

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 19, 2006

**Committee
Report No.**

06-162

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 November 28, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-20, from the Council Chair, relating to the matter of nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated November 17, 2006 (received November 20, 2006), the Mayor transmitted the nomination of Stephen E. Goldsmith to the Cost of Government Commission to replace Albert Newsham, for a term expiring on March 31, 2008, along with his personal history forms.

Your Committee notes that specific appointment procedures are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code. Your Committee further notes that for most of the boards, committees, and commissions, the Mayor is required to submit nominees 60 to 70 days before the prior members' terms expire, and the Council must approve or disapprove the nominee within 60 days thereafter or the nominee is deemed appointed. If the Council disapproves a nominee, it shall immediately notify the Mayor of its action. In the event that the Council fails to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominee within the time period provided, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to fill the vacancy upon its occurrence. This procedure applies to the Cost of Government Commission (Maui County Charter, Sections 8-15.2, 3-15.3, and 13-2).

Your Committee notes that the nomination requires Council approval or disapproval within 60 days and that the deadline for the Council to approve or disapprove the nominee is January 19, 2007.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Stephen E. Goldsmith, the nominee.

There was no public testimony.

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Your Committee received brief comments from the Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor and proceeded to interview Mr. Goldsmith.

Mr. Goldsmith indicated that he is not the attorney of the same name that practices law on Maui. He noted that he had attended two Cost of Government Commission meetings and contributed as a member of the public. He said he is semi-retired and manages his passive financial investments. Mr. Goldsmith said he believes the goal of government is to do what is in the interest of the greater good of the public and that government cannot necessarily operate like a business, which is focused on making a profit. He indicated that he has much to learn and will be interested in looking at where the most improvement can take place in government and improving government efficiency.

Based on the information received, your Committee voted to recommend approval of the nomination of Stephen E. Goldsmith.

Your Committee of the Whole **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That the nomination of Stephen E. Goldsmith to the Cost of Government Commission be **APPROVED** for a term expiring on March 31, 2008; and
2. That a copy of this committee report be **TRANSMITTED** to the Mayor of the County of Maui.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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