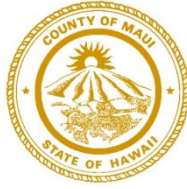


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July 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cook
Council Member, Maui County Council
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Dear Council Member Cook,

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT RELATED TO BILL NO. 90 (2023)
AMENDING SECTION 18.20.140, MAUI COUNTY CODE,
RELATING TO UTILITY LINES AND FACILITIES**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety supports underground installation of utilities which would be used as an evacuation route such as Honoapi'ilani Highway in West Maui. The underground installation of utilities eliminates the threat of falling poles and downed wires which enhances safety and reduces the likelihood of electrical fires. Furthermore, underground utilities fortify infrastructure resilience against natural disasters, such as hurricanes or wildfires, minimizing impact on essential services.

The Department is in support of Bill No. 90 (2023) Amending Section 18.20.140, Maui County Code relating to Utility Lines and Facilities. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Ventura".

BRADFORD K. VENTURA
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WAI Committee

From: Bradford Ventura <Bradford.Ventura@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 4:47 PM
To: WAI Committee
Cc: Chasserae Kaawa
Subject: Fwd: Testimony for Bill 90 (2023) re Underground Utilities
Attachments: Testimony - Bill 90 (2023) Underground Utilities 7.1.24.pdf

>>> Chasserae Kaawa 7/1/2024 4:32 PM >>>
Hi all,

Please see the attached testimony for tomorrow's council meeting.

Thanks,
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