

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 2, 2005

Committee
Report No.

05-126

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 August 16, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-25, from the Council Chair, regarding proposed contracts for special counsel.

Your Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated August 9, 2005, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, requesting consideration of a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, THE PACIFIC LAW GROUP, IN MICHAEL KAHO`OHANOHANO, ET AL. VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, CIVIL NO. CV02-00296 HG BMK". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the employment of The Pacific Law Group as special counsel in the referenced lawsuit for a total compensation of \$20,000.

Your Committee notes that this case includes allegations of violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

At its meeting, your Committee met with a Deputy Corporation Counsel and the Chief of Litigation from the Department of the Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony. The Deputy Corporation Counsel provided a brief overview of the case and requested authorization to employ special counsel with expertise in the area of insurance coverage. She noted that the merits of this case have been settled, and the outstanding issues relate to determining the extent of coverage each of the various insurance carriers must tender to the County.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

Your Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS that Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, THE PACIFIC LAW GROUP, IN MICHAEL KAHO`OHANOHANO, ET AL. VS. COUNTY OF MAUI, CIVIL NO. CV02-00296 HG BMK" be ADOPTED.

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Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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