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The Honorable Michael Molina, Chair
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
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RE: BICYCLE-TOUR PUBLIC SAFETY AND RELATED LITIGATION CONCERNS

Dear Chair Molina:

This is in response to your request for comments regarding the proposed changes to Maui County Code Chapter 5.22 RELATING TO BICYCLE TOUR BUSINESSES (GREAT-44).

It is the opinion of the Maui Police Department that the new changes will drastically improve the safety and welfare of the bicyclists and vehicle operators of Maui County alike by limiting the number of commercial tours, more clearly defining permit requirements, and increasing penalties.

Although permits are not required for State Highways, and 75 percent of the tours are conducted on State Highways, the bill will help to ensure enforcement measures are taken.

The proposed penalties under 5.22.060 [Unlawful bicycle tour operations] will increase it from a simple violation to a misdemeanor which is satisfactory and is warranted for the offense. The proposed bill also places increased responsibilities and requirements on the business owners, which lessens the liability on the County.

If you have additional questions, please contact Captain Gregg Okamoto at ext. 6446 or via email at gregg.okamoto@mpd.net.

Sincerely,

DEAN M. RICKARD
Acting Chief of Police