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Council of the County of Maui

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INITIATIVE PETITION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS

DESCRIPTION: The Committee is in receipt of County Communication 14-166, from the County Clerk, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE CULTIVATION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS". The communication also notifies the Council a sufficient number of valid signatures had been obtained via petition to require Council consideration of the bill, pursuant to Section 11-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), and that the petition was determined sufficient on June 6, 2014. The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Maui County Code by adding provisions to place a moratorium on the cultivation and testing of genetically engineered organisms within the County of Maui.

STATUS: In accordance with relevant portions of Section 11-6 of the Charter, if the Council fails to enact a proposed ordinance without change in substance within 60 days after the date the petition was finally determined sufficient, or by August 5, 2014, the County Clerk shall submit the proposed ordinance to the voters of the County at the next general election; provided that, if the next general election is scheduled to occur within 90 days, the County Clerk shall submit the proposed ordinance to the voters at the succeeding general election. The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading, without change in substance. The Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication 14-166 and other related action.

NOTE: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee.