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IN REPLY REFER TO:

DIR0001085  
DEP-A 24.0052

November 27, 2024

The Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair  
Maui County Council  
Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Councilmember Paltin:

Subject: Bill 21 (2023), Relating to Conditional Zoning for Emergency Airstrip Operations of  
Kapalua Airport (JHM)

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports this project to install runway lights at Kapalua Airport for emergency purposes only. Once Maui County Council passes a funding bill to pay for the lighting installation and amend County Ordinance No. 1535, we will submit a formal project request to the Federal Aviation Administration requesting review and concurrence for our runway lighting plan.

If other funding sources are made available to the County of Maui (County), please specify those entities and their commitments. Prior discussions included a combination of County and the West Maui Taxpayers Association to contribute to the upfront project costs. HDOT would also be willing to discuss an amicable cost-share agreement with the County to help cover the ongoing maintenance expenses of the runway lighting for emergency purposes only. The estimated cost for runway lighting is approximately eight million four hundred thousand dollars (\$8,400,000.00).

We appreciate your leadership with Bill 21 and the DRIP Committee recommendations. Please call Mr. Curt Otaguro, Deputy of Transportation for Airports, at (808) 838-8602 or via email at [curt.otaguro@hawaii.gov](mailto:curt.otaguro@hawaii.gov) with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Sniffen".

EDWIN H. SNIFFEN  
Director of Transportation

## DRIP Committee

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**From:** Jarret P. Pascual  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:44 PM  
**To:** DRIP Committee  
**Subject:** FW: DEP-A 24.0052 - Bill 21 (2023)  
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**From:** Wakumoto, Diane <diane.wakumoto@hawaii.gov>  
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Good Morning Mr. Pascual,

Please find our response to Councilmember Tamara Paltin's inquiry to Bill 21 (2023), Relating to Conditional Zoning for Emergency Airstrip Operations of Kapalua Airport.

Thank you,

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