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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (IEM)
IEM-9, Amending Section 16.26B.101, Maui County Code, to eliminate exemptions in the Building Code of the County of Maui

Dear Council Member Cochran.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) has reviewed the above item, which we understand is under consideration by the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee.

The proposed amendment to the Maui County Code §16.26B.101 will eliminate exemptions in the building code to lands within the State Land Use Conservation District. OCCL SUPPORTS THIS MEASURE.

In 2011 our office coordinated updates to Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-5 regarding land uses in the Conservation District in 2011. We believe that the proposed amendments will assist us in implementing our new rules relating to construction activity in the Conservation District, and will assist both the State and the County in better managing our natural resources.

We would also support any proposals to amend the electrical and plumbing codes to eliminate the same exemption.

Sincerely,

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Cain at 587-0048.

Samuel J. Lemmo, Administrator

Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands