

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

Meeting Agenda

**Date: May 31, 2002 (9:00 a.m.) [Council Chamber, 8th Floor, Kalana O Maui Bldg.,
200 South High Street, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i]**

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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;
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

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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 draft bill is to minimize the construction of new wireless communications towers by establishing a policy to encourage the shared use of existing towers. The Subcommittee is also in receipt of a draft bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.26 AND TITLE 19, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES", from the Department of the Corporation Counsel. The purpose of the draft bill, is to amend Chapter 16.26 and Title 19 of the Maui County Code to: 1) amend the Uniform Building Code to establish procedures for the placement, construction or modification of telecommunication towers and related facilities; and 2) minimize the number of transmission towers throughout the County; 3) encourage the collocation of telecommunication facilities; 4) encourage the use of existing buildings, light or utility poles or water towers as opposed to construction of new telecommunication towers; 5) recognize the need of telecommunication providers to build out their systems over time; and 6) ensure that all telecommunication facilities, including towers, antennas, and ancillary facilities are located and designed to minimize the visual impact on the immediate surroundings and throughout the County, and minimize public inconvenience and disruption.

STATUS:

The Subcommittee has met previously and deferred consideration of this item pending further discussion. The Subcommittee may consider whether to recommend passage of either draft bill, with or without revisions. The Subcommittee may also consider other related action.