

**ARE YOU TIRED OF PAYING HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES
TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE NEW DEVELOPMENT?**

With each new development, there is an increase in traffic, solid waste, and wastewater, and in the demand for police, fire and emergency services and parks for recreation. Currently, we pay for the infrastructure capacity increases needed to meet these demands with our property taxes, OR in places of explosive growth, like Kohala, Kona and Puna, adequate public facilities are NOT being provided and we suffer with crawling traffic, overcrowded schools, inadequate emergency services and hospitals and not enough park space to allow residents enough recreational opportunities or places for kids to play sports and stay out of trouble.

An **impact fee ordinance** is a County law imposing a charge on new development to pay for the construction or expansion of off-site capital improvements that are necessitated by and benefit the new development. Hawaii state law allows the counties to adopt impact fee ordinances and requires that **impact fees must be spent in the benefit districts in which the new development is occurring and the impact fees are collected**.

In the absence of a Hawaii County impact fee ordinance:

It costs Hawaii County taxpayers **\$21,000** to replace the capacity in our island's **State and County major road system** that is consumed by the traffic generated by each new **single family dwelling**. It costs us \$4,800 for replacing capacity in only major County roads.

It costs Hawaii County taxpayers **\$5,000,000** to replace the capacity in our island's **State and County major road system** that is consumed by the traffic generated by each new 140,000 square foot **Wal-Mart or Costco**. It costs us \$1,100,000 for replacing capacity in only major County roads.

If you consider major County roads (but not State roads), parks, fire/emergency medical services, police and solid waste (but not water or wastewater), it costs Hawaii County taxpayers \$8,700 to replace the capacity in our island's public facilities that is consumed by the demand on those facilities generated by each new single family dwelling.

If you consider major County roads (but not State roads), fire/emergency medical services and police (but not parks, water, wastewater or solid waste), it costs Hawaii County taxpayers \$1,500,000 to replace the capacity in our island's public facilities that is consumed by the demand on those facilities generated by each new 140,000 square foot Wal-Mart or Costco.

If you would prefer that your property taxes not be used to subsidize new development, please contact your Hawaii County elected officials **by October 7, 2008**, and urge them to approve **Bill 324**:

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You may also testify at 3 pm via videoconferencing at Waimea Council Office at the Holomua Center. Learn more about impact fees and adequate public facilities (concurrency) ordinances at **www.ReasonToVote.org** or call Bob Hunter at 885-4194

**PLEASE SUPPORT COUNTY BILL 324
AND REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR A MAYOR WHO SUPPORTS IMPACT FEES**