

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 16, 2007

Committee
Report No.

07-132

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on October 30, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 06-117, from Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUSPEND THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNTIL THE GENERAL PLAN IS UPDATED". The purpose of the proposed resolution is to urge the Administration to suspend approval of residential developments in agricultural districts, at least until the new General Plan is enacted.

Your Committee notes that the Council (2005-2007 Council term) referred County Communication No. 06-117 to its Planning Committee at the Council meeting of April 21, 2006.

At its meeting of November 27, 2006, the Planning Committee recommended that County Communication No. 06-117 be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2007, for a recommendation as to referral or other disposition.

At its meeting of January 5, 2007, the Council referred County Communication No. 06-117 to your Planning Committee (County Communication No. 07-5).

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Planning Director, the Director of Public Works, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received two written testimonies in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Your Committee received public testimony from eight people who raised concerns about whether existing County policies and practices are adequately protecting agricultural land.

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Your Committee noted that the proposed resolution would have no legal effect. Your Committee further noted that the merits of any possible development moratorium would be more appropriately and usefully discussed in the context of deliberations on a proposed bill to officially establish a moratorium.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Planning Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication No. 06-117 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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