

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA



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THIRD ASSEMBLY - FOURTH SESSION

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH & SPORTS

**REPORT ON THE TAITA TAVETA COUNTY
YOUTH SERVICE BILL, 2025**

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

MCA Member of County Assembly

CECM County Executive Committee Member

CoK, 2010 Constitution of Kenya, 2010

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PREFACE

The Committee on Youth & Sports is a Sectoral Committee constituted on Thursday, 29th September 2022 and revised on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025 pursuant to the provisions of the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No. 225 (1).

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 211 (6), the Committee hereby presents its report on the Public participation on the Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill, 2025.

Committee Membership

The Committee on Youth & Sports of the Third County Assembly of Taita Taveta as currently constituted comprises of the following Members;

1. Hon. Patricia Mwashighadi -**Chairperson**
2. Hon. Mohamed Omar -**Vice Chairperson**
3. Hon. Genard Mwandau -**Member**
4. Hon. Joseph Mabishi -**Member**
5. Hon. Lawrence Mzugha -**Member**
6. Hon. Rose sariki -**Member**
7. Hon. Azhar Din -**Member**

Mandate of the Committee

The functions of the Youth & Sports Committee as stipulated in the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders includes all matters related to: -

1. Youth Service, youth and young persons development,
2. sports and sporting activities including sports equipment and facilities like coaching,
3. establishment of stadia and other playing fields and their management.

Further, pursuant to the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No. 225 (5), the mandate of the Committee on Youth & Sports is to:

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
3. Study and review all County legislation referred to it;
4. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

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5. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
6. Vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 216(Committee on Appointments); and
7. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation
8. On a quarterly basis, report to the House on the implementation of departments programs and projects
9. Examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the committee, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of the Committee, the office of the Speaker and Clerk for their valuable contributions and facilitation during the deliberations that culminated to this report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Committee I would like to extend our appreciation to our partners and donors; Youth For Tax Justice Network, Diaknoia and the Swedish Embassy who have been instrumental and supported us with funding since the development of this piece of legislation up to the current stage of conducting public participation and believe that they will stand with us up to the last stage.

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1.0 CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Taita Taveta County Youth Services bill, 2025 was read for the first time on Thursday 28th August, 2025 and Committed to the Committee on Youth & Sports.

1.1 Background on the Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill, 2025

The Bill is an act of the County Assembly of Taita Taveta to give effect to Articles 55 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; to make provision for the establishment of the Taita Taveta Youth Service and for matters connected therewith and the incidental thereto.

1.2 Objectives

The Committee objectives were to:

- i. review the bill and make proposals for amendments where necessary.
- ii. collect views of the public on the bill.
- iii. report to the house on the views of the public on the bill.
- iv. report to the House the recommendations of the Committee on the bill.

2.0 CHAPTER TWO: COMMITTEE'S METHODOLOGY

The Committee took the following approach in dispensing with the Taita Taveta County Youth Services Bill, 2025;

2.1 Committee's Proceedings

The Committee held deliberative meetings to consider the bill. In the course of these meetings, the Committee undertook a comprehensive review of the Bill, facilitated public participation and thereafter formulated the requisite recommendations for purposes of informing the County Assembly's consideration and approval of the Bill.

2.2 Review of Documents

The Committee reviewed the Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill, 2025 together with all relevant documents, statutes and reference materials pertinent to the subject matter

2.3 Public Participation Forum

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Article 196 (1) (b), and the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Orders No. 143(3), the Committee conducted public participation by inviting the members of the public to submit written memoranda to the Assembly by Thursday 2nd October, 2025. Subsequently, the Committee also convened a public participation forum which was attended by youth representatives from across the County on Tuesday 23rd September, 2025 at Panlis Resort Mwatate that was proudly sponsored by the donors.

3.0 CHAPTER THREE: COMMITTEE FINDINGS

3.1: Committee Review on the Taita Taveta County Youth Services Bill, 2025.

The Committee, after reviewing the bill, made the following findings and amendments;

Part I

Clause 2, Interpretation, the word 'services' be reviewed by the legal officer to conform with the requirements and needs of the bill.

Part II

Clause 8 (2) be amended by deleting the words 'in line with existing policies and regulations.

Clause 8 be amended by adding another sub-clause on the number of youths to be engaged and period of service/terms limits.

Part III

Clause 9 (1) & (5) be amended by adding the word 'member' after the word 'County Executive Committee'.

Clause 11 (1) (a) be deleted because it is a repetition.

Clause 11 (1) (c) be amended by adding the words 'or its equivalent'.

Clause 12 (2) be amended by deleting the word 'he' and replacing it with the word 'his'.

Clause 14 first paragraph be amended by deleting the word 'A'.

Clause 14 second paragraph be amended by deleting the word "government" and replaced by the word "Service"

Clause 18 be amended by deleting the word 'etc' on its heading and replace with the words 'units & sub-units'.

Clause 19 (h) be amended by deleting the words 'is not undischarged bankrupt' and replace with the words 'not declared bankrupt'.

Clause 20 (h) be amended by replacing the word 'h' with 'g' after the word 'paragraph'.

Clause 22 (d) be amended by adding the words 'and/or' after the word 'labour laws'.

Clause 24 be amended by adding the word 'members' after the words 'County Executive Committee'.

Part IV

Clause 25 (a) be amended by replacing the word 'her' with 'she' before the words 'may be directed'.

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Clause 26 (2) be amended by replacing the word 'executive member' with 'cabinet' before the word 'national training bodies'

Clause 28 heading be amended by adding the words 'pass out parade' after the word 'certificate'.

Clause 28 be amended by including sub-clause (2) with the following provision;

"The Service shall organize and conduct a pass out parade for members who have successfully completed the prescribed training, which shall make the formal culmination of their training."

Part V

Clause 31 (2) be amended by replacing 'pay or allowances' with 'benefits' after the words 'due to him or her'.

Part VI

Clause 33 (1) (d) be amended by replacing the word 'contributions' with 'donations'.

Clause 35 (1) be amended by deleting the words 'Executive Committee' and replacing with the word 'Cabinet' before the words 'to the'.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Be amended by replacing section 2; '8(20)' with '9(4)'.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Be amended by replacing section 12; '(4); 26"' with '23'.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Be amended by replacing section '24' with '29'.

Clause 2 in the third schedule be amended by replacing the word 'seven (7) days' with 'twenty one (21) days'.

Additionally, and during the public participation forum with the youth representatives, the following key proposals were submitted for consideration;

1. **Provision for Health Insurance** – That the Bill should incorporate a clause mandating the provision of health insurance cover for members of the Service during the period of training and service.
2. **Time frame for training** – That the duration of the prescribed training be clearly defined and time-limited, in order to ensure predictability and facilitate planning for the trainees.
3. **Qualification of the director** – That the minimum qualifications prescribed for the office of the director be reviewed and reduced to allow a wider pool of applicants, particularly those with demonstrable experience in youth affairs and training.

4. **Employment consideration** –That the Bill should have a clause providing that upon successful completion of the prescribed training, the County should, as a matter of policy and affirmative action, prioritize members of the Service for employment opportunities within the County and its projects.

4.0: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee, having reviewed the bill and having analyzed the public opinion recommends that the Third County Assembly considers the following amendments to the Taita Youth Service Bill, 2025 during its whole house committee review and approves the same;

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The committee further recommends that the following proposals be incorporated in the bill by either revising clauses which the subject matter relates to or introducing new clauses to cater for the same;

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Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Committee on Youth & Sports, it is my honor and pleasure to table this report.

CONFIRMED:  DATE: 30th September 2025

HON. PATRICIA MWASHIGHADI, MCA
CHAIRPERSON: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH & SPORTS



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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No.211, the Committee on Youth & Sports hereby adopts the report on the review of the Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill, 2025 as follows;

1. Hon. Patricia Mwashighadi-Chairperson
2. Hon. Mohamed Omar-Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Genard Mwandau-Member
4. Hon. Lawrence Mzugha-Member
5. Hon. Joseph Mabishi -Member
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