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September 30, 2025

Mr. Jordan Molina, Director
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Molina:

SUBJECT: **BILL 122 (2025), AMENDING CHAPTER 16.25, MAUI
COUNTY CODE, ON FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING**
(WAI-14)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Water and Infrastructure Committee's discussion on September 22, 2025, relating to Bill 122.

May I please request your written response to the following:

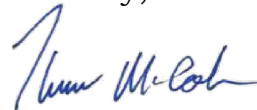
1. Please compare the advantages and disadvantages of factory-built housing over traditional construction.
2. Can a factory-built home be delivered with open walls to allow on-site inspections on Maui?
3. Regarding Third-Party Inspectors:
 - a. How are third-party inspectors selected and who is responsible for their selection?
 - b. If the County does not select third-party inspectors, would this create a conflict of interest? How is independence between the inspector and the factory ensured?
 - c. What training or licensure is required for third-party inspectors? Are they required to hold a journeyman's license?

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4. How does the Quality Assurance Manual meet or exceed the County's inspection and construction requirements?
5. If the Council enacts Bill 122 (2025), what is the Department's anticipated timeline for implementation?
6. Regarding warranties:
 - a. What types of warranties apply to factory-built homes compared to traditionally-built homes (e.g., 10-year warranty)?
 - b. Does the warranty period begin at the time of construction or once the home is placed on the property?
 - c. Are warranties in place during transport?
7. Regarding Design Registered Homes:
 - a. Does the "Design Registered Homes" process further reduce construction timelines for factory-built homes compared to traditional construction? If so, please explain.
 - b. If not, do timelines for factory-built homes remain similar to traditional construction despite this process?

May I further request you transmit your response to wai.committee@mauicounty.us by **October 13, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include WAI-14 in the subject line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Cook".

TOM COOK, Chair
Water and Infrastructure Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.