COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

44th Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Hawai‘i County Building
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai‘i

October 2, 2018
9:30 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS

From Finance Director Deanna Sako, dated August 31, 2018, transmitting the above report pursuant to Hawai‘i County Code Section 2-12.3.
ORDER OF RESOLUTIONS


Decreases the fuel tax by 5 cents per gallon for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, bringing it to 14 cents per gallon, and by 9 cents per gallon for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, bringing it to 14 cents per gallon. Fuel taxes may be used to support the safe and efficient operation of County roads, mass transit, and highway infrastructure.

Reference: Comm. 940
Intr. by: Mr. Richards
Postponed: May 21, June 5, and July 24, 2018

(Note: There is a motion by Mr. Richards, seconded by Ms. Lee Loy, to recommend adoption of Res. 616-18.)


The granting of pedestrian public access easements is a result of a settlement agreement between the County and Surety Kohala Corporation entered into on April 4, 2002.

Reference: Comm. 1033
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)
Postponed: September 4, 2018

(Note: There is a motion by Ms. Poindexter, seconded by Ms. Lee Loy, to recommend adoption of Res. 662-18.)
RES. 690-18: REQUESTS AN AMNESTY PERIOD FROM JANUARY 2019 THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, DURING WHICH TIME REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR PROPERTIES ZONED COMMERCIAL WHERE A LEGAL BUSINESS OPERATES OR PLANS TO OPERATE IN PĀHOA AND VOLCANO VILLAGE, THAT CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE 2018 LAVA EVENT, SHALL BE ASSESSED AT THE MINIMUM TAX RATE

Requests relief from the full assessment of real property taxes as a means to support businesses that report substantial financial losses due to the recent volcanic activity.

Reference: Comm. 1072
Intr. by: Ms. O’Hara

RES. 692-18: AUTHORIZES THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I

Provides $5,000 from the Department of Research and Development to the University of Hawai‘i to fund its “Developing New Selections of Native Hawaiian Plants for the Floriculture and Nursery Industries” project proposal. Funds would be used to collect, propagate, and evaluate several native and endemic Hawaiian plants for potential uses in floriculture and nursery industries.

Reference: Comm. 1077
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)

RES. 693-18: AUTHORIZES THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I

Provides $7,994.80 from the Department of Research and Development to the University of Hawai‘i to fund its “Artificial Insemination as a Tool to Improve Livestock Genetics in Hawai‘i County” project proposal. Funds would be used to conduct training with beef and swine producers on artificial insemination techniques, record keeping, basic herd management, and preparation of publication material.

Reference: Comm. 1078
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)
Res. 694-18: AUTHORIZES THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I
Provides $12,000 from the Department of Research and Development to the University of Hawai‘i to fund its “Using Taro Breeding to Overcome Disease and Empower Farmers” project proposal. Funds would be used to release new taro hybrids, educate producers and the public about the new varieties and their cultivation, and to educate producers on the taro breeding process.

Reference: Comm. 1079
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)

Res. 695-18: AUTHORIZES THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I
Provides $7,000 from the Department of Research and Development to the University of Hawai‘i to fund its “Applied Research for Grafting Macadamia, Cacao, and Avocado” project proposal. Funds would be used to conduct training on four grafting techniques with macadamia nut, avocado, and cacao producers.

Reference: Comm. 1080
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)

BILLS FOR ORDINANCES

Increases revenues in the Federal Grants – Housing Choice Voucher Program account ($53,293); and appropriates the same to the Voucher Rental Subsidies account for a total appropriation of $18,948,293. Funds would be used for Housing Assistance Payment subsidies.

Reference: Comm. 1075
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)

Increases revenues in the Federal Grants – State Homeland Security Program Fiscal Year 2018 account ($120,000); and appropriates the same to the State Homeland Security Program Fiscal Year 2018 account, for a total appropriation of $720,000. Funds would be used for retrofitting hurricane shelters and key County facilities, providing upgrades to the emergency operations center, to continue coordination and collaboration with the island’s community, and to provide Community Emergency Response Team training.

Reference: Comm. 1076
Intr. by: Ms. David (B/R)

ADJOURNMENT

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