

PSLU Committee

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January 21, 2020,

Madame Chair

and Members of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee (PSLU):

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Item PSLU-43 and Item PSLU-44, relating to the establishment of advisory committees in the South Maui and Paia-Haiku areas, which will be considered at the Wednesday, January 22, 2020, PSLU meeting.

I am pleased that there is continued effort by the Council to focus on the ease and opportunity for community members to provide guidance and direction on community-related and area-specific issues before the County.

As provided by the County Charter and Maui County Code, the County's boards, committees, and commissions (boards) have long played a vital role in helping to shape the community in their advisory and regulatory capacity. It is highly commendable to those members of the community that volunteer their time, without pay, to serve on the approximately 27 County boards, which have up to nine members each.

I ask that you consider the following during your deliberations:

- Do you foresee difficulties finding applicants for these two committees when there are presently a number of vacancies on the current list of boards?
- How many board meetings have been canceled in the past year because of lack of quorum?
- If the bills are enacted, will you budget additional funding for personnel to staff the advisory committees?
- What about requests for additional community advisory committees for other communities that wish to further engage in the regulatory process?
- How will an additional layer of review affect an already convoluted, arduous, and time-consuming permitting process? Or, are you considering to amend County law to give certain approval authority to advisory committees?
- Will there be any discussion to, instead, require the Maui Planning Commission to have representation from various communities?

Thank you for your consideration on ways to improve the communities' voice in County decision-making.



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