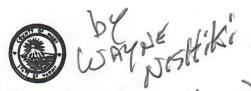
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May 29, 1990

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Honorable Goro Hokama, Chairman and members of the Council County of Maui Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members:

As some of you may be aware, Hawaiian sea turtles are on the endangered species list. Although the sea turtles are protected under state law and under the federal Endangered Species Act, we still need to provide an environment safe from harm to alow these creaters to continue to live and multiply in the Hawaiian waters. From my understanding there are no beaches or peserves here on Maui exclusively used for the purpose of breeding and nesting which are protected from public access.

I have been contacted by Mr. Glen Pahaana, who represents the residents of the mokulea beach area (slaughter house). According to Mr. Pahaana, people have been wittnessing turtles coming onto the shore at night in that area. The concerns from these people compell me to ask that the county research the possibility of protecting these creaters in their natural habitat by providing them with suitable nesting and breeding areas here on Maui.

I have attached a petition of concerned citizens which was circulated one afternoon by Glen Paahana.

I would appreciate your placing this item on the next Council agenda for referral to the appropriate committee for additional reseach and discussion. Please have staff contact Mr. Glen Paahana at 83 Hoolai Street, Makawao, 96768 and a representative from the National Marine Fisheries Service. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the State's Department of Land & Natural Resources along with the National Marine Fisheries Service have formed a Recovery Team. A member from this organization would be very helpful..

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Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Nishiki Councilmember

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