

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 2, 2001

Committee
Report No.

01-215

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 September 19, 2001 and October 17, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-153, from the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, requesting consideration of Chapter 2.38, Maui County Code, relating to renaming streets, parks, and facilities.

By correspondence dated August 24, 2001, your Committee Chair requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel provide a legal opinion and a proposed bill relating to the installation of plaques at County parks and facilities.

By correspondence dated September 17, 2001, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.38, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES". The purpose of the proposed bill is to strengthen the criteria used by the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities to name parks and facilities, especially as it relates to naming such facilities after a person or an organization and further, to permit the installation of commemorative plaques at such facilities in-lieu of naming or renaming parks or facilities.

At its meeting of September 19, 2001, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee expressed concerns about certain provisions in the proposed bill that would require an individual or organization being recognized to have an association with a County park or facility for over 30 years. Your Committee further expressed concerns about the requirement that the individual or organization must have made "contributions to programs in the region". Your

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Committee felt that the reference to "programs" was too vague, and therefore, requested that this provision be deleted from the proposed bill.

Your Committee noted that after a park or facility is named on behalf of an individual or organization, it is not always clear on what basis the honor was made. Your Committee recommended that the installation of plaques be considered instead, which will provide a brief history of the person or group being recognized.

In response to your Committee's concerns, the Deputy Corporation Counsel recommended revising the proposed bill to delete references to the 30-year association with a County park or facility; delete the word "programs" from "contributions to programs in the region"; and add language that would allow the installation of plaques at parks and facilities to provide a brief description of the individual or organization being honored.

Your Committee requested that the proposed bill be revised to include your Committee's recommendations, and deferred the matter pending review of the proposed bill by the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities, and the Director of Public Works and Waste Management.

By correspondence dated September 21, 2001, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.38, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES" containing your Committee's recommended revisions. The purpose of the revised proposed bill is to strengthen the criteria used by the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities to name parks and facilities, especially as it relates to naming such facilities after a person or an organization and further, to permit the installation of commemorative plaques, in addition to or in-lieu of naming or renaming parks or facilities.

By correspondence dated September 27, 2001, your Committee Chair transmitted the revised proposed bill to the Chair of the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities for review and comment.

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By correspondence dated September 27, 2001, your Committee Chair transmitted the revised proposed bill to the Director of the Department of Public Works and Waste Management for review and comment.

By correspondence dated October 8, 2001, the Director of Public Works and Waste Management stated that his Department has no substantive comments regarding the revised proposed bill.

At its meeting of October 17, 2001, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation; the Chair of the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Chair of the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities stated that because of a lack of a quorum, the Commission has been unable to meet over the last four months. However, the Commission Chair indicated that he reviewed the revised proposed bill and was very pleased with the proposed revisions.

In response to an inquiry by your Committee, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the costs for installation and materials for the plaques have not been determined; however, he stated that the Department will develop a uniform standard for the plaques.

Your Committee also noted that the Department of Parks and Recreation should pursue local organizations that may be willing to contribute towards the cost for the installation and maintenance of such plaques.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the revised proposed bill and filing of the communication.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2001), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.38, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES" PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT; and

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2. That County Communication No. 01-153 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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