

DRIP Committee

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Attached is Life of the Land`s testimony

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Mahalo,

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Council of the County of Maui
Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee (2023-2025)

Committee Chair Tamara Paltin
Committee Vice-Chair Nohelani U`u-Hodgins

DATE: Monday, October 21, 2024

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Planning Conference Room, Kalana Pakui Building

Re BILL 142 (2024), Warning and Violations Notices **Comments**
FIRE PREVENTION (DRIP-2(10))

Aloha Chair Paltin, Vice-Chair U`u-Hodgins, and Committee Members

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 54 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

Life of the Land attended HECO's 2-day Fire Symposium in Hilo, serve on HECO's Wildfire Safety Working Group and the Wildfire Risk Model Deep Dive, participated in Public Utilities Commission proceedings on grid hardening, reviewed California utilities Wildfire Mitigation Plans, and analyzed wildfires and wildfire mitigation in Oregon, Texas, Colorado, and Australia.

Bill 142 adds important documentation requirements after a violation.

The State Fire Code (HRS §132) and the Maui Fire Code (16.04) focuses on preventing structural fires and addressing vegetation surrounding structures.

State Fire Code: HRS §132-3: “Adoption of state fire code. The state fire code shall become part of the Hawaii state building codes as provided in section 107-25 [Hawaii state building codes; requirements].¹

Of great importance, the State and County Fire Codes do not address grassland fires on large agricultural plots without structures.

Mahalo

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Hawaii Revised Statutes

¹ Hawai`i Revised Statutes Chapter 132 Fire Protection
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0132/HRS_0132-.htm