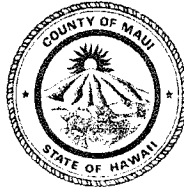


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August 16, 2021

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

Dear Councilmember Chair King and Members:

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
BILL REQUIRING LARGE, NEW HOMES TO BE NET-ZERO ENERGY
HOMES (CARE-42)**

The revised 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" is a positive step towards improving the energy efficiency of our residential housing stock across Maui County, thereby reducing our environmental impacts as they relate to contributions to climate change associated with residential energy use as well as reducing the cost of home ownership as it relates to home energy costs. Targeting new one- or two-family residential buildings over 5,000 square feet to be net zero energy homes is a good approach to piloting a future net-zero energy pathway for all residential buildings, and eventually commercial buildings as well.

I recommend that, in the further development and refinement of CARE-42, the Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment (CARE) Committee work closely with our County Energy Commissioner, as well as with our Department of Public Works, Development Services Administration that has a representative who serves on the Hawaii State Building Code Council.

In accordance with HRS 107-24, the Hawaii State Building Code Council adopted on December 15, 2020 that no later than December 15, 2022, each county in the State of Hawai'i must amend and adopt the 2018 International

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Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and attached amendments to the code, in accordance with HRS 107-28(a). This will require an update to Maui County Code Chapter 16.16B Energy Code. The CARE Committee should take into consideration upcoming Maui County Code updates to Chapter 16.16B as they relate to the adoption of the 2018 IECC in its deliberations regarding CARE-42.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael P. Victorino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor, County of Maui