

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Council Chair, and Members of the Maui County Council 200 South High Street

Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Council Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BILL AMENDING CHAPTER 3.44, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO REVIEW OF EASEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

I am transmitting a proposed bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.44.015, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENTS TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI," for referral to the appropriate Council committee.

The Department of Public Works (Department) is proposing to eliminate the requirement for the Department to review metes and bounds descriptions as it relates to easements being conveyed to the County.

Recently, the Department has been inundated with easement review requests and has been unable to complete reviews in a timely manner because of staff vacancies in surveyor positions and limited interest by survey consultants to perform such reviews. The time required by the Department to complete these easement reviews is contributing to delayed approval of housing projects. The Department finds that for easement conveyances, review by the Department is not necessary if the metes and bounds descriptions are stamped by a licensed surveyor. Honorable Michael P. Victorino For Transmittal to: Honorable Alice L. Lee, Council Chair and Members of the Maui County Council July 27, 2022 Page 2

If other departments would like to continue these secondary reviews, they may opt to hire their own survey consultants to perform these or can request assistance from the Department with the understanding that additional time may be required to complete the reviews.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed bill. You may contact me at Ext. 7845 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

 cc: Sandy K. Baz, Managing Director Eric A. Nakagawa, Director of Environmental Management Scott K. Teruya, Director of Finance Karla H. Peters, Director of Parks and Recreation Helene Kau, Director of Water Supply Engineering Division Development Services Administration
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