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August 31, 2022

Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High St., 9th Floor
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Michael P. Victorino 8/31/22
Mayor **Date**

For transmittal to:

Ms. Kelly T. King, Committee Chair
Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair King,

SUBJECT: BILL 21, CD 1, FD1 (2022), SEABIRD AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION (CARE-74)

The County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety would like to provide the following comments in regards to the above-titled bill. The Department supports the protection of our seabirds and understands the impacts of light pollution on their evening migration. However, the Department of Fire & Public Safety also referred to as Maui Fire Department (MFD) would like to request an exemption beyond the three-year recommendation as stated in Section 3. 20.35.070. Exemptions. B. "are exempt from the provisions of those subsections for a period of three years from the date of enactment... including public safety... beyond the three-year period if, and for only as long as, there are no compliant lighting fixtures available that meet industry standards for emergency services".

Compliant lighting fixtures that meet the industry standards may become available however, we do not know if those standards will adequately address the safety of our first responders. There are many instances when the Department has selected products or adopted policy that exceed the minimal standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We are fearful of lighting which

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meet industry standards and are considered compliant under this bill will not meet our standards in ensuring the safety of our firefighters.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported over 102,000 work zone crashes were estimated to have occurred resulting in over 45,000 injuries and 857 fatalities in 2020. It is our goal to provide maximum protection for our personnel especially during emergency operations to avoid potential injuries or fatalities to our personnel.

The County of Maui, Department of Fire & Public Safety respectfully requests to be completely exempt from Bill 21, CD 1, FD1 (2022), Seabird and Biodiversity Protection. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please feel free to contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561. Your consideration and time are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Ventura", written in a cursive style.

BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

CARE Committee

From: Michelle Santos <Michelle.Santos@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:10 AM
To: CARE Committee
Cc: Bradford Ventura; Chasserae Kaawa; Gavin Fujioka; Josiah Nishita; Kayla Ueshiro; Ryan Otsubo; Sandy Baz; Stacy Takahashi; Tyson Miyake; Zeke Kalua
Subject: MT#9856 Bill 21,CD1,FD1 Seabird and Biodiversity Protection
Attachments: MT#9856-CARE Committee.pdf

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