

PIA Committee

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To: PIA Committee
Subject: Support of PIA 10(11) for Hawaiian and Environmental Representatives on Planning Commission

Dear Esteemed Members of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee,

I would like to voice my strong support of Elle Cochran's proposal, PIA 10(11), to require Hawaiian cultural and environmental preservation representatives on our planning commissions, as well as a Native Hawaiian law training for all planning commissioners. Such representation will greatly strengthen the County's planning efforts. It will ensure that essential consideration for Hawaiian and environmental impacts of planning committee actions is taken upfront and is made an integral part of the planning process. By integrating these perspectives into the commission, actions will garner greater community support, will be more robust, and will avoid push potential legal and political pushback after the fact.

I would like to express my appreciation for your service to Maui County and ask that you support this forward-thinking motion.

Sincerely,
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