

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

July 6, 2007

**Committee**  
**Report No.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 07-57 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair and Members:

Your Land Use Committee, having met on June 20, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-176, from Councilmember Michael J. Molina, transmitting a request for an orientation workshop to be conducted by the Department of Planning.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Planning Director; three Planners, Department of Planning; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

Your Committee received a computer-generated presentation from the Department of Planning, along with a printout of the presentation. The presentation covered overviews of the planning framework, the comprehensive zoning ordinance (Title 19, Maui County Code), coastal zone management, environmental assessments and impact statements, and the application process for community plan amendments and changes in zoning.

Your Committee discussed various components of the presentation and the planning process, including the preparation of environmental assessments, the process involved in notifying the public of public hearings, the timeline for processing of typical applications, concerns regarding coastal zone management and beach access, guidelines that apply to historic districts, when it may be appropriate for the Council or the Planning Director to initiate a community plan amendment, and the level of independent analysis in Departmental reports.

Your Committee questioned the regularity with which environmental assessments and impact statements are prepared by the applicant or the applicant's consultants, as opposed to an independent entity, noting that these documents are intended to present unbiased information and disclose all aspects of a project. The Planning Director noted that the Department would evaluate the issue.

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Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Land Use Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication  
No. 07-176 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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