

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 2, 2005

Committee
Report No.

05-121

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

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on August 16, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-245, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, RELATING TO COQUI FROG ERADICATION".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize acceptance of a \$100,000 grant from the State of Hawaii for Coqui frog eradication.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Office of the Mayor, by appropriating \$100,000 for Coqui frog eradication.

By correspondence dated August 9, 2005, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a revised proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, RELATING TO COQUI FROG ERADICATION", incorporating a nonsubstantive revision.

At its meeting, your Committee met with an Executive Assistant from the Office of the Mayor, and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from three individuals. Teya Penniman, Manager, and Adam Radford, Vertebrate Operations Supervisor, Maui

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Invasive Species Committee (MISC), testified in support of accepting the funds for Coqui frog eradication. Ms. Penniman submitted a map from the MISC entitled "Known Coqui Frog Locations as of 8/16/05". Another testifier requested that your Committee verify that the grant does not require a commitment of additional County resources toward efforts to eradicate the Coqui frog.

Your Committee notes that the Coqui frog eradication grant was appropriated by the State of Hawaii through Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005.

The Executive Assistant stated that the grant funds will enable MISC's temporary crew to continue their efforts towards eradication throughout the upcoming rainy season.

Your Committee stated that there needs to be a more comprehensive effort to obtain additional State funding in order to properly address Coqui frog eradication on Maui, and to prevent the establishment of colonies on Molokai and Lanai.

Your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution, passage of the proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, RELATING TO COQUI FROG ERADICATION", be **ADOPTED**;

2. That Bill No. _____ (2005), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR" be **PASSED ON FIRST READING** and be **ORDERED TO PRINT**; and

3. That County Communication No. 05-245 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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