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January 24, 2025

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 1-24-25
Mayor Date

For transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
Disaster Recovery, International Affairs,
and Planning Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
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SUBJECT: BILL 104 (2024), AMENDING CHAPTERS 19.04, 19.08, AND 19.29, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO KITCHENETTES, KITCHENS, DWELLING UNITS, AND WET BARS; AND SECTION 19.36B.020 TO ADD PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLING UNITS WITH KITCHENETTES (DRIP-3)

Dear Chair Paltin,

Thank you for your letter dated January 21, 2025. By reference to Housing & Land Use Committee Chair Kama's transmittal dated November 22, 2024, to the Department of Housing, you asked the following:

If Bill 104 is amended to require that rentals of dwelling units with kitchenettes be limited to the rate required for residential workforce housing units as defined by Section 2.96.020, Maui County Code, would your Department be willing to track these rental units

through kitchenette permits and fire code reviews? If so, please explain.

The question is unclear where it queries the Department's willingness to "track" certain dwelling units.

The Department is neither an enforcement or building or fire permit review agency, and it does not manage the County of Maui's Automated Planning and Permitting System (MAPPS). Permits are tracked through MAPPS by the project proponent and the appropriate enforcement and permitting departments.

To the extent the question queries the Department's willingness to maintain a list of rental dwelling units required to comply with residential workforce housing units under Section 2.96.020, Maui County Code, the Department is not currently staffed or funded to take on this additional work. Should Bill 104 be amended to require kitchenette permit applicants to affirmatively advise the Department in writing of their application and status, with additional staffing support, the Department's County Housing Programs Division could logically maintain a list of properties with permitted kitchenettes that are required to comply with Section 2.96.020, Maui County Code.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions feel free to contact the Department at ext. 7710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Mitchell', is written over a circular blue stamp. The signature is fluid and stylized.

RICHARD E. MITCHELL, ESQ.
Director of Housing

DRIP Committee

From: Estrelita B. Dahilig <Estrelita.B.Dahilig@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Tamara A. Paltin; DRIP Committee
Cc: Cynthia D. Lallo; Kelii P. Nahooikaika; Josiah K. Nishita; Erin A. Wade; Cynthia E. Sasada; Richard E. Mitchell; Saumalu Mataafa; Amanda M. Martin
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Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated January 24, 2025, from Director of Housing Department Richard E. Mitchell, ESQ regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a nice day!

Warm regards,

Lita B. Dahilig
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