

Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee on 2023-03-09 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 03-09-23 13:30

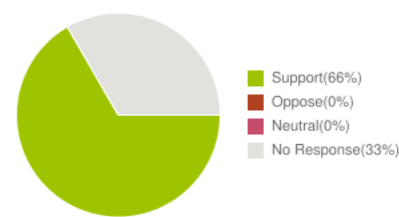
eComments Report

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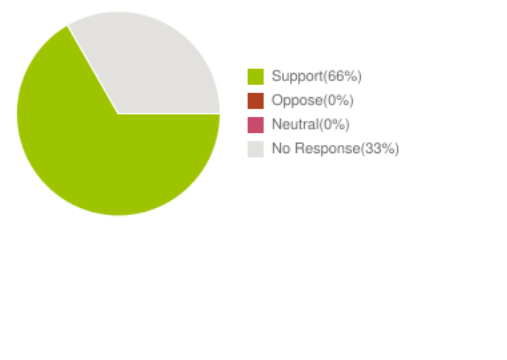


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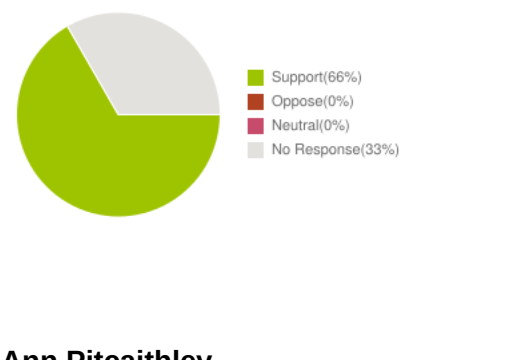
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Ann Pitcaithley

Location:
Submitted At: 1:50pm 03-09-23

I fully support Reso 23-36 referring to Lanai, Molokai, and Maui planning commission to a proposed bill related to expanding farm dwellings. Farmers should be allowed to live on the land where they are employed. Further, I would like to address what mechanism would be used to make farm dwellings affordable to the farmers. Farming is hard work, and typically for low wages. We need to support our farmers as there is such a growing demand for locally grown food.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:31am 03-09-23

I support 23-36. As a 36 year resident our children have moved away because they cannot afford homes here. Adding 500sf to the current 1000sf Ohana rule would make it easier for a family to live in a larger space. Don't penalize residents because of those who may abuse this change for vacation rentals.

Barbara Barry

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 03-08-23

Aloha,

I strongly support expanding the sq footage for farm drilling to 1500 sf. This is an important step in the right direction and much more can be done to support our farmers who struggle to afford to rent, buy or live close to the place they farm. Living on your farm land make so much sense because it enables the farmers to work early in the day and late in the day, thus protecting themselves from the midday heat. It also reduces that possibility of produce theft and vandalism if someone is living on the farm. For us older farmers, it allows a structure for our farm help to live on the property.

I like where this Reso is headed and support it fully. Even to the point of allowing farmers housing in the Agricultural parks in Maui County.

If we want our farmers to succeed, we need to do more to support them.

Mahalo for the chance to testify on this important issue.

Barbara Barry

ADEPT Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:30 PM
To: ADEPT Committee
Subject: FW: RESOLUTION 23-36 Farm Dwellings

From: Katie Romanchuk <ohialani@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:25 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: RESOLUTION 23-36 Farm Dwellings

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Hello Maui Council Members, this is Katie Romanchuk, small time farmer and conservationist in Haiku for 20 years on 6 acres, very interested and supportive of all being proposed here. After selling over \$10,000 of produce last year with much hard work, I can proudly call myself a farmer. However I highly need help on my farm, to be successful, especially as I am aging! This is a win win for farm owner and farm help. I agree with testifier who said his farm is almost a charity and not financially viable; this bill would help. Thank you so much Autumn Ness for proposing this bill. I do think there should be some accountability re: proving one is actually farming to qualify for the ability to add more square footage to farm dwelling or add small units and that the folks in the increased dwelling space or units are legitimately helping out on the farm, to make sure the new spaces are not used for rentals to new main-landers who are not contributing on the land, or vacation rentals.

Thank you, Katharine Romanchuk