

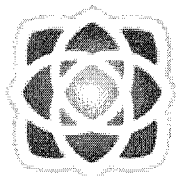
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Aloha,

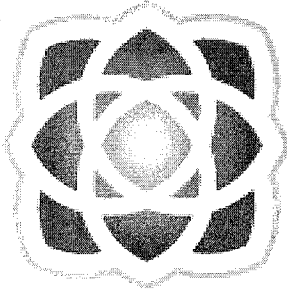
Please see attached testimony on PSLU-43 and PSLU-44 for the meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 from Maui Chamber President Pamela Tumpap.

Mahalo,



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PSLU-43 & PSLU-44
Establishing the Paia-Haiku and South Maui Advisory Committees
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Dear Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair Sinenci and
Members of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce opposes the two proposed bills to establish a Kihei Advisory Committee and a Paia-Haiku Advisory Committee.

Overall, we oppose these advisory committees as they add another layer to the process, which delays the process and increases cost. Currently, each community has the opportunity to share their input on projects in their areas through the community plan process, which is currently underway. In addition, members of the community can ring in on specific projects through testimony at County Council and Maui Planning Commission meetings. Further, residents can also share their feedback with their Council Member, who represents their community area, as well as all Council Members.

As there are already many means in which someone can voice their opinions on projects, zoning, etc., adding advisory committees will only further stall and delay the process.

While these bills have different methods for appointing members of the advisory committees, neither sets out criteria for all members. Therefore, members of the advisory committees may not be experts in construction, zoning, architecture, requirements, etc. and will be advising with their opinion, instead of expertise.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. We ask that you defer these bills.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.