

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
HUMAN CONCERNS AND PARKS
COMMITTEE

December 16, 2022

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Human Concerns and Parks Committee, having met on November 28, 2022, makes reference to Resolution 22-252 entitled “URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED WEST MAUI HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER.”

Resolution 22-252’s purpose is to urge the Hawai‘i State Legislature and the Governor to provide funding for the proposed West Maui Hospital and Medical Center.

Your Committee notes the only acute care hospital on Maui Island is Maui Memorial Medical Center which, due to limited infrastructure, its impacts from climate change and natural disasters, and traffic, can be a challenge to access from the west side, especially during times of emergencies.

Your Committee notes unprecedented projected rates of growth in residents and visitors will substantially increase healthcare demands for an already underserved West Maui population.

Your Committee further notes Newport Hospital Corporation, a California-based healthcare facility developer, has obtained the required off-site infrastructure, water and sewer entitlements, and critical Certificate of Need for the proposed facility. Newport Hospital Corporation will provide a long-term land lease to West Maui Hospital Foundation that will build, own, and operate the hospital.

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Your Committee received a presentation from a representative of the West Maui Medical Center Board of Directors at its meeting of October 17, 2022, in accordance with Rule 7(B) of the Rules of the Council.

The West Maui Medical Center Board representative said an acute care hospital on the west side would provide vital 24-hour emergency services and pharmaceutical access to residents and visitors.

He said the Council's adoption of Resolution 22-252 will show governmental support needed to seek seven million dollars in Grant-in-Aid funding from the State to pay for necessary infrastructure which, if secured, will leverage Federal funding.

Your Committee noted this is a time-sensitive matter as the deadline to apply for Grant-in-Aid funding is December 2022.

Your Committee encouraged the developer and the Board to work collaboratively and with input from the West Maui medical community.

Your Committee agreed to amend Resolution 22-252 to clarify the parcel size for the proposed West Maui Hospital and Medical Center, including nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 22-252, CD1. Committee Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and members Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci voted "aye."

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 22-252, CD1, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Human Concerns and Parks Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution 22-252, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

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PROPOSED WEST MAUI HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER,” be
ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of
the Council.



TASHA KAMA, Chair

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URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PROPOSED WEST MAUI HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, West Maui is home to several of Maui County's largest residential communities and renowned as one of Hawai'i's premier visitor destinations but has no acute care hospital or related medical campus; and

WHEREAS, West Maui has an estimated population of 31,410 residents, with approximately 55,000 daily visitors; and

WHEREAS, unprecedented projected rates of growth will substantially increase healthcare demands for an already underserved West Maui population; and

WHEREAS, West Maui's distance from Maui Memorial Medical Center and challenging traffic conditions along Honoapi'ilani Highway have often resulted in injured and sick residents and visitors having to endure ambulance drive times of more than an hour, posing life-threatening dangers; and

WHEREAS, Newport Hospital Corporation acquired a 14.99-acre site on Kaka'alaneo Drive in the Kaanapali 2020 Development for a proposed West Maui Hospital and Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Newport Hospital Corporation has obtained the required off-site infrastructure, water and sewer entitlements, and critical certificate of need for the facility; and

WHEREAS, the current land value of the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center site is in excess of \$30 million, including sites for an acute care hospital, one or more medical clinics, and assisted living facility, which to date have all been privately funded by Newport Hospital Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Newport Hospital Corporation will provide a 5.085-acre portion of the site on a long-term land lease to West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit foundation that will build, own, and operate

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the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center with a 24-hour emergency room, operating rooms, radiology, lab, pharmacy, and inpatient and outpatient services; and

WHEREAS, to provide needed construction funding to the West Maui Hospital Foundation for the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center, potential private and public financing entities have requested governmental financial participation in the construction phase—specifically, hospital building plans and infrastructure costs—of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Council has been informed that construction of this project can proceed upon receiving \$7 million from the State of Hawai‘i’s Capital Improvement Funds; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the West Maui Hospital and Medical Center would further a number of Maui County General Plan policies and objectives, including:

- “In cooperation with the Federal and State governments and nonprofit agencies, broaden access to social and healthcare services . . .” (*Countywide Policy Plan, page 54.*);
- “. . . facilitate the establishment of new healthcare facilities . . .” (*Countywide Policy Plan, page 54.*); and
- “Support the immediate development of a critical access hospital in West Maui.” (*Maui Island Plan, page 6-59*); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the State Legislature and the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i to provide funding for the establishment of the proposed West Maui Hospital and Medical Center; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc.; the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i; the Hawai‘i State Senate President, the Hawai‘i State Speaker of the House, Maui County’s delegation to the State Legislature; and the Mayor of the County of Maui.