

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 148 (2025)

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22.04A,
MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE KULA AGRICULTURAL
PARK COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The Kula Agricultural Park Committee consists of 11 seats, but as of September 4, 2025, only seven of the seats were filled.

By Ordinance 5495 (2022), the Council expanded the Committee from nine seats to 11 seats. The two new seats were for a tenant of the Kula Agricultural Park Phase I Expansion Area, and a representative of a farmer-education program. The new seats were to be appointed within six months of the Phase I Expansion Area having at least one tenant.

As of September 4, 2025, the Phase I Expansion Area remained unopened and lacked tenants, and the two new committee seats were not filled. The Committee's planned meeting for May 21, 2025, was cancelled because of lack of quorum.

This Ordinance's purpose is to reduce the number of members on the Kula Agricultural Park Committee to nine, as had been the case before Ordinance 5495 (2022).

SECTION 2. Section 22.04A.070, Maui County Code, is amended by amending Subsection A to read as follows:

"22.04A.070 Kula agricultural park committee. A. There is established a Kula agricultural park committee, administratively attached to the department of agriculture and consisting of the following [eleven] nine members:

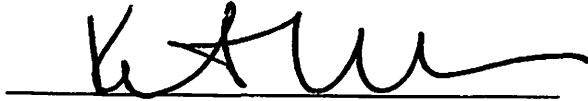
1. One representative: agricultural lending or banking community.
2. One representative: Maui County farm bureau.
3. One representative: agricultural trade organization.
4. One representative: tenant of the Kula agricultural park.
5. One representative: College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
6. Director.
7. One council member.
8. One representative: general public.
- [9. One representative: GoFarm Hawai'i, farm apprentice mentoring program, or a comparable farmer-education program, to be appointed within six months of the Kula agricultural park phase I expansion area having one or more tenants.
- 10.] 9. One representative: Maui County chapter of Hawaii Farmers Union United.
- [11. One representative: tenant of the Kula agricultural park phase I expansion area, to be appointed within six months of the Kula agricultural park phase I expansion area having one or more tenants.]

No more than three committee members may hold a financial interest in a lot within the Kula agricultural park."

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance takes effect on approval.


APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristie M. Wigglesworth', written over a horizontal line.

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