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Aloha,

In support of Rob Weltman's written testimony (attached) we would like to suggest language to be considered for adopted along the lines of:

"Support the conversion of cesspools to septic tanks or a regional wastewater treatment system primarily in Maalaea and Maui Meadows by 2035 as recommended by the State's Cesspool Conversion Working Group. Explore the use of state and county grants, as well as a County Improvement District, to help finance the conversions."

Would also like to note the following regarding cesspools in South Maui:

- The Maui Nui Marine Resources Council has specifically identified Maui Meadows as a leading cause of nearshore water impairment near Keawakapu Beach.
- Also, the use of an Improvement District (Maui County Code 14.36) could accelerate getting Maui Meadows into the County's wastewater system.
- In addition, The Department of Health has announced a pilot cesspool grant program to assist qualified property owners upgrading or converting their cesspools or connecting to available sewage system. This was established via Act 153 (2022). Grants primarily focus on cesspools within zones 1 and 2 in nearshore environments. The link to the application for the Cesspool Pilot Grant Program (CPGP): <https://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/home/ccpgp/>

Mahalo,

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