

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

November 3, 2006

**Committee
Report No.**

06-129

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 October 17, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 06-235, from the Fire Chief, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$1,500 FROM WAL-MART FOUNDATION TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the acceptance of a donation of \$1,500 from the Wal-Mart Foundation to purchase approximately 100 smoke detectors to be placed on fire trucks and dispersed at residences.

At its meeting, your Committee met with a Fire Command Officer, Department of Fire and Public Safety, and the Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony. Your Committee received a brief overview of the donation from the Fire Command Officer.

Your Committee noted that smoke detectors in homes can reduce home insurance rates. Your Committee requested that the Department of Fire and Public Safety consider dispensing the smoke detectors to homes in rural areas, which are typically located farther away from fire stations, and where response times would be longer.

Your Committee further requested that the Department of Fire and Public Safety consider conducting a public education campaign, including a press release, to heighten the public's awareness of fire safety, and the benefits of having smoke detectors in homes. The Fire Command Officer said that this type of campaign could be used to acknowledge the Wal-Mart Foundation donation and to increase fire safety awareness.

Your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication.

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Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto entitled, "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$1,500 FROM WAL-MART FOUNDATION TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE" be ADOPTED; and

2. That County Communication No. 06-235 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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