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October 26, 2018

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and
Transportation Committee
Maui County Council
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Alan Arakawa 10/29/18
Mayor Date

Dear Chair Crivello:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO EXPEDITING THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS (HHT-52)

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 17, 2018 requesting comments regarding the proposed bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FAST TRACK PERMITTING."

The language in the proposed bill under Maui County Code (MCC), Section 2.96.140.E requires that all applicable County departments begin the review of qualified projects within two (2) days of submittal. Even if a County department starts reviewing the project's application within two (2) days, the proposed bill for an ordinance does not indicate a timeframe for completing the review and/or approval of a project.

As such, the Department suggests the addition of language in the proposed bill that would at best, require reviewing agencies to provide initial written comments on the permit applications and/or construction documents within a specified timeframe.

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The Department suggests striking the language in MCC, Section 2.96.140.E and replacing it with the following:

- E. Fast track permitting procedure. All applicable County departments shall provide substantive written comments on construction documents and permit applications no later than 15 calendar days from the date the building official sends the required documents to the departments (ten [10] days for second submittal and five (5) calendar days for subsequent submittals).

The Department also wants to note that the proposed bill does not provide language on how County departments or non-County reviewing agencies comply with the fast track permitting process procedure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed bill. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,


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Director of Public Works

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