

**TESTIMONY –
MAY 19, 2020
CPAC BLUEJEANS MEETING – 10:00 AM
POLICY – CLIMATE CHANGE and SEA LEVEL RISE
COMMENTS**

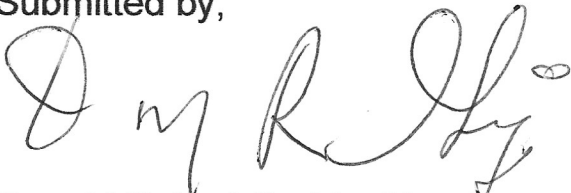
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Section 2.1.1 – 2.1.5, page 37.**

The Sea Level Rise Vulnerability & Adaptation Report produced in 2017 is an engineering report that utilizes a planning threshold of 3.2 foot (SLR-XA) of sea level rise in the West Maui Community Plan. This is not a scientific report and does not cite sufficient scientific evidence to support this sea level rise. The Hawaii sea level rise over the past 117 years has totaled 6.686 inches or 0.057 inches each year.

Under “Policies – Climate Change and Sea Level Rise” in Section 2.1.1 thru 2.1.5 several proposals are made to respond to this 3.2 foot increase in sea level rise.

It must be pointed out that there is insufficient scientific evidence in this engineering study to support this 3.2 foot sea level rise. Should the Planning Department adopt any of these proposals listed in Policy Sections 2.1.1 – 2.1.5 it could be very costly to Maui County when there is insufficient scientific evidence to support these policy suggestions.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Gerbig", written in a cursive style.

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