

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

December 20, 2005

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

05-178

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on November 28, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-268, from Councilmember Dain P. Kane, transmitting a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A WATER ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN". The purpose of the draft bill is to require that the General Plan include an element that assesses and discusses water supply, demand, and quality. County Communication No. 05-268 states: "Academic commentators and public officials from across the nation have increasingly recognized the importance of including a water element in general plans, helping to ensure that water and land use planning are consistent and integrated."

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

Your Committee received public testimony from Dr. Glenn Shepherd, who advocated for better water planning. Dr. Shepherd transmitted a document providing data about the Waiehu Deep Monitor Well on Maui.

Your Committee noted that the draft bill would amend Chapter 2.80B, Maui County Code, entitled "GENERAL PLAN AND COMMUNITY PLANS", by specifying that the General Plan shall include a water element, which "shall assess and discuss water supply, demand, and quality". The Planning Director advised that the Department of Planning is preparing to commence the process for updating the General Plan, pursuant to Chapter 2.80B. He expressed support for the draft bill and noted that its enactment would emphasize the importance of coordinating water and land use planning. Your Committee noted that water issues are of major concern throughout the County and stated its policy position that the General Plan should include a water element.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the draft bill and filing of the communication.

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Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A WATER ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN", incorporating technical revisions to the draft bill.

Your Planning Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1.     That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2005), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A WATER ELEMENT IN THE GENERAL PLAN", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
  
2.     That County Communication No. 05-268 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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