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COUNTY OF MAUI
2145 WELLS STREET, SUITE 303
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
<http://www.mauicounty.gov/auditor>

October 4, 2022

Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Victorino:

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE MAUI COUNTY CHARTER
(PROJECT NO. 23-02)**

The 2022 General Election ballot for Maui County voters will contain 15 proposed amendments¹ to the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (“Charter”). The attached “Exhibit 1” is my Office’s independent evaluation of the potential financial impacts of each of the 15 proposed Charter amendments. Exhibit 1 lists the additional annual estimated costs for each of the proposed Charter amendments. I feel the easy-to-read layout of Exhibit 1 may aid Maui County voters in their decision-making process regarding County operations and services.

This evaluation is not an audit and purposely does not include conclusions and explanatory language within Exhibit 1 in order to avoid any perception that my Office is advocating for or against any of the proposed Charter amendments. That format—while less than ideal—is intended to avoid the loss of public trust, the possible violation of campaign finance laws, and the use of government funds to advocate for or against a ballot initiative.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 463-3192.

Sincerely,

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LANCE T. TAGUCHI, CPA
County Auditor

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Enclosure

cc: Chair and Members of the Council

¹ Pursuant to Section 14-3 of the Charter, 11 amendment proposals by the 2021-2022 Maui County Charter Commission, plus 2 alternative proposals by the Maui County Council; and pursuant to Section 14-1.1 of the Charter, 2 additional amendment proposals by the Maui County Council.

Office of the County Auditor's Disclaimer

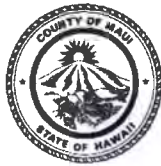
This independent evaluation of financial impacts of proposed amendments to the Maui County Charter does not advocate for or against certain outcomes. This evaluation does not reflect the full text of amendments which can be reviewed at www.mauicounty.gov/charteramendments. Financial projections use figures from unaudited sections of Maui County's fiscal year budget documents. As with any projection, past performance does not guarantee future results. Environmental, social, and governance impacts are not readily measurable for this evaluation and, therefore, were not considered.

Exhibit 1

Financial Impact Analysis of Proposed Charter Amendments to the Maui County Charter on the 2022 General Election Ballot

Proposal No.	Charter Amendment Proposal Relating To:	Additional Annual Financial Impact
Commission Proposal 1	Create a separate Housing Department dedicated to affordable housing; including an advisory board and Hawaiian Home Lands Liaison	\$2,000,000
Commission Proposal 2	Department of 'Ōiwi Resources	\$400,000
Commission Proposal 3	Ethics and financial disclosures	< \$25,000
Commission Proposal 4	Planning Commissions and Community Plan Updates	< \$100,000
Commission Proposal 5	Council organizational meeting, remote access, government records	< \$100,000
Commission Proposal 6	Fines and penalties	< \$25,000
Commission Proposal 7	Administrative department heads	< \$25,000
Commission Proposal 8	County Clerk	< \$100,000
Commission Proposal 9	Police Chief	< \$100,000
Council Alternative Proposal 9A	Alternative to Proposal 9; Police Chief	< \$25,000
Commission Proposal 10	Independent Nomination Board	< \$100,000
Council Alternative Proposal 10A	Alternative to Proposal 10; makeup of Independent Nomination Board	< \$100,000
Commission Proposal 11	Impacts of Charter amendments on County taxation and spending	< \$100,000
Council Proposal 12	Maui County Community Water Authorities	Unknown
Council Proposal 13	Promoting Climate Change Adaptation	< \$100,000





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