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Governor's Maui Advisory Committee

Aloha,

The Wailea Community Association and it's more than 1,500 members, including 6 hotels, support any effort to stop the practice of legally dumping tour boat waste into the ocean.

For years community organizations and even the boat owners themselves have requested proper facilities at Ma'alaea Harbor to accommodate the pumping of waste. Our island's reputation and health is at stake, and we must take action now. Although funds and plans for a permanent harbor facility are moving forward it could be years before they become a reality. There is a viable temporary solution, using pumper trucks to facilitate the pumping out of boat waste systems. In order to make this happen in a timely manner, the State must take an active role in paying for the trucks. Boat owners will be spending approximately \$2,000 on average to retrofit their boats for pumping and have already agreed to an increase of 50% in their State fees or approximately \$1.5 million. It makes sense that a portion of that increase should be used right here on Maui for the pumping of tour boats.

Please let the Governor know that this is a serious issue with the Wailea community as well as the entire Maui community. It is time to correct a potentially damaging practice that is no longer acceptable.

For the Association,

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