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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 11-7-25
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
And Members of the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Paltin and Council Members:

SUBJECT: BILL 163 (2025), BILL 164 (2025), AND BILL 165 (2025), TO AMEND THE MAUI ISLAND PLAN'S DIRECTED GROWTH MAP C5 (PULEHU ROAD), AMEND THE WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION, AND CHANGE THE ZONING FOR 166.511 ACRES SITUATED AT KAHULUI, HAWAII (HO'ONANI VILLAGE) (DRIP-19)

The Department of 'Ōiwi Resources would like to share the following insites for the proposed Bill 163 (2025), Bill 164(2025), and Bill 165 (2025), to amend the Maui island plan's directed growth Map C5 (Pulehu Road), amend the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Designation, and change the zoning for 166.511 acres situated at Kahului, Hawai'i (Ho'onani Village) (DRIP-19). The area of 'āina (land) is situated in a space known as Pu'unene (shifting mound) which relates to the movement of the sand dunes and land due to the strength of the makani koa'e (trade winds). The lands also resides within the bays of Pi'ikea otherwise known as Nā Hono a Pi'ikea who is the sister of Pi'ilani, high chief of Maui.

Within the district of Wailuku, the proposed Ho'onani Village would have cultural significant land viewscapes. Haleakalā to the east, Pu'u Kukui to the west, the tradewinds known as Moa'e kolo, Moa'e holo, Moa'e kū. Other significant land views would be Pi'iholo in the east and Pu'u Koa'e in the west.

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Department of 'Ōiwi Resources director recommends significant discussions with our county archaeologist Dr. Janet Six should also be done to understand the possible areas that need to be looked at within the proposed section.

The potential impacts to the proposed bill would be the natural resources already challenged by the ever present state of our resources and what our environment can provide for us and how we currently care for this significant resource. Also acknowledging the space for its ever present trade winds that can enhance the use of capturing this wind energy to this proposed area. Along with solar energy and the use of technology today limiting the carbon footprint would be a step in caring for our Mauinui resources for the betterment of our cultural environment and our community.

Mahalo for allowing for the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources to offer input. Please reach out to us at our office number 808-270-6219, if you would like further information from us and we would be happy to engage in sharing what we can.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAPONO'AI MOLITAU', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KAPONO'AI MOLITAU
Director, Department of 'Ōiwi Resources
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DRIP Committee

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Subject: MT#11302 Bill 163, 164, 165
Attachments: MT#11302-DRIP Committee.pdf