



## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

Prepared by the Department of Finance per Section 15-4 of the County Charter, County of Hawai'i.

### PROPOSAL NO. 1

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS:** Shall the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to increase the membership of the Board of Ethics from five members to seven members?

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Minimal. Mileage and meals are the primary expenses of this board, so costs could increase by approximately \$650 per year based on the average cost for the prior five years. Costs could vary depending on how many meetings are held during the year and whether the meetings are held in person or online.

### PROPOSAL NO. 2

**EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR:** Shall the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to expand the duties of the Office of the County Auditor to include investigating allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse within the operations of the County of Hawai'i?

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None expected. The County Auditor currently has a budget to carry out audits. That budget is not expected to change if this amendment passes. There could be additional costs depending on the outcome of the investigations performed. Additional work may need to be performed by others outside of the department. That amount cannot be estimated at this time.

### **PROPOSAL NO. 3**

**ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COMMISSION:** Shall the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to establish a Youth Commission, which would consist of at least nine but no more than 15 members between the ages of 14 and 24-years old, whose duties would include advising the Mayor, County Council, and official agencies of the County on legislative and budgetary matters, assess existing programs and advance new programs that support youth development, and encourage and coordinate youth participation in County initiatives and other forms of civic engagement?

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Minimal costs expected. Based on average costs per member of our other boards and commissions, we estimate that the total cost would be about \$5,000 per year. Costs could vary depending on how many meetings are held during the year and whether the meetings are held in person or online. There could be additional costs depending on the ideas and recommendations made by the Youth Commission. These potential costs are unknown at this time.