

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
**PUBLIC WORKS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

March 1, 2002

**Committee
Report No.**

02-29

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee, having met on February 13, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-130, from Councilmember Robert Carroll, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPEED HUMPS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to increase the percentage of property owners required to consent to the installation of speed humps from 60 percent to 80 percent.

By correspondence dated August 9, 2001, your Committee Chair requested that the Maui County Traffic Safety Council review and comment on the proposed bill.

By correspondence dated December 3, 2001, the Chair of the Maui County Traffic Safety Council (TSC) informed your Committee that the TSC concurs with the proposed amendment to increase the percentage of property owners required to consent to the installation of speed humps from 60 percent to 80 percent.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, a Deputy Corporation Counsel, and a Lieutenant from the Department of Police.

The Director of Public Works and Waste Management provided a brief overview of the matter.

The Lieutenant indicated that because there are property owners who may not reside on the property, soliciting such a high percentage of owners to consent to the installation of speed humps may be difficult.

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In addition, the Lieutenant asserted that he has heard comments relating to the negative impact of speed humps on emergency vehicles and patients requiring emergency services. However, as far as the Department of Police is concerned, speed humps have been effective in decreasing vehicular speed.

Your Committee expressed concern about the increase in response time for emergency personnel due to the proliferation of speed humps. Your Committee also expressed concern about the impact of speed humps on fire trucks and patients requiring emergency services. However, because other traffic-calming measures, such as modifications to the design of roads, are now being considered, your Committee voted to recommend the passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill incorporating a nonsubstantive revision to change the date of the bill from 2001 to 2002.

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2002), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPEED HUMPS", **PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT**; and
2. That County Communication No. 01-130 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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