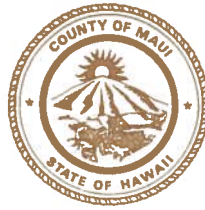


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Honorable Mike White, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
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Dear Chair White and Members:

RE: POSSIBLE MORATORIUM ON EXPORTING SAND AND THE MAUI INLAND SAND RESOURCE QUANTIFICATION STUDY

In February, 2006 I transmitted to Council a draft copy of Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study by SSFM International, Inc., commissioned by the County of Maui to determine the sustainability and/or eventual dissipation of Maui Island's sand dune resources due to mining for local usage and for export to Oahu for construction and beach restoration purposes.

The study shows a 5-7 year lifespan on the resource if mining continued at current pace in 2006 and that the export rate of Maui sand to Oahu exceeds our county's use by approximately 2.5 to 1. There was a slowdown in demand for our sand elsewhere until the rail project on Oahu increased construction.

This study was discussed in October, 2006 in the Council's Parks and Economic Development Committee (Item # PED-29) and the item was deferred.

Therefore, it is my request that this study be assigned to the appropriate Council Committee for discussion and that the option of declaring a moratorium on export of sand mined in Maui County be explored in order to extend the life of Maui's remaining sand resources for Maui's people.

Sincerely,

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor, County of Maui

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