

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI  
COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING**

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Chair Cochran and Members of the Maui County Council Infrastructure & Environment  
Management Committee:

I am Grant Chun, testifying on behalf of A&B Properties (A&B) on "A BILL FOR  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE,  
DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING."

The purpose of this bill is to authorize a temporary moratorium on the mining of  
inland sand in Maui County. If enacted, this moratorium will likely have a negative  
impact upon the availability of sand on Maui for various local uses and everyday  
activities. In the local construction industry, sand is often used as granular backfill and  
as an ingredient in masonry mortars/grouts and various concrete products. Sand is also  
utilized in farming, landscaping material and planting mixes along with a variety of uses  
in school and community playgrounds. Golf course maintenance and beach  
replenishment and nourishment are other common uses of inland sand here in Maui  
County. The establishment of a moratorium on sand mining will likely result in the  
cutting off of the local supply of sand for these uses and may have a negative impact on  
these and other related activities.

It is also our understanding that the proposed moratorium on sand mining as  
presently drafted in this bill will negatively impact grading permits issued by Maui  
County. The result will be that lawfully authorized construction grading activities will be

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prohibited should the premises authorized for grading have any amount of inland sand situated upon it. The construction of much needed workforce housing and other community facilities, located on sandy soils within Wailuku-Kahului may be negatively affected by this bill in its present form.

We respectfully request that in lieu of passing this bill that deliberation and discussion continue to consider other options to amicably address this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.