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Maui County Council
Planning & Sustainable Land Use
Chair Tamara Paltin and Committee
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RE: PSLU-74

Aloha Chair Tamara Paltin & Committee Members,

With regard to the State level Department Of Health decisions, yes, the DOH has let us down in the past, I have been absolutely appalled at their ability to make sound decisions. I am glad the Maui District is not endorsing Aloha App. I am fiercely against tracking, especially GPS pushed technology. That being said I appreciate the contributors to the app and the presentation today.

I would impress that the app is able to include multiple flights because the app that the State is using right now only asks incoming flights, not layover flights. I think this is critical. I can use my travel as an example.

Sadly, I am returning from attending my father's death in Sedona AZ. He first went to a Cottonwood ER, was transferred to Phoenix, and shortly returned to Sedona. I came to San Diego to wait it out a bit because Cottonwood and Phoenix were once the hottest spots in the United States. San Diego is now the hottest spot.

In San Diego, you can only receive free tests if you are a resident. My insurance only covers ER visits while on travel. I finally got permission from a family's doctor to conduct a test. Layover and connecting flights are critical for tracking. I am a perfect candidate for someone who would gladly volunteer the tracking data.

I cheer Maui District DOH in making proactive steps, I'm in agreement that it should not be limited to the only app. Please stay firm if that is the Maui District position statement.

I will repeat my concern that the state auditor Mr. Condo is not able to access requested emails between the DOH and the Governor. In this aspect, we need boots on the ground and I applaud Maui

County for taking independent lead in proactive steps and not waiting for the State to try, fail, and thus recover.

Chair, I would kindly request that all information shared today, the summary perhaps that Council member Molina has requested, be included as a physical mail out, bulletin-board style, to all safety officers, including firefighters, police department, and jail warden. This information will help them protocolized this area that they are presently amiss.

I echo Stephanie Ohigashi comments regarding kupuna privacy and flip phones, please make sure alternatives are available. There also needs to be the ability to use the same email address for more than one contact tracing specifically for older couples who share email addresses and for those helping kupuna. Site contact tracing is a great idea! I am so proud of UH Maui College and the things I've just learned by her testimony.

Thank you Councilmember Molina for the mention of providing devices for those who need, this is the digital divide that the organization Share Your Mana speaks to and I believe has a grant in the Que specific to this.

I trust the Chair Paltin will do as suggested by Ms. Ohigashi and reach out to Virginia, which sounds proactive as well.

Sincerely,

Faith Chase