

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL**  
**AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

February 6, 2015

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

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

Chair and Members:

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, having met on January 22, 2015, makes reference to County Communication 13-45, from the Council Chair, relating to amendments to the Rules of the Council ("Rules").

Your Committee notes the Council's Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (2013-2015 Council term) met on this matter on December 8, 2014. The Committee recommended the item be referred to the Council for the 2015-2017 Council term. At its meeting of January 2, 2015, the Council referred the item to your Committee (County Communication 15-2).

By correspondence dated February 11, 2014, the Committee Chair transmitted a proposed resolution entitled "AMENDING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO ORAL TESTIMONY".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to amend Rule 17(B)(2) of the Rules to limit the duration of oral testimony to three minutes.

Your Committee notes Rule 17(B)(2) of the Rules for the 2015-2017 Council term states the duration of oral testimony is three minutes unless the presiding officer announces prior to the start of testimony that each testifier will be allowed one minute to conclude their testimony.

The introducer of the proposed resolution was satisfied with the current testimony Rule and requested the correspondence be filed.

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Your Committee voted 9-0 to recommend filing of the correspondence dated February 11, 2014. Committee Chair Victorino, Vice-Chair Couch, and members Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Crivello, Guzman, Hokama, and White voted "aye".

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the correspondence dated February 11, 2014, from the Committee Chair, attached hereto, be FILED.

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



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MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Chair


February 11, 2014

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MEMO TO: PIA-6 File

F R O M: G. Riki Hokama, Chair   
Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO  
AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL** (PIA-6; PAF 14-006)

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 6 on your committee's agenda.

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Attachment

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

## AMENDING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO ORAL TESTIMONY

WHEREAS, by Resolution 13-3, the Council adopted the Rules of the Council on January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to amend the Rules of the Council; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that Rule 17(B) of the Rules of the Council, relating to duration of oral testimony, shall be amended as follows (with material to be repealed bracketed):

“B. Oral testimony. For each item on the meeting agenda or hearing notice, oral testimony shall be accepted during the testimony portion of the meeting or hearing. The following procedure shall apply to oral testimony:

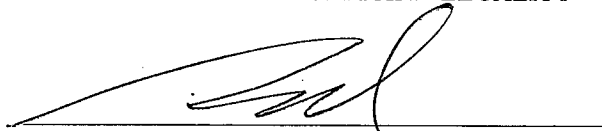
1. Testimony registration; close of testimony period. Any individual shall be permitted to register for oral testimony on an item during the testimony period for the item. The presiding officer shall accept testimony on all items at the beginning of the meeting, or may determine and announce at the beginning of the meeting that testimony on each item shall be accepted before consideration of the item. The presiding officer shall close the testimony period for an item or all items on the meeting agenda or hearing notice only after all registrants to that point have been afforded an opportunity to testify on the item(s), and the presiding officer verbally invites and affords any other members of the audience an opportunity to do so.

2. Duration of oral testimony. Each testifier shall be allowed to speak for three minutes on each item. [If additional time is requested, the testifier shall be allowed one minute to conclude the testimony on the item.] The time limits for testimony at a committee meeting may be modified, if the modification is initiated by the presiding officer and approved by a majority of the voting members of the committee; provided, that a modification would apply equally to all testifiers and all items. No further oral testimony by the testifier on the item shall be permitted. An individual's request to testify shall be deemed withdrawn if the individual does not answer when called to testify.

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3. Conduct. Testimony shall pertain to items on the meeting agenda. Testifiers shall direct their remarks to the presiding officer and not to any individual Council member or person in the audience. The presiding officer may allow members to ask testifiers to repeat or rephrase statements made during their testimony, but members shall not ask questions that give a testifier a greater opportunity to testify than others. Members shall not comment on testimony or testifiers during the testimony period.”

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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