

GET Committee

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Aloha Members of the County Council,

I strongly urge you to vote NO on GET-11(28) and DO NOT seek outside counsel to advise and represent the Council related to the interpretation of the charter regarding authority in COUNTY OF MAUI V. HAWAII WILDLIFE FUND, ET AL., U.S. SUPREME COURT DOCKET 18-260 (GET-11(28)) for the following reasons:

1. Allowing the US Supreme Court to decide the case will bring much needed clarity to the interpretation of the Clean Water Act.
2. Withdrawing the appeal of the 9th Circuit Court ruling will cause immediate and unintended consequences to the tax payers and sewer rate payers of Maui, including higher taxes and increased sewer rates.
3. Spending up to hundreds of millions of dollars in new reuse water infrastructure will bring at best marginal benefit to near shore waters, at the expense of the environment elsewhere. The money could be better used on other passive projects such as control of storm runoff.

Please vote NO.

Mahalo.

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