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October 3, 2025

Mr. Amos Lonokailua-Hewett, Administrator
Maui County Emergency Management Agency
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Lonokailua-Hewett:

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION 25-174, 2025 UPDATE TO THE
COUNTY OF MAUI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**
(DRIP-18)

At its meeting of October 22, 2025, the Council's Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee intends to discuss Resolution 25-174, entitled "RECOGNIZING THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN."

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Please provide a summary of significant updates made to the 2025 County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan and the rationale for each change.
2. The 2025 County of Maui Hazard Mitigation Plan has received "Approvable Pending Adoption" status from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If the Committee recommends revisions to the Plan, how may this impact FEMA's approval? Please explain and consider federal programs and grant funding that may be affected.

In addition, in reviewing part one of the Plan only, we have identified several technical and nonsubstantive errors:

- References to figures and tables:
 - On page 2-25, the second paragraph incorrectly references Figure 2-14 relating to natural disaster concerns instead of Figure 2-15. There are similar incorrect references throughout part one.
- Accuracy of names for individuals, locations, government agencies, and other organizations:
 - On page iv of the Executive Summary, the “Maui Department of Housing” is referenced as “Maui Department of Housing and Community Development.”
 - On page 2-9, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is misspelled.
 - Various names of individuals and locations should be corrected for accuracy to reflect the proper use of diacritical marks, such as “Kalaupāpā,” “Liliuokalani,” “Oahu,” “Moaulanui,” and “Kaupo.”
- Description of tables and figures:
 - On page 2-5, should the event dates in Table 2.2 be listed in chronological order?
 - Beginning on page 3-16, Figures 3-4 through 3-9 depict average monthly rainfall and temperature in months. The narrative suggests the figures correlate to average monthly rainfall and temperature from 1991 to 2020. Are the figures meant to depict averages across the 10-year span?
- Page numbering:
 - The Plan notes that part two begins on page 3-1 instead of page 4-1.

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- Consistency within the Plan:
 - References to the August 2023 Maui Wildfires uses various terms: “2023 Wildfires,” “2023 wildfire,” “2023 Lahaina Fire,” “2023 Lahaina wildfires.”
 - ʻĪao Stream is referenced multiple times in the Plan but the stream’s name was restored to Wailuku River in 2015.
 - On page 3-24, the Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Area is incorrectly referenced as “Kahului-Wailuku Community Plan Area.”

Because of the timeframe in which the Plan must be adopted, the Committee may consider revising Resolution 25-174 to include a disclaimer acknowledging that there is insufficient time to review and identify all errors within the Plan.

May I request you transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us by **October 16, 2025, at noon**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster Recovery, International Affairs,
and Planning Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

DRIP Committee

From: DRIP Committee
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 12:51 PM
To: 'Amos Lonokailua-Hewett'
Cc: DRIP Committee; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: DRIP-18; reply by 10/16/2025 at noon
Attachments: 018aema01.pdf

Mr. Amos Lonokailua-Hewett: Please refer to the attached letter from DRIP Committee Chair Paltin, dated October 3, 2025. Please respond by **October 16, 2025, at noon.**

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Thank you,
DRIP Committee