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Richard Bissen 7-22-24

Mayor Date

For transmittal to:

Honorable Chair Alice L. Lee, Chair
And Council Members
Maui County Council
200 S. High Street
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RE: PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.36, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE MAUI COUNTY GRANTS PROGRAM, AND CHAPTER 3.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO CONCESSION AWARDS AND RENTAL OR LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Dear Chair Lee:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program wishes to submit the attached proposed bill entitled:

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As background, the CDBG Program, which is administratively attached to the Office of the Mayor, is in the process of establishing the Na Hale Kupuna ("NHK") program. The NHK program involves the acquisition of seven individual condo units that are located in West Maui, Kihei, and Wailuku, and the rental of the units to Kupuna (and their households) that were displaced by the August 2023 Maui Wildfires.

Chapters 3.36 and 3.40, Maui County Code, contain requirements relating to bidding and grant management that are inconsistent with the intended operation of the NHK program. For example, real property to be leased or rented at a charge below fair market value is considered a grant of public property, which must be approved by the Maui County Council via resolution. This would add to the already heavy workload of the Council, potentially delay leasing to our Kupuna, and also present privacy issues, due to tenants of the NHK needing to meet eligibility requirements related to income. In addition, the Council already has oversight over the affordable housing programs of the County, so approval of individual leases to tenants under such programs is not necessary.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 270-8299.

Respectfully submitted,



Patience M.K. Kahula
CDBG Program Director

Attachment

Bill No. ____ (2024)