

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

March 17, 2006

**Committee  
Report No.**

\_\_\_\_\_06-37\_\_\_\_\_

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 February 28, 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 February 15, 2006, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, requesting consideration of the possible settlement of William Melton v. County of Maui, Case No. 7-01-00275. Attached to the request is a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF WILLIAM MELTON V. COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 7-01-00275". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the Department of the Corporation Counsel to settle the case.

Your Committee notes that the claim alleges work-related injuries as a result of a motor vehicle accident on December 22, 2000.

At its meeting, your Committee met with a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony. The 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 a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Following the executive meeting, your Committee reconvened in regular session.

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Your Committee discussed whether the County has a program in place that assists employees with on-the-job defensive driving skills in order to alleviate work-related accidents and potential settlement claims against the County.

Based on the information received and the recommendation of the Department of the 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 WILLIAM MELTON V. COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 7-01-00275" be ADOPTED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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