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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
and Members of the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: BILL 68 (2022), CREATING A MANAGED RETREAT
REVOLVING FUND (BFED-106)**

Please accept this testimony in opposition to the proposed bill.

While the idea of a special fund for managed retreat is sound, before funds are dedicated solely for this purpose, the concept should be part of a much more comprehensive County-wide managed retreat strategy and program. Such a strategy and program would include changing land use designations so that existing development could move inland, determining responsibility for removing "abandoned" shoreline development, understanding real property tax revenue and legal implications, prioritizing County funding, and planning for relocation of public infrastructure, among other considerations. Additionally, the Department of Planning (Department) should not "administer" the fund.

Until a comprehensive County-wide managed retreat strategy and program can be formulated, though, the Council may still wish to have an appropriate mechanism to fund the types of items listed in Section 3.97.020.A of the proposed bill. We recommend that the Special Management Area Revolving Fund, pursuant to Chapter 3.49, Maui County Code, be amended to allow its funds to be used for these purposes.

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Please also note that, due to conflicts with other meetings, including the State Land Use Commission, the Department is unavailable to attend your October 5, 2022 meeting when this item is scheduled. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Subject: MT#9920 Bill 6 (2022) Creating a Managed Retreat Revolving Fund
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