

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 4, 2003

Committee
Report No. 03-31

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 March 20, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-19, from the Council Chair, regarding the settlement of claims and lawsuits.

Your Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated March 3, 2003, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, requesting consideration of the possible settlement of Champ K. Wright v. County of Maui, Case No. 7-99-02110. Attached to the request was a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CHAMP K. WRIGHT VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 7-99-02110". 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 sustained on June 30, 1999, by Mr. Wright, a County employee.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Chief of Police, a Lieutenant from the Department of Police, the First Deputy Corporation Counsel, and two Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There being no public testimony, a Deputy Corporation Counsel provided a brief overview of the case, stating that Mr. Wright is a detective with the Department of Police, who was allegedly injured in a rear-end accident during the course and scope of employment. The Deputy Corporation Counsel 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.

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At its executive meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Chief of Police, a Lieutenant from the Department of Police, the First Deputy Corporation Counsel, and a 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 Corporation Counsel, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution to approve 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 CHAMP K. WRIGHT VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 7-99-02110" be ADOPTED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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