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August 26, 2024

Mr. Amos Lonokailua-Hewett, Administrator
Maui County Emergency Management Agency
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Lonokailua-Hewett:

SUBJECT: **FIRE PREVENTION** (DRIP-2(10))

At its meeting of August 21, 2024, the Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee discussed fire prevention. During the meeting, correspondence dated August 20, 2024, from Mayor Bissen, was referenced. Mayor Bissen noted that you are working on a total fire mitigation plan in collaboration with the State.

May I please request further information on this total fire mitigation plan. Further, when do you intend to release this plan?

May I further request you transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us by **September 10, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,

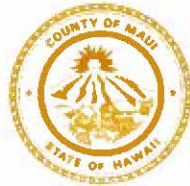
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TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International
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Attachment
cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

JOSIAH NISHITA
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August 20, 2024

Tamara Paltin, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs and Planning Committee
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Paltin:

SUBJECT: Response to FIRE PREVENTION (DRIP-2(10))

Thank you for your inquiry and my sincere apology for not replying by your requested deadline. Please note that the Administration is open to discussing a collaborative approach on fire prevention for the County, as well as, a Budget amendment to provide the resources needed to implement.

In addition to COM Fire and Fire Prevention, the Mayor, Managing Director and the MEMA Administrator have prioritized hazard mitigation. As an example, the MEMA Administrator is working in coordination with the State on a total fire mitigation plan, including leveraging needed resources. Additional information will be shared with the Council as it becomes available.

The County departments will need to be included on the approach and implementation plan and we will need to consult the Unions as needed.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss a collaborative approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Bissen Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard T. Bissen Jr.
Mayor
County of Maui