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November 18, 2025

Mr. Garrett Hall, State Trauma Program Manager and Acting State Emergency  
Medical Services Chief  
Department of Health, EMS and Injury Prevention Systems Branch  
State of Hawai'i  
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*Via Email: [garrett.hall@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:garrett.hall@doh.hawaii.gov)*

Dear Mr. Hall:

**SUBJECT: MAUI COUNTY WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING  
PREVENTION (WASSP-1(14))**

Thank you for attending the Maui County Council's Water Authority,  
Social Services, and Parks Committee meeting of November 17, 2025, and  
providing the Committee with the Department's data on drownings in Hawai'i.

May I please request the following:

1. Why has the State of Hawai'i not adopted the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code that establishes minimum regulations for public and residential pools, spas, and hot tubs?
2. How many fatal versus non-fatal ocean drownings occurred in Maui County from 2014 to 2023? How was this data collected?
3. How does the Department define "drowning"?
4. Does the Department's data consider whether any underlying medical conditions contributed to the incident? If not, please explain why.

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May I further request you transmit your response to [wassp.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:wassp.committee@mauicounty.us) by **December 5, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Clarissa MacDonald at 808-270-7135, or Criselda Paranada at 808-270-7668).

Sincerely,



SHANE M. SINENCI, Chair  
Water Authority, Social Services, and  
Parks Committee

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**From:** WASSP Committee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:26 PM  
**To:** garrett.hall@doh.hawaii.gov  
**Cc:** WASSP Committee  
**Subject:** Maui County Water Safety and Drowning Prevention (WASSP-1(14))  
**Attachments:** 001(14)adoh01.pdf

**Mr. Hall:** Please refer to the attached letter from Maui County Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee Chair, Shane Sinenci, dated November 18, 2025. Please respond by December 5, 2025.