

Water and Infrastructure Committee (2025-2027) on 2025-10-21 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 10-21-25 13:30

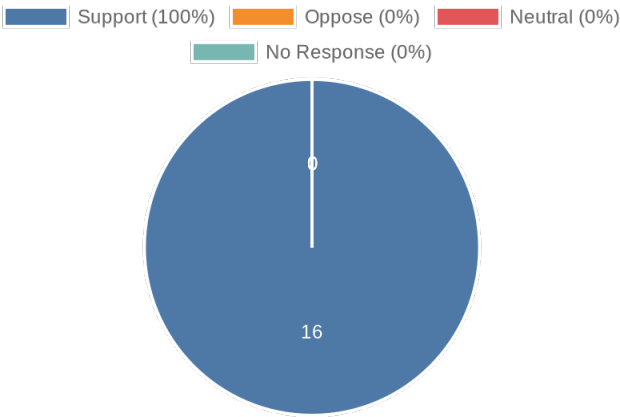
eComments Report

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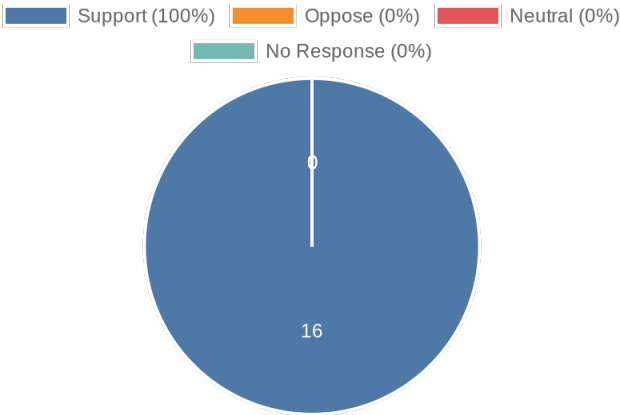
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	1	1	0	0
WAI-27 Bill 110 (2024) BILL 110 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 16.25.201, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREETS (WAI-27)	8	8	0	0
WAI-17 Bill 156 (2025) BILL 156 (2025), AMENDING CHAPTER 12.52, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ON ENCROACHMENTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (WAI-17)	7	7	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

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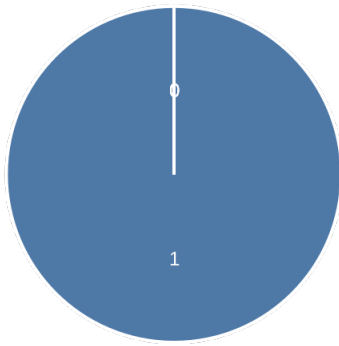
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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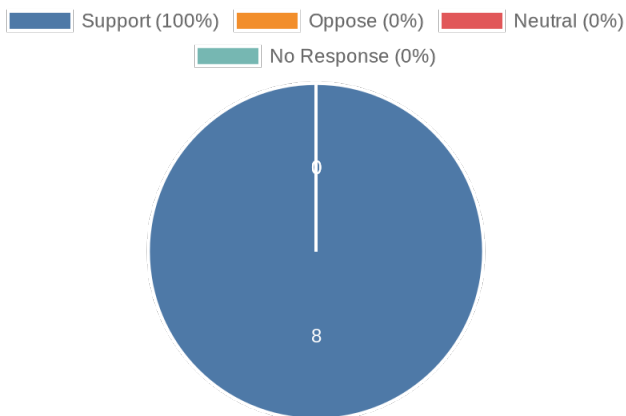
Submitted At: 8:12am 10-21-25

Aloha,

My family has been proud community members, business operators and landowners of Lahaina for over 100 years. I submit this testimony in support of Bill 110 in hopes that it will bring more clarity and efficiency to the arduous rebuilding process. Please help us to achieve our collective goal to bring back the beauty and glory of Lahaina.

Mahalo,
Wanda Parker

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice Chair Sugimura, and Members of the Committee,
My name is Paul Kosasa, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of Bill 110 and Bill 156. I serve as the President and CEO of ABC Stores and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 110:

As we continue to navigate the complex process of rebuilding Lahaina, one of the greatest challenges has been the uncertainty surrounding procedures and timelines. These uncertainties have led to delays and confusion, hindering progress for many. Historically, Front Street operated under a system that fostered stability, clarity, and confidence. It worked—and it worked well.

We respectfully urge your support of Bill 110, which seeks to restore that proven process. Doing so will allow the rebuild to move forward more efficiently, providing the consistency our community needs to recover and thrive.

Regarding Bill 156:

This bill is a vital step toward preserving the historic charm and timeless character of Lahaina. These qualities have made Lahaina a beloved destination for both residents and visitors for generations. As we rebuild, it is essential that we honor the spirit of Lahaina—not only through its physical structures but through its aesthetics, cultural identity, and the energy that once filled its streets.

Supporting Bill 156 will help ensure that Lahaina is rebuilt in a way that respects its history, its people, and its unique sense of place.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.

Respectfully,

Paul Kosasa

President & CEO ABC Stores

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is McKinley Eads, and I am the project manager overseeing the rebuilding of 838 Front Street that was entirely destroyed by the Lahaina wildfires.

I am writing in strong support of Bill 110 (2024), which proposes to exempt properties impacted by the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires from the requirement to improve adjacent public streets as a condition for rebuilding.

The devastation in Lahaina has left property owners facing unprecedented challenges. Requiring owners to undertake improvements such as pavement widening, sidewalk construction, curbs, drainage, signage, or utility relocation—as a condition of simply rebuilding—is not only grossly unfair and unjust, but entirely impractical.

These requirements create unnecessary and costly barriers at a time when many of us are already overwhelmed by the logistical, financial, and emotional toll of recovery.

It's also important to consider that Maui County has received \$1.6 billion in federal Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, including \$400 million specifically designated for infrastructure and public facilities. These public funds were allocated to support community recovery—not to shift the burden onto individual property owners who are struggling to restore what was lost.

Bill 110 wisely recognizes the inefficiencies of piecemeal public infrastructure improvements and provides much-needed clarity. By exempting disaster-impacted properties from street improvement requirements, this bill creates a fair and practical path forward for rebuilding Lahaina.

I respectfully urge you to pass Bill 110 to ensure a just and workable recovery process for our community.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

McKinley Eads

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05am 10-21-25

Aloha Committee Members,

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 10-21-25

Aloha Members of the Committee,

My name is Allison Herzog, and I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 110. My family owns The Gallery Ltd building at 716 Front Street. It has been in my family for four generations, established by my great-grandfather. I have photos of him laying bricks for the building. We are committed to the future of rebuilding Front Street and restoring Lahaina's historical buildings as best as we can.

Regarding Bill 110: Our building was destroyed, but we have submitted a permit to start the construction process. The comments we have received back have been ambiguous because as it stands now, we cannot build to our previous property line. We need this bill to pass to give us clarification and certainty to begin rebuilding. Moreover, by giving clarification, it allows us to rebuild Front Street as a community, rather than in a piecemeal fashion.

Our hope is to rebuild our building as it was before, in massing and mirroring its historical architecture, and our hope is that the surrounding buildings will as well. Only then can we preserve the historic character of Front Street. We respectfully ask for your support of Bill 110 to give us clarification and help us move forward.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:37am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay Miyaki and our family owns the property at 764 Front Street. We are currently in the rebuilding process.

I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 110. I am the owner/operator of (Business Name) and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 110: Throughout this rebuild process in which we are all still working hard to navigate, uncertainty has been one of the greatest challenges. These uncertainties have caused significant delays and confusion for many. Front Street previously functioned well; it supported progress, stability, and confidence within our community. It worked, and worked well.

We respectfully ask for your support of Bill 110. Allowing the process to remain as it was will help ensure that the rebuild can move forward efficiently, providing the clarity and consistency our community needs to thrive once again.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.

Maui No Ka Oi

Jay Miyaki, CPA, MBA

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22pm 10-20-25

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mousa Hassan, and I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 110.

I am a business owner and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 110:

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Respectfully

Mousa Hassan

Resident and Business owner

Jonathan Helton

Location:

Submitted At: 10:17am 10-20-25

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29pm 10-19-25

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice Chair Sugimura and members of the Maui County WAI Committee,

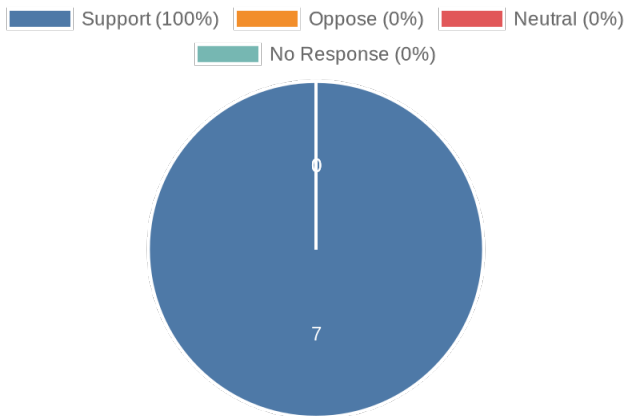
I writing to ask for your support in passing Bill 110 out of committee, and ask for your support on this bill as it moves onward. The Lahaina community needs changes in the County Code such as this amendment to help owners expedite rebuilding. Please help us move forward.

Mahalo,

James 'Kimo' Falconer

Lahaina resident and business owner

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice Chair Sugimura, and Members of the Committee,

Please see attached:

Front Street Bills_ABC Stores.pdf

Mahalo.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair and Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is McKinley Eads, and I am the project manager overseeing the rebuilding of 838 Front Street that was destroyed by the Lahaina wildfires.

I am writing in strong support of Bill 156 (2025), which provides a critical solution for restoring the unique architectural features that gave Front Street its historic charm and pedestrian-friendly character—awnings, canopies, marquees, balconies, and similar structures that extended over sidewalks and public rights-of-way. Bill 156 allows these features to be rebuilt—legally, safely, and to the same size and scale that was previously built—provided they meet building code standards and do not pose risks to public health or safety.

As someone actively managing the rebuilding of a property lost to the fires, I can say with certainty: the process of recovery is already incredibly complex—even when trying to rebuild exactly what stood before. Without legislation like Bill 156, we risk losing not just buildings, but the character and identity that made places like Front Street so special.

These architectural elements provided more than just aesthetic value—they offered shade, comfort, and a distinctive sense of place. Their restoration is essential to preserving Lahaina's cultural and commercial vitality.

I respectfully urge you to pass Bill 156 to help ensure that Lahaina's historic character is not lost in the process of rebuilding.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

McKinley Eads

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15am 10-21-25

Aloha,

My family has been proud community members, business operators and landowners of Lahaina for over 100 years. I am also in support of Bill 156 as it will restore the unique charm and feel of Lahaina we all know and love. Please help us to achieve our collective goal to bring back the beauty and glory of Lahaina.

Mahalo,

Wanda Parker

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17am 10-21-25

Aloha Members of the Committee,

My name is Allison Herzog, and I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 110 and Bill 156. My family owns The Gallery Ltd building at 716 Front Street. It has been in my family for four generations, established by my great-grandfather. We are committed to the future of rebuilding Front Street and restoring Lahaina's historical buildings as best as we can.

Regarding Bill 156: We support Bill 156. We are hoping to rebuild our building as we did before and to reflect the historic architecture style. That includes the awnings, which add to the personality of the buildings and provide shade to encourage enjoyment of strolling down Front Street. Rather than encroach on the pedestrian traffic of Front Street, awnings help preserve the character and feel of our historic neighborhood.

Passing Bill 156 is an important step to allow us clarity and momentum to rebuild.

Mahalo,

Allison Herzog

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:39am 10-21-25

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay Miyaki and our family owns the property at 764 Front Street. We are currently in the rebuilding process.

I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 156. I am the owner/operator of (Business Name) and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 156: This bill represents an important step toward rebuilding Lahaina in a way that honors its historic charm and timeless character, the same qualities that have drawn residents and visitors alike for generations. As we rebuild, it is essential that we preserve the look, feel, and essence of Lahaina; not only through its structures, but through its aesthetics and the community energy that once filled its streets.

By supporting Bill 156, we can help ensure that Lahaina is rebuilt in a way that respects its history, its people, and its identity.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.

Maui No Ka Oi!

Jonathan Helton

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 10-20-25

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40pm 10-19-25

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice Chair Sugimura and members of the Maui County WAI committee,

I am writing to ask for your support in passing Bill 156 to "except" certain properties impacted by the Lahaina fires from current County Code requirements. As a multi-generational Lahaina resident and business owner, I feel confident this measure and others like it, will help ease some of the difficulties of rebuilding our Historic town.

Your attention to this is appreciated.

Mahalo,

James 'Kimo' Falconer

Lahaina resident and business owner

Oct. 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Kalana O Maui Building

To: Maui County Council

Tom Cook, Chair

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice-Chair

From: Jonathan Helton, Policy Analyst

Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

RE: Bill 110 — A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.25.201, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREETS

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice-Chair Sugimura and other members of the Committee,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [Bill 110 \(2024\)](#), which would exempt Lahaina and Kula property owners whose homes or businesses were damaged or destroyed by the Aug. 8, 2023, wildfires from normal street-improvement requirements.

Typically, Maui property owners must pay for improvements to public streets that are adjacent to their properties whenever they remodel their existing buildings or build new commercial or multifamily structures and the value of the work done to the structure exceeds 50% of its value.

Such improvements can include repaving roads, adding sidewalks or placing utilities underground, although which improvements are required is subject to the discretion of the Maui Department of Public Works.¹

Because many of the owners in Lahaina and Kula are faced with the need to completely rebuild, waiving this requirement would help such residents afford to rebuild their homes or businesses.

The Maui Department of Management and the Office of Recovery did issue a directive on Sept. 29, 2025, that instituted standards for what improvements would be required in Lahaina's town core.²

¹ Maui County Code, [16.25.201 - Applicability and Scope](#), accessed July 15, 2024.

² Josiah Nishita and John Smith, "[Recovery Coordination Directive No. 2](#)," Maui Department of Management and Office of Recovery, Sept. 29, 2025.

These standards essentially required easements for new sidewalks in certain areas but did not require massive road widening. The directive also stated the County would work with property owners to design placement of underground utilities.

This directive gave clarity to commercial owners who had been told to either make room for a 60-foot right-of-way for public streets or wait for the results of a county infrastructure study that would be released sometime in 2026.

But approving Bill 110 (2024) now would give even greater certainty to owners of business and multifamily properties who are seeking to rebuild.

The proposed [CD1 amendment](#) would narrow the scope of the bill to waive the improvement requirements for properties along only Front Street between Shaw and Baker streets that lie within either of the two Maui historic zoning districts and were damaged or destroyed in the wildfire.

The current draft of the bill would give relief to more property owners seeking to rebuild, including the many owners whose properties are not on Front Street. These owners suffered just as much as Front Street businesses and homeowners, and they should not be excluded from this waiver.

Grassroot encourages the Council to approve this bill, and consider other regulatory relief that would help Lahaina's people rebuild and return to the town they love.

Grassroot's policy brief "[Four more ways to speed up Lahaina's wildfire recovery](#)" lists some of these regulations that ought to be waived.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jonathan Helton
Policy Analyst
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Oct. 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Kalana O Maui Building

To: Maui County Council Committee on Water and Infrastructure

Tom Cook, Chair

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Jonathan Helton, Policy Analyst

Re: Bill 156 (2025) — RELATING TO ENCROACHMENTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Aloha Chair Cook, Vice Chair Sugimura and other members of the Committee,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [Bill 156 \(2025\)](#), which would waive rules related to encroachments on public rights-of-way for the reconstruction of buildings damaged or destroyed in a natural disaster.

Currently, awnings, signs and any other structures that might have occupied part of a sidewalk or other right-of-way may not be replaced if the buildings to which they were attached are destroyed.¹

This rule presents a problem for property owners wanting to reconstruct buildings they had before the Aug. 8, 2023, wildfires. Lahaina's historic charm depended on its quirks and old construction style, including awnings, signs and other structures that might have extended onto or over a sidewalk or road.

The proposed [CD1 amendment](#) to the bill would specify that the legislation only relates to overhead encroachments, such as awnings or signs, and would make other technical changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jonathan Helton
Policy Analyst
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

¹ [12.52.030 - Minor encroachments not a violation.](#), Maui County Code, accessed Oct. 8, 2025.