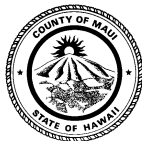


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TO: The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 1, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 329,
RELATING TO LAND USE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to allow counties to submit general plans to the state Land Use Commission for review and to request land use district boundary amendments in conformance with those plans.

This measure is included the 2017 Maui County Council legislative package. Therefore, I submit this testimony on behalf of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. State law requires counties to adopt general plans and update them on a regular basis, but there is no specific provision for the counties to seek district boundary amendments for lands identified for reclassification in updated general plans.
2. Allowing the counties to petition the State Land Use Commission for regional district boundary amendments needed after adoption of updates to county general plans would ensure that recommendations made in the plan are processed in an orderly, efficient, and timely manner.
3. Maui County is in the process of updating its community plans. This measure will help streamline the daunting process involved, promote efficiency in government and save taxpayer dollars.

Mahalo for your consideration.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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