

IEM Committee

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:47 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Please support the Bill Establishing a Moratorium on Sand Mining

Dear IEM Committee Members,

Aloha! Please support the bill for an ordinance establishing a new chapter 20.40, Maui County Code, declaring a moratorium on sand mining.

The Maui Inland Sand dunes are well-known to be the final resting place of many 'iwi kūpuna and must be respected. Maui sand is an environmental and cultural resource that needs special protection.

Through comments given at previous IEM meetings on this issue, it is clear that State Historic Preservation Division officials do not have the ability to properly enforce their own rules, and the County departments issuing these permits have ignored falsehoods written on permit applications and have not enforced their own rules. If Council does not pass this moratorium, 'iwi kūpuna will continue to be desecrated and Maui will lose all its inland sand.

Please support this moratorium and do what's necessary to ensure 'iwi kūpuna and our precious environmental resources are protected for years to come. Aloha Aina.

Sincerely,
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