

# Resolution

No. 23-199

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR TO  
EXPEDITE MANUFACTURED AND MODULAR  
DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS SUPPORTED BY  
THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN

WHEREAS, during Maui's tragic wildfires of August 2023 an estimated 2,207 West Maui structures were damaged or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, as of September 5, 2023, 5,852 displaced individuals are housed at twenty-four hotel shelter locations across Maui; and

WHEREAS, before the wildfires, Maui County was already in a housing crisis, and the problem has now been exacerbated in West Maui; and

WHEREAS, the West Maui Community Plan, effective January 31, 2022, includes development areas supported by the community and is consistent with the Maui Island Plan and Countywide Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, manufactured and modular homes can be constructed faster than other housing development options; and

WHEREAS, smart growth principles for new housing developments include promoting construction near mixed uses, walkable neighborhoods, emergency services, and other essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, expeditious permitting of manufactured and modular housing developments in areas supported by the West Maui Community Plan will provide meaningful relief to those displaced during the August 2023 wildfires; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Governor and the Mayor to expedite manufactured and modular developments in West Maui in areas supported by the West Maui Community Plan; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i; Kali

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Watson, Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission, State of Hawai'i; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

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