

# Water and Infrastructure Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-06-20 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 06-20-24 09:00

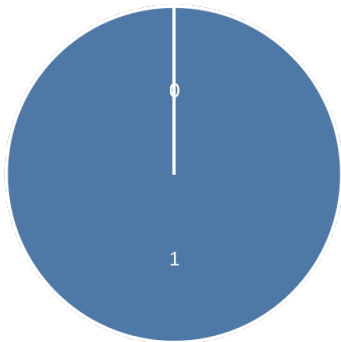
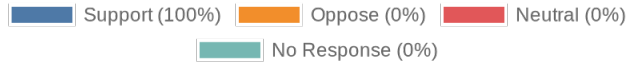
## eComments Report

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

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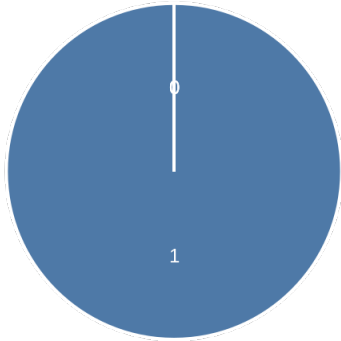
Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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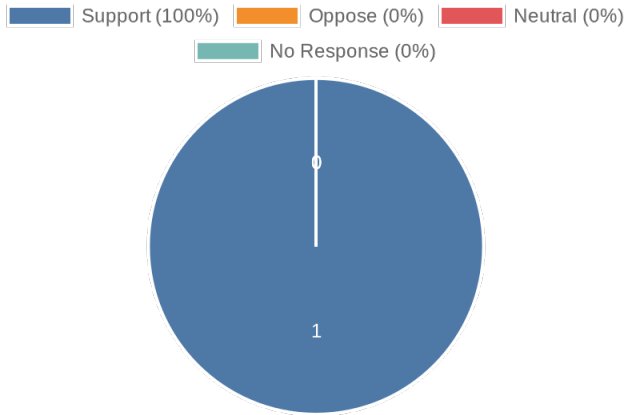
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Support (100%)   Oppose (0%)   Neutral (0%)  
No Response (0%)



Agenda Item: eComments for WAI-24 Bill 96 (2024) BILL 96 (2024), AMENDING CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR SHIPPING CONTAINERS (WAI-24)

Overall Sentiment



**Jonathan Helton**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 06-18-24

Please see attached. Thanks!

June 20, 2024, 9 a.m.

Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building

**To: Maui County Council, Water and Infrastructure Committee**

**Tom Cook, Chair**

**Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice-Chair**

**From: Jonathan Helton, Policy Researcher**

**Grassroot Institute of Hawaii**

RE: BILL 96 — A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Sugimura and other Councilmembers,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii would like to offer its **support for — and an amendment to —** [Bill 96 \(2024\)](#), which would eliminate the need for a building permit to use shipping containers to store construction materials on industrial- or agricultural-zoned land.

We support this measure because it would be a way to cut back on Maui County's several permitting backlog<sup>1</sup> without introducing any significant health or safety issues.

In fact, Maui officials should consider eliminating other such activities that currently require county building permits.

As for our proposed amendment, Grassroot suggests that the Council add rural and commercial zones to the areas where shipping containers can be allowed without a permit, since those zones often permit uses similar to those in the agriculture and industrial zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jonathan Helton

Policy Researcher

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<sup>1</sup> Daniela Bond-Smith, Rachel Inafuku and Justin Tyndall, "[The Hawaii Housing Factbook 2024](#)," Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawai'i, May 20, 2024, p. 9.