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, from my understanding the Long-Range Planning is already there.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, it is?

MR. BAZ: Current Planning will be moving there. Whatever's in Kalana Pakui will be moving over there. The Director expressed some, I don't want to say concern, but some desire to have, you know, his staff all located in the same building so that ease of management, what do they call it, efficiency through proximity kind of idea for the Planning Department.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So are they going to give the County back Kalana Pakui?

MR. BAZ: Yes. Yeah, that's part of the transition plan. From my understanding, if I can recollect properly, I think it was some of Finance, some of MIS, some, or IT Services, some CDBG out of that horrible little yellow house that they're in now, different things like that. Some of the Wells Street Professional Plaza people were going to be consolidated into Kalana Pakui.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Baz.

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CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, we would look forward to getting information on whether the \$100,000 rental number in Finance is a double booking of whatever the rental is included in this. Do you know what the breakdown is between the rental and the cost of the moves?

MR. BAZ: I don't know the cost of the moves. Like I mentioned, the, what was presented to me as far as the rental costs was a net savings of a very miniscule amount. I'm not sure if Department of Finance, you mentioned \$100,000, is that the, there is a two, I think two staff members that are currently in the Auditor position and the Department Personnel Officer are in One Main Plaza. Is that what you're mentioning?

CHAIR WHITE: No, there's an entry in Finance for \$100,000 in rent in One Main Plaza.

MR. BAZ: I can verify that with the Finance Director.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. I just want to make sure that that's going away if it's being charged to Planning.

MR. BAZ: Okay, I'll verify that.

CHAIR WHITE: We're not leaving \$100,00 hanging there. Okay, then the next item is we reduced the Maui Redevelopment Agency appropriation to be flat with Fiscal Year 2013 so.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. With that, Members, we will move to, back to the Mayor's Office since Mr. Andaya has been nice enough to join us.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What page is that?

CHAIR WHITE: And Staff, I'm missing Page _____ so.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Page 19.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: What page is that?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: What page is that?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: She said 19.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Nineteen.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Nineteen.

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CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, questions for Mr. Andaya? Questions for Mr. Andaya?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Andaya? Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes. Mr., Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's just, you know, we'll start with I guess a couple of the big issues and the big items. Number one is deletion of the salary adjustments for upgrade salary scales and the next one again delete increases and, you know, those were the two big ones in that particular area. What's your sense and how do you feel about those two.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair? No, no, no.

MR. BAZ: I'm, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I'm Mr. Victorino.

MR. BAZ: Sorry ...*(laughs)*... Member Victorino, as far as the \$85,000, that was part of the negotiated, you know, the collective bargaining adjustments that had been made, so by deleting that from the Mayor's Office Budget it's still, from my understanding, retained in the other salary adjustment item that we had so we're okay with that one.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so that one will go someplace else?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so it goes away but it actually shows up someplace else?

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I'm cool with that. Okay. Then I guess the next one.

MR. BAZ: So the next one, the 112,332, I'll let our Chief of Staff explain.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. ANDAYA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

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MR. ANDAYA: This amount here reflects the hiring of two Executive Assistants within the Mayor's Office, Danny Mateo and Joe Pontanilla. And so that's what those two reflect.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: And the reason the Chair listed a number of deletions in this area, you'll notice at the bottom, because all we're doing is approving totals, cause they can spend it however they wish. You'll note at the bottom of column of numbers that what we appropriated last year was 1.844 and what we're, what this would leave us with is 1.818 and, you know, as I shared with you the other day --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I asked the question.

CHAIR WHITE: --the growth in the Mayor's Office Budget has been significant over the years. If you look at the first term of Mr. Arakawa, I believe they were operating with 11 less individuals, and so that's the reason why the Chair felt that we needed to cut back. You know, he can spend the money however he wishes, but I don't, I didn't feel compelled that we should provide all the increases requested.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So, just to, so I get clarification from the Chief of Staff, you see the two differences between what we're seeing for this year and what you were given last year, which is \$25,804. That's the difference. Not the two million that the Mayor asked for. So are you okay with that or where would, if you're saying Councilman, please save this. Save that. What would you save? What would you ask me if I gave you two choices to save? Don't give me Danny and Joe.

MR. ANDAYA: Yes. Okay. I was just being frank with the Council but things have changed since our first Administration. I mean, our first Administration, that was over ten years ago, or eight years ago or so. The population has increased. Our policies have changed. We have more people coming to the Mayor's Office now requesting for assistance, requesting for help, and so for all of those reasons, and like I said earlier, our EAs now are being overtaxed, you know. And so that's the reason why, you know, we could use more help. I mean, we have, when we started this Administration, we had seven EAs, you know. Now we have eight. Eight EAs and, I mean, you can certainly appreciate the importance of having EAs. I mean, you have, I believe you have two. You know, each Councilmember has two EAs. I'm not sure what kind of workload or what kind of phone calls your EAs get, but in our office we have a lot and we have figures to show that. Every day we have hundreds of calls that come in. One of our EAs, for instance, Randy Piltz, I'll mention his name. He is charged with helping us with the permitting process, you know, and he helps shepherd a lot of permits through the process and he is overwhelmed with phone calls, with people complaining about the process and whatnot and so I can see him being overtaxed. He spends long hours at the office and he patiently hears, listens to constituents and he helps them. He helps them shepherd through their permits. And so one of these positions would be to help assist him with that. Joe Pontanilla used to be on the Planning Commission.

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You know, he has a lot of knowledge with respect to permits, the permitting process. And so we've asked him to assist Randy Piltz on this matter. So that's just one example.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Andaya for that clarification and, you know, we'll look upon this and see what we can do.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Other questions? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I know that, you know, looking at the numbers it may seem like, you know, a lot of people, but having had the opportunity to work very closely with this group, I know that they're very busy. And in particular, you know, I have had the opportunity to work this past four months with Mr. Mateo and I think he's doing an excellent job, and I really appreciate having him as a partner in the work we've done at the Legislature. And I know that my intent is to work with HSAC to try to continue to do that all year, because I really feel it's going to take a year-round effort rather than going to the Legislature in January with our, I think we want. I think we start as soon as the Legislature is pau to continue working not only with ourselves but Statewide with our colleagues to get ready for next year. You know, this business of well somebody's going to do it, it really doesn't work. It has to be somebody's responsibility and I have to say that he's been outstanding about submitting all of the reports that are required, taking care of all the paperwork that has to be done and, you know, I don't know so much about what the other position is doing but I definitely know that Mr. Mateo is very busy and very effective. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Other questions, Members? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I was just curious, Mr. Andaya, what kind of Professional Services you would, you are looking for that reducing 25,000 would hinder you guys?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, if I might? Member Couch, that was a request from my office, the Budget Office, which is housed under the Mayor's Administration.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: To remove the 25?

MR. BAZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh.

MR. BAZ: To, for that funding. Additional monies in my office, as I mentioned, to look at a better management of our budgeting for Capital Projects as well as our forecasting that has been a desire of both the Administration and the Council to move forward on. We need some assistance

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in that and rather than hire additional staff at this point, I was hoping to at least be able to contract out for some of that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Other questions, Members? Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Andaya, for coming down this late hour in the day. I have a question on the, you mentioned earlier you have currently eight EAs or, and in the Budget are you proposing for more EAs positions? Just gonna, you're just staying with the eight EAs. Okay. On the reduce of the telephone, the 17,500, what is that? The telephone? Or maybe that's referred to the Chair, there's a reduced telephone 17,500.

CHAIR WHITE: That was to reduce their telephone expense. You know, again --

MR. BAZ: Mr....

CHAIR WHITE: --while we're getting tied up in the details, the real question is are we willing to make significant increases in a Budget that's much larger than it used to be in, you know, in earlier years? And so that's the question on the table.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yes.

MR. BAZ: Your question. Basically it's just a different of Sub-Object Code level 6152, which is cellular telephones had \$19,192 spent. 6154 with the telephones only had \$107 spent but the budgeted allocation was under 6154 and so it didn't, if you look at the exact line of the detail it doesn't show that there's any money expended but if you look right above that there's actually a little bit over budget.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. Are those cell phones, you're saying?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Cellphones, data services, different things like that.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Other questions, Members? Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Andaya. Oh actually we, no, Economic Development we'll handle tomorrow.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So is that a revisit?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Members, I don't know how many other people we'll be able to get down here so let's...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Looks like we have Highways here.

CHAIR WHITE: Pardon?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ...*(Laughter)*...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: He been sitting back there patiently.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Highways is here.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Would you like to go through Highways?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Sure.

CHAIR WHITE: If you wouldn't mind coming down please.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Where's, where is that? Where's Highways?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Public Works 28.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It's kind of...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Twenty-eight?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Twenty-nine. Well, wait.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On Page 30, Chair?

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CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Twenty-nine?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thirty?

CHAIR WHITE: Page...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Twenty-nine.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Twenty-nine?

CHAIR WHITE: Well, the...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Highway Traffic Management.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, the only changes on Page 29 are adjustments that are driven by the items on the following pages and it, the one on the top of Page 30 is the same thing.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR WHITE: It's driven by the deletion of expansions. So what the Chair has proposed here is that we, that rather than moving ahead with expansion and hiring new employees this year, that we hold off on that until we get better numbers and refer the item to Ms. Cochran's Committee. The reason that I'm uncomfortable providing expansion positions at this time is that when we saw the figures provided by the Department, the, we're currently, it's currently costing the County \$183 per ton to put down the paving and we had a bid on a similar project at 132 and 142. What the Department is projecting is that by adding the equipment and adding the employees that we're going to be able to get that number down to 140. My feeling is that I'm uncomfortable moving ahead with that without better information. What we got was a one-page outline of what the cost savings were or what the costs would be. I'm not comfortable making a decision to hire 15 more County employees and buying a bunch of new equipment. We've already bought a bunch of new equipment that they're using and they're doing great work so this is not, I mean, I love what they're doing because we've taken current employees, we've added equipment and they're doing a hell of a good job and I think we all love it, but at the same time I'm a little hesitant to go any further because right now we've got a crew from which we're getting really great productivity. If we move ahead and buy the equipment and hire 15 more people, I wanna make sure that we're going to get a more significant bang for our buck than an even-even comparison in cost. I think what we're doing now is keeping the private sector on their toes and if we, and that we've accomplished a lot just by doing what we're doing and I take my hat off to the Department, because it's exactly the kind of thing I'd like to see all the departments do. Step up. Take on new responsibilities with the existing staff that you've got and go find other ways to save us

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money. So I totally applaud what they've done and what they're doing, but the new machine that we authorized them to buy last year is just now being put into service and we've got, I think, two other trucks, the slurry seal truck and another one that we just issued contracts for so they'll be arriving shortly. So again, my discomfort in moving in this direction with the new employees is simply that we don't quite have the numbers to make that an easy decision. I'd like to see at least a 20 percent savings before I say yeah, we'll get more into the paving business, because our employees are always going to be here and once we hire them they're ours for a long time whereas a private contractor, we're not responsible for them. We're not responsible for their accidents. We're not responsible for any of their costs other than the contracting cost. So what we have done is we have taken the savings in Salaries and Wages and the fringe benefits that would go along with this, so this is not a cut. We've simply transferred this money into the Paving Program, the Countywide Paving Program and we are waiting for...have we gotten the answer on the lane miles?

MR. KANESHINA: No, not your revised question on the lane miles. We got, we've got a response from them on the total lane miles throughout the County that exist but not the, not your more specific question.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Anyway, the Chair's thought on this was to use the same amount of money and put it back into the Countywide Paving. So as you saw last night or yesterday, we've increased the Paving, Countywide Paving by I believe \$592,000 on top of a \$5 million number. So that will provide for them, funds for them to go and purchase asphalt and so forth and then also contract private sector. So what the Chair is recommending that we do with that is rather than it just being a big Countywide pot, that we divide it up by district based on the rough number of lane miles. We can discuss that a little bit more but if you're okay with that concept, we can work the details out as we go forward. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Quite possibly, I could possibly be okay with that concept but I have a couple questions --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --first for Mr. Hashiro, and to your question on the lane miles, I'm guessing it would be Mr. Hashiro that would answer your letter.

CHAIR WHITE: It might be. I don't know if he's got the lane miles off the top of his head but...

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair, I believe that question in our Department was referred to our Engineering Division.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay. Oh, sorry. The other question I had was in a discussion with Mr. Goode...

CHAIR WHITE: If you could just hold on a second.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh.

CHAIR WHITE: If you could just introduce yourself for the record.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes. Good afternoon or good evening, whichever you want to prefer. My name is Brian Hashiro. I'm the Chief of the Highways Division.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Brian. Okay, go ahead, Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. I discussed this with David Goode because, you know, he comes on my show once a month so we have time to discuss things like this and his comment was, and in fact I think it was on the air, that if we had the group in-house, we can do immediate repairs, immediate programs that we don't have to put out the bid and it doesn't, you know, if we have to do an RFP, then open the bids, then do the Notice to Proceed and then finally get things going, it can, you know, we're concerned about the whole procurement process because it takes so long that...and I think I want to ask Mr. Hashiro can you explain that a little bit? How much of a difference there would be there?

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair? Yeah, our process right now is to put out a contract at the beginning of the fiscal year for materials and we purchase off the contract. If we were to go and try to do it by a piecemeal process, every time we go over 25,000 we gotta go out to bid. So when you put out the contract, we put out like half a million dollars worth of asphalt pavement one time and we can buy out the contract. So we can do work, you know, as soon as the issue pops up, we can take care of it. If I could digress a little bit, you know, right now our Division is at a crossroads. Most of my senior staff all going be retiring within the next three to five years. I have six districts, five of those districts' supervisors all going be retiring very soon. So I'm going to lose a lot of knowledge and expertise in the very near future so, you know, our proposal is to get something started. Get our people trained and so they can move forward. Once my, I lose all of my staff, and also that includes myself. I propose to leave within two and a half years. So we're not going to have, you know, the knowledge base for very long. So we need to get the process going, get people trained and going and, you know, we can do the work.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I would point out that we can do that right now. We're just at, on a more limited basis, but we can do that right now. We can respond to the small jobs. We can, and we can do some of the larger jobs because we've got the equipment and we've got the staff. It does take away from some other responsibilities but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And that's my concern, Mr. Chair. There are the other responsibilities that they're not able to do at this time if they're out doing the road repair, road surfacing/re-surfacing and whatnot. This one's a tough one. I, you know, I know we're trying to cut in places, but we've also encouraged these guys to go out there and do a whole year's worth of stuff.

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CHAIR WHITE: I don't have a problem with the direction they're going, I'm just concerned that we don't have all the numbers, and I would almost rather give them the Financial Analyst position so they can provide us with solid numbers and bring it back to Ms. Cochran's Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That's a reasonable compromise.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah I...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: If you don't mind.

CHAIR WHITE: I don't have a problem with the concept, I just want to be sure that we're not stepping into an area that is going to cost us more money down the road, and I also have a concern, I don't know if this is a valid one or if Corp. Counsel can shine any light on it, but the Konno decision doesn't allow us to eliminate County jobs and put them back, put them in the private sector. So, and I don't know if this would apply to this kind of a situation but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: ...*(Inaudible)*...

CHAIR WHITE: No. If we decide down the road that there was a mistake, can we ratchet back or are we stuck?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: How about if we do them LTAs? Oh, I guess something Mr. Ueoka...

CHAIR WHITE: I saw Mr. Ueoka reaching for his microphone so he must have some pearls of wisdom for us.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ...*(Laughter)*...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: For a change.

MR. UEOKA: I guess I, generally speaking, you might fall more into the Konno-type analysis where it would become a traditional County function that you'd be removing and putting back into private. So you could say you were going more down that road but, like everything else, I'll need to say we'd...you know, a lot more detail and further analysis on it before I give you a definitive opinion on it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Fair enough. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, you know, and I agree with your analysis to a point. I also believe that if you guys send the message to the private sector that oh, we're not going to expand and, you know, we're going to be using you more often, that might send the wrong message also. I mean, we got them where we want them and I don't know if I want to give you 15 positions,

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but Mr. Hashiro, what if we came up with 5 more positions where you get some to continue your advance but not overwhelming numbers that if we ever have to cut back, instead of 15 we only have 5, plus with retirements it sounds like even with retirements 5 may be in two or three or four years if we decided to change, they would have other opportunities to move into different positions, because some people would take your position and others within your Division, or maybe, you know, I'm not sure how that all works. But is something like that, a compromise of maybe like 5, would you be more apt to say yeah, that would work out better than not nothing at all?

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair, Mr. Victorino, you know, any positions at this point would be a positive step.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: I think if you look at some work we just recently did on South Church Street --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

MR. HASHIRO: --you can see the quality of the work that we're doing.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh-huh.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: So, you know, a small step is a giant step for us, you know, but, you know, I would take that, you know, as a beginning but like I said, it's a beginning.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: South Church Street, Kinipopo, a lot of small streets you guys have been doing and you've been doing an excellent job, you know.

CHAIR WHITE: There's no...yeah, there's no arguing that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. I think that's where I would, you know, and we'll discuss it a little bit later.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But I would look more upon something of that nature if that's the concern, then we take baby steps in that direction instead of taking, or maybe a leap of faith if you want to use that term. And that way they get to continue doing what they want to do and maybe continue to keep the prices down, and the winner in all of this is the people of Maui County. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

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CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and thank you for being here. Just curious how that figure of 15 did come about. Is it just certain bodies in particular districts or if...

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair and Ms. Cochran, we analyzed all the roads on Maui based on a paving condition index and we analyzed all the different types of techniques we need to do on all the roads, and actually we came up with a whole lot more positions than 15. Our job is quite huge just because of the lane mileage that we have in Maui. In Maui alone, we have like 600 lane miles and not all of them are straightaways. You know, we got all these residential roads, cul-de-sacs, and, you know, work there is very slow. So we had a whole bunch and we started with the grand scheme of things, and then we were told to cut back, cut back, cut back and it came down to the bottom line was 15. But if we have to go to 5, you know, hey certainly we'll take 5 and work our way through it. But we have in our grand org chart a lot more positions that we would need if we wanted to handle all 600 lane miles of Maui and, you know, and that's not even counting Lanai and Molokai right now. Right now, they're doing the assessment for the Lanai and Molokai roads, and we would have to take that condition index roads and figure out what we wanna do on Lanai and Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And then just a follow-up, what was that top number then that you had scaled back down from, do you recall?

MR. HASHIRO: I don't recall but I have it in my office, I can certainly provide that information right away.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay. Yeah, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I wanna weigh in on this road thing. Ever since I've been here, this has been a goal that we would, and I'm sorry Member Hokama is not here because this was one of his things from when I got here. He wanted our own paving crew and he wanted us to do this, because he felt that, you know, we could do so much more with the money we have rather than doing it all with the private sector. And unfortunately, I guess, we don't have the real hard numbers about what that savings is, but we have all seen a huge increase in our ability to do a lot more for our roads over the past few years than we have in a long, long, long time, as long as I can remember and I've lived here all my life. So I, like Mr. Victorino, feel that maybe 15 is a grand scheme. Maybe a reduced number would be better, at least for this time while we seem to be in the 'axe' mood here. I don't want to kill this program. I think it's a good program and I think it's, we need to go forward. And I understand your concern about wanting to get it up and running because I know retirement looms, and we wanna make sure we have stuff in place before we go. So I can very much support a reduced number of staff but I

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think some hard numbers also would help us, Chair, so that we can see if the cost of paving as opposed to having our people do it.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I think, you know, the Chair's position remains that we have new machines. We have the new paver and the two new trucks. We will shortly have, well not shortly, but over the next six months or so we'll be able to get much better numbers on what we can do it for. And I think we've already successfully sent the message to the private sector, and so I, you know, I think we can, well, I wouldn't rush into it if this were my decision. But I, you know, this is obviously a five-vote kind of a deal here, so.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: . . .*(Laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Maybe we could gently. Let's go gently.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Hashiro, you said if you had your grand scheme that it would cover all your 600 lane miles of what we have in the County, at least on Maui island. When you say that, does that mean on a five-year rotation? Twenty-year rotation? What kind of rotations, if you were to do a section of let's say Kenolio Road this year, when, and you had your, your full team and a full set of equipment, when would you get back to that road, that mile of road maybe?

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair and Mr. Couch, we're looking at a five-year rotation, five-to-seven-year rotation of the, basically the seal coating type of operation, the stuff we did on Church Street. The paving stuff, you know, it would be a longer term because it costs more money to run those operations. So we were looking to do like all the, like the thin overlays, like mill out some road and put in two inch back, and any major reconstruction, like they're proposing for like Papa Avenue, Wakea Avenue, that we'll leave to our Engineering Division to handle through contracts and any Federal Aid Highway stuff that we handle through contracts.

CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MR. HASHIRO: And we would do all the minor stuff that we can handle right away here and take care of it and keep the roads lasting for longer until the major reconstruction can be done. So for the seal coating stuff between five to seven years we go through all the roads on Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Wow.

MR. HASHIRO: Providing I have the staff and --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Of course.

MR. HASHIRO: --the funding for the materials.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Of course.

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MR. HASHIRO: With five people, I'm know we're not going to be doing that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . .*(Laughs)*. . . So that's the intent is to keep doing preventative maintenance until we can do the full on, you know, rebuild the road kind of thing, which is a 20 year possibly?

MR. HASHIRO: We're looking between 20 to 30, maybe 40 years.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: If we're able to seriously only do some preventative maintenance?

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So in the long run, in a 40-year long run, we're talking a lot of savings, in my humble opinion.

MR. HASHIRO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, and thank you, Mr. Hashiro.

CHAIR WHITE: And we can do that with private contractors too. So, you know, it can be done two ways, so. I don't know which one of you was first. And then I'll come back to Ms. Baisa. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you Chair, and this 15 E/P, does that have anything to do with the newly opened bypass in Lahaina? As I understand, the State, we, I guess, have the option, or I don't know if it's forced upon us to take over Highway 30 now that the State, they won't manage parallel roads. Is that my correct understanding? I've heard David Goode say this many times in my Committee.

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair, Ms. Cochran, we had asked the State Highways Department about whether they'll be turning over that, the sections of road as they built the Lahaina bypass.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Uh-huh.

MR. HASHIRO: We never got an answer. So to answer your basic question, we have not included any expansion positions to address that issue. We had initially, when we first were working on the Budget, we were thinking about those kinds of ideas and we had some numbers, but when the State didn't respond, we culled all of that out.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Ms. Crivello?

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Are you able to use existing employees and upgrade and train them to these positions?

MR. HASHIRO: What we've been finding out, Mr. Chair and Ms. Crivello, we've been finding that as we put people on the pavement preservation, our district work falls behind. So that's why we proposed expansion positions so that we can leave the district operations alone for the most part. When we thought about the idea of creating expansion positions, and my idea was that we would fill it by people who are really interested in applying for the job and we select the best people for the job. So if, you know, like a Molokai person wanted the job, he'd apply and we review everyone who applies and we select the best person for the job. You know, so that they show true interest that they wanna work for that operation and not that we're moving somebody against their wills, which we could do also.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes. Yeah. Okay, thank you for the work that you do.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, just to put it into perspective, the reason that we are seeing a significantly higher amount of paving and road upgrades is that we have moved in the last two years from spending 2.6 million to 5.6 and the current appropriation is 5.5 so that's why we're seeing it. It's a combination of what they're doing and what we're doing through the private contractors because we've allocated more money to it so. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. While we have Mr. Hashiro --

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --and, you know, he has quite a bit of knowledge and experience because he's been around a while, I wanted to ask a question. We're proposing that we're going to take money and put it in the districts for repaving. We used to do that before and one of the problems that we saw was say for instance if my district, we were going to do a road and we were short a few hundred thousand dollars, the project would be delayed or cancelled because we didn't have money in that district. So I wanted to know what you think about that. Would you rather have a pot in a priority list or what's your thoughts?

MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair, Ms. Baisa, my thoughts is that I wanna reduce my mobilization costs as much as possible, so if we're going to do something, I'd like to do it all in one district and maybe every year we move or whatever to do it in that fashion. When we do it in various districts, we have huge mobilization costs. We gotta move our equipment here and there and everywhere. So that adds to the cost of the project. With the seal coating, you know, we have to import the emulsion from Honolulu right now. There's nobody on Maui that has that emulsion so everything is by transport so we need to move it, and we would prefer not to move it too many times because we have like a two-week window to use all the materials in the tank and then after that we pay a daily rental fee on the tank. So I prefer to like keep it in a district and do as much in the district and then, you know, move to the next district if I can. As far as the paving, well that is always flexible. You know, where the need is that's where we'll go. Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: The reason I asked this question is in my district, we had a road that was scheduled to be paved and it was going to be paved later, but while they were in that district, the equipment was there, they had the stuff, and so they just did it. But if they said oh, we cannot do it in this district because we used up all the money for this area, we couldn't have done it.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So I think we wanna be really clear about how we budget this because we don't want to hamstring you.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: But that's why I asked the question.

MR. HASHIRO: Yes and, Mr. Chair and Ms. Baisa, a pot of money is better for maintenance because we can react faster. If you leave it in a district, we're kind of locked to that. That's what would be a big concern.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you for your input. I just wanted us to talk about that, Chair, because I've been aware of it happening.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. No, very good point. Other questions for Mr. Hashiro? Members, what are your thoughts on where you'd like to go with this?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, Mr. Chair, I think he's in charge of the Garage too, are you not?

MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay. Do you wanna ask him about the Equipment Mechanic?

CHAIR WHITE: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So you put in an expansion position for the Equipment Mechanic. Is that for the anticipated new equipment you're going to get or are you behind in fixing all the equipment you got?

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MR. HASHIRO: Mr. Chair and Mr. Couch, the Equipment Mechanic is basically to ensure that when we're doing paving or any kind of pavement preservation work that if the machine breaks down we want to have it repaired right then and there. We cannot wait for the mechanic, to call a mechanic from a district to come out, analyze what's going on, and try to make the repair. You know, we have like hot mix sitting in the trucks. It's going to get cold. When it gets cold then we cannot use it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh.

MR. HASHIRO: We waste money. So we need to repair it as soon as possible to get the work back on the way. That's why the mechanic is there.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So the mechanic would be part of that crew. They go out. They're the guy sitting on the shovel until something breaks?

MR. HASHIRO: Pretty much so but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, we always get those complaints.

MR. HASHIRO: We station them in the district so if he does, he's not repairing the pavement preservation equipment, he can also help the district out with repairs.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Got you. Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Other questions, Members? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: With your recommendation, have you, is there an amount that you've worked on to look at 15 new employees as far as the, I call it the unseen benefits.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I guess we call it retirement and everything else that comes per employee.

CHAIR WHITE: Right. If you take the \$403,000 times 1.85 you'll get the total cost. So it's basically \$745,000.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Uh-huh. Other questions, Members, for Mr. Hashiro.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: --for staying, sticking around for us.

MR. HASHIRO: Thank you. Thank you for your consideration for our Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MR. HASHIRO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Good job.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, do Members have any need for others? I don't know if we're going to find anyone else around at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So we're going to revisit that, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Those two?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. I think let's, you know, give it some thought overnight and see where we want to go with that. I think Mr. Hashiro brings up a good point about the big pot versus the --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --the other, and so I, you know, I think we can either put it all in one or...anyway, we'll have to decide how we want to end up with the right numbers to move forward, whether it's in the employee count or in the...as you can see, I've switched some of the numbers on that page to the Road Resurfacing numbers so.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, Mr. Chair, if I may? You did mention in our discussion that you're okay with the Fiscal Analyst. Are we in consensus on that one?

CHAIR WHITE: Well again, it's a discussion of whether we can find the piece, you know, find the position somewhere else and reallocate it. I would love if you guys would take a look at the vacancy list tonight and be ready to talk about where we can...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It should be in your book.

CHAIR WHITE: If you don't have yours readily available we can provide you one. We've got copies. I mean we can copy the one we've got so.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, if the Members, for reference, it's the response PS1 from the Department of Personnel Services.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, if any of you want the, want a copy we can provide it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's easier than digging through the book to find. So Mr. Guzman and I.

CHAIR WHITE: So, you know, the Chair's interest is that we look exhaustively for positions to move because it's, you know, I'm not interested in going out and finding new money when we've got it sitting in various departments. So if you want five positions in Public Works, then let's go see where we can locate the E/Ps and the dollars. Members, if we don't have much in the way of department heads to call in, can you give me your list of department heads that you would like to see here tomorrow other than Fire and Human...I think we have Fire and Human Services.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Parks.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, we didn't do the, didn't talk about the Public Works Janitor and Fiscal Analyst. Do we just want to revisit those? I don't, I'm not, it might be interesting to ask Mr. Goode --

CHAIR WHITE: What I would...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --about that.

CHAIR WHITE: What I'd like to have happen tomorrow morning is we have a number of the department heads --

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Sitting here.

CHAIR WHITE: --that we need sitting by so we can ask questions of them and move on.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Department of Transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you.

MR. KANESHINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah?

MR. KANESHINA: I thought I heard some mention about OED possibly being there --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh yeah.

MR. KANESHINA: --when you cover...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And DHHC.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: DHHC, yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so you have a full list? Okay, any others you can think of, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Police. Police.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Public Works?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I don't know.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, I don't know.

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CHAIR WHITE: I think to be fair to them, we should probably have two to start with and then two more and then two more so they're not all sitting here.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: On call.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. So without objection we'll start with Fire and then go to Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Makes sense.

CHAIR WHITE: And then DHHC and OED.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Public Works and Police. Does that sound --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: --reasonable?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, sounds reasonable.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, Members, I don't think we're going to have much productive time, unless you want to go through the rest of the form but I think --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, let's revisit and if...

CHAIR WHITE: --we're better off starting off fresh in the morning and...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Rest our brain.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Are we going to be able to start voting on items tomorrow?

CHAIR WHITE: I'd like to start by tomorrow afternoon so I'd like to get the revisits, I mean the departments in here to have their say.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, because we're getting down to crunch time.

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (excused: RC)

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ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, we are. Okay, with that, then we will recess and we'll be back here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: What, what?

CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry.

MR. KANESHINA: We're convening...

CHAIR WHITE: Adjourn.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Adjourn.

MR. KANESHINA: Convening and...adjourning and reconvening a new meeting tomorrow.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes. Thank you. I meant to say adjourn. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 5:48 p.m.

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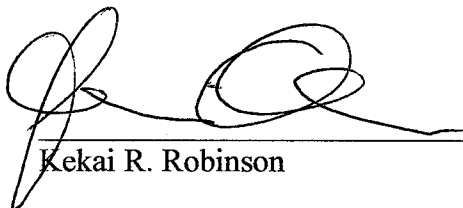
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I, Kekai R. Robinson, hereby certify that the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

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