

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 21, 2001

**Committee**  
**Report No.**

01-143

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Recreation Committee, having met on August 1, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-178, from Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, transmitting a request from members of the Waiehu community for bathroom and shower facilities at Waiehu Beach Park, a County-owned park.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Chief of Planning and Development for the Department of Parks and Recreation, the First Deputy Corporation Counsel, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received testimony from one individual representing the Oceanview Estates at Waiehu Homeowners Association, formerly known as the Leisure Estates Homeowners Association, who stated his concerns about adding bathroom and shower facilities at the park. The testifier stated that the homeowners do not support the addition of the facilities for fear that it may encourage loitering and drug abuse in the area.

The Chief of Planning and Development (Chief) provided an overview of the matter. He stated that Waiehu Beach Park is a narrow strip of land with erosion problems. He further stated that there are specific development constraints because of the sand dunes that exist throughout the beach park and because of its close proximity to the ocean. As a result of the park's location, there would be a need for a variance to build within the 40-foot-setback requirement. Therefore, the Department is not in favor of the request.

In response to an inquiry from your Committee, the Chief clarified that bathroom and shower facilities are available at the nearby Waihee Beach Park.

As a result, your Committee voted to file the communication.

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Your Parks and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication No. 01-178 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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