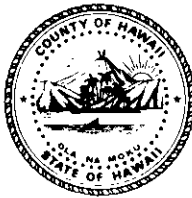


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September 20, 2000

Honorable James Y. Arakaki, Chairman
Hawaii County Council
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Chairman Arakaki,

SUBJECT: Bill 220, Comm. 687, Relating to Exceptional Trees
(Gardenia Remyi – TMK 2-3-29:02 Waianuenue Avenue &
Monkey Pod Tree – 2-6-12:10 Alae Cemetery)

Attached is a copy of a letter, dated August 23, 2000, from Department of Parks & Recreation Director J. Tulang to the Arborist Advisory Committee requesting that the Monkey Pod Tree at Alae Cemetery not be recommended for Exceptional Tree status due to impacts from the tree's root system on surrounding grave sites. As you know, the Council's Planning Committee addressed Bill 220 when this specific issue was raised. Subsequently, action was deferred on the bill pending discussion between the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Arborist Advisory Committee and the Hilo Outdoor Circle to determine what, if any, alternatives could resolve this situation.

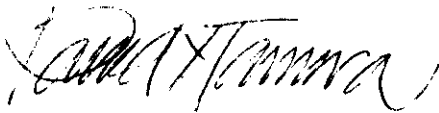
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Based on Director Tulang's letter, the Arborist Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the County Council amend Bill 220 by deleting any reference to the Monkey Pod Tree at Alae Cemetery and approve the Gardenia Remyi Tree for Exceptional Tree designation.

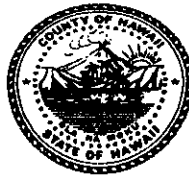
Thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Tamura", written in a cursive style.

David Tamura
Chair, Arborist Advisory Committee

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August 23, 2000

Arborist Advisory Committee
Planning Department
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Re: Exceptional Tree Designation of Monkeypod Tree at Alae Cemetery

Dear Chairman and Members:

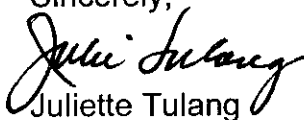
We have concerns about the monkeypod tree being designated as an Exceptional Tree, per Chapter 14, Article 10, Hawaii County Code.

Admittedly, the subject tree has aesthetic value. However, its root system impacts surrounding grave sites and, at some future date, a decision will have to be made to either remove or relocate the tree or relocate the affected grave sites. Root pruning does not appear to be a solution to the problem.

For the above reason, we are requesting that the subject tree not be recommended for Exceptional Tree status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Juliette Tulang
Director

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