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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Kelly King, Chair
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Maui County Council
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Honorable Elle Cochran, Councilmember
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Dear Councilmembers King and Cochran:

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA REVOLVING FUND (PC-13)

Thank you for Councilmember Cochran's correspondence dated December 29, 2017, requesting comments on a bill to establish a Special Management Area Revolving Fund.

The Department of Planning (Department) welcomes additional funding for the Coastal Zone Management Program and therefore generally supports the bill. We recommend the fund's possible uses be expanded to more broadly further the bill's apparent intent.

Specifically, we suggest that proposed Section 3.39.020.A be amended to read as follows: "The special management area revolving fund shall provide funds for enforcement, land and easement acquisition for beach access [in relation to] in the vicinity of the violation, and master planning, permitting, and implementation relating to coastal realignment and beach management."

These changes provide greater flexibility to how the fund could be used and would ensure the fund's resources further policy objectives in both the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and the Maui County General Plan. May I call your attention to the following excerpts from those laws:

- "The Congress finds and declares that it is the national policy to preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance, the resources of the Nation's coastal zone for this and succeeding generations." Section 303(1), CZMA.

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- “Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and coastal ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes.” Page 46, Countywide Policy Plan.
- “Strengthen coastal-zone management.” Page 47, Countywide Policy Plan.
- “Carefully manage beach nourishment activities to protect the coastal and marine ecosystem.” Page 2-22, Maui Island Plan.

In addition, the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaption Report stresses the importance of many forms of beach management, including nourishment.

We also suggest that proposed Section 3.29.030.C be amended to read as follows: “On or before March 1 of each year, the director of finance shall transmit to the council a detailed report of the fund during the preceding year.” This would clarify which director is responsible for submitting the report.

I hope this is helpful. If you have further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact David Raatz, Administrative Planning Officer, at david.raatz@mauicounty.gov or Ext. 7743.

Sincerely,



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