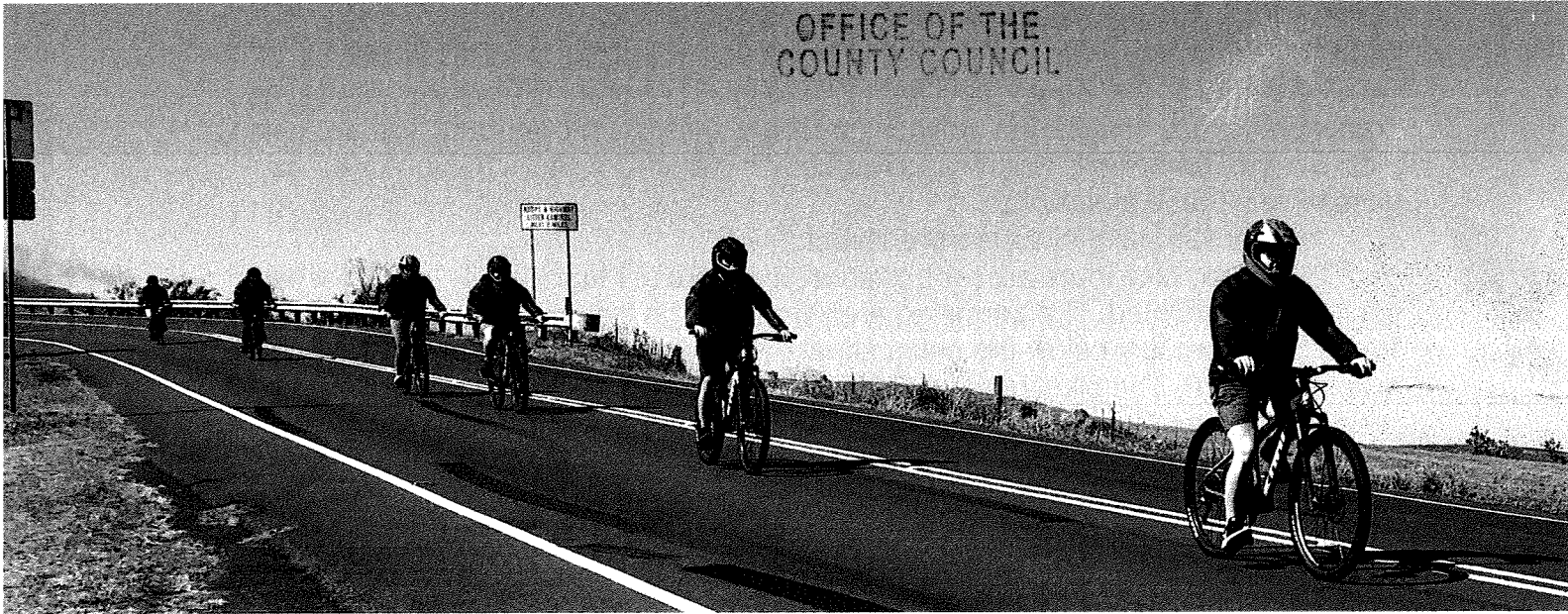


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PETITION TO REGULATE BIKE TOURS ON MAUI

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Bike tours are a dangerous activity that puts residents and visitors at risk of injury and death. Now is the time to act to get commercial bike tours, both guided and unguided, regulated for the safety of residents and visitors.

THE PROBLEM AND WHY IT NEEDS TO BE FIXED

The bike tour companies use public roadways that are narrow, steep, and winding, with limited sight distance. These roads (primarily in Kula, Pukalani, Makawao, Ha'ikū, and Pā'ia) were not designed for commercial bike tours. These are the same roads that Maui residents rely on to get to work and school and to go about their daily lives.

It is very dangerous for Upcountry drivers to share our country roads with large numbers of bicyclists who are often riding in the middle of the lane, weaving all over the road, and holding up traffic. Many are children under 10 years of age. Unguided bike tours are not supervised, stopping in unexpected places, and not following safety guidelines. Guided bike tours are trailed by a van that takes up the entire lane.

We support recreational bicyclists and their right to use our public roads. The problem is with commercial bike tours, which dominate the road and create stress and danger for local drivers.

Sometimes the bicyclists lose control of their bikes, endangering not only their own lives but the lives of residents who are driving their cars on the same road. There have been deaths and serious injuries associated with these bike tours.

Earlier this year the Maui County Council settled a lawsuit out of court, for an undisclosed sum, with a visitor who lost control of her bike while on a bike tour, crashed, and is now paralyzed from the waist down.

CALL TO ACTION

On September 8, 2022 the Maui County Council Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee will be voting on a bill to regulate bike tours. We are asking that "Bicycle-Tour Public Safety and Related Litigation Concerns (GREAT-44)" be passed with these provisions:

- 1) Unguided bike tours are prohibited.
- 2) Guided bike tours are prohibited everywhere in Maui County, except where specifically permitted. The permitted area would be on Haleakalā Crater Road, State Route 378, from just below the national park at mile marker 9.5 to the existing pullout at mile marker 3.0. The bike tours would end at the 4,500 foot elevation, above any residential areas.
- 3) The guided bike tours are only allowed to operated Monday through Saturday, from 8:00am to 1:30pm.

These provisions would minimize conflict with Maui drivers, make safer bike tours, and allow the tours to continue as regular van tours that could still patronize the merchants in Makawao and Pā'ia.

While many residents would prefer to see bike tours banned completely, we believe this is a good compromise. Unfortunately, after initially saying they could live with this arrangement, bike tour industry representatives have now backtracked, and are insisting on being able to continue the tours wherever they want.

Some members of the committee who will be voting on this bill have indicated that they are on the fence as to which way they will vote. They have said they have heard from very few Maui residents who are not associated with the bike tour industry about this bill.

Now is the time to let your voice be heard! Your support is essential and much appreciated. Our goal is to get at least a thousand signatures to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee members by September 5th.

We are not asking for any money; we are only asking that you sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/MakeMauiRoadsSafe>, sign a paper petition, or contact the county council about this proposal.

Please:

- 1) Sign the petition today.
- 2) Pass on the petition link to your Maui family, friends, and neighbors. Encourage them to pass on the petition link to their family members (everyone in the family can sign), friends, and neighbors. Alternatively, you may print out and use the petition below.

PETITION:
REGULATE BIKE TOURS ON MAUI NOW!

We, the residents of Maui, are asking that a bill titled "Bicycle-Tour Public Safety and Related Litigation Concerns (GREAT-44)" be passed with these provisions that are in the best interests of the general public:

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Mail or fax completed form to Maui County Council Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee so it reaches them by September 5.

Mail: 200 South High St., Rm. 703, Wailuku, HI 96793

Fax: (808) 270-768

3) You are also encouraged to contact to the committee members directly to give them your mana'o about regulating bike tours:

Phone: (808) 270-7838

eComment:

https://mauicounty.granicusideas.com/meetings/1624-government-relations-ethics-and-transparency-committee-on-2022-09-08-9-00-am-reconvened-from-08-slash-16-slash-2022-at-9-00-am/agenda_items

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REFERENCES

- An article about the lawsuit and settlement was published on the MauiNow website:

<https://mauinow.com/2022/04/05/maui-council-moves-to-settle-lawsuit-by-visitor-injured-on-haleakala-bike-tour/>

- Information on the bill can be found on the Maui County website:

[https://mauicounty.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=Master&GID=632&ID=5754838&GUID=F48F9F5C-8F10-46FA-9FB9-9BC887E604E8&Extra=WithText&Title=Legislation+Details+\(With+Text](https://mauicounty.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=Master&GID=632&ID=5754838&GUID=F48F9F5C-8F10-46FA-9FB9-9BC887E604E8&Extra=WithText&Title=Legislation+Details+(With+Text)

and

<https://mauicounty.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11126167&GUID=7F85E177-26BC-454B-AEA1-7B08908933A5>

- For information on how to sign the petition, see

https://help.change.org/s/article/How-to-sign-a-petition?language=en_US