

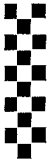
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Attached is a letter from Maui Island Representative, Dwight Burns, with regards to the revised draft bill for amendments to Title 20

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Maui County Council
Re: Review of Revised Draft Bill for Amendments to Title 20,
Re Sand Mining Moratorium

Good morning Chair Cochran and Council members,
I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your service to and for the community's of Maui County and and for your time and efforts working on this bill. First off I do support this bill for a two year moratorium on sand mining, however I do not agree with some of the language that was put into the first draft of this bill and am pleased with the revised version that was done by corporation council. Sand mining or mining is defined as such, (a place where such materials may be obtained by excavation.) there for by adding in grading of in land sand to be included in the bill is not something that i cannot support. Grading is as defined as (to reduce to a level or practicable degrees of inclination: to grade a road, lot and or building pad.) as the best to my knowledge mining and grading are not two of the same. I have done both mining and grading in numerous projects throughout central Maui since as far back as the late 1980's. I actually started my construction career working in sand pits mining sand in areas like Pi'i'hana, Waiehu, and Waikapu. And out of all three areas I have only seen or came across Kupuna Iwi at the Pi'i'hana site. We did not disturbed the Iwi, I remember my aunt calling Charles Maxwell at the time to come down to the sand pit to consult with him about the Iwi, at the time I was working for my aunts company which I do not want mention the of the company at this time. I also did a lot of mass excavation on projects throughout central Maui with a couple of different companies that I have worked for from early 90's till the 2013. And I am proud to say that each and everyone of the companies that I have worked for has always been very good at showing a lot of care and respect to our Kupuna Iwi. They would always have a archeologists on site working hand in hand with each and every piece of equipment that was doing excavation on the site. Some of us had a knack of knowing what to look for when we were digging, or grading so we wouldn't disturbed the Iwi if we did come across a burial site and would stop immediately to let the archeologists know and let them do what they had to do from that point on. I have some of the testimonies that was given in the past meetings and did not like some of the things that were said about how people like myself in this industry show no respect for the Iwi, because all of us in this industry have the most respect for our Kupuna Iwi and are of Hawaiian descent, but yet we also believe that everyone has a right to own a home also. And we are sorry that sometimes some of the projects that we work on have Iwi but most of the time we haven't came across any Iwi on projects where there is inland sand, like Waikapu and Walluku. So in closing I just want to say that grading isn't mining and the two shouldn't be labeled as such.

Thank You
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