

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**LAND USE COMMITTEE**

August 23, 2011

**Committee  
Report No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Land Use Committee, having met on August 3, 2011, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-57, from the Planning Director, transmitting the Molokai Planning Commission's recommendation for denial of a Council-initiated Community Plan Amendment from Conservation to Park for property situated at Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai, Hawaii (TMK: 5-1-02:012).

Your Committee notes that the Commission's recommendation is in response to Resolution No. 02-130, entitled "REFERRING A PROPOSED BILL RELATING TO A COMMUNITY PLAN LAND USE AMENDMENT AT HALE O LONO HARBOR TO THE MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION". The purpose of Resolution No. 02-130 is to refer a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOLOKAI COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE MAP FROM CONSERVATION TO PARK FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HALE O LONO HARBOR, MOLOKAI, HAWAII" to the Molokai Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Molokai Community Plan and Land Use Map from Conservation to Park, for approximately 25 acres of land owned by the State of Hawaii, at Hale O Lono Harbor, Maunaloa, Molokai, Hawaii.

Your Committee notes that one of the objectives of the Molokai Community Plan (2001) is to develop land around Hale O Lono Harbor for park and recreational uses. According to Resolution No. 02-130, adopted on September 24, 2002, the State was willing to convey control of the property to the County. In the Department of Planning's Report to the Molokai Planning Commission, the Department noted that the State had no plans of its own to develop the property.

Resolution No. 02-130 further indicated that designating the property as Park in the Molokai Community Plan would facilitate community planning and, if necessary, a State land use district boundary amendment and change in zoning.

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According to the Department of Planning, the Molokai Planning Commission agonized over the decision, and expressed concern about the disrepair of the facilities at Hale O Lono Harbor. However, they were more concerned that a Park designation in the Community Plan could result in an increase of unwanted development of the area. Although the Molokai Planning Commission recommended denial of the Community Plan Amendment, it encouraged the establishment of a community committee to create a plan and cost estimates for minimal improvements at Hale O Lono Harbor.

Your Committee notes that eight years have passed since the Molokai Planning Commission transmitted its recommendation to the Council, and the concerns related to Hale O Lono Harbor appear to remain unresolved.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Carroll and members Baisa, Cochran, Couch, Hokama, Mateo, and Pontanilla voted "aye". Committee Vice-Chair White and member Victorino were excused.

Your Land Use Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 03-57 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



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ROBERT CARROLL, Chair