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FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Kelly T. King, Chair Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair King:

SUBJECT: REQUIRING LARGE, NEW HOMES TO BE ZERO NET ENERGY HOMES (CARE-42)

In response to your request for comments on the proposed bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.16B.R401.2, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE FOR LARGE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS", we offer the following:

- The Department suggests adding language to the bill to identify the purpose of the proposed amendment.
- Achieving an energy rating index (ERI) score of zero is possible, but may require a significant up-front financial investment. In order to achieve a netzero ERI score, a home would need to produce its own energy through renewable resources. Per R406, the dwelling will still need to be constructed with all energy efficient construction materials and methods in

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R401 through R404. One of the benefits of a Net Zero home is that home owners may see a reduction in their energy bills.

- Provide additional language to clarify whether or not garages, covered decks or lanais are covered within the 5,000 square foot threshold.
- This requirement may have an impact on local multi-generational families wanting to build a home over 5,000 square feet.
- The Department is open to a discussion on how the County of Maui can encourage the construction of more homes that consume as much energy as they produce onsite through renewable resources.

Please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7845 should you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely.

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Director of Public Works

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