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November 12, 2025

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
And Members of the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Paltin and Council Members:

SUBJECT: BILL 163 (2025), BILL 164 (2025), AND BILL 165 (2025), TO AMEND THE MAUI ISLAND PLAN'S DIRECTED GROWTH MAP C5 (PULEHU ROAD), AMEND THE WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION, AND CHANGE THE ZONING FOR 166.511 ACRES SITUATED AT KAHULUI, HAWAII (HO'ONANI VILLAGE) (DRIP-19)

SHPD HICRIS database search shows that the remnants of the Papanene heiau (SIHP #50-50-05-00056) were identified by Walker in 1931 adjacent to the project parcel. This is an area known for famous conflicts such as the battle of Pu'unene and the battle of Kakanilua.

Although this area has been used for agricultural activities in the past (specifically sugar), it would be wrong to construe this as a previously disturbed context with no potential to impact significant cultural sites. Previous projects in the immediate area have shown this isn't the case. Several iwi kūpuna were encountered in the immediate area during the constructing of Target and American Savings Bank. Additionally, the presence of a sacred site, indicates the cultural significance of this area in the past and that much of the surrounding infrastructure- like the heiau – was destroyed by plantation activities in the past.

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Mahalo nui loa,



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DRIP Committee

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Subject: MT-11307 CM Paltin
Attachments: Transmittal to Chair Paltin. Bill 163.164. 165.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached TRANSMITTAL dated November 12, 2025 from Director Kapono' Ai Molitau of 'Oiwī Resources.

Bill 163 (2025), Bill 164 (2025), and Bill 165 (2025), To Amend the Maui Island Plan's Directed Growth Map C5 (PULEHU ROAD), amend the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Designation, and Change the Zoning for 166.511 acres situated at Kahului, Hawaii (Ho'Onani Village) (DRIP-19).

Mahalo,
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