

PIA Committee

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Aloha,

Attached is testimony that I orally delivered for KCA at committee on 9/6/16, as requested by a committee member after I concluded then.

Mahalo,

Mike Moran for KCA

We commend the Council for allowing the citizens, access to all the “background data” on line, much beyond the basic agenda. This reduces the challenges for unpaid volunteers to offer informed testimony.

On the 2 items this morning, overall, we believe this package of legislature requests offered by our County Legislators to our State ones have merit, and while it is our understanding all you can do is make a request, as the decision is made by them, as volunteer community advocates, we believe there is value in offering input to decision makers. That is why we appear at this podium so often.

So this morning our concern is just for one, which appears almost verbatim in both items, #10. which concerns “regional district boundary amendments.”

Our concern is that mass land use changes too often lead to poor planning decisions which may offer entitlements to large landowners. We do not believe it is an overstatement to say our area was poorly planned, or as one professional planner phrased it, Kihei was mostly unplanned. A portion of this was caused by taking segmented areas with vastly varied characteristics in **topography and infrastructure access ignored**, and simply zoned the same for expediency.

One result of this manner of “planning” was filling in and building in wetlands. Thus when heavy rainstorms in Kula cause silt & debris filled mass surges of water to rush down our gulches, without this natural filtering system to hold and cleanse this water, the kai is inundated with this mess to turn it brown and choke our remaining coral reef system.

Further we believe this proposal would weaken, if approved as is by the state ledge, the decision making of the State Land Use Commission. KCA still strongly recalls it was the Commission which halted a poorly planned and seemingly illegal huge commercial development by a mainland developer, which was strongly supported by the County Administration, preventing what now appears would have potentially been a catastrophic build out of a wrong project in a wrong location.

Please rethink item # 10 in your deliberations this morning