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Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui Wailuku, HI 96793

For transmittal to:

Mr. Michael J. Molina
Government Relations, Ethics and
Transparency Committee
County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku. Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

SUBJECT: BICYCLE-TOUR PUBLIC SAFETY AND RELATED LITIGATION CONCERNS (GREAT-44)

In response to your inquiry, if the Department is allowed to enforce against nonpermitted bicycle-tour businesses that advertise in Makawao-Paia-Haiku and Pukalani-Kula. It is the Department's position that this is a civil issue more than a criminal one.

While we empathize with the concerns that businesses and community members have expressed, the Department doesn't know how many nonpermitted tour businesses are currently operating.

If called upon for assistance relating to safety issues, the Maui Police Department will respond to investigate the situation. However, due to current staffing shortages, our resources must focus on the more critical calls for service to violent crimes.

If you request further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-244-6300 or john.pelletier@mpd.net.

Sincerely.

JOHN PELLETIER Chief of Police