

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 4, 2008

Committee
Report No.

08-49

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 March 10, 2008, makes reference to County Communication No. 08-59, from the Budget Director, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND FOR DECEMBER 2007 STORM DAMAGES".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A of the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget as it pertains to Part II, Special Purpose Revenues - Schedule of Revolving Special Funds, by adding a line item in the Emergency Fund in the amount of \$1,700,000 for storm damages in December 2007.

Your Committee notes that Section 9-14, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, established an Emergency Fund for the purpose of funding a public emergency that threatens life, health, property, or the economic viability of the County.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Mayor; the Budget Director; the Director of Finance; the Director of Public Works; the Director of Environmental Management; the Solid Waste Division Chief, Department of Environmental Management; and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Mayor provided your Committee with a document entitled "December 2007 Storm Time Line", which identifies the actions taken by the County after the winter storm, from December 4, 2007 to December 7, 2007. She said that the Governor signed a declaration of disaster on December 7, 2007 and on February 6, 2008, the President declared the storm a major disaster. Therefore, storm damage repairs are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance.

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The Mayor explained that the \$1,700,000 requested from the Emergency Fund will be used to support various departments while the County files for reimbursement from FEMA. She said that some of the expenditures made by County departments to repair public facilities and remove debris cannot be accommodated in the Administration's operating budget, and there is no guarantee that FEMA will reimburse all of the claims.

The Mayor stated that reimbursements from FEMA will be deposited into the County's General Fund. Reimbursements to the Emergency Fund can be made through a budget amendment.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill and filing of the communication.

Your Committee notes that pursuant to Section 3.96.030 (B), Maui County Code, appropriations from the fund shall be by ordinance passed upon a vote of not less than seven members of the Council.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2008), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, FOR APPROPRIATION FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND FOR DECEMBER 2007 STORM DAMAGES", be **PASSED ON FIRST READING** and be **ORDERED TO PRINT**; and
2. That County Communication No. 08-59 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

