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October 30, 2024

Mr. Bradford Ventura, Fire Chief
Department of Fire and Public Safety
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Ventura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 105 (2024), AMENDING SECTION 19.500.110,
MAUI COUNTY CODE, REGARDING
NONCONFORMITIES (HLU-34)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 1, 2024, providing comments on Bill 105.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Referencing your October 1, 2024, correspondence:
 - a. What specific amendments are needed to the County Building Code or County Fire Code to address fire hazards associated with structure density? For example, if the Department recommends changes to setback standards, please provide the Department's proposal.
 - b. Your correspondence indicates that "a lack of infrastructure maintenance and improvement" contributed to the August 2023 Maui wildfires. Please clarify the specific aspects of infrastructure maintenance and improvement that were found to be deficient.

- c. What specific roadway improvements are needed to provide clear ingress for emergency response while allowing for emergency egress of residents? Please include the location of the improvements.
 - i. Has the Department transmitted written correspondence to the Department of Public Works and the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation documenting the roadway improvements needed? If so, please provide a copy of their responses. If not, please explain why.
 - d. What specific mitigation ordinances are needed if Bill 105 is enacted?
- 2. Does the Department recommend incorporating Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety standards into the Maui County Code? Please explain why or why not. Furthermore, would incorporating these standards affect insurance costs?
 - 3. Please provide your feedback on comments the Committee has received from other Departments relating to Bill 105.

May I further request you transmit your response to hlu.committee@mauicounty.us by **November 15, 2024**. 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 (James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Jennifer Yamashita at ext. 7143).

Sincerely,



TASHA KAMA, Chair
Housing and Land Use Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Deputy Fire Chief

HLU Committee

From: HLU Committee
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Bradford Ventura
Cc: HLU Committee; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'; Gavin Fujioka; Chasserae Kaawa
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: HLU-34; reply by 11/15/2024
Attachments: 034afs02_TK.pdf

Mr. Ventura: Please refer to the attached letter from the Housing and Land Use Committee Chair, dated October 30, 2024. Please respond by **November 15, 2024**.

Mayor's Office: Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Thank you,
HLU Committee staff