

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 17, 2006

**Committee
Report No.**

_____ 06-18

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

Chair and Members:

Your Committee of the Whole, having met on January 31, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-24, from the Council Chair, regarding the settlement of claims and lawsuits.

Your Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated January 23, 2006, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, requesting consideration of the possible settlement of Megan Kaina, et al. vs. County of Maui, et al., Civil No. CV 04-00608 DAE. Attached to the request is a copy of the complaint and a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF MEGAN KAINA, ET AL. VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL., CIVIL NO. CV 04-00608 DAE". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Department of the Corporation Counsel to settle the case.

Your Committee notes that the complaint alleges damages arising from the death of Lisa Tomita Kaina as a result of a police shooting in Paia, Maui.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Chief of Police and two Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony. A Deputy Corporation Counsel provided a brief overview of the case and requested the opportunity to discuss the matter in an executive meeting.

Your Committee voted to convene an executive meeting for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel on liability issues in the matter, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

At its executive meeting, your Committee met with the Chief of Police and two Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Following the executive meeting, your Committee reconvened in regular session. Based on the information received and the recommendation of the Department of the

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Corporation Counsel, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution to authorize the settlement of the matter under the terms proposed in the executive meeting.

Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS that Resolution No. _____ attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF MEGAN KAINA, ET AL. VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL., CIVIL NO. CV 04-00608 DAE" be ADOPTED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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