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I am in full support of the passing of HB116 relating to Medical Enterprise Zones, particularly as it pertains to the development of healing centers in West Maui. With the recent increase in traffic as a result of newly erected hotels and separate family housing, it is nearly impossible to get from our home in Honokowai to the Maui Medical Center in Wailuku in less than 56 minutes. My husband has asthma, and I have had to take him to the hospital on two occasions in desperate need of medical assistance. I once required an ambulance to go to the hospital from the Maui Medical Center in Lahaina because of a suspected heart attack, and it even took 30-35 minutes to get me there. This situation is getting very desperate for the influx of people residing here as well as the increase in tourist activity lately. Even one death as a result of inadequate medical treatment for an individual on West Maui would make it an intolerable situation. I hope all the visitors to West Maui, as well as its residents, are taken into consideration in establishing the need for the West Maui Hospital, especially when my children come from the mainland to visit me and are in need of urgent medical care.

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