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Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hi 96793

For transmittal to:

Honorable Shane M. Sinenci Chair, Environmental, Agriculture, and Cultural Preservation Committee And Council Committee Members Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hi 96793

Dear Chair Sinenci:

Subject: VISITOR IMPACTS TO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL RESOURCES (EACP-6)

Thank you for allowing me to comment and suggest revisions on the proposed resolution entitled "URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ASSESSMENT AND REOUIRE GRANT RECIPIENTS TO INCORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTION STEPS.

The following are the comments and suggestions:

1) Title of Resolution

Please refer to the communication from the Office of Economic Development Director, Ms. Kay Fukumoto, regarding her suggestions on the title of the resolution. I believe we are currently in the process of conducting a Tourism Assessment.

2) Whereas #7: A visitor guide should be distributed with existing Department of Agriculture forms on inbound flights, including:

Safety and environmental information

A directory of volunteer opportunities, and

A pledge, to be signed and submitted, to enjoy Hawaii while being mindful of the islands' sensitive environmental and cultural resources; and

My recommendation is: to work with the Airlines Committee of Hawaii and the Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) to see if a pledge could be added to the current form or via various entertainment devices.

3) Be it resolved Number 1: the current section reads:

That it urges the Administration of Mayor Michael P. Victorino to conduct a sustainable tourism assessment for Maui County, giving due consideration to the factual and policy considerations listed above:

My recommendation is: That it urges the Administration of Mayor Michael P. Victorino to continue the visitor industry assessment process that has begun, to ensure that the county continues to examine solutions, recommendations and funding to act upon those items deemed to be of importance to our culture, environment and community values.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my comments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 808-270-3188.

Sincerely,

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Community Liaison (Tourism)