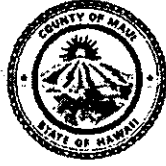


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Statement of Michele McLean  
Maui County Deputy Planning Director

Please accept this testimony in conditional support of HB 917. The proposed bill would exempt state and county highway projects from county permitting requirements, and would exempt state airports and highway projects from Special Management Area permitting requirements.

The County of Maui supports the overall intent of the bill to streamline and facilitate the construction of public infrastructure improvements. However, this support is conditioned upon the County providing expedited design review of such projects. The County would like to retain the authority to provide administrative review of engineering, coastal hazard, community plan and other important standards; if this authority were retained, the County would pledge to expedite such review in keeping with the proposed bill's intent.

With the modification described above, the County of Maui could give its full support to HB 917. Thank you for your consideration.

**LATE TESTIMONY**