

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

December 16, 2016

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Water Resources Committee, having met on November 30, 2016, makes reference to County Communication 16-249, from Council Chair Mike White, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.13.065, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM FIRE PROTECTION MAINLINE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE UPCOUNTRY WATER SYSTEM."

Your Committee notes Ordinance 4255 (2015), established Maui County Code Section 14.13.065, which exempts certain applicants on the Upcountry Priority List from making further infrastructure improvements for fire protection if they have been offered water meters from the Department of Water Supply and are able to connect to the existing water system. The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Section 14.13.065 by allowing the exemption for infrastructure improvements to apply to subdivisions of up to three lots. The current limit is two lots.

The Director of Water Supply and the Director of Public Works informed your Committee they had no concerns with the proposed bill.

A Fire Captain, Fire Prevention Bureau, Department of Fire and Public Safety, expressed concern about fire risk. The Fire Captain stated the Department could support the proposed bill if:

- (1) structures on applicable lots were required to have:
 - a. fire sprinklers;
 - b. 30-foot lot line setbacks; and

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c. a minimum 50-foot separation between other structures on the same lot; and

(2) funding was provided for additional fire personnel and equipment for the area.

Your Committee Chair noted that any effect the proposed bill would have on fixture counts should be discussed the next time the matter is discussed.

Your Committee notes Rule 23 of the Rules of the Council provides for the end-of-term filing or referral of communications pending before committees.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend the communication be referred for consideration next term. Committee Chair Baisa and members Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, and White voted "aye." Committee Vice-Chair Victorino was excused.

Your Water Resources Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication 16-249 be **REFERRED** to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2017.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



GLADYS C. BAISA, Chair

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