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TESTIMONY IEM-33

Comments Regarding Moratorium on Exporting Sand, the Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study and Sand Mining Regulation; Proposed Bill Entitled "A Bill for an Ordinance Establishing a New Chapter 20.40, Maui County Code, Declaring a Moratorium on Sand Mining" (Item IEM-33 on the Committee's Agenda).

My name is Lawrence Carnicelli, offering the following comments as the Government Affairs Director for the REALTORS Association of Maui on Committee Report IEM-33.

RAM is not in any way opposed to measures that intend to protect Maui's environment and natural resources, or any efforts made to respect and preserve native Hawaiian cultural, archeological and burial sites. However, RAM has strong concerns about the proposed bill in its current form. As I have stated many times here in the Council Chamber we cannot legislate enforcement.

We agree with the intention of the bill to stop the exportation of sand off island and the protection of native Hawaiian sites. However, there are still many unanswered questions with this piece of legislation as currently written. We would respectfully ask that this bill be deferred to address the many concerns brought up in testimony and discussion.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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