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October 6, 2022

Ms. Mahina Martin  
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Dear Ms. Martin:

**SUBJECT: BILL 124 (2022), RELATING TO ADOPTING THE  
HAWAII STATE FIRE CODE (IT-112)**

The Maui County Council's Infrastructure and Transportation Committee met on October 3, 2022, to discuss Bill 124 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE HAWAII STATE FIRE CODE, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS THERETO." Bill 124's purpose is to adopt the State Fire Code, which adopts, with modifications, the "NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2018 Edition," as published and copyrighted by the National Fire Protection Association, as amended by the provisions set forth in the new chapter to tailor the Fire Code to the County's needs.

The bill was passed out of Committee on first reading, however, there were questions that arose regarding brush abatement relating to fire prevention.

May I please request your response to the following questions:

1. Does Hawaiian Electric have or has it previously had a Brush Abatement Program, or anything similar?
2. And if so, please explain the purpose of the Brush Abatement Program.

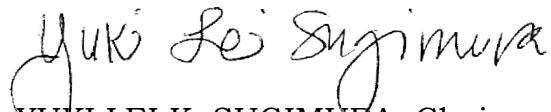
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3. Does Hawaiian Electric partner with any government agencies, community organizations, or businesses to address brush abatement issues related to fire prevention?

May I further request your written response no later than **October 21, 2022**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to [it.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:it.committee@mauicounty.us) and include the relevant Committee item number in your response's subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Laksmi Abraham at (808) 270-7659, or Clarita Balala at (808) 270-7668).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
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