

PSLU Committee

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Aloha Chair Paltrin and committee members

The Board of the Ha'iku Community Association (HCA) has reviewed and discussed the proposed revised "Combined Bill" that was passed out at the PSLU meeting of 1/8/2020.

Attached please find a summary of HCA board comments on the various sections of the revised Bill where new language was proposed and other sections as appropriate.

We will have a representative at the 1/22/2020 PSLU meeting to testify and answer any questions about the HCA board comments.

In general, these HCA supports having a Bill that supports the needs and input of both the South Maui and Paia-Haiku districts and the Planning Department.

Mahalo to all for your conscientious work on this landmark legislation

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**Proposed County Council Bill to establish Community Advisory Committees
HCA Review: input from HCA Jan 17, 2020 Board Meeting**

HCA board members review and comments:

1) 2.28.060 A.3. General Support for New Language: for 5 members of advisory committees being appointed in some manner by the Council & 2 members appointed by Mayor.

Comment: could the 5 members be either appointed by the Council member from that district, or at least be recommended to the Council by the Council member of that District, based on community applications?

2) 2.28.060 A.2. New Language: Each advisory Committee consists of seven members

Comment: **support additional language:** Three Alternate Members may also be appointed, and shall be informed of, and invited to, all meetings of the Advisory Group as non-voting participants. In the event that one or more of the seven Advisory Committee members is unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting, the same number of alternates, if present, shall be deemed to be voting members of the Committee for purposes of that meeting.

3) 2.28.060 B.2. New Language: Defining "District" covered by the Advisory Committees as determined by relevant Community Plan.

Comment: HCA had mixed feelings for having Spreckelsville as part of the Paia-Haiku District, for the Advisory group, but felt it was important that Spreckelsville and Pa'ia residents agree on this. Everyone agreed it didn't make a lot of sense for Spreckelsville to be part of the Wailuku-Kahuli District, as it is now. Concerns included that Sprecks was seen as such a predominantly wealthy area, compared to the more modest areas of Pa'ia and Ha'iku. Spreckelsville Community Association is doing a resident survey to see how residents feel about being included in the Pa'ia-Ha'iku Planning area.

We have heard that South Maui groups may have some concern with using the Community Plan, rather than the Council District boundaries to define the Advisory Committee "District" . This may need some discussion to address any concerns.

For Haiku-Pa'ia, our council district boundaries include Makawao Town, Olinda, Hali'imaile, Spreckelsville, part of Kahului Airport, Pa'ia , Ku'au and Ha'iku- that seems like a large area to review. It also seems that 7 members would have a tough time representing that much regional knowledge. Better to work towards an eventual Makawao-Pukalani- Kula advisory Group.

4) 2.28.060 D.3. New Language: 60 day review process.

Comment: HCA feels this review timing is too short. Advisory Committee may only meet once in 60 days. Language should at least include a provision for a 30 day extension when needed.

5) 2.28.060 D.2 Language re: Powers, duties, and functions. HCA supports the general range of review powers described.

Comment : HCA Board has general support for having the proposed Haiku-Paia Advisory committee (and other advisory Committees, if they support the concept) **be the only body to hear and offer recommendations to the County Council on certain types of permits or projects.** It has been suggested that these might include Zoning Changes and Community Plan Amendments for properties within the Advisory Committee's jurisdictional area.

- HCA Board also suggested the Community Advisory Committees could be responsible for reviewing any public facilities or infrastructure proposals for their planning area which require a Council vote.
- Planning commission will probably need to review those projects that require SMA permits.
- HCA also requests the Community Advisory Committees have the ability to refer culturally sensitive projects to the Cultural Resources Commission for comments.

6) 2.28.070 A. Support Language: re "At least one member of each advisory committee must have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices" according to the credentials listed

7) 2.28.070 B. New Language: Support for idea that at least one member of each advisory committee must be a third generation resident of that advisory committee's assigned area.
Comment: agree that this should be a separate member from the person with traditional Hawaiian knowledge.

8) 2.28.070 C. Support New Language: "In making appointments to each advisory committee, the council and the mayor should strive for diversity and balance of age, gender, background, profession, heritage, experience, and ideology."

Comment: Also add "geographical diversity within the Planning District". We don't want to end up with all 7 members from Ha'iku or, vice versa, Pa'ia Town. This language needs clear definitions to understand its intent. Perhaps follow similar language for other boards, if it exists.

Concepts not in the existing draft that have HCA support :

1) Meeting frequency and timing

Comment: do we need language specifying that the Advisory group shall meet as needed, provided that all meetings should be scheduled for evenings or weekends in the Planning District area, when more residents are available to attend. Is there any language from the CAC meeting protocols. They always meet on evenings or weekends?

Support the Council Planning Committee having a public meeting in the evening in the Paia - Haiku area to gather community input before the Planning Committee or Council vote on the matter.