

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PLANNING COMMITTEE

December 3, 2010

Committee
Report No. _____

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on November 15, 2010, makes reference to County Communication No. 10-30, from Councilmember Sol P. Kaho`ohalahala, relating to the matter of agricultural impact fees.

The communication stated that the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses can lead to the following negative impacts: loss of food security, failure to fulfill the State Constitution's mandate for the conservation and preservation of agricultural lands, failure to fulfill General Plan mandates, and increased infrastructure costs and environmental impacts. The communication further noted that revenues from the proposed agricultural impact fees could be used to purchase agricultural easements, conservation easements, or other property interests to conserve and preserve agricultural land. After obtaining such interests, the County could convey them to an appropriate land trust or conservation entity.

Your Committee discussed the possible merits of implementing agricultural impact fees. Your Committee noted that Section 46-141, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes an elaborate process for establishing impact fees, including the enactment of an enabling ordinance and the commissioning of a needs assessment study.

Your Committee concluded that this matter warrants further study in the upcoming term.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend referral of County Communication No. 10-30 to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2011. Committee Chair Kaho`ohalahala, Vice-Chair Johnson, and members Baisa, Molina, and Victorino voted "aye". Committee members Medeiros and Nishiki were excused.

Your Planning Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 10-30 be **REFERRED** to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2011.

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This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of the Council.



SOL P. KAHO'OHALAHALA, Chair

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