

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-07-09 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 07-09-24 13:30

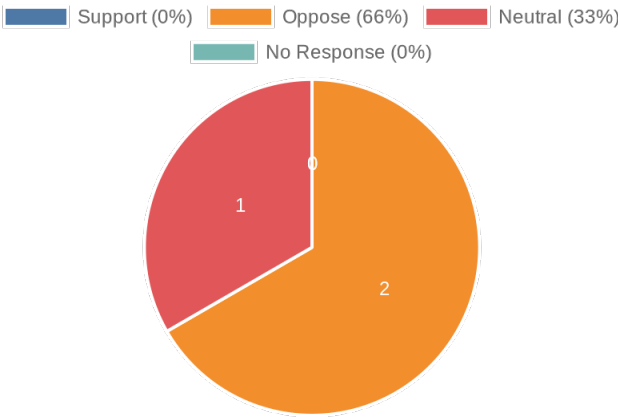
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Sentiments for All Meetings

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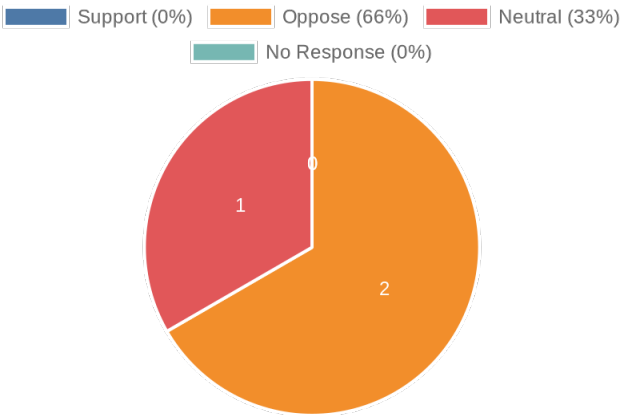


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A G E N D A	1	0	0	1
GREAT-11(45) Reso 24-128 RESOLUTION 24-128, RELATING TO AUTHORIZING A GLOBAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL WILDFIRE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY OF MAUI COLLECTIVELY (GREAT-11(45))	2	0	2	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

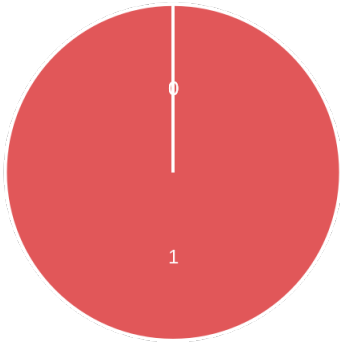
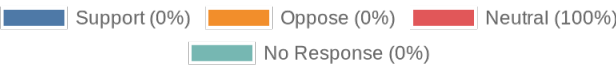
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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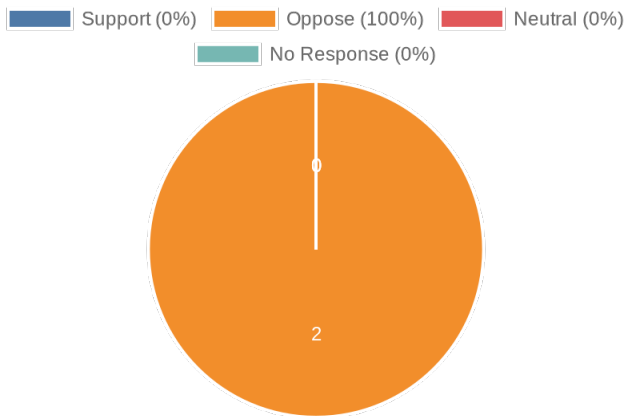


Susan Pcola-Davis

Location:
Submitted At: 5:07pm 07-04-24

Remember Governor Green offered \$1M to families who lost loved ones to also avoid litigation.

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 07-09-24

My name is Edward Codelia and am a resident of Kula. As a resident, I have significant concerns about Maui County agreeing to a global settlement of wildfire claims. This decision could have several negative repercussions that we must thoroughly consider before moving forward.

Financial Burden

A global settlement would likely involve substantial compensation to affected parties. This financial strain could severely impact Maui County's budget, potentially forcing cuts to essential public services or even necessitating tax increases to cover the costs. Additionally, the legal expenses involved in negotiating and finalizing such a settlement could further burden the county financially.

Long-Term Financial Obligations

If the county lacks sufficient funds to cover the settlement, it may need to incur debt. This would result in long-term financial obligations that could impact future budgets and financial stability. Moreover, agreeing to a large settlement could lead to higher insurance premiums for the county in the future, as insurers might perceive increased risk.

Impact on Public Services

To fund the settlement, the county might have to reduce budgets for essential public services such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, and emergency services. Resources may also need to be diverted from other critical projects to meet the financial demands of the settlement, affecting the overall development and maintenance of the county.

Precedent for Future Claims

A global settlement could set a precedent, encouraging more lawsuits and claims against the county in the future, which would lead to additional financial and legal burdens. Future claimants might expect similarly large settlements, making it challenging for the county to negotiate more manageable agreements.

Impact on Public Trust and Reputation

Agreeing to a settlement could be perceived by some constituents as an admission of guilt or mismanagement, potentially damaging public trust in county leadership and governance. Elected officials might face political consequences from constituents unhappy with the settlement terms or the financial impact on the county.

Implementation and Compliance Challenges

Implementing the terms of a global settlement can be administratively complex and time-consuming, requiring significant effort and coordination. Ensuring ongoing compliance with the settlement terms might require additional resources and oversight.

Potential for Insufficient Compensation

In some cases, the settlement amount might not fully compensate all affected parties, leading to dissatisfaction and potential further legal action from those who feel inadequately compensated.

Strategic Considerations

Agreeing to a global settlement might preclude exploring other potentially more favorable or cost-effective solutions, such as targeted settlements, mitigation efforts, or seeking federal or state assistance.

In summary, while a global settlement might offer a comprehensive way to resolve wildfire claims, Maui County must carefully weigh the financial, administrative, and political implications before proceeding. It is crucial to consider both the immediate and long-term impacts on the county's financial health, public services, and overall community well-being.

Susan Pcola-Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 7:15pm 07-03-24

This does not do justice for the people and mitigation by a global settlement benefits those that are defendants. Agree that it is an easy way out.

What remains to be transparent is THE \$\$\$\$ OFFER!