

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 8, 2008

Committee
Report No. 08-83

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

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on July 21, 2008, makes reference to the following:

1. County Communication No. 08-54, from the Council Chair, transmitting a report from the State Department of Accounting and General Services, regarding certain State appropriations for capital improvement projects involving the County for the period ending December 31, 2007; and
2. County Communication No. 08-136, from the Council Chair, transmitting a report from the State Department of Accounting and General Services, regarding certain State appropriations for capital improvement projects involving the County for the period ending March 31, 2008.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Economic Development Coordinator, Office of the Mayor; the Director of Finance; the Director of Parks and Recreation; the Director of Public Works; the Fiscal Officer, Department of Water Supply; and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director of Finance stated that the reports identify appropriations, allotments, and expenditures for five capital improvement projects administered by the County. The Director further stated that some of the projects originate as far back as the 1990s and some projects are ongoing.

Regarding the Water Source Development Project, the Fiscal Officer stated that the project includes the construction of a well at Hamakuapoko and water transmission lines. She further stated that the project has been completed, and \$756,000 of the State's \$7.77 million appropriation was returned.

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Your Committee questioned the rationale for installing a 36-inch diameter transmission line for this project considering the limited amount of water produced by the Hamakuapoko wells. Your Committee requested that the Department of Water Supply provide the justification for installing the oversized transmission line and inform your Committee whether the Department intends to use the line in the future.

Regarding the Binhi At Ani Community Center, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the \$350,000 appropriation will allow for the construction of a second story for additional conference rooms. She further stated that construction plans are being finalized.

Your Committee asked whether there were any time limitations for expending encumbered State appropriations. The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that State funds have been encumbered by a contract with Binhi At Ani and the time of performance can be extended.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communications.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:


1. That County Communication No. 08-54 be FILED; and
2. That County Communication No. 08-136 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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