

**TESTIMONY TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE, AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
May 17, 2016**

EAR-54

**ATHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CENTRAL
MAUI REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX.**

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Chair Guzman, Vice Chair Cochran, and members of the Committee:

I support the passage of EAR-54 measure which authorizes the mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with DLNR for the operation, use and maintenance of the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex.

As the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex is built in its entirety it will contain multiple ball fields on approximately 65 acres. Maui County is facing a shortage of ball fields for local youth teams, particularly for certain sports such as softball. The Central Maui Regional Sports Complex addresses an immediate and growing need for more sports facilities for youth athletics, and can have a positive social impact for the entire Maui community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I ask for your support to pass this measure out of this committee.

Sincerely,



Thomas Cooley
Commissioner Maui Girls Softball Assoc.
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Dear County Council:

My name is Thomas Cooley I'm here on behalf of Maui Girls Softball Assoc. in support of EAR-54. Since I started coaching in 1995 in multiple sports such as Soccer, Basketball and Softball I've seen a huge shortage in fields and maintance of fields. This new sports complex is long over due for Maui and will bring much needed tournaments to bring teams from other Islands and the Mainland to help support our sports. With the new changes in the County of Maui Department of Parks & Recreation, I've seen huge improvements. The permitting process and maintance of fields is greatly improved. There is no doubt by entering in to an intergovernmental agreement with the State Board of Land and Natural resources this would be best for the Sports Complex and the future of our youth.

Thank you



Thomas Cooley Commissioner MGSA.

MAUI GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOC.