

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Hawaiian Supaman <hawaiiansupaman@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:36 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Moratorium on Exporting Sand and Sand Mining Regulation, item IEM-33.

Aloha members of the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

If we lose our culture, we lose our identity.

Maui is my home. It is also the home of my children and grandchildren. We were all born on Maui and still live here. Seven of my grandchildren have Hawaiian blood. However, because they are too young to voice their concerns I would like to be their voice today.

Maui is the final resting place of our ancestors. Do not allow desecration of our sacred burial sites. Do not allow removal or sale of our ancestors remains. Although we may only see the larger iwi, weathering and natural processes have made them part of the sand. The sand is our ancestors.

Do not allow this sacred sand to be used to replenish sand beaches. This sand is not good for the marine environment. Sugar Cove and other property owners along the North Shore of Maui use this sand. The State of Hawaii allows them to use 10,000 cubic yards per project per year. Sugar Cove has been placing this sand on "their" beach for years and as a result has destroyed the living reef. This despicable act can be stopped if you do not allow the sand to be mined and sold.

Thank you.

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