

eComments Report 08-10-2026

Summary of public comments submitted through the County of Maui eComment portal

Committee	Housing and Land Use Committee (2025-2027)
Meeting	August 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. HST
Agenda item	HLU-17: Bills 89 (2026), 90 (2026) and 91 (2026)
Subject	District Boundary Amendment, Community Plan Amendment and Change in Zoning for a 6.097-acre portion of TMK (2) 2-7-007:008, Hāmākualoa, Hawai'i (Ha'ikū Fire Station)

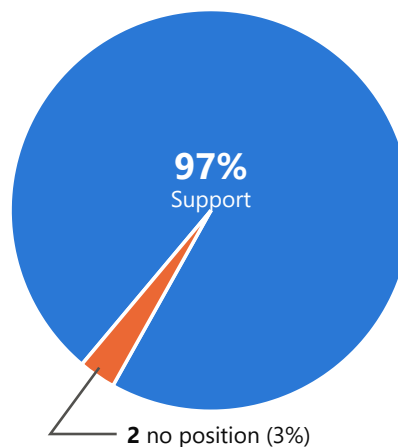
POSITIONS SUBMITTED

POSITION	COMMENTS	SHARE
☒ Support	65	97.0%
☒ No position selected	2	3.0%
☐ Oppose	0	0.0%
☐ Neutral	0	0.0%
Total public comments	67	100%

67 of 67 comments support the rezoning.
No comment was submitted in opposition.

The two unlabeled comments. Two commenters submitted testimony without selecting a position in the portal. The text of both asks the Committee to support the Ha'ikū Fire Station, so all 67 comments in the record are supportive.

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Response times. Commenters described Ha'ikū, Huelo and Kē'anae being served from Pa'ia and Makawao, roughly six and eight miles out, with reported arrival times of 20 to 45 minutes at the edge of the district.

Coverage gaps. When the Pa'ia engine is committed to another call, a brush fire, a mountain rescue or a medical, the next available unit comes from farther away.

Geography. Rural terrain, steep gulches, heavy rainfall and narrow roads that flood or become blocked by downed trees were cited repeatedly.

Growth. Commenters pointed to sustained population growth on the North Shore outpacing current emergency coverage.

Service standard. Several cited the national four-minute response standard and noted that fewer than one third of Maui County residents live within four minutes of a fire station today.

Long delay. Many described the station as overdue, referring to a need identified 17 to 20 years ago.

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Submitted for the Housing and Land Use Committee meeting of August 24, 2026 (reconvened from 7/29/2026 and 8/10/2026), Agenda Item HLU-17.

Method and source. All 67 public comments posted to the HLU-17 agenda item for the August 10, 2026 meeting were retrieved from maucounty.granicusideas.com on August 22, 2026 and counted individually. Position counts are the portal's own position labels as displayed with each comment; no comment carried an Oppose or Neutral label. The total shown here matches the total reported by the portal. Themes above are a qualitative summary of the comment text, not a vote count.