

Date: March 9, 2023
To: Chair John Komeiji, MKSOA
Fr: Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, Chair MKSOA Budget Permitted Interaction Group

Re: Report of MKSOA Budget Permitted Interaction Group

Aloha,

Your Budget Permitted Interaction Group met on February 14, 28 and March 2. Members present were:

February 14 Mtg: John Komeiji, Acting Chair, Rich Matsuda, Gene Bal, Doug Adams and guest Wes Machida, Former Budget & Finance Director, ERS Director and Aide to Speaker Scott Saiki. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson was excused.

February 28 Mtg: Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, Chair, John Komeiji, Rich Matsuda, Gene Bal, Doug Adams and guest Wes Machida.

March 2 Mtg: Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, Chair, John Komeiji, Rich Matsuda, Gene Bal, Doug Adams, guest Wes Machida and members of the UH Center for Maunakea Stewardship Greg Chun, Nahua Guilloz, Stewart Hunter,& Doug Simons.

At the February 14 meeting, Chair Komeiji advised the group that a more detailed budget was requested by both the State House of Representatives Finance Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee. The detailed budget for biennium 2023/2024 is requested by mid-March.

On February 28, members met to draft budget with the aid of Guest Wes Machida.

March 2, the UH Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS) provided a financial briefing to the members and guest Wes Machida. The information provided by CMS was incorporated into the draft budget which is presented for the MKSOA and public review. (See Draft Budget attached)

It is noted that the next meeting of the MKSOA when action could be taken on the proposed draft budget is April 13, after the request date for both Budget Committees of the State Legislature. The MKSOA Chair could provide the draft proposed budget to those committees with the clear understanding that the final agreement has not been reached.

Mahalo nui,

Attachment: Draft MKSOA Budget