July 30, 2026

TO: Housing and Land Use Committee of Maui County
RE: **Bill 88 - Request to be added to upcoming resolution list regarding SEA LEVEL RISE RISK**
FROM: Hale Ono Loa Board of Directors

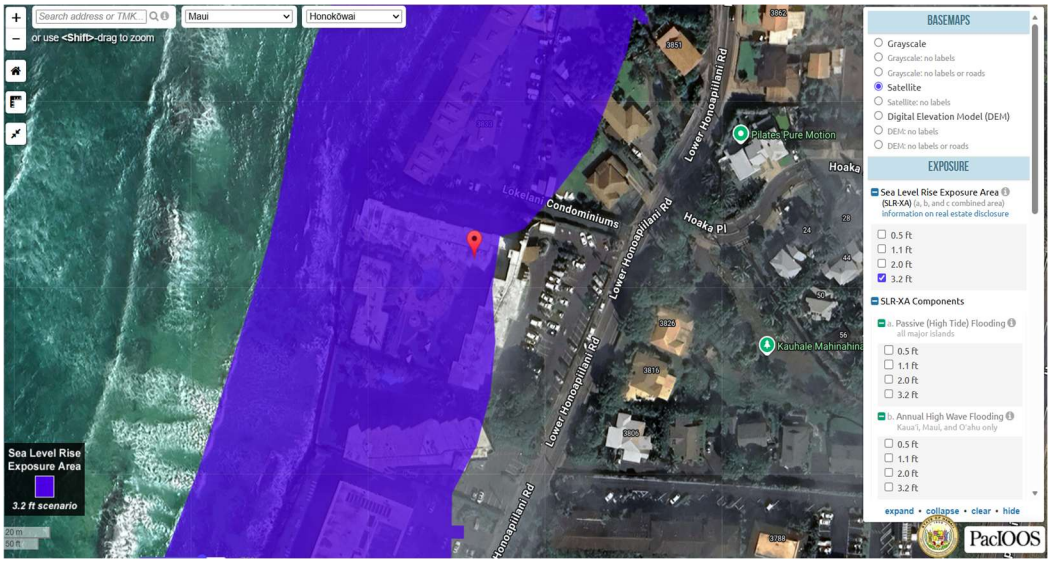
On July 9, 2026 the committee passed Resolution 26-110 after removing our complex, Hale Ono Loa, from the list.

Our complex is on the Minatoya list and the TIG list. We strongly believe that we meet multiple levels of criteria for being considered for a zoning change to H3 or H4 as recommended by your TIG.

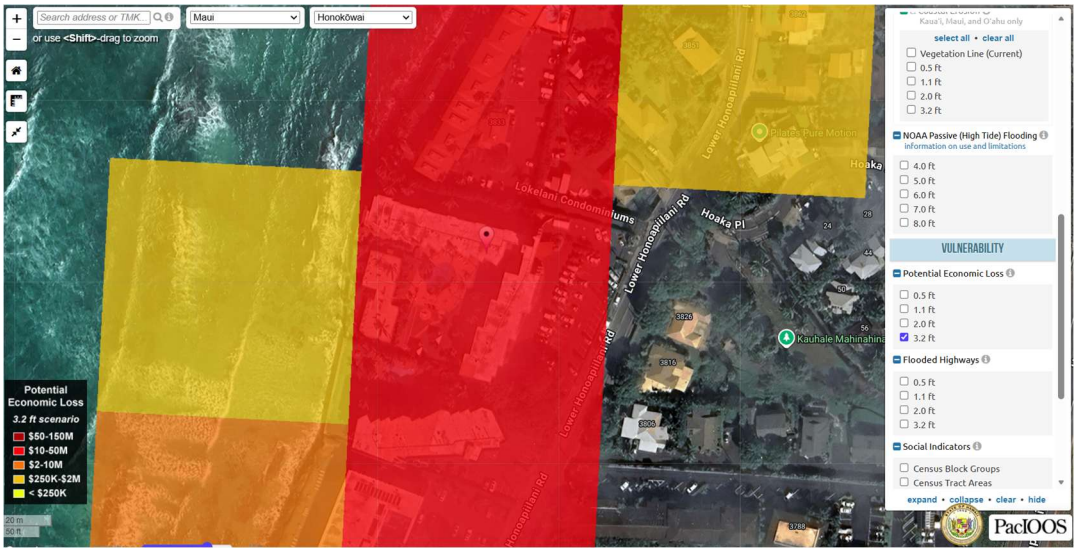
We are writing this letter to provide input regarding the sea level rise and flood risk of our property. Our property not only sits within a designated FEMA flood zone but also sits within a high risk sea level rise zone as defined on the government's own interactive Sea Level Risk Exposure Area Map (SLR-XA)

According to the Sea Level Rise reports as outlined in the Department of Land and Natural Resources update of 11/21/25, The SLR-XA map data depicts escalating hazard exposure with expected sea level rise. The map data includes the output of three sea level rise hazard models that can be used to identify vulnerabilities to specific hazards • Passive flooding: "still water" high tide flooding without consideration of influence from waves or other ocean/atmospheric phenomena; • Annual high wave flooding: wave over wash landward of the present beach area during the largest wave events of the year; and, • Coastal erosion: exposure to future land loss from coastal erosion. The three exposure areas can be viewed individually or combined as the multi hazard SLR-XA. The 3.2-foot projection of sea level rise is based on the sea level rise model for 2100 developed by The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (CCMAC)

Below are two maps pulled from the Department of Land and Recourses interactive map using the 3.2 foot projections recommended for use in future planning by the County.



This exhibit shows our complex almost fully at risk using the government's 3.2 ft sea level rise exposure area map (SLR-XA)



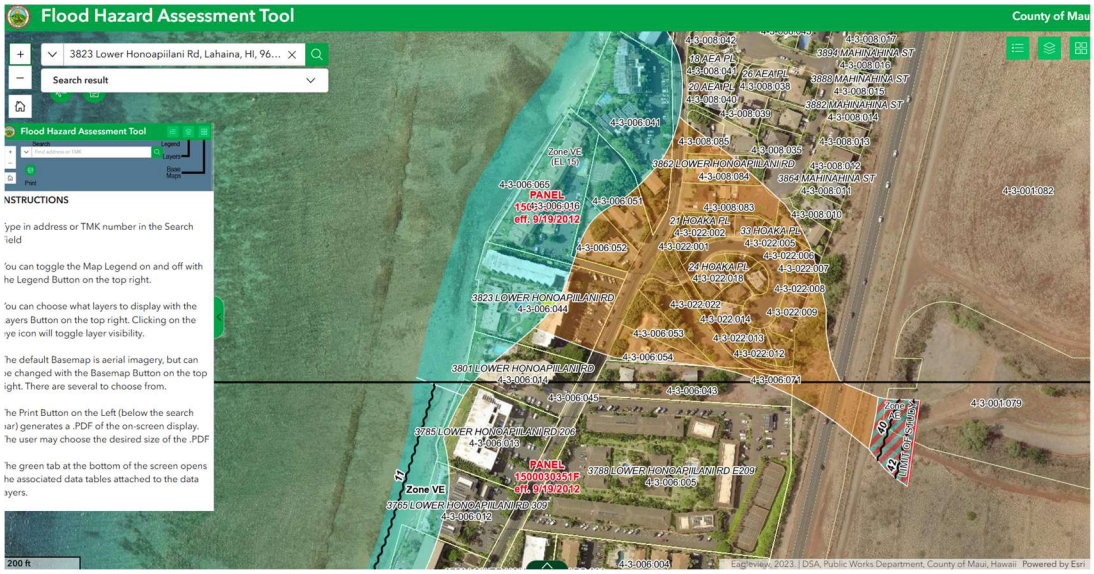
This exhibit shows the potential extreme economic loss to our complex based on the projected 3.2 ft sea level rise exposure area map (SLR-XA).

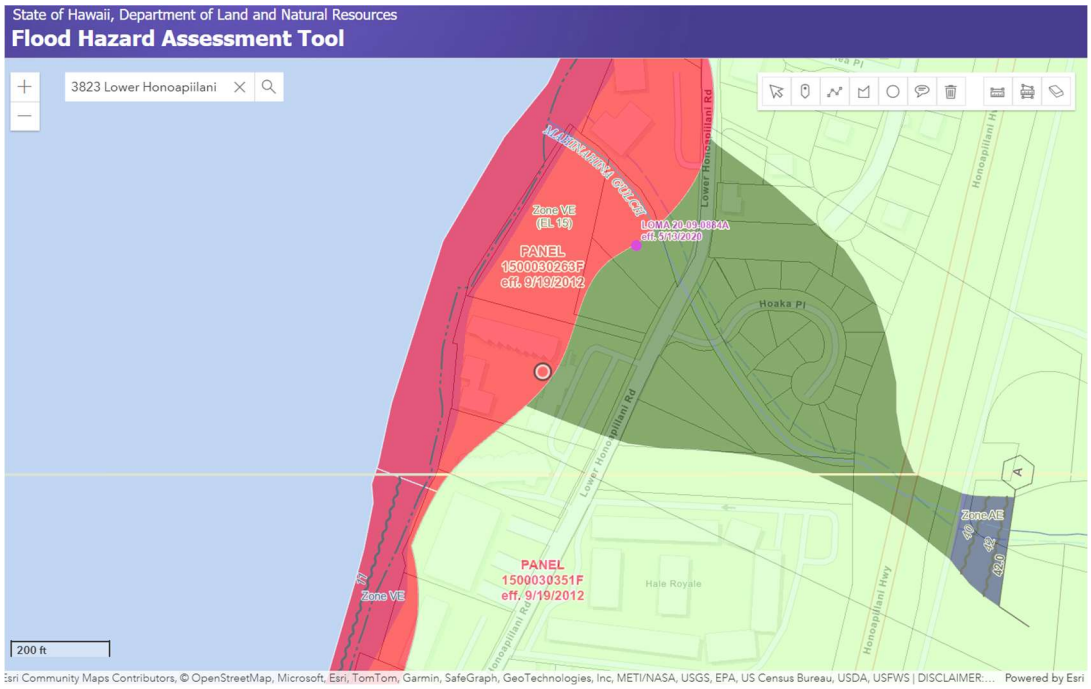
This phot was taken in June 2026. Large waves crashing over our seawall and inundating the lawn area just in front of the ground floor cottage units. Note the 42” high railing compared to wave height.

This photo shows the lawn area being soaked by wave surge. Note height of unit’s patio on the left in relation to the height of the surge and standing water from earlier wave action.

We believe that Hale Ono Loa clearly falls within the State of Hawaii’s Area of High Risk due to sea level rise as outlined in the 2017 and 2022 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Reports.

We are also within a FEMA designated flood zone, VE. This zone designation is also recognized by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Resources.





High Risk Coastal Areas	
Zone V:	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no BFE determined.
Zone VE:	Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of annual flooding with increased risk due to storm waves; base flood elevations determined.

Given that Hale Ono Loa is located within both of these hazard zones we respectfully request that we be added to the list of TIG/Minatoya properties next being considered for rezoning thru resolutions by the County.

Sincerely,

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HLU Committee

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Aloha HLU Committee,

Please see attached letter from the Board of Directors of Hale Ono Loa regarding additional testimony for sea level rise resolutions.

Mahalo.