

WR Committee

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Aloha,

PRP would like to submit the attached testimony regarding the Water Availability Policy (WR-19). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo,
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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Council of the County of Maui
Water Resources Committee
Gladys C. Baisa, Committee Chair
Michael P. Victorino, Committee Vice-Chair

Subject: Replacement Water Availability Policy (WR-19)

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
9:00 AM
Council Chamber
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii

Aloha Chair Baisa, Vice-Chair Victorino and members of the Committee:

We appreciate the continued dialogue on WR-19, however, we have strong concerns regarding the proposed bill entitled "A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.12, Maui County Code, Relating to Water Availability."

The proposed bill does not address the need for the development of new water sources and infrastructure to address the planned growth that is included in the adopted Maui Island Plan. The current water availability policy was intended to give the Department of Water Supply (DWS) time to develop additional water sources, but there has been no significant water source or water supply development since the law was implemented.

The county's lack of water source development and the current policy have suppressed housing and development on Maui, similar to the restrictive Residential Workforce Housing ordinance until it was revised to make it more feasible. We need more than place holder numbers from the DWS, we need a definitive proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with you and we humbly ask for favorable consideration.



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