



Maui County

January 3, 2018

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.08,  
MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL  
(LU-47)**

Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Hokama and Members of the Land Use Committee:

Maui County Farm Bureau, representing farm families and organizations on Maui, is in **strong support** of LU-4, clarifying the Maui Ordinance relating to soil erosion and sediment control. We defer the requirements associated with cultural review for grading and grubbing permits to the State Historic Preservation Division.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were started by farmers and the first District in the State was started in 1947 here on Maui – the Olinda-Kula District. It is a unique partnership between Federal, State, Counties and volunteers to take care of our resources. Since then, the formal creation of the Districts was authorized in State Law and Counties were required to cooperate with the Districts in creating ordinances and carrying out implementation actions to protect soil and water resources. The Maui Code requires grading and grubbing reviews by the Districts made up of volunteers including many of our farmers and ranchers. They are the eyes on the ground and perform this service as volunteers to protect Maui's resources.

We respectfully request your support of this measure including the proposed Maui SWCD amendments to advance for further consideration. Timely action of this measure to pragmatically address concerns in the community is appreciated. If there are further questions, please contact Warren Watanabe at 2819718.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

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