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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Don S. Guzman, Chair
Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture,
and Recreation Committee
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Mayor Date

Dear Chair Guzman:

SUBJECT: SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (EAR-36)

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 2, 2016 regarding a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS." The Department of Public Works apologizes for the delay in meeting your deadline of September 9, 2016, but was able to partially review the subject draft bill for an ordinance and offer the following comments.

1. It is the Department's understanding that the proposed bill for an ordinance is modeled after Chapter 35 of the Hawaii County Code relating to Business Improvement Districts and that the Kailua Village Business Improvement District was established by County Ordinance 07-171 on December 11, 2007. Taxpayers in the district are assessed according to property tax valuations and that the assessments are returned to the improvement district to fund programs and improvements within the village.

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2. Maui County Code (MCC), Title 14, Article 3, currently provides for the development of Improvement Districts. Will the proposed bill for an ordinance relating to Special Improvement Districts replace or repeal MCC, Title 14, Article 3?
3. MCC, Title 14, Article 3 is an underutilized section of the Maui County Code. The Department supports a full review of this section of the code resulting in code amendments that help facilitate the financing of needed supplemental services and/or improvements to infrastructure in our communities.
4. The Department would like additional time to review the proposed bill and compare it with MCC, Title 14, Article 3 relating to Improvement Districts. We would also appreciate additional time so that we can speak with our counterparts in Hawaii County to get a better understanding of any successes or challenges that they have encountered with their ordinance relating to Business Improvement Districts.

The Department notes that there was a short time window for our staff to review the proposed bill and provide meaningful comments, but we thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and wish to continue discussing the subject matter with you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works

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