

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
(HUMAN SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)
Council of the County of Maui

Meeting Agenda

March 5, 2002
9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, 8th Floor
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DESCRIPTION: At its meeting of January 10, 2002, the Maui County Council's Human Services and Economic Development Committee established the Subcommittee on Communications Infrastructure. The objectives of the Subcommittee are to:

1. propose a comprehensive County telecommunications ordinance;
2. study relevant Federal, State, County, and private regulations and agreements; including joint pole and franchise agreements, antenna siting policies, and institutional network planning;
3. discuss the use, regulation, and management of public rights-of-way in order to mitigate negative impacts and maximize public benefits;

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4. research options to amend or renegotiate the use, regulation, and management of public rights-of-way and to assess the public service benefits relating to communications infrastructure; and
5. transmit recommendations to the Human Services and Economic Development Committee for further deliberation.

The Subcommittee is in receipt of a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS", from Chair Molina. The purpose of the proposed bill is to minimize the construction of new wireless communications towers by establishing a policy to encourage the shared use of existing towers ("co-location"). At its meetings of February 5 and February 25, 2002, the Subcommittee deferred consideration of this item pending further discussion. The Subcommittee will hear from various governmental representatives, as well as the private sector, regarding the current status of communications infrastructure. The Subcommittee may also consider whether to recommend passage of the draft bill, with or without revisions. The Subcommittee may also consider other related action.

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