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F R O M: Elle Cochran, Chair *EC*
Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee

SUBJECT: **PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION** (IEM-56)

At its meeting of November 14, 2016, the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee discussed a revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.18, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION." The purposes of the revised proposed bill are to: 1) simplify and strengthen the definitions of "plastic bag" and "reusable bag"; 2) exempt plastic bags used for specified purposes from the plastic bag prohibition; 3) repeal the requirement for annual reporting by the Department of Environmental Management; and 4) prohibit businesses from providing prohibited plastic bags to their customers at any time, not just at the point of sale.

A Deputy Corporation Counsel stated the definition of "plastic bag," as proposed, may allow for the use of more types of plastic bags than the single-use type the original prohibition banned. Please explain this statement.

May I please request a response no later than **Friday, November 18, 2016**, in order for the Committee to further discuss this matter at its meeting of November 28, 2016. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, or Rayna Yap at ext. 8007).

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa
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