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June 27, 2024

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The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Bissen:

SUBJECT: **FIRE PREVENTION** (DRIP-2(10))

The Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee met on June 17, 2024, to discuss fire prevention and the idea of amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to establish a fund, potentially within the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, to mitigate fire hazards such as overgrown brush or abandoned vehicles on County-owned lands.

May I please request that we collaborate on this topic. May I further request your input on the potential Budget amendment and other steps the County can take to mitigate fire hazards generally.

May I further request a written response by **July 12, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us and include "DRIP-2(10)" in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

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Sincerely,

Jamana A.M. Paltin

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Managing Director County Auditor