COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

| November 10, 2020 | Committee | |
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Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Climate Action and Resilience Committee, having met on May 18, 2020, and October 21, 2020, makes reference to County Communication 20-15, from Council Chair Kelly Takaya King, relating to an entity to coordinate climate action, including mitigation and adaptation.

At its meeting of May 18, 2020, your Committee received a presentation from the Environmental Coordinator from the Office of the Mayor and Managing Director on the Administration's actions and plans to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Your Committee was informed about resiliency hubs, the County of Maui Resiliency Strategy, the Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard, and virtual environmental initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At its meeting of October 21, 2020, your Committee discussed local climate action with Rita Ryan, Pro Tempore Chair of the Climate Action and Advisory Group, a local advocacy organization.

Ms. Ryan said the organization was formed in early 2020 to advise your Committee and other Maui County entities in conjunction with other local environmental groups, like the Climate Reality Project and Sierra Club.

Your Committee recommended the organization work in partnership with other counties and look to past policies for inspiration on future initiatives. Your Committee also suggested the organization could collaborate with the new Moloka'i Renewable Energy Cooperative.

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Your Committee notes there is no pending legislative action associated with County Communication 20-15.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members Kama, Lee, Paltin, and Rawlins-Fernandez voted "aye." Committee member Hokama was excused.

Your Climate Action and Resilience Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication 20-15 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

KELLY TAKAYA KING, Chair

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