

WAI Committee

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To: WAI Committee
Subject: Ordinance Amending Section 18.20.040, Maui County Code, Relating to Improvements Upon Existing Streets

Alice L. Lee, Chair
and Committee Members
Water & Infrastructure Committee
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

We are Alan and Fran Nago of Kula, Maui, and the Nago family has been farming here in Kula for over 70 years. We are currently in the process of doing a two-lot subdivision for estate planning purposes. Our civil engineer, Kirk Tanaka, made us aware of a proposed bill, WAI-38, now in your committee relating to improvements of existing streets.

We have already received preliminary subdivision approval of a two-lot subdivision and have submitted plans to the County of Maui for final approval. We started the subdivision process 1-1/2 years ago with the understanding that we would be exempt from any road improvements. This proposed new amendment will substantially add to the cost of our project. The original exemption of not requiring road improvements for a subdivision creating two developable lots was meant to assist local families such as ours who are just trying to help our children build homes. Far too many of our young people are being forced to leave Maui due to the lack of affordable housing. This bill is definitely not helping the situation. We are, therefore, asking that you and your committee members not pass this bill or at the very least, consider projects such as ours that are already in the process to be grandfathered-in. We thank you for your consideration.

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