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**From:** Amber Coutsos <execasst@mauichamber.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1 Testimony for Friday 042117  
**Attachments:** FY2018 BF-1 Mayor's Budget Testimony 042017.pdf

**Importance:** High

Aloha,

I have attached Pamela Tumpap's testimony for the Budget & Finance Committee meeting on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm on the proposed Mayor's Budget FY2018.

She will be in attendance at the meeting tomorrow.

Mahalo,



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## Testimony on BF-1

Re: Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the County of Maui  
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Dear Chair Hokama, Vice Chair White &  
Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following Rates & Fees proposed in the Mayor's FY2018 budget.

Real Property Taxes – While we appreciate a level playing field vs. what has occurred in the past where businesses have had to bear the brunt of the burden, we strongly oppose the 7.5% increase at this time for the following reasons.

- Valuations (although not yet verified) are on the rise which will net the County more revenue;
- We have not heard about significant cost cutting measures.
- The rational for this increase is based on creating more affordable units, with 3% of the proposed increase going towards this effort. While all agree that this is critical as the County is said to be short nearly 14,000 units from 2015-2025, but there is no stated plan on how this will occur and there has been a long standing balance in the Affordable Housing Fund – currently reported to have a balance of \$5,986,221 as of 6/30/17. We feel that the County should move forward with spending the money already in the Affordable Housing Fund while creating a solid plan to create needed affordable units to present to the community to better justify the case for such an increase. Additionally, what we need for Affordable Housing/Units is a proactive approach to streamline the permitting process, an enabling land use review process, etc. This can be done in-house.
- While Maui County's real property taxes rates are said to be the lowest in the nation, that comment does not reflect an apples to apples tax comparison given what our residents and businesses face in Hawaii. Many Counties fund their school systems, they have a sales tax vs. a regressive General Excise Tax, they may not pay state income tax, etc.
- The State Legislature has a surcharge bill in Conference Committee now to add a surcharge to County Real Property Tax to fund pay increases for teachers. We have strongly opposed this bill. However, should it go through, that will be another hit for many visitor accommodation businesses and individuals with investment properties.
- The Hotel & Lodging Association reports that their properties make up 41.4% of the real property tax revenue. As a Chamber of Commerce, we are concerned about these businesses and all businesses in our County. When you add in all business categories, that number goes to 62.4%.



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CORA Rates – We adamantly oppose the proposed rate increase for this industry which regularly seems to be unfairly hit with substantial rate increases as:

- This industry's permit fees are based on per park, per activity and the Commercial Ocean Recreational Operators therefore hold multiple permits for different activities offered at each park and multiple park permits to address weather conditions and overcrowding. This is unlike other activity businesses, yet, we don't see other permit increases proposed.
- In the 2015 Budget Process, this industry already experienced a significant increase with the first two permits increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
- The Park Department sought a legislative change to allow them to then let available permits, but they have failed to release open permits. Further, after the last hit, some companies gave up permits, making more available, but these haven't been given out yet either. If the County is looking for revenue, the obvious thing to do would be to release open permits as soon as possible.
- Further, there is a built up fund – Ocean Recreational Activity Fund – that has a long standing balance over  $\frac{1}{2}$  a million dollars. It is currently at \$521,468. That should be exhausted and enforcement done for those operating without proper permits before we hit this industry up again.
- Now the proposal is \$200 per month, per permit, per park, per activity. That is an astronomical hit on these small businesses who offer many benefits to our visitors and beach parks. That is for all permits, taking the first two from \$1,000 to \$2,400 each and each additional permit from \$500 to \$2,400. No other increase of this magnitude is proposed anywhere else in the budget. So, why this industry? They may be small in size, but they care about the environment, educate visitors, have saved lives, help reduce liabilities for the County at beach parks where there are no lifeguards, and provide world class activities for our visitors. It's not right and it's not fair and we ask that the current fee schedule stand as is, without any increase until the department issue all available permits, ramps up enforcement, utilizes existing built up funds and can solidly justify the need for rate increases without targeting one particularly industry.

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**Building Permit Fees** – While it appears that these rate increases are meant to encourage more complete plan submission by the design community on initial submittal, we feel that the proposal will create unintended negative consequences for Owner/Builders and significant challenges for all.

- The new rates being proposed are in addition to Design Review Fees already paid based on a percentage of the project.
- Further, many times after a project is submitted for review and the County issues a letter of findings, the submitter resubmits their plans addressing all of the findings detailed in the first review, and then the County later adds additional findings. This occurs quite a bit and this proposal does not address that.
- Also, if such fees are to be imposed, we would want to see an appropriate review timeline included. For example, if the review would be done in a week, most would be happy to pay an additional \$250.
- We cannot support the large staggered increases proposed of \$250 to \$500 and then to \$1,000 for each additional submission, on top of the paid design review fees. It is too high and a review timeline should be included, along with a process to note that the first re-submittal is after all County comments have been shared and the applicant is responding to that.

**Solid Waste Rate Increase** – We do not support a 22.2% rate increase for solid waste.

- Increases beyond 5% are real red flags. In business, swift action is taken on these.
- While the construction industry had a private source they could use for this, that landfill is now full and the County has no real plan of addressing this problem. Therefore, solid waste is currently going to the Central Maui Landfill which will fill it up sooner and reduce its intended life.
- We recommend the County consider land use approvals and permits for other private solid waste operations.

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Waiehu Golf Course – While we appreciate the Mayor and his team address significant cost overruns and now clearly understand that the Waiehu Golf Course is a big red flag for this, it is also a beloved golf course and treasured community asset.

- Before closing, we feel the rates should be raised to the level needed to sustain operations.
- The County should also explore public/private partnerships to handle the overall operations, which may reduce costs and keep needed rate increases lower.

Refuse Collection Fees – We support the refuse increase from \$24 to \$30 per collection unit per month.

- While we support this, we ask that this be a unilateral fee paid by all property owners. This would reduce illegal dumping and increase subscribers.
- We hope the increased subscribers will offset the proposed \$3 per car charge fee for residential dumping at the Central Maui Landfill as we do not support this fee.
- We believe this nominal per car charge will cost more to administer than it is worth and could encourage illegal dumping.

Water Rate Increases – We support the proposed rate increases with the following comments.

- We feel a 5% rate increase is reasonable given the circumstances.
- We support first looking at what is needed to make water delivery sustainable and then to choose to subsidize what makes sense, like agriculture.
- We also support an ag subsidy.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on economic funding in the proposed FY 2018 budget.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

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**From:** Katharine Popenuk <popenuk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:34 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support MISC in 2018 budget - now more than ever

Dear Council members,

Thank you once again for soliciting input from the Maui community for our opinion on how the 2018 budget should be allocated. I especially wish to **thank you for your support of MISC in its efforts to keep Maui's ecosystem safe**. With the out break of known cases of the Rat Lung Worm parasite, it couldn't come at a better time.

Hawaii, and particularly **Maui, is the current focus point of sensational, horrendous publicity**. Type "rat" into Goggle and the first to pop up is rat lungworm disease, with pages & pages of articles about the outbreak of the disease here on Maui. In addition to all the local media, there are articles in The Washington Post, CNN, Miami Herald, Fox News, The Atlantic, San Fransisco & Bay area publications, The Associated Press, Global News Canada, NBC, ABC, CBS, Trip Advisor, and foodpoisonjournal.com. Yum.

**This is the Coqui frog story all over again; back when there were only 3 frogs. The spread of this parasite, as well as the spread of the Coqui frog, the fire ant, etc. has the potential to devastate our tourist industry.**

**Now is not the time to cut back on MISC funding; rather it is the time to expand support of their vital efforts.** When the tourists stop coming, a huge component of the Hawaiian economy will suffer, with a ripple effect that will be sad for us all.

Please give this issue your serious consideration and please don't kick this can down the road.

Respectfully,  
**Katharine Popenuk, Architect**

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**From:** Leizl Tabon <leizl@levintax.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Gerry Smith  
**Subject:** Support for MEDB OED Grant

To whom it may concern:

My parents, Silvestre & Natividad Tumbaga, and myself, would like to offer testimony in support of the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) for the Office of Economic Development Grant.

When we received word that HC&S would no longer be cultivating sugar cane and that it was A&B's desire to keep the land in agriculture, my father, Silvestre Tumbaga, decided that he wanted to apply for a lease with A&B. After meeting with HC&S management, we were met with some interest but were told that it was imperative to put together a business plan. As a CPA, I had experience with business plans and offered to help my parents put one together. Unfortunately, having recently partnered with another CPA to form a new practice, I had little spare time to invest in this project.

Luckily, my parents were introduced to Gerry Smith of the MEDB. He was able to sit with my parents and come up with a basic layout of the business plan. All we needed to do was provide additional details and financial data. Once the plan was completed, Gerry also took the time review the plan and made suggestions for some revisions.

Without Gerry and MEDB's assistance, this project would have been extremely difficult to complete. Even with accounting knowledge, I found this task to be quite daunting. I couldn't imagine how a small business person with limited experience with business plans and little spare time, would have been able to put together such a document without assistance.

This is why the MEDB is so vital for our community. They can help to bridge the gap for small business owners that want to expand their businesses but do not have or cannot afford the expertise needed to prepare a business plan or financial statements. Small businesses are the cornerstone of our island community and MEDB has shown their commitment to helping small business grow and thrive. However, this can only be done with financial assistance from the community and local government. Therefore, we ask that the Maui County Council approve the OED grant for MEDB.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Thank you,

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**From:** Dawna Rae Davis <dawna.rae.davis@fourseasons.com> on behalf of Jean Claude Wietzel <Jeanclaude.Wietzel@fourseasons.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Written support for MVB Funding  
**Attachments:** County Council Budget Testimony FY18.pdf

Aloha Mr. Hokama and Members of the Committee,

Herewith you will find below my written support of the 4.2 million funding for the Maui Visitors Bureau in the County's FY2018 budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my supportive testimony.

Sincerely,

Jean Claude

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April 17, 2017

Council Member Riki Hokama  
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street, 8th Floor  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jean Claude Wietzel, and I am the Regional Vice President and General Manager of Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea. I also serve as a board member for the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association. The Resort employees over 1000 employees, all of whom have a vested interest in the visitor industry. I write you today, on behalf of Four Seasons Resort Maui's employees, to ask for your support of the \$4.2 million funding for the Maui Visitors Bureau (MVB) in the County's FY2018 budget.

As a global leader in tourism marketing, we strongly believe in the value MVB brings to its partners, like us. MVB's marketing and promotion of our island as a destination is crucial to positively contributing to our healthy economy. The results of MVB's endeavors have positioned Maui as a top destination for travelers worldwide, and the Resort, and thus our employees, certainly benefits from their efforts.

The County funds are critical in giving Maui a competitive edge against other tropical destinations, especially in light of new resort locations and their deeply discounted air and hotel packages. We urge you to continue to support their important work.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wietzel".

Jean Claude Wietzel  
General Manager

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**From:** Gregg Nelson <gm@napilikai.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 12:51 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui County Budget Fiscal Year 2018

Dear Chairman Hokama and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

Please accept my written testimony in lieu of public testimony as I have been off island traveling lately. I am the general manager of a small resort property on Maui's Westside, employing about 160 staff members. Myself and my staff realize you have many challenging decisions before you regarding the proposed County budget for 2018. We ask that you give particular consideration to not raising the real property tax rate for Hotels and Timeshare classifications. These two classifications already pay the highest tax rates in the County and it is time to equitably spread more of the property tax burden to some of the other classifications, such as Homeowner and Commercial Residential.

Our tourism industry, which competes with many other lower priced national and international destination can't continue to pass on tax increases to our visitors. There is no denying that our State, including Maui County already rank high among states and counties imposing the highest tax rates for lodging accommodations. We are very much aware of our position in this competitive market and the soaring cost of a Hawaii vacation compared to other destinations. Any forces that adversely affect our ability to compete, such as having to pass along higher taxes, also negatively impacts our appeal as a destination, the availability of funds to invest in new construction, the renovation of existing properties and employment within our hospitality industry.

Currently, there have been several projections that Hawaii is beginning to experience a slowdown in tourism. This means hotels and resorts will need to spend even more in scarce funds advertising and marketing to attract quality visitors to our islands. The cost of doing business is already at a point where companies are facing a challenge turning even modest profits. The addition of increased taxes will produce an extra burden on hotels and resorts, forcing them to consider some offsetting expense options such as cutting operational costs and ultimately workforces. As the largest employer in Maui County and one of the highest taxed economic classifications, further increases in taxes on the hospitality industry would result in fewer jobs and likely employment cut backs.

We appreciate your service and the difficult job before you in creating a balanced budget. We do not believe that it should be accomplished through higher taxes, but if that is the option chosen we hope a more equitable sharing of the proposed property taxes will be considered. Mahalo for allowing me this testimony.

Aloha  
Gregg Nelson  
General Manager  
Napili Kai Beach Resort

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**From:** makanalani.sakihama@andaz.com  
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**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** MVB Testimony  
**Attachments:** 04172017123918-0001.pdf; 04172017123905-0001.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached for Mr. Michael Jokovich's testimony for the Maui Visitor Bureau.

Mahalo,

Makana

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Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Jokovich, Area Vice President and General Manager of the Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort.

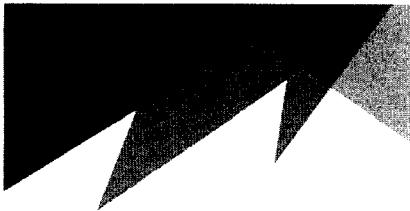
On behalf of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, I ask for your support of the \$4.2 million funding for the Maui Visitors Bureau in the County's FY2018 budget.

As the economic engine for the County, the marketing and promotion of Maui as a destination is crucial to the future viability of our island. The County funds are critical in giving us the ability to compete against other sun destinations, especially when we are seeing an increased amount of competition with new resort locations and other destinations' deeply discounted air/hotel packages.

The World Travel & Tourism Council recently conducted a report on the 'The Economic Advantages of Travel & Tourism' with the following key findings:

- Travel & Tourism ranks high among sectors analyzed, in terms of its contribution to GDP, employment, and exports
- Travel & Tourism growth trends and prospects exceed that of other key sectors
- Travel & Tourism generates substantial indirect benefits through its linkages to other sectors
- Travel & Tourism is highly dispersed within national economies and its benefits are widely distributed
- Travel & Tourism drives infrastructure investment that benefits other industries
- Investments in well-designed destination marketing consistently produce strong economic returns

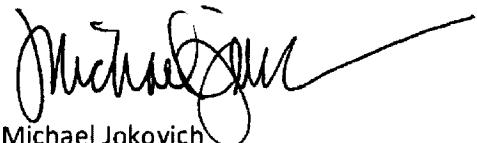
The results of Maui Visitors Bureau's (MVB) efforts have positively impacted the economic health of Maui County. Their success is tangible – resulting in an economic engine that provides salaries and wages to a significant portion of Maui County residents. The visitor industry directly employs 40% of Maui residents, (indirectly, the percentage increases to 75%).



The tourism industry has an overwhelming economic importance to Maui – and therefore it is our responsibility to continue to care for the industry that supports so many of us today. As a global leader in tourism marketing, we strongly believe in the value that MVB brings to our community and we urge you to support their important work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Best Regards,



Michael Jokovich  
Area Vice President Hawaii  
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**From:** Joyce Kawakami <Joyce@feedmysheepmaui.com>  
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**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF 1

Aloha Budget Chair Riki Hokama and Budget Committee members.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and diligence. One of the most difficult jobs in any organization is keep and balanced budget. After giving testimony yesterday I realized that I didn't relay to you the numbers of how much our organization does.

In the Calendar Year 2016 Feed My Sheep served over 3,200 unduplicated individuals, 26,000 duplicated. Distributing healthy sustenance island-wide by giving a week's supply of food to each individual, the equivalent of over  $\frac{1}{2}$  million meals.

The organization collected over 400,000 pounds of fresh produce and

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**From:** Becky Erickson <becky@blueginger.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Coqui Frog songs attached  
**Attachments:** 20170420\_211359.mp4

Dear Council Member,

The current budget proposal only includes 30% of what is required by MISC to continue to fight the coqui frogs on Maui and keep them spreading to where you live. I have attached a recording made last night, April 20, at my house in Haiku. Please listen to this and imagine what Maui will be like soon when these frogs spread throughout the island. If MISC cannot afford to continue to fight to keep the frogs contained it will not be long, since the cane burning will no longer contain the frogs in Maliko Gulch.

I have to close my windows at night to make a phone call or watch a movie, it is louder than you can imagine. I invite you to visit my house any night to experience this.

I have become accustomed to the insistent noise, but I am very concerned that it will eventually affect the visitor arrivals to Maui that help support our economy.

I would suggest that the amount of shortfall in the budget allocated to MISC be taken from either of the following:

From the new County Service Center (proposed improvements \$28.6 million)

or from the Parks and Recreation dept (proposed improvements \$16 million)

**PLEASE GIVE YOU ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND HELP MISC** by allocating the funds they need to control this problem **BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

Mahalo,  
Becky Erickson  
Haiku Resident

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**From:** DickRad@aol.com  
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**To:** BF Committee  
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**Subject:** KAHANA BAY BEACH EROSION BUDGET TESTIMONY

Aloha BF Committee,

My name is Richard J. Rademacher. I am an owner at Royal Kahana condo along Kahana Bay shoreline. I'm writing to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July, 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State, and Maui County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done and soon!! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott, and Tara Owens from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine(9) condominium properties plus one residential property paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise Taxes in 2016.

We support a cooperative effort from the Kahana Bay community, the State of Hawaii, and Maui County to fund the next step which is an Environmental Assessment(EA) Impact Study which will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning Department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00--\$1.2 million. We believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay Condominium's AOAOs. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo in advance for your help with this urgent matter!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Yvonne Harue <yvonne@htdc.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Len; Robbie Melton  
**Subject:** HTDC testimony in support of MEDB OED Grant  
**Attachments:** HTDC Testimony Maui County Budget April 24 2017.pdf

To: Maui County Budget and Finance Committee

Re: BF-1 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

Please find attached support testimony from Robbie Melton, HTDC Executive Director & CEO for your committee hearing on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 1:30 pm.

Thank you.

*Yvonne Harue*  
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Written Statement of  
**Robbie Melton**  
Executive Director & CEO  
High Technology Development Corporation before the  
**Maui County Budget and Finance Committee**

Monday, April 24, 2017 1:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber  
Kalana O Maui Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

In consideration of  
**BF-1**

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.**

Chair Hokama, Vice Chair White, and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** the request for grant funding for the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) in the Mayor's proposed budget.

As part of HTDC's vision to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030, HTDC supports initiatives aimed at promoting technology and innovation jobs statewide. MEDB is a valuable partner for HTDC on the island of Maui.

One example of our partnership is the Maui Startup Weekend that MEDB hosts. Startup Weekend events are well-attended on Oahu and a catalyst for growing new businesses. MEDB organizes the event on Maui. We collaborate on marketing and share facilities/expenses. Last year 88 people attended. The excitement from Maui Startup Weekend has contributed to HTDC opening Maui's first coworking space, the Cohana at our Maui Research and Technology Center facility in February 2016. The space offers independent tech and creative freelancers a professional alternative to working at home or in a coffee shop.

MEDB is helping us increase the resources offered at the Cohana coworking space. MEDB assisted bringing the workshop "Powerful Persuasive Pitch" to the Cohana via livestream. HTDC organized the live event on Oahu and MEDB promoted the satellite site on Maui. The result was as many attendees on Maui as Oahu. Our collaborative efforts doubled the reach providing good leverage to the state and sharing valuable best practices with Maui businesses. We envision future events where the live event is held in Maui livestreamed to Oahu.

Last year HTDC and our Innovate Hawaii program sponsored multiple events in Maui County either sponsored or organized by MEDB including the Mai Tai Maui Tech Night, Maui Small Business Week, Maui Energy Conference, Maui Startup Weekend, and the Made in Maui County Festival. We look forward to continued partnerships with MEDB. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

## Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i

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## HO'OUŁU NA KAMALI'I YOUTH PROGRAM

County of Maui Department of Housing & Human Concerns  
Requesting Funding FY2017-2018

- Program Services & Activities

**Sustainability Projects:** At least 175 youth and their Ohana will participate in sustainability activities throughout the year. Planting and maintaining as much as 27 acres of farm land, focusing on a community support system that brings farmers, associated professionals, educators, community members, and our land together in mutually beneficial relationships.

Youth will participate in the planning and discussion of each project. Also they will have the opportunity to brainstorm and experiment on new and innovative farming ideas that will help sustain the farm. (Greenhouse & Aquaponics). They'll bring their classroom knowledge into the fields. Activities will promote team work and brainstorming. Estimating, measuring and calculating of the materials needed for their greenhouse and aquaponics experimental project. Hands-on sustainable experiences: from planting, harvesting and marketing. The youth will experience the trials and tribulations of growing their own food. The feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment seeing a seed grow into a healthy and beautiful plant. It is our hope that the youth will feel a sense of healthy growth within themselves as well. Sharing the knowledge of the eco-friendly grassroots system of culturally diverse farming practices and introducing new and innovative farming technics to the youth, will draw a sense of connection with all youth (traditional practices or new technology).

Success of the farm: Seeing what was planned and envisioned come to life, seeing new growth from the land that was once over worked and abused by pineapple growers. Being able to feed our youth and their Ohana with the bounty of the land and seeing the restoration of cultural sites and native plants and trees flourish once again. A great accomplishment would be able to see the Kuiaha Stream clean and flowing. Being able to feel the land breath again and having that connection to those that once lived there.

**Cultural Experiential Projects:** At least 90 youth will be participating in culturally enhanced activities. Planned activities are designed to improve maturational growth for youth through positive and meaningful opportunities through a multitude of culturally experiential activities, focusing its efforts, cultural beliefs, and values towards youth and community involvement. This was the method that was successfully used, for 17 years, by the late Mahi'ai, Alex Bode, of the Waikikena Foundation.

Youth will be working with natural resources found in their Ahupua'a to build a hale, weaving and a pohaku for their (poi pounder). Wood slabs will be purchased and prepared by the youth as they learn the traditional practices of the Native Hawaiian culture taught by their Cultural Practitioner. In addition to learning traditional craftsmanship, the restoration process of the Kuiaha Stream and the old Native Hawaiian fishing village will begin as well. Cultural Practitioners will visit the farm regularly to share their knowledge with the youth. Also family and the community will be invited to join the program on scheduled work days.

**Native Tree Project:** At least 100 youth and their families will restore designated areas of the 144 acre parcel with native trees and plants. The beginning of a lengthy process to manage the carbon footprints of our daily activities, by using and replenishing natural resources, creating an opportunity to balance the ecosystem by planting native trees in designated areas to counter the impact of increased carbon dioxide released in Hawaii as a result of greenhouse vehicle emissions such as carbon dioxide, methane and ozone.

The youth will be working on a 2 year restoration plan; planting 700 native trees on a 2 acre parcel. Restoring of the land with native trees and plants that will be used for food, medicine and tools. Fencing designated areas of the farm to protect the native plants and trees from animal predators. Youth will have the opportunity to research the need and purpose of native plants and tree. The youth will be working with community members and local growers that have the knowledge and availability of native plants. Building a relationship within the community and including them at the monthly Ohana work days, promoting community and family strengthening.

**After-School Programming:** At least 50 youth will participants will receive homework support and assistance. Achieving a higher GPA and grade advancement will be encouraged.

Study time and homework will be the first hour before afterschool activities begin. The older youth participants will be encouraged on tutoring younger youth, which teaches them patience, communication skills, listen skills and leadership skills. Sustainability, Life Skills and Career Skills will be part of the afterschool programming. The highlight the afterschool program is to take care of the livestock; feed, water and groom and collect eggs from the chicken coop, using a kind and tender hand. Positive and productive activities combined will provide youth with the tools they need to succeed in school, at home and in the community, giving the youth the ability to live a healthy life.

**Service Learning:** Youth participants will deliver more than 5000 hours in Service Learning projects in the Maui Community. Creating good relationships and networking between the youth and community members.

Youth will be collaborating with community agencies and community members to arrange Youth Led service learning projects throughout the year, promoting safe and healthy living. Community service awards will granted to youth upon completion of every 100 service hours. (Life & Career Skills).

**Community:** Success of the farm relies on community involvement. Increase of community involvement and support is considered a success. Creating a strong and positive relationship between the youth and the community is also considered a success. Seeing our education efforts reflect in the community, being able to see the transformation from big store and fast food living to a healthier and sustainable life is a huge success. Being less dependent on food and produce that are shipped to our island and eating fresh grown food from your own garden is a well accomplished success.

**Career Skills:** At least 50 youth will participate in Career Skills activities. Create greater possibilities for young people to access employment opportunities. It is our hope to empower the youth, by teaching them the skills necessary to take concrete steps toward becoming self-sufficient, self-fulfilled, productive and respectful members of the community.

The youth will have day to day hands-on experiences on the farm that creates job training and opportunities, as they continuously develop their skills and knowledge not only in farming, but for any career that they choose. Mock interviews will be part of the programming, preparing the youth to be confident as they enter the workforce. Without meaningful work experiences, entry level jobs can serve as disincentives for youth to pursue employment because they don't see these jobs as stepping stones the way more privileged youth do, but rather as a dead end that don't provide enough money to support them and their families, or utilize their talents and interest.

**Life Skills:** At least 100 youth will participate in Life skills activities. These activities can be powerful catalysts and incentives for youth to pursue their education and employment goals. This will encourage the youth to avoid the involvement of negative influences, focusing to make the right decisions and empower them to control their own destiny and giving the youth the ability to live a healthy life.

Every day is an opportunity to learn a life skill. The activities will include culture, diversity, problem solving, teambuilding, self-worth and leadership. Enhancing the program further, prevention and awareness activities will be added to the programming where refusal skills and coping skills will be highlighted. Also at least 30 youth participants will receive CPR and First Aid training and certification. All of these activities combined will provide youth with the tools they need to succeed in school, at home and in the community. The following will be part of an age appropriate program and gender specific activities will be planned to increase awareness on sensitive issues. (Underage Drinking, Tobacco & Drug Abuse, Bullying & Cyberbullying, Date Rape, Teen Pregnancy, Violence, Vandalism, Teen Suicide, and Sex Trafficking).

#### **IV. Collaboration in Providing Services:**

<b>Projected Collaboration in Providing Services, FY18</b>			
<b>Agency, Service or Community Resource</b>	<b>Type of Coordinated Activities</b>	<b>Number of Persons to be Served</b>	<b>Outcomes to be Supported by this Collaboration</b>
Hui Malama Learning Center	Life Skills, Culture, Sustainability	15	15 youth will receive supportive services, learn a skill and gain knowledge.
Kanehoalani Boys Safe House	Life Skills, Culture, Sustainability	6	6 youth will receive supportive services, learn a skill and gain knowledge.
Maui High School	Life Skills, Culture, Sustainability	40	40 youth will receive supportive services, learn a skill and gain knowledge.
Baldwin High School	Life Skills, Culture, Sustainability	15	15 youth will receive supportive services, learn a skill and gain knowledge.
*Haiku Boys & Girls Club	Life Skills, Culture, Sustainability	10	10 youth will receive supportive services, learn a skill and gain knowledge.
These collaborations helps Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i achieve program goals by utilizing the many resources made available through these agencies. Resources range from speakers, mentors and positive role models.			
Youth involved within Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i are not dually counted however they may benefit from the various programming. Sign-up sheets are collected and maintained to prevent duplication of services.			

## **V. Program Evaluation:**

*How will you measure the program's impact?*

Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i will provide youth development services to 175 school age youth from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade; offering services for school projects, workshops and excursions, also an after-school and weekend program will be available to youth 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the year. Activities include Sustainability, Culture, Life Skills, Career Skills and Service Learning. Focusing on community involvement, family strengthening, education, and work experience.

FY 2017 PROGRAM EVALUATION Projected Impacts						
<u>OUTCOMES &amp; OUTPUTS</u>	Annual Goal	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Timeframe
<b>TOTAL UNDUPLICATED YOUTH SERVED</b>	175					
Outcome 1: Youth will receive youth development services through the program.	175					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 1: Youth will complete intake forms and enroll in program. To receive youth development services.						
Outcome 2: Youth will participate in Sustainability Programs.	175					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 2: Actual #: Youth will be educated in eco-friendly grassroots system of culturally diverse farming and practices. Using innovative farming technics.						
Outcome 3: Youth will participate in Cultural Experiential Projects.	90					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 3: Actual #: Youth will learn traditional practices of the Hawaiian culture; craftsmanship, beliefs and values.						
Outcome 4: Youth will participate in the Native Tree Project.	100					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 4: Actual #: Youth will learn the importance of balancing the ecosystem by planting native trees in designated areas to counter the impact of increased carbon dioxide released in Hawaii.						
Outcome 5: Youth will participate in After-School Programs.	50					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 5: Actual#: Youth will receive homework support, encouraging a high GPA and grade advancement. Increasing their knowledge in Sustainability, Life Skills, and Career Skills activities.						
Outcome 6: Youth will participate in Service Learning Projects.	100					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 6: Actual #: Youth will participate in service projects throughout the island. Creating good relationships and networking between youth and community members.						
Outcome 7: Youth will service community service hours.	5000					August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018
Output 7: Actual #: Youth will strive to achieve 100 hours of community service hours. Focusing on a goal will give the						

youth a sense of pride and accomplishment.						
<b>Outcome 8: Youth will participate in Career Skills Programs.</b>	<b>50</b>					<b>August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018</b>
Output 8: Actual #: Youth will receive meaningful work experience and job skills necessary toward becoming self-sufficient, self-fulfilled, productive, and respectful. Giving the youth confidence to pursue employment.						
<b>Outcome 9: Youth will participate in Life Skills Programs.</b>	<b>100</b>					<b>August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018</b>
Output 9: Actual #: Youth will receive skills that will encourage the youth to avoid the involvement of negative influences, focusing on right decisions making, refusal skills, coping skills, problem solving, diversity, teambuilding, self-worth and leadership.						
<b>Outcome 10: Youth will receive CPR &amp; First Aid Training and Certification</b>	<b>30</b>					<b>August 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018</b>
Output 10: Actual #: Youth will receive professional CPR & First Aid training. Encouraging youth to grasp bigger issues they may face in their lives.						

- Key Personnel

Program Director/Youth Advisor:

**Leslie Lau Hee**, began her career as a Youth Services Program Specialist, then to a Program Coordinator after a few years of service. She then took on a position as Residential Specialist at a Boys Safe House. Prior to her career working with at-risk youth, Ms. Lau Hee volunteered her time as a Girls Athletic Club coordinator and administrator. She is a highly motivated and skilled individual, who graciously handles and resolves challenging client issues, driven to consistently deliver exceptional client support, dedicated and compassionate professional in counseling and crisis intervention with at-risk youth. She has working knowledge of financial and management planning and reporting, general knowledge of budgeting preparation, audit procedures, reporting and offers a comprehensive academic and work background in prevention and awareness. Bachelor of Science: Psychology, Ashford University. Business Management & Marketing, Maui Community College

Work History:

Residential Specialist: 03/21/2016 to 8/26/2016

Kanehoalani Boys Safe Home – Wailuku, HI

- Primary responsibilities and duties: Providing a safe living environment around the clock supervision for (ages 14-18 yrs. old) boys referred to the facility through family court, the Department of Human Services and juvenile probation officers.
- Teaching self-help & basic living skills in addition to being a supportive adult figure.
- Plan and lead group & individual activities aimed at helping clients achieve skills.
- Creating opportunities for clients to succeed. This often includes the development and use of coping strategies needed to manage emotional dysregulation as well as the use of crisis management.

Youth Services Program Coordinator: 08/2007 to 01/29/2016

Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. – Wailuku, HI

- Primary responsibilities and duties: Youth Development (ages 10-18 yrs. old) educate the youth, their families and the community about "Prevention & Awareness" of the negative influences that youth face daily. Underage Drinking, Tobacco & Drug abuse, Bullying & Cyberbullying, Date Rape, Teen Pregnancy, Violence, Vandalism, Teen Suicide, and Sex Trafficking. Served over 400 new youth in and out of school yearly.
- Developed innovative programs and activities based on analysis of community needs and interests. Life Skills and Career Skills.
- (Evidence Based Curriculum)  
Safe Talk Trainer & Connect Suicide Prevention Trainer  
Bullying & Cyber Bullying, Underage Drinking - Slick Tracy & Class Action
- (Community Collaboration)  
Maui County Prevent Suicide Task Force Member & Youth Council Advisor  
Maui County Underage Prevention Coalition Member  
Tobacco Free Maui Coalition Member

Manager/Cultural Practitioner/Master Navigator:

**Atwood Makanani**, is a highly educated individual in the history of Hawaii and has experienced many historical events himself. He has educated his life on educating the youth and the Hawaiian people. He has working knowledge of community mentoring programs, management and planning, community resources and volunteer recruitment strategies. Experience working with youth.

- Cultural Practitioner, Craftsman, Master Voyager and Navigator by trait.
- A founding member of Protect Kaoolawe
- Educator and Philosopher
- 10 years of volunteer work at Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve
- 4 years summer volunteer with Kupu Youth Conservation

- 1993 participated in the Archaeological Investigation of the Pu'u Moiwi Andze Quarry complex Kahoolawe.
- 1992 designed and constructed a Kahualele in Hakioawa for the opening ceremony, to mark the beginning of the 10 year clean-up of Kanaloa Kahoolawe and in 2002 designed and constructed a Kahualele in Honokanai'a for the closing ceremony.
- Represented Native Hawaiians in Washington D.C. at the House hearing on July 17, 1990, seeking the return of all Native Hawaiian Human remains from the Smithsonian.
- Original crew member and navigator in the first voyage on of Hokulea in 1976.

**Program Specialist/Cultural Practitioner:**

**Thomas Lum**, is highly educated in the Hawaiian language and history. Dedicated and compassionate in culture, values, and practices. Experienced working with at-risk youth. He has the knowledge of youth needs, and available community resources. He also has the ability to instruct and motivate others and provide training and work direction. Mr. Lum is a Cultural Practitioner and Master craftsman. Degrees in Hawaiian Studies, University of Hilo and Maui.

**Work History:**

Hawaiian Studies Teacher 10/2014-05/2016

Hui Malama Learning Center, Wailuku, Hi

- Developed study plans for at-risk youth
- Introduced protocol, values, traditions, and practices.
- Maintained daily progress reports for students.
- Collaborated indoor and outdoor studies and activities with local Cultural Practitioners. Hula, chant, farming and natural resources.

Elementary School Teacher's Aide 1/2013-12/2014

Ke Kula Kaiapuni O Paia (DOE)

- Provide assistance to Teacher
- Maintained daily progress reports for students.
- Assist in reading comprehension, math, grading and filling of assignments.

Resource Specialist-Ke Kahua Farm 07/2011-10/2012

Maui Economic Opportunity Inc., Wailuku, Hi

- Maintain databank of native plant species and surrounding landscape.
- Production and distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables grown.
- Conducted Cultural Workshops for local school students, teachers and interest organizations.

Youth Program Specialist 01/2009-07/2011

Maui Economic Opportunity Inc. Wailuku, Hi

- Facilitate youth activities throughout the year such as Prevention and Awareness, Health and Wellness, and Cultural programs. Mentor: encouraged positive youth development.

Teacher's Aide 2007-2008

Waiakea High School, Hawaii, Hi

- Provide assistance to Teacher.
- Prepare daily lessons
- Tutor youth of with 'ōlelo Hawaii.
- Ensure a safe environment for youth to participate in organized activities.

**Key Personnel Positions need to be filled:**

- (1) Full-time, Program Assistants/Farm Workers
- (1) Part-time, Program Assistant/Farm Worker



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2 messages

**Cheryle Reed** <hilinai808@gmail.com>  
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Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:26 PM

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this in regards to the Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program that offers our child and other children an opportunity to experience something they might not otherwise have the chance to be involved in. And should a future need ever arise, at least they will be that much more ahead of a lot of the rest of the population. When we first heard of this program that focuses on farming and all the many facets of being on, working on, sustaining, harvesting, and eventually eating the fruits of their labor we were excited for our Son. We are aware of other programs that offer alternative activities such as the Boys and Girls Club, PALS, etc, but the idea of working on a farm has special merits we as parents feel will be more suited to him. There are also the cultural aspects and having him participating in working with taro and other things that we as Hawaiians have done for thousands of years is immeasurable. This alone is very important to us and this fact, by itself, could have fueled our belief in having such a program available is necessary. We were also excited that our son could spend at least a part of his summer doing something physically demanding and we feel will be rewarding, and doesn't entail the use of an internet connection. We believe that this program could help a lot of our youth to gain knowledge, self pride, cultural connection and a solid foundation for their future and that the program should receive complete support from the respective Council and the County of Maui. We humbly ask that you all support the program and help fund its future to make it a success. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Aloha nui.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin & Cheryle Reed  
and our Son, Xander  
Sent from my iPhone

**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>  
To: Cheryle Reed <hilinai808@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:32 PM

Thank you!!!!

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**Program: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program**

**"Continuing the teaching methods and the Legacy of the Late Alex Bode**

**Testimony By: Eva Valdez**

During the years of 2006-2009, I was the Community Relations Specialist for the The Maui Economic Opportunity Being Empowered and Safe Together (BEST) Reintegration program. The purpose of this federally funded program was to provide support services and training to prepare inmates for their successful return to the community. A very important individual the program relied on was working together with the late Alex Bode at Waikikena in Haiku, Maui.

The primary reason for allowing the inmates to get out in the community and to be part of the aina, was not only to give back to the aina but to know that they were worth restoring; the inmates and the land together. Alex focused on commitment, participation, and contribution. He introduced the rich history of the land, and how he began to put all his efforts to restore the land. He wanted the community to learn and understand how important it was to continue to do so and sustain its contribution to the people. Alex taught the inmates how to grow dry land taro, bananas and all the many types there were, and how everything comes full circle. He made them believe that there is more than just 1 way to be successful in the program and taught them that one is measured through his work. For example, "when you plant a tree in the ground, that's your commitment to yourself, you gotta take care of it," taught Bode.

Each inmate had a job to do, however he emphasized, "if you don't develop working skills, how can you make it in the world." Each time these inmates visited Waikikena, they related what they learned to their life and saw how the restoration of the aina was exactly how they should restore their lives as well. They saw that if they don't put the energy into something worth saving, they will get the product they wish for in return.

Alex appreciated every single one of the participants each time and letting them know that their contribution is so essential to the sustainability of their life and the overall survival of Waikikena. When their family members joined the inmates, it becomes a family responsibility and these families realize that a big part of the success of the reintegration of these inmates require the full commitment and effort of the whole family as well.

In closing, our Maui youth are the future of this land, therefore it is essential to continue to teach what Alex Bode instilled in the many youth and adults in the past. They put their spirit, their "mana" in the land there and that's what makes these programs important and help continue the legacy that Bode once echoed through the lands at Waikikena, that we are all worth restoring.

04/20/17

To: County council

RE: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Summer Youth program 2017

My name is Krystel Gervacio and I would like to first thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts. This is my first year that I am getting my daughter into this program and I feel honored to be a part of this program as a parent to see my daughter go through this and just the pure excitement in her as we talk about it.

My daughter is at the age where she is trying to find herself, learning new things, exploring, and curious of the world. She is currently 9, nearly 10 years old. In the last 2 years, I have had challenges with her that included her being bullied, teased, making poor choices and struggling in classwork. However, she is a kid that has the biggest heart and when there is something she wants to do, she is determined to her best. It was to the point that I had no idea what to do anymore. I have taken away sports after school as a punishment until things got better. I then was introduced and invited for her to join this program that included farming, the streams, taro patch, learning to work together, etc. This program I know will be amazing for my daughter. In fact, since I have asked her if she wanted to do this for the summer, she has since started her own little gardening in our backyard. I am happy to say that she has a papaya tree, lychee tree, mountain apple tree and an assortment of vegetables that she has planted and been taking full responsibility of. She has always asked to go to Boys and Girls club or summer pals for the summer but I see it as a place for the kids to have fun and not really have structure in teaching or for the kids to focus on something important to the culture and land. With that being said, I have finally found her passion and I believe that she will become a better person after this summer program in farming because its what she enjoys. I know this program will have positive impact as she continues to grow.

With the help and guidance from Aunty Les in this program, these kids will be successful and turn out to be friends more than just as an acquaintance or summer program. They will all friends that turned into family. The youth today is our future.

I humbly ask for your support in ANY way to make this program possible this year. Any assistance would greatly be appreciated.

Mahalo for your time,

Krystel Gervacio



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Maui Budget Hearing Committee  
April 20, 2017

Aloha, my name is Courtney Lau Hee and I'm testifying on behalf of *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i at Hale 'ike O Pauwela Makai Farm*. First, I would like to thank you for your continuous support throughout the journey of Waikikena Farms and Uncle Alex Bode.

I'd like to talk about Uncle Alex Bode and the impact he had on my life. He was a hardworking, hard headed, talented, and loving man. He respected and loved what he did and his dedication helped me grow into the individual I am today. I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to work alongside him when I volunteered with MEO Youth Services. He was more than just an Uncle to me; he was a friend, a mentor, and a role model. I volunteered at Waikikena Farms for 6 years and participated in many cultural activities such as harvesting and planting taro, preparing Imu's, and so much more. Uncle Alex was the foundation of Waikikena and *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i at Hale 'ike O Pauwela Makai Farm* will add a new chapter to his legacy.

I became a volunteer for Waikikena Farms at the age of 10; as a past volunteer at Waikikena Farms, I know that our youth need a program like this. They need to learn respect, leadership, kindness and selflessness in ways that can't be taught in a classroom. They need someone to guide them into the right direction and Leslie Lau Hee is one of those people. She's not only my mom, but the mom to all of my hanai brothers and sisters that I gained through being a part of the Waikikena Farms. She always puts the youth before herself and will do whatever she can to help them get a better life. Many young adults, including me, are successful because of her guidance and support and the youths that were once my age should have the opportunity to experience that same sense of love and success. Her affection and determination is contagious; I hope you can all have the chance to witness it.

As a young adult, I highly recommend *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i at Hale 'ike O Pauwela Makai Farm* so that the legacy of Uncle Alex can live on for many generations to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Courtney Lau Hee (19)  
Pukalani, Maui

To whom it may concern,

Aloha, I am writing this letter in regards to the program Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i and its importance to this community. Our keiki this day in age are so obsessed with technology, media, and other unhealthy things and we need to help guide them to learn helpful, positive and beneficial things. I am a mother of 4 Hawaiian boys and I want them to be able to learn tools that will help them to live and provide for themselves. They need to learn how to give to the land so that the land will be healthy and give back. It is also important to keep the culture alive and teach them early to give back to the community, work together, respect the 'aina and just to work towards a common goal. It will help with self-esteem because they will feel accomplished and be a part of something bigger than themselves. So many suicides, drunk driving accidents, drugs and young parents among our keiki. We need to have programs like this in order to start breaking the mold and teaching our keiki how important they are and we need to have other outlets for them besides sports because all children are different and the more programs we have that can spark interest in something positive, the better. I know if Alex were here, this would be exactly what he would want for the land and the keiki. This is also important for families that aren't from here to teach them Hawaiian culture and to respect and malama the land so we can live off it. Education is key and our keiki need to grow in many aspects and this program will teach them how to live sustainably while adding some culture and keeping them busy and active. I hope you will take this into consideration while making your decision on funding this program. Thank you for reading this letter and thank you for considering this program.

Mahalo nui,

Erin Cuelho



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## Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i youth program

3 messages

**shyla kapoi** <shylakapoi112111@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:25 PM

To: LeslieLauhee.hnk@gmail.com

Hi name is Shyla Kapoi. Being in the youth program was the best experience of my life. I had so much fun meeting a whole bunch of new people and doing a whole bunch of activities that we usually don't do in any programs that I've ever attended to or heard about. The youth program is my Second family that I have especially with Aunty Leslie Lau-hee she is definitely my second mom always there for us kids no matter what. The activities we did was camping,planting taro,making rock walls,helping the community etc. There is so much projects we did that it's way to much to type down. This program kept me out of trouble in school and always makes me want to be pono(do what is right).

**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:27 PM

To: shyla kapoi &lt;shylakapoi112111@gmail.com&gt;

Thank you Shyla, can you please add when you started and how old you are now :)

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**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:46 PM

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On Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 9:25 PM, shyla kapoi <shylakapoi112111@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi name is Shyla Kapoi. Being in the youth program was the best experience of my life. I had so much fun meeting a whole bunch of new people and doing a whole bunch of activities that we usually don't do in any programs that I've ever attended to or heard about. The youth program is my Second family that I have especially with Aunty Leslie Lau-hee she is definitely my second mom always there for us kids no matter what. The activities we did was camping,planting taro,making rock walls,helping the community etc. There is so much projects we did that it's way to much to type down. This program kept me out of trouble in school and always makes me want to be pono(do what is right).



Leslie Lau Hee &lt;leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com&gt;

**Hoolu'u Kamali'i Farm**

2 messages

**Dawn Gerdes** <dawnellegerdes@gmail.com>

To: leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 10:47 PM

Aloha,

My daughter Katelyne Dougherty, a 2015 Maui High Honors graduate, who currently attends Dakota Wesleyan University with a softball scholarship participated in MECO programs under the direction of the wonderful youth leader Leslie Lau Hee. She worked at least two summer's on the Farm and learned valuable skills to preserve the culture and the Aina. The unique opportunity to provide hands on learning through farming Taro enables our keiki a meaningful summer. My daughter is not Native Hawaiian but cultivating the land gives her a sense of place in Maui. Not only are these skills valuable to kids at risk but to our children who will come back to Maui after college to join this communities workforce.

MAHALO,  
Dawnelle Gerdes  
DOE substitute teacher

**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

To: Dawn Gerdes &lt;dawnellegerdes@gmail.com&gt;

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 10:54 PM

Thank you Dawn! I really appreciate it :)

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Aloha all council members,

This is my testimony. Our youths is our future, therefore I am asking for your support and funding for Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Summer Youth Program. This program will educate and teach our keikis the importance of our culture by having them participate in hands on projects. This will enable them to learn first-hand how conservation and stream restoration effect our way of life, as well as the techniques used in farming. Our youths will learn hands-on culturally based farming and resources that focus on empowering them and the community with sustainable education, tradition and practices. I want my granddaughter to participate in programs like this, so she will learn the rewards of hard work and develop team building skills as well as building her self-esteem. We need more programs like these to keep our youths involve and learn about environmental issues and how they can make a difference. I urge the County Council to support and fund this program to give our youths opportunity they deserve.

Mahalo,

Josie Carson



Leslie Lau Hee &lt;leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com&gt;

## Ho'oulu Na Kamalii youth

4 messages

**trixy kapoi** <keolakai@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:55 AM

Reply-To: "keolakai@yahoo.com" <keolakai@yahoo.com>

To: "Leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com" <Leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

This program helped my children in so many ways, they've learned to work together as a team....to have respect for the aina....

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:57 AM

To: "keolakai@yahoo.com" <keolakai@yahoo.com>

Thank you Trixy, I really appreciate your support!

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**trixy kapoi** <keolakai@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:04 AM

Reply-To: "keolakai@yahoo.com" <keolakai@yahoo.com>

To: "leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com" <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

Sorry i wish i could say more but i called shyla nd she said she was doing it I'm hoping thst u got hers n as for Ari i told her yesterday nd this morning before i left I'm hoping that she send it before ur meeting.....as for jonah i told him to do it but this morning he didn't give me anything i don't think he did it....have a good day...praying that u will get it...

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**Leslie Lau Hee** <leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:09 AM

To: "keolakai@yahoo.com" <keolakai@yahoo.com>

No worries, I appreciate your help. I did receive Shyla's testimony last night. I know Ari and Jonah are really busy with work and school, I understand.

Mahalo for your support and prayers!

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4/20/17

I am writing this letter in behalf of Leslie Lauter.

The programs that they are seeking funding to is an educational and worthwhile program. It's for the youth of today which will help them in their future life.

Please take into consideration about this program. Because people that will be teaching our children don't even get paid enough to teach them what they will benefit from.

If it wasn't for programs like this one, our youth would be getting into a lot of trouble like drugs and so forth. Plus most youths are full of energy, and they need to put that energy to good use. They can focus on giving back to the community instead of only taking.

I would like to say a little something about programs like this. It has helped my family a lot. I was very thankful at that time there was a program and would you believe it my son still helps out when they call for his help. So you see we need programs like this one.

Because the youth of today is our future for tomorrow.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Chalene Kubin

## Maui County Budget 2018 Testimony

### **Proposal: Tax Incentive for Trees Program**

We are in a pivotal time for Maui with the loss of sugar cane as a crop on massive amounts of Maui's acreage. The Maui County Council has an opportunity to shape our Island's future via incentivizing large landowners to plant trees in their fallow fields by offering a one-time property tax credit designed to incentivize large-scale tree planting projects.

The benefits of reforesting ex-sugarcane lands are many. Fire hazard mitigation, beautification, reducing Maui's carbon imprint, providing habitat for livestock and wildlife, providing jobs, providing food, fiber, biofuel, and other useful products, stabilizing our soils, and more.

Maui County Council – you can shape our future, by taking action now. Here is an example of a tree tax credit incentive structure:

# of Trees Planted	Credit per Tree	Tax Credit Amount
100 - 900	\$1.00	\$100 - \$999
1,000 - 4,999	\$10.00	\$10,000 - \$49,000
5,000 - 10,000 +	\$20.00	\$100,000 - \$200,000 +

- Maximum number of trees credited per acre - 100 trees
- Credit not given for existing trees.
- Tax credits for one year only
- Credits do not carry forward into following years

The proposed sliding scale of credit is designed to incentivize large landowners to plant trees by allowing them a substantial tax savings for one year. The total monetary impact on the county income from property tax would be limited by the small number of people and companies who own large acreage, and the limited amount of land which is suitable and ready for reforestation and agroforestry.

Please consider this proposal as a starting point to build a short-term tax incentive program designed to benefit our island for generations to come by incentivizing large-scale reforestation and agroforestry projects.

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## Testimony on BF-1

Re: Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the County of Maui  
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Dear Chair Hokama, Vice Chair White &  
Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following Rates & Fees proposed in the Mayor's FY2018 budget.

Real Property Taxes – While we appreciate a level playing field vs. what has occurred in the past where businesses have had to bear the brunt of the burden, we strongly oppose the 7.5% increase at this time for the following reasons.

- Valuations (although not yet verified) are on the rise which will net the County more revenue;
- We have not heard about significant cost cutting measures.
- The rational for this increase is based on creating more affordable units, with 3% of the proposed increase going towards this effort. While all agree that this is critical as the County is said to be short nearly 14,000 units from 2015-2025, but there is no stated plan on how this will occur and there has been a long standing balance in the Affordable Housing Fund – currently reported to have a balance of \$5,986,221 as of 6/30/17. We feel that the County should move forward with spending the money already in the Affordable Housing Fund while creating a solid plan to create needed affordable units to present to the community to better justify the case for such an increase. Additionally, what we need for Affordable Housing/Units is a proactive approach to streamline the permitting process, an enabling land use review process, etc. This can be done in-house.
- While Maui County's real property taxes rates are said to be the lowest in the nation, that comment does not reflect an apples to apples tax comparison given what our residents and businesses face in Hawaii. Many Counties fund their school systems, they have a sales tax vs. a regressive General Excise Tax, they may not pay state income tax, etc.
- The State Legislature has a surcharge bill in Conference Committee now to add a surcharge to County Real Property Tax to fund pay increases for teachers. We have strongly opposed this bill. However, should it go through, that will be another hit for many visitor accommodation businesses and individuals with investment properties.
- The Hotel & Lodging Association reports that their properties make up 41.4% of the real property tax revenue. As a Chamber of Commerce, we are concerned about these businesses and all businesses in our County. When you add in all business categories, that number goes to 62.4%.

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CORA Rates – We adamantly oppose the proposed rate increase for this industry which regularly seems to be unfairly hit with substantial rate increases as:

- This industry's permit fees are based on per park, per activity and the Commercial Ocean Recreational Operators therefore hold multiple permits for different activities offered at each park and multiple park permits to address weather conditions and overcrowding. This is unlike other activity businesses, yet, we don't see other permit increases proposed.
- In the 2015 Budget Process, this industry already experienced a significant increase with the first two permits increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
- The Park Department sought a legislative change to allow them to then let available permits, but they have failed to release open permits. Further, after the last hit, some companies gave up permits, making more available, but these haven't been given out yet either. If the County is looking for revenue, the obvious thing to do would be to release open permits as soon as possible.
- Further, there is a built up fund – Ocean Recreational Activity Fund – that has a long standing balance over  $\frac{1}{2}$  a million dollars. It is currently at \$521,468. That should be exhausted and enforcement done for those operating without proper permits before we hit this industry up again.
- Now the proposal is \$200 per month, per permit, per park, per activity. That is an astronomical hit on these small businesses who offer many benefits to our visitors and beach parks. That is for all permits, taking the first two from \$1,000 to \$2,400 each and each additional permit from \$500 to \$2,400. No other increase of this magnitude is proposed anywhere else in the budget. So, why this industry? They may be small in size, but they care about the environment, educate visitors, have saved lives, help reduce liabilities for the County at beach parks where there are no lifeguards, and provide world class activities for our visitors. It's not right and it's not fair and we ask that the current fee schedule stand as is, without any increase until the department issue all available permits, ramps up enforcement, utilizes existing built up funds and can solidly justify the need for rate increases without targeting one particularly industry.

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**Building Permit Fees** – While it appears that these rate increases are meant to encourage more complete plan submission by the design community on initial submittal, we feel that the proposal will create unintended negative consequences for Owner/Builders and significant challenges for all.

- The new rates being proposed are in addition to Design Review Fees already paid based on a percentage of the project.
- Further, many times after a project is submitted for review and the County issues a letter of findings, the submitter resubmits their plans addressing all of the findings detailed in the first review, and then the County later adds additional findings. This occurs quite a bit and this proposal does not address that.
- Also, if such fees are to be imposed, we would want to see an appropriate review timeline included. For example, if the review would be done in a week, most would be happy to pay an additional \$250.
- We cannot support the large staggered increases proposed of \$250 to \$500 and then to \$1,000 for each additional submission, on top of the paid design review fees. It is too high and a review timeline should be included, along with a process to note that the first re-submittal is after all County comments have been shared and the applicant is responding to that.

**Solid Waste Rate Increase** – We do not support a 22.2% rate increase for solid waste.

- Increases beyond 5% are real red flags. In business, swift action is taken on these.
- While the construction industry had a private source they could use for this, that landfill is now full and the County has no real plan of addressing this problem. Therefore, solid waste is currently going to the Central Maui Landfill which will fill it up sooner and reduce its intended life.
- We recommend the County consider land use approvals and permits for other private solid waste operations.

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**Waiehu Golf Course** – While we appreciate the Mayor and his team address significant cost overruns and now clearly understand that the Waiehu Golf Course is a big red flag for this, it is also a beloved golf course and treasured community asset.

- Before closing, we feel the rates should be raised to the level needed to sustain operations.
- The County should also explore public/private partnerships to handle the overall operations, which may reduce costs and keep needed rate increases lower.

**Refuse Collection Fees** – We support the refuse increase from \$24 to \$30 per collection unit per month.

- While we support this, we ask that this be a unilateral fee paid by all property owners. This would reduce illegal dumping and increase subscribers.
- We hope the increased subscribers will offset the proposed \$3 per car charge fee for residential dumping at the Central Maui Landfill as we do not support this fee.
- We believe this nominal per car charge will cost more to administer than it is worth and could encourage illegal dumping.

**Water Rate Increases** – We support the proposed rate increases with the following comments.

- We feel a 5% rate increase is reasonable given the circumstances.
- We support first looking at what is needed to make water delivery sustainable and then to choose to subsidize what makes sense, like agriculture.
- We also support an ag subsidy.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on economic funding in the proposed FY 2018 budget.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

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Aloha Council Members,

I am Mihaela Stoops and I am a REALTOR with Hawaii Life Real Estate Brokers.

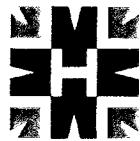
I am here to testify in support of adding a line item to the Maui County budget, for Kahana Bay Environmental Impact Study.

As showed by the testimonies on Monday, in Lahaina, the Kahana Bay beach erosion issue is urgent and quite complex. It affects almost a thousand units and their owners, as well as many local businesses and their families, as part or all of their income derives from the rental of these units.

The Environmental Impact Study will determine the best solution or solutions to save the beach and the real property. It is estimated to cost between \$600K and \$1.2mil. We are asking the County to contribute \$400,000 as a grant out of the Planning Department Capital Improvements Project budget. The rest of the funds will be raised by the HOAs of the 9 developments on Kahana Bay. We are not asking for a handout, we are asking for your financial support, which will also give significant impetus to the next steps of the process:

I am hereby asking that one of the Council Members sponsor this proposal.

Thank you for your time.



## Maui Hotel & Lodging ASSOCIATION

April 20, 2017

Council Member Riki Hokama  
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lisa Paulson, Executive Director of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes over 175 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA's membership employs over 25,000 residents and represents over 19,000 rooms. We are the largest employer of residents on the Island - directly employing approximately 40% of all residents (indirectly, the percentage increases to 75%).

On behalf of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, I am here to ask that you not increase the real property tax rates for hotel/resort and timeshare classifications. The hotel/resort and timeshare classifications are two of the highest tax rates for Maui County, the reasons for our opposition are as follows:

**High Property Values:** With our economy rebounding, in large part to our strong visitor industry, property values have increased 10-15%, leading to a corresponding increase in property tax revenues. This year, forecasted property valuations will generate \$279.8 million at the current RPT rates, an increase of \$6.3 million for FY 2018. Of the \$279.8 million, \$116.5 million will be generated from hotel/resort and timeshare properties. With the proposed rate increase of 7.5%, hotel/resort and timeshare properties would instead contribute \$125.2 million, an additional \$8.7 million in property taxes and 41.4% of the overall real property tax income from all classifications.

**State Legislature Proposal:** The 2017 Legislature is considering the imposition of a surcharge on county real property taxes to underwrite pay increases for public school teachers. That legislation, if enacted, would further increase the burden on all property owners across the State.

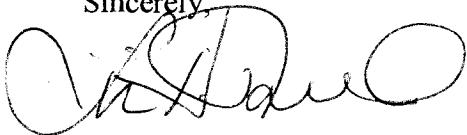
**Industry Competitiveness:** Keeping our costs level is critical to our ability to compete against other sun destinations, especially now when we are seeing an increased amount of competition with new resort locations and other destinations' deeply discounted air/hotel packages. Hawaii consistently ranks highest in tax rates for lodging accommodations, currently at 13.25% including TAT and GET. Any forces that adversely affect our ability to compete, such as having

to pass along higher taxes, also impact our appeal as a visitor destination, the availability of money to renovate our properties, and continue level employment within the hospitality industry, all which would have a ripple effect across our economy.

I appreciate the due diligence of this body to work on a balanced budget and do acknowledge the challenges presented to you. However, if real property taxes must be raised I would ask you look at a more equitable weight be given to all classifications so that the hotel/resort and time share classifications do not continue to carry a greater percentage share of tax versus their valuations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Lisa H. Paulson  
Executive Director



## University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program

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### School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology

February 3, 2017

Ms. Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan  
Budget Director  
County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Ms. Araki-Regan:

#### **Re: County of Maui Grant to the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program**

Thank you for reaching out and inquiring about the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program as a partner and grant recipient of the County of Maui. We would like to express our appreciation of your continued support and value the opportunity to highlight the successes and outcomes of our long-standing partnership and services provided to the county.

In response to your letter dated January 30, 2017, we would like to provide the following requested information:

**1) A description of your organization's overall goals.**

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (Hawai'i Sea Grant) is one of 33 Sea Grant programs nationwide that comprise a functional network within our nation's universities and colleges. Hawai'i Sea Grant's overall goal is to promote enhanced understanding, conservation, and wise use of marine and coastal resources in the state, region, and nation. In partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Hawai'i Sea Grant supports and conducts an innovative program that engages and connects academia, federal, state and local government, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the local community with excellence in research, extension and education services. As an organized research unit of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's prestigious School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), Hawai'i Sea Grant is a system-wide and statewide program throughout Hawai'i and with additional presence in American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

At the request of the County of Maui, the partnership with Hawai'i Sea Grant was established twenty years ago and continues to provide on-site specialized expertise and technical assistance to support planning and decision-making related to coastal management and coastal hazards. Our Extension Faculty, Ms. Tara Owens, a Coastal Processes and Hazards Specialist, has been filling this role since 2010. Ms. Owens is seconded to the County of Maui and is physically located in the Planning Department to provide daily interaction with County of Maui Coastal Zone Management planners. In addition to the Planning Department, this expertise and support extends to other county agencies tasked with managing coastal development and infrastructure, including the County of Maui Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Management, and the Maui Emergency Management Agency (formerly Civil Defense).

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Submitted by Tara Owens

The major long-term goals of this partnership are to:

1. Provide specialized technical expertise in shoreline processes and coastal hazards to local land use planners for science-based management/policy decisions and improved land use planning.
2. Enhance coastal hazard resilience of County of Maui communities to coastal erosion, coastal storms, climate change and sea-level rise impacts through funded research, adaptation strategies, policy recommendations, and community outreach.
3. Assist with the protection and preservation of critical coastal resources, including coordinating a sustained program of coastal sand dune restoration for coastal hazard mitigation, beach protection, and coastal natural resource and habitat protection.
4. Work with state and county decision-makers and community organizations to identify and implement opportunities to create or restore access to and along the shoreline.
5. Provide access to resources and networks within the university, state, the National Sea Grant College Program Network, and NOAA to support County of Maui information and resource needs.

Since the program was established in 1996, there have been many notable accomplishments, with a well-known example being the Maui Erosion Hazard Atlas and associated Shoreline Setback Rules (2003) that are still widely regarded as a model for the state of Hawai‘i. Many other key benefits of the program, including recent initiatives, will be highlighted in responses to the following questions.

As a direct result of this successful partnership, other agencies have followed the County of Maui’s lead and established similar partnerships with Hawai‘i Sea Grant. They include the County of Kaua‘i Planning Department and the Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands. To support the County of Maui’s needs, Ms. Owens has been working with other Hawai‘i Sea Grant extension faculty in this close-knit network with a collective goal of improving scientific understanding of coastal environments, increasing collaboration in managing and conserving coastal resources, and improving resilience to coastal hazards for Hawai‘i’s coastal communities. Ms. Owens is widely regarded as the “boots on the ground” and go-to expert for the County of Maui and coastal land owners on coastal management issues.

**2) If applicable, an explanation of your organization's specific goals with the grant subsidy that your organization has received in FY 2017.**

Hawai‘i Sea Grant’s specific goal is to provide sound technical advice to the County of Maui on shoreline development, beach preservation and restoration, coastal hazard mitigation options, coastal erosion response, climate change adaptation including potential sea-level rise impacts, and other coastal processes-related issues. This technical support is intended to assist the County of Maui in making informed policy decisions based on the latest scientific information.

As a 20-year continuing program, many of the objectives and activities, such as providing technical assistance to county officials and coastal communities, are ongoing, while other activities may be project-specific for only one or several years. The impacts and outcomes of these activities are summarized in question 4 below. Our objectives for FY17, as specified in our annual proposal, included:

1. Assisting in developing mitigation strategies for areas vulnerable to coastal hazards such as coastal erosion and coastal inundation from elevated water levels (waves, tides, and sea-level rise).
2. Improving public and government agency awareness of coastal processes and sea-level rise, and promote wise use of coastal resources.

3. Minimizing impacts to coastal resources and improve resilience of coastal structures for proposed coastal developments or redevelopments.
4. Improving regional understanding of climate change impacts including coastal hazards.
5. Working with government agencies and community groups to design and implement dune restoration projects and enhance stewardship of coastal dune ecosystems.

**3) An explanation of your organization's specific goals with the grant subsidy that you are requesting for FY 2018.**

The specific goal and explanation as indicated above in question 2 also applies to this question as well. As such, our objectives for FY18 will be similar to those identified in FY17, though we always welcome any direction or suggestions from the County of Maui for prioritizing specific projects or activities. In addition to ongoing activities, in 2017-2018, through a grant from NOAA's Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program, Ms. Owens and Hawai'i Sea Grant will provide a dedicated focus on continuing pre-disaster planning activities that will leverage and extend statewide a recent County of Maui project in this area.

**4) If applicable, a list highlighting your organization's accomplishments (FY 2017). This should include a detailed explanation showing the nexus between the funding received and the accomplishment(s).**

- *Provided Specialized and Locally Relevant Expertise in Coastal Hazards and Processes for Land-Use Planning.* On a day-to-day basis, Ms. Owens has been providing a wide range of technical support, project review, and stakeholder coordination roles on behalf of planners. With only a few designated Coastal Zone Management planners, Hawai'i Sea Grant provides increased capacity for interactions with other planners, Council members and committees, Planning Commissions, developers, consultants, community and volunteer groups, and media to advise on development permits, environmental assessments, policy recommendations, and site assessments. Expert guidance is provided on a daily basis to these stakeholder groups on topics including coastal erosion, shoreline access, shoreline armoring, dune restoration, sand resource conservation, land use decisions, and more. This level of support ensures expedited and science-based processing of Coastal Zone Management permits as well integration of technical information into decisions at all levels of county government.

In particular, over the past year, Ms. Owens has been working closely with the Coastal Zone Management planners to provide response to critical coastal erosion impacts in all regions of Maui. In one high profile case at Kahana Bay in West Maui, several 8- to 12-story condominiums are currently within 5-15 feet of the ocean waves and are considered imminently threatened. Ms. Owens' role in this case involved problem solving to provide a sound scientific basis for response options in addition to extensive outreach and network building to gain trust and awareness among affected stakeholders about the problem and potential solutions. In this case, options for responding to coastal erosion are limited, yet the County of Maui ultimately wanted to identify an alternative to armoring individual buildings which would almost certainly affect neighboring properties and lead to beach loss at those sites. Ms. Owens was tasked to provide alternative options for the County of Maui to consider. Beach restoration was identified as the County of Maui's preferred option to protect both the built and natural environments. To pursue this alternative, there were many questions to answer--foremost, whether the necessary offshore sand supplies for beach restoration existed. To this end, Ms. Owens wrote a request for proposals on behalf of the County of Maui for a coastal engineering consultant study to understand the viability of restoring the beach. She then co-managed the consultant team for the one-year study.

The outcome was the identification of high quality beach sand in quantities in far excess of what would be required to restore the beach, as well as preliminary beach restoration designs.

But overcoming the physical challenges and providing trouble shooting solutions are only one half of solving the problem. Ms. Owens and the Coastal Zone Management planners embarked on an exhaustive outreach effort to communicate with nearly 1,000 owners within nine condominium complexes, many of whom are fearful of losing their home or investment, some of whom see armoring as the only protective measure, and many of whom are difficult to reach directly since they do not live full time on Maui. This outreach effort involved at least 20 public meetings, some of which have been professionally filmed for sharing with off-island owners. In these meetings, Ms. Owens provided presentations about the erosion history of the region and response options, updates on the coastal engineering studies, and meeting facilitation. As an outcome of these outreach efforts, a group of representatives from each of the nine area condominiums has recently formed a steering committee to pursue a regional erosion mitigation project, which may include beach restoration.

- *Delivered Public Outreach and Education.* The National Sea Grant College Program Network is known nationally for its outreach and community engagement activities. Realizing the necessity of collaboration to address complex coastal resource issues, Hawai'i Sea Grant engages and connects academia, federal, state and local government, industries, and local community members through research, extension and education activities. Ms. Owens is recognized for developing and nurturing links and relationships with agencies and community organizations. Often she is the first person called when a community group encounters a problem, because she makes herself available, has earned trust, and will go the extra mile to make sure that the issue is addressed even if it is simply connecting folks to another agency or expert. Additionally, in the past seven years since her hire in 2010, Ms. Owens has given at least 50 presentations and trainings to organizations including community and condominium associations, conservation groups, the Maui County Council, and the Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i Planning Commissions.

This year alone, Ms. Owens has met with and provided formal presentations for a wide range of government and community groups, with some selected examples including the:

- Maui County Council Planning Committee – on the topic of regulation of seawalls
- Mayor's Office and County Departments – Sea-level rise adaptation workshop
- Upward Bound Program – on the topic of the impacts of sea level rise on Maui
- Kapalua Resort Association, Maui Land and Pine, and Coconut Grove AOA – on the topic of managing coastal resources and erosion at Kapalua Bay
- Napili Bay and Beach Foundation – on the topic of managing coastal resources and erosion at Kapalua Bay
- Condominium Council of Maui – on the topic of Maui's post-disaster rebuilding guidelines and expedited permit system
- Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset – on the topic of managing coastal erosion in West Maui
- County of Kaua'i Departments – to share upon request the outcomes of Maui's post-disaster rebuilding guidelines

There are at least 35 agencies and organizations that are among Ms. Owens' most common collaborators in her day-to-day work activities.

- *Improved Community Resilience through Pre-Disaster Planning*

We are pleased to report that over the past three years, the County of Maui is again in a position of demonstrating leadership in the state. Through a partnership with Hawai‘i Sea Grant and Ms. Owens leadership, the County of Maui was awarded \$178,000 from the NOAA-Hawai‘i Sea Grant Coastal Storms Program (CSP) in 2013 to lead a two-year planning process to develop “Post-disaster Reconstruction Guidelines and Protocols for Conservation of Coastal Resources and Protection of Coastal Communities.” This new initiative provided Ms. Owens the opportunity to work closely with County of Maui planning staff over a two-year period to conduct research and a series of county-wide community and agency meetings to obtain stakeholder feedback for developing guidelines. Community-based guidelines and protocols were developed that were specific to each local community and its shoreline characteristics. Social data were collected from 108 participants at five participatory community workshops using a unique damage-level-to-shoreline-type, table-top, game board matrix. The community feedback produced 26 reconstruction protocols crafted as 93 public messages that the County of Maui Mayor and Planning Director can communicate to homeowners, condominium owners, and businesses following a major disaster. A report detailing post-disaster construction guidelines and protocols, public messages, and other unmet needs was completed by the County of Maui in 2015. These guidelines are the first of their kind in the state of Hawai‘i and are serving as a model framework for other county and state governments. Moreover, the project’s stakeholder-focused, community planning process is being considered for incorporation into a Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Disaster Preparedness Training Center for disaster recovery planning and is informing additional planning work that is continuing statewide. Lastly, this effort is being expanded statewide through a 2016-2018 project entitled “Building Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Climate Change in Hawai‘i.” This project is funded by the NOAA Regional Coastal Resilience Grant program for which Ms. Owens is serving as a co-investigator.

- *Restored and Protected Coastal Dunes.* Healthy coastal dunes are critical for coastal hazard mitigation, beach protection, and habitat for many native plants and animals. However, coastal dunes on Maui and throughout Hawai‘i have suffered over decades from degradation related to development practices and intense recreational use of the shoreline area. In response, Ms. Owens has been working with various County of Maui departments, community and volunteer groups, and individual stewards to improve management and protection of coastal dunes on Maui. This work involves managing a very successful dune restoration program on Maui by providing the science of dune restoration, establishing general and site specific recommendations, and overseeing implementation. Ms. Owens has also continually provided technical assistance to the County of Maui on an effort that scientifically delineates the boundaries of coastal dunes for development projects as required by a county ordinance that prohibits the grading of primary coastal dunes. Consequently, over the past six years, many acres of coastal dunes have been restored using techniques such as re-vegetation with native coastal plants, establishing designated beach access pathways, and developing educational and interpretive signage. Dune walkovers and boardwalks are not commonly found in Hawai‘i as in other parts of the country, so she led an effort with the South Maui Volunteers and the County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation to authorize and build seven dune walkovers, four of which are fully disability accessible, to both protect restored coastal dunes and provide access for beachgoers of all abilities. Similar efforts are being initiated at Kapalua Bay and Kanaha Beach Park.

- *Improved Shoreline Access.* Access to and along the shoreline are primary tenants of Hawai‘i’s

Coastal Zone Management Program. This is underscored by the cultural importance in Hawai‘i of public shoreline access. Yet shoreline access is still limited in many areas, mainly due to land use development patterns prior to coastal management regulations. Additionally, traditional and customary shoreline access is constantly at risk of being eliminated or forgotten as development tends to privatize the coastline. To address this need, Ms. Owens is working closely with Coastal Zone Management planning staff to identify and promote opportunities for improved shoreline access. Recent successes indicate that restored access is achievable through voluntary private-public agreements, often as a result of a permitting request for major property improvements. At least three new public shoreline accesses have been established at properties in West Maui where none previously existed, including Kahana Sunset, Nohonani, and Makani Sands. Additionally, as previously mentioned, seven dune walkovers were installed for improved access through Hawai‘i Sea Grant technical assistance to the County of Maui and community partners. Further, the County of Maui is also now focusing greater attention to include more disability provisions in existing or new shoreline access facilities.

- *Provided Access to Resource Networks.* Through its vast network of extension specialists within the university, state and nation, Hawai‘i Sea Grant serves as a direct link for the County of Maui to resources, knowledge and expertise in diverse, but pertinent and applicable topic areas that span the gamut from aquaculture, natural and physical sciences to social science and coastal and ocean processes. In particular, due to Hawai‘i Sea Grant’s network within the state, County of Maui shoreline planners acknowledge that there is much improved communication and collaboration on shoreline management issues between the County of Maui and the Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources and State of Hawai‘i Office of Planning. This Hawai‘i Sea Grant extension role is relied on heavily to leverage limited staff resources throughout the state--this role cannot be understated. For example, since Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources staff who manage coastal lands seaward of the “high wash of waves” are not physically present on Maui, they often rely on Ms. Owens to provide eyes-on-the-ground information, with the added value of local knowledge and context, on their behalf. As another example, she has recently been collaborating with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff to articulate Maui’s needs and interests with respect to federal projects (i.e., Kahului Harbor dredging) and to harness the expertise of their federal staff in certain Maui-specific erosion management problems. In these times of “do more with less” resources, Hawai‘i Sea Grant can provide direct knowledge of relevant federal initiatives as well as engage other stakeholder agencies through site visits, workshops and conferences.

**5) If applicable, a detailed explanation as to why an increase in grant subsidy in FY 2018 is necessary and the actual impact the increase in grant subsidy will have on the community.**

The requested increase for FY18 in the amount of \$15,025, will bring the total amount of the grant to \$104,000 (from \$88,975 in FY17). We are making this request to take into account university faculty collective bargaining unit increases that have occurred since the last change in our grant agreement in FY14. This requested increase in funding will ensure that the County of Maui will continue to provide 70% of the cost for the full time salary and fringe benefits associated with the provision of full time, dedicated technical support provided by the Hawai‘i Sea Grant extension agent.

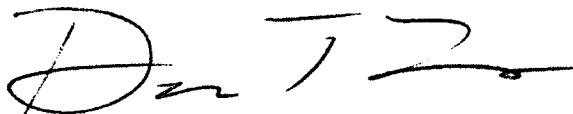
**6) What efforts has your organization made to seek funding from entities other than the County?**

Hawai‘i Sea Grant is a highly leveraged program and all of our extension faculty positions are project-based through grants and cost-share agreements. In this case, the County of Maui County Planning Department supports a majority (~70%) of the salary for the on-site Hawai‘i Sea Grant

extension agent, with the remaining portion of salary supported by the University of Hawai‘i through Hawai‘i Sea Grant. Additional support for the position and project are also provided directly from Hawai‘i Sea Grant or extramural grants to include travel funds, administrative and fiscal support as well as technological requirements. Additionally, the extension agent identifies and contributes to proposals for other funding opportunities which often results in more funding for County of Maui initiatives, as in the previously mentioned grant-funded projects for pre-disaster planning, which bring additional capacity from Hawai‘i Sea Grant. Within this operating framework, any reduction in funding from the County of Maui by definition can result in a reduction of support to the County and redirection of Ms. Owens’ duties to other funded initiatives that would support her salary and efforts.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide this information. If it would be helpful to your deliberations, we would also encourage you to reach out to the Planning Department leadership and/or to the Coastal Zone Management planners for their personal testimonies on the nature and value of this program. Through this successful partnership, Hawai‘i Sea Grant is dedicated to providing technical assistance and increased capacity in service to the Mayor’s Office, County Council, Department of Planning, the Planning Commission, and community stakeholders that is focused on the wise use and protection of natural resources, a robust economy, and the safety of all citizens in the county. To that end, we always welcome any suggestions for prioritizing projects or activities relating to land-use and shoreline planning, beach preservation and restoration, coastal hazard mitigation options, coastal erosion response, climate change including potential sea-level rise impacts, and other coastal processes-related issues.

Sincerely,



Darren T. Lerner  
Director  
University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program

cc: Darren Okimoto, Associate Director and Extension Leader, Hawai‘i Sea Grant  
Will Spence, Director, County of Maui Planning Department  
Michele McLean, Deputy Director, County of Maui Planning Department  
Clayton Yoshida, Planning Program Administrator, County of Maui Planning Department  
Jeff Dack, Current Planning Supervisor, County of Maui Planning Department

## HO`OULU NA KAMALI`I YOUTH PROGRAM

Requesting funding for FY2017-2018  
From the Maui County Council

Ho`oulu Na Kamali`i is a hands-on culturally based youth program located at Hale`ike O Pauwela Makai Farm in Haiku, the program is designed to service youth of all ages throughout the island of Maui, which focuses on education, culture, tradition and practices. This was the method that was successfully used for 17 years, by the late Alex Bode of the Waikikena Foundation; our youth program is a continuation of his teaching as well as the knowledge brought to the program by individuals with the same passion that have worked with MEO youth services, HPPUD, Tobacco Free Maui, and the Maui County Prevent Suicide Taskforce.

Ho`oulu Na Kamali`i provides a positive and nurturing youth development program that will focus on delivering Life skills, Career skills, Service learning, as well as Cultural and Farming development. These activities combined with prevention and awareness education gives the youth the ability to live a healthy life and will be powerful tools and incentives for youth to pursue higher education and employment goals. The youth will have positive and meaningful opportunities through culturally experiential activities; they will learn traditional practices of the Native Hawaiian culture taught by Cultural Practitioners. This will encourage the youth to avoid the involvement of negative influences, focusing to make the right decisions and empower them to control their own destiny. Giving the youth the skills and experience necessary to take concrete steps toward becoming self-sufficient, self-fulfilled, productive and respectful members of the community.

The [American Youth Policy Forum states](#), by 2020 approximately 65 percent of jobs will require some post-secondary education or training. Young people who do not earn a post-secondary credential are more likely to be jobless, earn less money, have more family and relationship struggles, and become incarcerated compared to youth who earn a high school diploma. Sadly the number of high school dropouts increase every year, which proves to be a grim future for our young adults. <sup>1</sup>Historically, there have been various efforts in Hawaii to build and strengthen restorative juvenile justice programs, but these efforts have been limited by the lack of stable and effective programs.

The most effective programs designed to bring change and growth is to create programs that will connect the youth and their diversity of cultures to fit the needs and interest of the youth. Building a strong relationship with agencies throughout the community, will give the youth the opportunity to heal, restore and build a stronger foundation.

Empowering youth and creating a strong community support system by forming relationships as well as achieving our mission, to empower the youth to become respectful, nurturing leaders and make our island, a more secure place to live, by creating a sustainable island; agriculturally, economically and socially one community at a time.

The success of our program will be a reflection of the success of our youth, knowing that they are eager to learn something new every day. Seeing a positive change in the youth's behavior is considered a success. Seeing a positive change in their Ohana is also considered a success. Working together to fix what was once broken, starting the healing process together, building trust and Aloha in their home and strengthening the foundation of their Ohana is a huge accomplishment for all involved.

Changing the pattern of unhealthy living is a huge task, there are many issues attached, but change is possible. We believe when youth are provided a safe, caring, supportive and nurturing learning environment responsive to their needs, positive change can occur. Our goal is to educate and perpetuate instilling hope in their lives, by simply using farming as a tool. Taking the knowledge and skills home to start a garden with their Ohana will be a great success story for our program.

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<sup>1</sup> Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Hawaii Juvenile Justice System 2000-2010 FINAL REPORT June 2012

Uncle Alex Bode with a group of intermediate and high school youth after a harvest at Waikikena.



The youth are learning how to identify the various varieties of the kalo plant.



Uncle Alex show the youth the proper way to cover the weed barrier.

At Boys leadership camp; Tapioca harvest at Kuiaha Bay, uncle teaches the youth how to clean the tapioca and shares different ways to cook them at home.



Uncle teaches the boys how to prepare a BBQ grill with keawe wood at the Boys camp.

Youth are learning how to mix concrete and set fence post at Hale'ike O Pauwela Makai



Youth helping Uncle Alex set the markers for the waterline along the berm, which will feed the farm.



Youth removed invasive fireweed from pasture land.



Girls are learning how to make traditional Tapa for Uncle Alex's memorial service.

The youth are sifting through plowed fields for black paper and irrigation tubing left in the ground by previous pineapple plantations.



Ohana work day, getting ready to plant kalo.

Youth weeding and maintaining Lo'i.



Harvest time!

Former youth participants and their Ohana regularly volunteer their time on scheduled work days.



Maui Budget Hearing Committee  
19 April 2017

There are not enough words in this world to describe what I have learned and gained from my experience working alongside with Leslie Lau Hee and Alex Bode. Many other people may say the same, but I would not be the person I am today if I had never volunteered for previous youth programs such as MEO Youth Services and Uncle Alex's farm at Waikikena. Their compassion, dedication, and commitment that they put into the keiki of Maui is what inspired me the most. They have left a positive impact on a lot of people and I am a living proof of it. I believe that the new program, *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i at Hale 'ike O Pauwela Makai Farm*, will prepare and structure the keiki into becoming successful individuals.

I have volunteered in youth programs since I was 13 years old, which was 7 years ago. Around that age, young teens are susceptible to being sucked into social media and introduced to alcohol, drugs, and many other bad habits. Fortunately, I kept myself busy with all of the activities and work that Aunty Leslie and Uncle Alex offered to the keiki. I was able to obtain skills such as farming; sustainability; cultural practices; suicide, alcohol and drug prevention; cooking; communication; leadership; and more. These programs have shaped me into becoming a better and wiser person.

Uncle Alex was the foundation of Waikikena. His commitment to the farm has allowed me to learn the importance of sustainability and cultural practices and how to imply them into today's society. I was able to gain hands-on experience with planting and harvesting taro at this farm. Although I enjoyed getting my hands dirty, I have come to learn that farming can be hard work. With doing hard work under the hot sun, it is easy to say that team work is a must. Being able to work with a wide variety of kids has improved my communication skills. I broke out of my shy shell and I realized that these programs aren't only about obtaining skills.

I developed numerous friendships from these programs. Most of these friendships ended up being one of the best parts of my life. Over the years, these friendships evolved into my second family. I continue to stay in contact with many of the people I have met. They are the most loving and caring brothers and sisters that I could ever ask for.

Aunty Leslie is one of those who I considered to have become one of my family members. She is kind, generous, and selfless. She puts the keiki of these programs before herself. Many youth advisors just clock in and clock out ~ except for her. She takes the time and effort to get to know these kids and to help them in whatever hardships they are experiencing. Aunty Leslie guided me into all of the right tracks. Youth advisors like her are the reason why I prospered into becoming a outstanding individual, today.

As a young adult, I highly recommend the new program, *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i*, for all of the keiki on Maui. This program will allow them to be open to positive eye-opening opportunities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Aleysa Martin  
Kahului, Maui

Maui County Budget Committee

Aloha,

I would first like to thank you for your support on Uncle Alex Bode's farm Waikikena. I am writing this letter to ask for your support on a new program dedicated to Uncle Alex's legacy. His legacy to my experience is to empower everyone, youths and adults to be independent and care for the land. My past experience contained many learnings towards myself and the land that we live in today. With the new program, Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i will promote the same aspects that the old program did to me and my peers. Uncle Alex was definitely a great mentor and he was always willing to share his knowledge with every visit. From farming taro, posting fences, to handling power tools, and cultural practices, we worked right beside to learn all these skills that we can always take with us. I was with the program for nearly five consecutive years. And it taught me the importance of caring for the land. As a young adult I highly recommend this new program for all the youths on maui to venture and experience what I have experience. It is really important for the youth to understand this and the program will definitely be able to assist them with this understanding especially in the place we live in today. Hooulu Na Kamali'i is unique, enjoyable, and very hands-on will lead anyone to a greater understanding on the land.

Ryan Bartolome



Leslie Lau Hee &lt;leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com&gt;

## Testimony in Support of Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i and Hale 'ike o Pauwela Makai--Tamara Tanaka

1 message

Tamara Tanaka <tamara.ns.tanaka@gmail.com>  
To: leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com, Tamara Tanaka <tamara.ns.tanaka@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 7:59 PM

Aloha Kakou, my name is Tamara Tanaka, and I am testifying in support of Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program and Hale 'ike o Pauwela Makai.

"Uncle Alex Bode of Waikikena Farm always reminds us that we can learn a lot about patience and adaptability from Kalo. Kalo will be ready to harvest at its own pace, so we must be patient, and Kalo adapts to its climate and surroundings, much like we should in life when faced with challenges and obstacles."

This is an excerpt from something I had written about Uncle Alex a few years back when he was still here with all of us, sharing his knowledge of Hawaiian culture and history, farming, construction, the ocean, and, of course, Pordagee jokes.

During the time I worked with him, I witnessed first-hand the positive impact he had on youth and his ability to connect with and inspire them. He taught and modeled for them valuable life lessons, like how to be on time and ready to work hard, how to listen well and follow directions, how to show gratitude, and how to be resourceful and figure things out no matter how hard a situation may be. He gave them water when they forgot theirs, snacks when they were hungry, and reality checks when they stepped out of place. Most importantly, he modeled for them integrity and humility. "I no more nothing; all I get is my word," he would often joke with me, but I knew his word was gold, and I'm sure that those who knew him well would agree.

I was also fortunate enough to hear from him his thoughts on addiction, and how most recovering addicts with whom he had worked on his farm

were not bad people but just lacking a connection with good people and their community. He always told me, "I would tell them, you can stay over here, we work the land together, and you do good for yourself and your family. They stay clean and get some skills and then they can go work and feel good. They can do the good they were meant to do." He also believed that connecting youth with their community and Hawaiian culture early on were key to breaking the cycle of addiction, and that is one of the reasons he worked so hard to make Hale 'ike o Pauwela Makai.

Hale 'ike o Pauwela Makai is Uncle Alex's dream, a place where he envisioned youth and the community prospering. And like everything else he set his mind to, he gave his heart and everything in him. The last time I saw him was there. We were helping to weed the rows of kalo and put in posts for fencing while he was telling our newest clients (who were not so happy to be working in the sun) that he had graduated with a degree from the School of Hard Knocks and that he was there to try and help some of them skip that course.

I humbly ask you to help with providing funding for Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i and Hale 'ike o Pauwela Makai so that they may continue to connect our youth with the community and empower them through sustainable education and Hawaiian tradition and practices, provide for them a safe place to be, and model for them what it means to belong to a home and care for it.



Leslie Lau Hee &lt;leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com&gt;

**Testimony**

1 message

Dreena Baisa &lt;dreenabaisa@gmail.com&gt;

To: leslielauhee.hnk@gmail.com

Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 11:02 PM

To: Maui County Council Members

Aloha Kakou. My name is Dreena Baisa and I'm writing this testimony on behalf of Ho'oulu Na Kamalii youth program. A few Months back ( October 2016 ) My Ohana and I was invited to go down to the farm and was given the opportunity to help Harvest Kalo and learn of the many different types of Kalo as well.. Unfortunately I never got the chance to meet Uncle Alex, I have always heard stories about him, and how much he loved farm life, and most importantly loved all the kids that walked in his path..That day as I sat there harvesting Kalo and listening to the kids share stories, of where they were at 8-10 years ago and now... How their lives has changed became better productive (now young adults)of our community was such a humbling experience for not just myself, but for my ohana as well..Obviously the farm and the teachings of Uncle Alex Has impacted their lives..They now give back, and go there to help every chance they get.. And to me... This is what it's all about! The program Is so beneficial for our children, to help give them the tools that they all need in life to make better decisions, learn sustainable living , be positive role models and be true to themselves..This farm has unlimited potential and we are humbly asking for your support in funding this youth program..

Mahalo Nui,  
Dreena Baisa

Aloha Mai Kakou,

My name is Rodina Santos and I am the mother of 10 year old twins Maunale'o & Kaihohonu and we live in Wailuku, Maui. I write you this letter because I am not able to physically be there to testify on behalf of Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i youth program also known as Waikikena or Uncle Alex Bodes place.

I was given the opportunity along with my keiki and some returning youth to malama the māla, harvest the kalo and even replant the ha at Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i. We were so blessed with the abundant harvest that season that we were able to bless our ohana and community with kalo allowing our la hui to eat ai pono. By locking arms with eachother and working diligently and hard together we were able to sustain a part of our lahui with the proper nutrition that kalo gives. I not only am writing this because of the sustainability this place gives as far as mea ai, but also the spiritual sustainability this place gives and offers our youth and their families. I've met various youth from many walks of life, much like who I once was but Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i gave them hope. By giving back to the 'aina and working hard these youth were able to see the fruit of their labor that blessed the multitudes in our community. That in itself brought healing and reassurance to them that they have a purpose and a responsibility to themselves, their ohana and la hui which caused them to persevere and choose the right paths and stick with it. People like Alex Bode and Leslie Lau Hee among countless others invest in our youth because they see them as an asset and not a liability. What do you see them as? If we don't invest in our keiki and their future who will? If not now, then when? I was once a challenged youth but I had amazing mentors like Uncle Alika Atay who invested in me. Now I am a mother and I am investing not only in mine, but in the keiki/youth of this community. It is our responsibility to give them a chance. I humbly ask that you consider and grant Ho'oulu Na the funding it needs to continue to be the sustainability we need for our community. Mahalo!

Me ka ha'a ha'a,  
Rodina "Ro" Santos



COUNTY OF MAUI  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS  
**GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)**

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## PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

1. EXPENSE CATEGORIES	2. AMOUNT REQUESTED	3. MATCHING FUNDS (Applicant's funds)	4. *OTHER RESOURCES (Not from Maui County)	5. TOTAL BUDGET
A. Personnel	122,004.00		46,800.00	\$ 168,804.00
B. Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits				
C. Equipment	1,919.00		39,594.00	\$ 41,513.00
D. Supplies	24,868.00		12,565.00	\$ 37,433.00
E. Staff Training	874.00		874.00	\$ 1,748.00
F. Other	10,335.00		12,335.00	\$ 22,670.00
G. Administrative Costs	19,725.00		15,892.00	\$ 35,617.00
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>179,725.00</b>		<b>\$ 128,060.00</b>	<b>\$ 307,785.00</b>

**\*OTHER RESOURCES (Column 4):**

Total for column #4 (Other Resources) must match source(s) total below.  
Other Resources" applies to funds to be applied to this specific program.

Source(s):	\$ Amount(s):
Office of Hawaiian Affairs	128,060.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>128,060.00</b>

List all other County of Maui grant resources showing the funding Department, Grant Number, and full grant amount.

County Dept and Grant No.      \$ Grant Amount

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**EXHIBIT "D"**

DHHC GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)

**A. PERSONNEL**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

<b>1. SCHEDULE OF PERSONNEL</b> List all key personnel by position for the proposed program and Maui County request.	<b>2. AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>3. MATCHING FUNDS</b>	<b>4. OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>5. TOTAL BUDGET</b>
<b>CONTRACTED PERSONNEL:</b> Program Director @ \$4,167/month x100% x 12 months	50,004.00			\$ 50,004.00
<b>CONTRACTED PERSONNEL:</b> Farm Manager/Cultural Practitioner @ \$3,000/month 100% x 12 months	36,000.00			\$ 36,000.00
<b>CONTRACTED PERSONNEL:</b> Program Specialist/Cultural Practitioner @ \$3,000/month 100% x 12 months	36,000.00			\$ 36,000.00
<b>CONTRACTED PERSONNEL:</b> Program Assistant/Farm Worker @ 2,600 x 100% x 12 months			31,200.00	\$ 31,200.00
<b>CONTRACTED PERSONNEL:</b> Program Assistant/Farm Worker @ \$15/hour x 20 hours/week x 100% x 52 weeks			15,600.00	\$ 15,600.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	122,004.00		\$ 46,800.00	\$ 168,804.00

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## DHHC GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)

## B. PAYROLL TAXES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

**Agency Name:** Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.  
**Program Title:** Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

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## DHHC GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)

## C. EQUIPMENT

**Agency Name:** Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

**Program Title:** Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

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## **D. SUPPLIES**

**Agency Name:** Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

**Program Title:** Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

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## DHHC GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)

## **E. STAFF TRAINING / TRAVEL**

**Agency Name:** Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

**Program:** Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

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## DHHC GRANT APPLICATION (FY2017-2018)

**F. OTHER**Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.Program: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

<b>1. SCHEDULE OF OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>2. AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>3. MATCHING FUNDS</b>	<b>4. OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>5. TOTAL BUDGET</b>
Utilities	1,980.00	-	1,980.00	\$ 3,960.00
Telephone	960.00	-	960.00	\$ 1,920.00
Postage/freight	120.00	-	120.00	\$ 240.00
Printing	175.00	-	175.00	\$ 350.00
Contract Services			2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Supportive Services for youth Participants	1,100.00		1,100.00	\$ 2,200.00
Stipends for Youth Participants	6,000.00		6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER COSTS</b>	<b>10,335.00</b>		<b>\$ 12,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,670.00</b>

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**G. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

<b>1. SCHEDULE OF ADMIN. COSTS 12% of Budget)</b>	<b>(Maximum</b>	<b>2. AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>3. MATCHING FUNDS</b>	<b>4. OTHER RESOURCES</b>	<b>5. TOTAL BUDGET</b>
Grant Admin Cost		19,200.00		15,367.00	\$ 34,567.00
General Fiscal Management & Support		525.00		525.00	\$ 1,050.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		19,725.00		\$ 15,892.00	\$ 35,617.00

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**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**A. PERSONNEL - SALARIES AND WAGES**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

#	POSITION TITLE	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT TO AGENCY	ANNUAL SALARY A	% TIME BUDGETED TO PROGRAM B	% CHARGED TO COM C	TOTAL SALARY BUDGETED TO GRANT A x B x C
1	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL - Program Director		\$ 50,004.00	100%	100%	\$ 50,004.00
2	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL - Farm Manager/ Cultural Practicioner		\$ 36,000.00	100%	100%	\$ 36,000.00
3	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL - Program Specialist/Culturual Practitioner		\$ 36,000.00	100%	100%	\$ 36,000.00
5	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL - Program Assistant/Farm Worker		\$ 31,200.00	100%	0%	
6	CONTRACTED PERSONNEL - Program Assistant/Farm Worker (part-time)		\$ 15,600.00	100%	0%	
7						
8						
9						
10						
TOTAL:						\$ 122,004.00

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:**

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**B. PAYROLL TAXES AND FRINGE BENEFITS**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

<b>Payroll Taxes and Assessments</b>	<b>Rate (%)</b>	<b>Salary from A. Personnel table, column 2</b>	
Social Security/Medicare			\$ -
Unemployment Insurance (Federal)			\$ -
Unemployment Insurance (State)			\$ -
Worker's Compensation			\$ -
Temporary Disability Insurance			\$ -
Subtotal payroll taxes and assessments			\$ -
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>			
Medical			
Dental			
Subtotal fringe benefits			\$ -
<b>Total payroll taxes and fringe benefits</b>			
Total payroll taxes and fringe benefits			\$ -

**Justification comments:** (Example for medical: \$400 per month avg medical per month x 12 months x 2 employees = \$9,600)

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**C. EQUIPMENT**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST OF ITEM	AMT REQUESTED FROM MAUI COUNTY
Chainsaw	1	469.00	469.00	\$ 469.00
Weedwacker	1	329.00	329.00	\$ 329.00
Hand saw or grinder	1	121.00	121.00	\$ 121.00
Tractor/tiller w/attachments	1	36,125.00	36,125.00	\$ -
Equipment rental/lease	1	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
				\$ 1,919.00

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:**

Chainsaw and weedwacker will be used in daily maintenance of the 144 acre parcel.

A hand saw or grinder will be needed for program activities. Motorized tools will be operated by Contracted Personnel.

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**D. SUPPLIES**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title.: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS
Office Supplies and File cabinet	587.00	General supplies needed: files, folders, fasteners, pens, etc. For personnel to keep each youth participant's file in order. Estimated cost \$25 x 12 months = \$300. Estimated file cabinet \$287.
Incentive and Rewards for Youth Participants	1,400.00	Incentive program for 175 youth participants, encouraging youth to continue to pursue their goals, example: beach day activity. Estimated cost \$8 per youth participant.
Program Supplies - Native Tree Project	10,456.00	Restoring the land with native plants & trees that will be used for food, medicine and tools. Estimated cost for fencing material \$7500 and \$2956 for native plants & trees.
Program Supplies - Cultural Experiential	2,250.00	Poi board project: Estimated cost for wood slabs \$2250
Program Supplies - After School Program	375.00	School and homework supplies: Project supplies, poster boards, pens, pencils, papers, etc. Estimated cost \$7.50 x 50 youth participants = \$375
Program Supplies - Service Learning	500.00	Program t-shirts will be supplies to at least 62 youth participant and community volunteer. Estimated \$8.06 per t-shirt
Program Supplies - Career Skills	500.00	Materials needed to prepare youth for the workforce and financial literacy. Estimated cost \$12.50 x 40 youth participants = \$500
Program Supplies - Life Skills	900.00	CPR and First Aid training and certification for 30 youth participants. Estimated cost \$900, \$30 per youth participant.
Food, Snacks, and Drinks	1,500.00	3 Parent/Youth Participant Orientation and Family Nights: At least 50 attending each night. Estimated 150 attendees x \$10 cost of food and water = \$1500
Snacks and Drinks	4,150.00	After-school and weekend program and activities, at least 20 youth will participate daily. Estimated cost \$19.76/day x 210 service days = \$4150
Food, Snacks, and Drinks	2,250.00	3 Youth Camps: 4 days/3nights, at least 30 youth will attend each camp. Estimated cost, 90 participants x 5 meals, snacks, & drinks x \$5 = \$2250
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 24,868.00</b>	

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**E. STAFF TRAINING / TRAVEL**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

Name and Title of Employee	Conference or training name, location, dates	A Per Diem with lodging	B Air fare	C Ground Trnsprt	D Registration Fees	E Other	TOTAL REQUESTED A+B+C+D+E
Leslie Lau Hee-Program Director		\$ 50.00	\$ 131.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 206.00
Atwood Makanani-Farm Manager/Cultural Practitioner		\$ 50.00	\$ 131.00		\$ 25.00		\$ 206.00
Thomas Lum-Program Specialist/Cultural Practitioner		\$ 50.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 231.00
Open Position: Program Assistant/Farm Worker		\$ 50.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 231.00
Open Position: Program Assistant/Farm Worker							\$ -
Open Position: Program Assistant/Farm Worker (part-time)							\$ -
							\$ -
<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ 200.00	\$ 524.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 874.00

**JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:** (Include purpose of trip and how it achieves or supports program goals.)

Estimated cost for future training that will benefit the quality of the programming.

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**F. OTHER**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title.: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS</b>
		(Ex: Rent total of \$8000 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$2000)
Utilities	1,980.00	Fuel for motorized farm tools and portable toilet service. Estimated total cost \$3960 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$1980.
Telephone	960.00	Phone and internet service for program operations. Estimated total cost, \$1920 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$960.
Postage/Freight	175.00	For correspondence and material sent to youth participants and their families. Estimated total cost, \$350 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$175.
Printing	120.00	General copy printing for project required reporting and filing. Estimated total cost, \$240 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$120.
Supportive Services for Youth Participants	1,100.00	At least 30 youth participants will receive supportive services, which include work shoes, pants and public bus passes. Estimated total cost, \$2200 x 50% charged to program x 50% charged to COM = \$1100.
Stipends for Youth Participants	6,000.00	At least 100 youth will participate, youth will earn \$10 stipends for some of the community and service projects throughout the year. The youth will be encouraged to place half of their earnings into a savings account. The purpose of the stipend is to teach the youth money management skills. Estimated total cost \$12000 x 50% charged to program X 50% charged to COM = \$6000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 10,335.00</b>	

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**  
**G. ADMINISTRATION**

Agency Name: Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Program Title.: Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i Youth Program July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS
Grant Admin Cost	19,200.00	For Management of the Grant as the Fiscal Sponsor, Data Collection, Reporting, Accounting A/R and A/P, P&L and Balance Sheet Reports, and Annual Audits.
General Fiscal Management & Support	525.00	Consultation and new grant submission fees.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 19,725.00</b>	

TUESDAY APRIL 18 2017

**TESTIMONY -MAUI COUNTY BUDGET HEARING 2018**

Good Morning Budget Chair and Council members, my name is Cesar Gaxiola. I am the Executive Director of the J. Walter Cameron Center representing a 11 member Board of Director's that is comprised of a diverse group of community-minded Maui residents who volunteer their time and expertise to help guide the management of the Center and ensure that it continues to benefit the overall community by providing low-cost office and program space for non-profits and flexible meeting space for many public service programs, workshops and special events. There are presently 14 agencies located at the Center and each year 40,000 people benefit from the services provided at this unique one-stop community service facility.

Over the past several years the Center have faced the challenge of securing the resources necessary to accomplish major improvements projects in order to ensure the continued viability of the Center facilities. We are proud to report that over the last 7 years the Center has been able to secure over \$7 million in grants to support facility improvements, most of which has come from so many funding sources....including \$2.85 million from State GIA, Weinberg Foundation \$1.5 million, funds from the USDA Rural Development and grants from many local private foundations. We are also proud to acknowledge that the County has been a key funding source with the allocation of funds from the CDBG program and line-items to help fill various funding gaps.

This year the Center is requesting a \$90,000 grant that will be utilized to support the cost of accomplishing roof repairs that are necessary to prevent leakage and water damage of the Center complex. The work will involve removal of the deteriorated portions of the roof membrane and re-grading of the roof to disperse water more effectively and prevent leakage into windows and door seals.

The grant we are requesting represents an investment in the future by helping to ensure the continued viability of this important community service facility.

Thank you for your support.

April 18, 2017

Aloha Chairman Hokama and members of the committee. My name is Patricia Cadiz. I oppose the Mayor's outrageous CORA fee increase.

There is an essential relationship between the availability of the ocean resources and the viability of the tourist industry. HVB and MVB spend millions to encourage visitors to come here so that they can fuel our tourist-based economy. It is counter-productive to impose onerous fees that will force further attrition in ocean activity services, cost jobs, compromise safety and affordability, and ultimately affecting an essential foundational component to the way we live and access the ocean.

I am not sure why the Mayor wants to rid the Parks of CORA services. Ideally, inexperienced residents and visitors, children and adults alike should be able to easily obtain affordable ocean activity education.

Maui's CORA permit system is the most sophisticated, successful and robust ocean activity management system in the state. CORA has done an excellent job of providing safe, and cost-effective experiences. I ask you to look beyond the dollars of permit fees and notice the whole value of CORA. We are ancillary lifeguards and rangers. We teach skills and create passion that cultivate life-long returning guests. Perhaps most importantly your experienced guides and instructors prevent injuries and loss of life routinely - mitigating the county's liability expenses.

I refer you to the orange attachment "Permitted CORA" and fee comparisons. Notice "Last year's County fee" and "This year's state fee" (for access to state waters thru county parks) are "on par" already. This year, the combined County and state fee would constitute a 400% fee increase burden. Why? CORA is already disproportionately taxed. A bike tour company pays a mere \$500. The CORA fund holds over half a million dollars and is growing! There is no sound economic evidence that a CORA fee increase is warranted.

Mr. Hokama, members of the Council, I have listened carefully to your committee deliberations. Much of the information you have heard on the size and nature of our businesses, on economic opportunities in the parks, on comparisons to Waikiki, on state permit revenue, on allocation of expenses, on the integrity of the whole CORA program, even where and why I hold permits - it has been misinformation. Facts matter! Seek truths.

There are much more responsible ways to generate funding for parks. Please listen to and work with your local beach park experts to cultivate appropriate funding opportunities that will enhance the integrity of Maui as a place to live, work and visit.

By example:

Utilize the \$521,000 CORA fund for its stated purpose

Re-issue the vacated permits (See "Available CORA permits") and open up a few other parks for CORA

Work with state to consolidate all beach parks and access points from state to county governance

Consider MVB as a funding source for certain parks upgrades

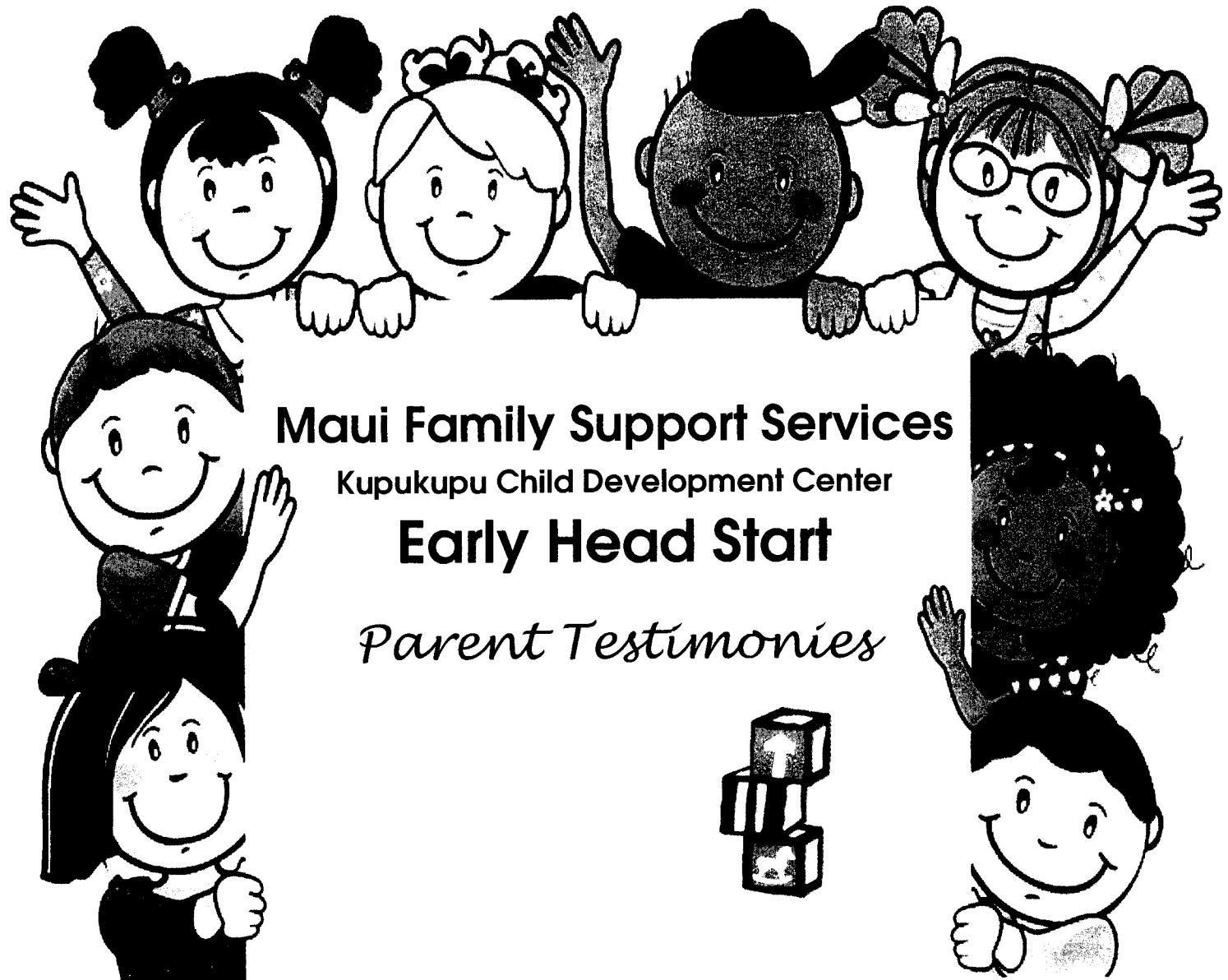
Invigorate the voting public to demand our fair share of the TAT

Establish beach park advisory/stewardship boards who will ensure monies are spent wisely

## Available CORA Permits

	Kayak	Kite	Scuba	Snork	Surf	windsurf	Total
DT F	1						1
Hana	2		2	2			6
Hanakaoo	1			2			3
Kalama	1						1
Kamehameha iki							0
Kanaha							0
Keawekapu				2			2
Maipoina							0
Papauea				3			3
Papalaua	1		2				3
Polo				1			1
Poolenalena			2				2
Ukuhemhame				2			2
Ulua							0
Waiehu					1		1
Wahikuli			2	2			4
Wailea			1	3			4
Waipuilani							0
Total	6	0	10	16	1	0	33

Permitted CORA	Last year County fee	Last year State fee	This year Proposed County fee	This year State fee	TOTAL This Year	Percentage Change
Aqua Sports	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Action Sports Maui	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
b/b scuba	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
beach club	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Big Kahuna Surf	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Club Maui Beach	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Extended Horizons	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Goofy Foot	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Hawaiian Style Surf	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
HST	5600	0	21700	2400	24100	430%
Kelii's Kayak	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Kihei Scuba Service	3100	0	9700	2400	12100	390%
Kite School Maui	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Lahaina divers	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
maui beach boys	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Maui Dive Shop	5100	0	19300	2400	21700	425%
Maui Dreams Diving	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Maui Eco Tours	2600	0	4900	2400	7300	281%
Maui Kayaks	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Maui Kiteboarding Lessons	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Sports Unlimited	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Maui Surfer Girls	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Undersea Adventures	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Waveriders	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
My Splash	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Opelus Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Outrageous Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Reef Encounters	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Royal Hawaiian Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Scuba Shack	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
South Pacific Kayaks	6600	0	26500	2400	28900	438%
Surf Shack	6600	0	26500	2400	28900	438%
Ultra Dive	3100	0	9700	2400	12100	390%
Wailea Watersports	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Windsurf School Maui	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
	<b>\$86,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$262,700</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>\$346,700</b>	<b>401%</b>



## Maui Family Support Services

Kupukupu Child Development Center

## Early Head Start

### Parent Testimonies



RECEIVED AT BF MEETING ON \_\_\_\_\_

(Ave Diaz)

Aloha,

My daughter has been in MFSS infant toddler center for 2.5 years. She will graduate in July this year from the center.

My daughter started attending MFSS infant toddler center when she was 8 months old. At the time, I couldn't believe I deserved such a blessing as MFSS early head start. I was struggling as a first time mother with no family. I cried every day I had to drop my daughter off at her horrible day care where she would get bruises and be stuck in a chair all day!

I cry even now thinking how grateful and relieved I was when I got the phone call telling me we were accepted at MFSS early head start... no more stuck in a chair all day and no more bruises, my daughter could now be safe. Then they told me we didn't have to pay, that all cost was covered, I knew it was too good to be true. Financial it was mission impossible to work a bit above minimum wage, pay rent, and pay child care cost as a single parent. Free child care???? What was the catch??? The catch was healthy, nutriscious meals, a daily routine of outside play, story time, arts and crafts and guaranteed nap. Safety, security all so my daughter could have a GREAT HEAD START>

My daughter has been able to learn and grow to her greatest potential with MFSS early head start. She knows her class room routines, she has learned to be part of a group, how to be polite and ask please and respond with thank you, sharing will still take some time. MFSS staff also referred us to IMUA family services when my daughter was two and wasn't speaking and again when she was getting ready to transition into preschool.

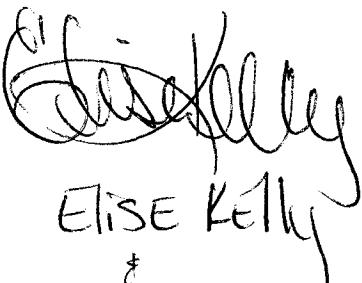
I have also benefited immensely from this program! With my daughter safe and in competent caring hands I have been able to work and provide for us. When I know she is safe and happy, I can be happy and provide for our little family.

I can't even imagine what would of happened if we didn't have MFSS. I would of given up!! I was there almost every day before we got into the program. I was relapsing, drugs alcohol, and I was turning my daughter into CWS so she could have a chance at a future, because I couldn't do it, I didn't know how, I was hopeless.

Now, eternally grateful for MFSS early head start program I kept my sobriety and work for a Substance abuse center, my daughter is graduating and moving to Imua preschool in July and we couldn't be happier!!

This program is a necessity for so so many families in our community! Please support them in all the ways that you are capable.

Sincerely,

  
Elise Kelly  
Zofia Kennedy

4/11/2014

4/12/17

To whom it may concern,

My daughter has been going to the Center for a year. She has learned so much in such a short time. The work they do there is so wonderful and educational. She's learned to recite songs, colors, shapes and they've even helped getting her started with potty training.

My oldest daughter graduated out of the center last December and is in a new preschool. I can definitely see a difference between the two settings. The Early Head Start is hands down way better. In my opinion, it is THE BEST.

The Center doesn't only help the child, they help the whole family. The in kind activities are great ways to spend quality time with your child and ensures your child is school-ready. Their meetings are always informative and really help with common problems. The staff also genuinely cares. They take the time to find out how the child and family is doing. If the family needs anything they go above and beyond to assist.

The teachers share so much with the kids. When I come in, often times, one teacher will be reading with a group while another builds blocks and talks about colors. I think those little moments are very important for the children.

The cost is also very helpful. Childcare for infants-3yrs old can be very expensive. The cost can sometimes affect our ability to work. This program is so helpful for the low income working families. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are also provided which really saves me time in the morning because it's one less bag I have to pack.

If we no longer had early headstart it would truly be a great disappointment. My daughter would have no where to go and I wouldn't be able to work. I am the sole breadwinner for the family. Waitlists are extremely long right now and I would be terribly sad for my daughter to miss out on all the wonderful experiences the center provides. I am so very, very grateful for the opportunity ~~to~~ to be able to participate with you guys. Thank you so much.

Desiree Guillen  
D G

2171 A Mokuhau Rd.  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
808-250-9958

My Son Konner-Jayson Vierro Baugher is in early Head Start Infant and Toddler center. He has been in this program since January, 18 2017 and it has been so helpful. My son Konner is learning so much in this program such as using words, playing nicely, eating right and wanting to do the same activities at home (reading and writing-coloring). This program has brought my family closer together in a more loving and more caring way that we didn't have before. If we didn't have this program I feel we would be out of place in being calm with our children, wanting to teach them and find an easier non-healthy way to deal with our children. Thank you Maui Family Social Services for a great! program.

Sincerely

Alika Baugher  
and邹  
4/11/17

Aloha

Our Child, Violet is now in  
the Early Head Start Infant Little PreK  
and soon to be to the Toddler Center

Violet has been receiving services.

From 16 months now. The program

is helping violet to socialize with other

children, and violet is learning, and being  
prepared for pre-k. Early head start is and

has been so much help for us because she

comes home from school and starts doing

things that I didn't know she new. She

makes me happy and amazed by her

actions. Early head start has been great to us

and I'm so happy and grateful that violet is

able to be in this program. We really appreciate  
all of the early head start staff and

their time to have all the services you folks  
provide for us families. I definitely know that

from this service program is the best service  
any family could ask for. Thank you all

so much. God Bless Kystal Park, P.O. Box 988  
Waukesha HI 53179:

To Whom It May Concern,

My son Omega has been part of this program since he was about 2 years old. When he first got in he wasn't talking like the kids his age. He was referred to Imua while also attending Early Head Start and from this program he was speaking in a few short months. So far with this program has not only my son, but my other two children that have attended this program it's easier to transfer them into preschool. They are social, love to make friends. And when they get to preschool they are willing and ready to learn. If my ohana no longer had this program, we would probably be on the beach or something. Being a single mom I am the only one taking care of my kids, so I'm going to school and working. Without this program I wouldn't be able to do that.

Thank You.

  
Francine Nakao

April 11, 2017

"To whom it may concern"

my Child has been in the toddler Center  
Since July 2017 and Since She has been  
in the Center. She has Learned a lot  
From Colors, Counting, how to Get along  
with Others and Especially how to follow  
Rules & Routine. This Program has helped  
my family Connect with the Community &  
help me Rais my child the Right way. if  
we no longer had this Amazing Program  
it would be devastating be cause it would  
be a big Impact on Parents & Kids it would be  
a Struggle.

Aloha, Primalteh 4/11/17

09/11/17  
586 Kaimana St  
Kahului HI 96732  
(808)280-0969

Aloha,

My name is Leimana Kekoa and my son Tristan, has been in the Early Head Start Infant and Toddler Center from Jan. 2017.

Overall we have been receiving services fr: MFSS since July 2016.

The program has helped not only my child, but my whole family in many ways. Tristan is now socializing with other children his age, he is interacting more with his teachers and classmates.

Tristan benefits from the Early Head Start program, educationally, emotionally and physically. In just a short period of time, my child was potty trained, learned his ABC's, Numbers, and so much more.

Early Head Start has encouraged me to and helped me develop and achieve goals for me and my family.

Since three years has started I feel that MFSS has impacted my family vastly. As a family we have taken steps to ~~do~~ improve our health, education, and live a better life style.

If there wasn't a program like this in place I honestly don't know if I would be where I am today. I am determined, motivated, I went back to school and studied what my ~~about~~ my children's future and education. MFSS helped instill their thinking and determination that I fed for my children.

Mahalo

Leimana Kekoa (Leimana Kekoa)

4/5/17

MY NAME IS Chelsea MY 2 year old daughter Shaiice goes to the early headstart infant toddler center (she starting going when she turned one) I am very grateful for this program because it allowed me to work and make a better life for me and my children the program also helped my daughter with her development skills the teachers and staff were and are (still today) so supportive of Shaiice and making sure she reaches all her goals, abilities i truly love this center for all they do and have done for my daughter without this program i would struggle childcare is (such a great expense) and this program helped me by offering free services which helped a great deal being a single mom at the time again i appreciate early headstart for <sup>(ui)</sup> all they continue to do they are the best!

Chelsea Kamaka-Ramos  
(303) 359-6677 (cell)

## To whom it may concern

I'm a Proud Parent and I'm very grateful for the Early Head Start Program!

I have a 2yr old daughter who has been with the program for 3 yrs, and I must say she has learned so much in the class room. My daughter has progressed in many different learning abilities and for that I am truly grateful for Early Head Start. One of the biggest helpful programs they were able to help my daughter w/ was her speech and it was such a relief that they had a program to help her. There are so many great things to say about the program, I feel this letter would become a book and not a letter. What I would like to say is my daughter loves this program and so do we, But this program starts with the individuals that work with our children everyday they are so committed to be there for each child. Walking through the doors you can feel the positive energy and as a parent you know and feel the trust with each adult in the room.

This amazing program along w/ the individuals really makes a huge impact in our children's lives and us parents I would like to sincerely say thank you "Early Head Start Louisiana" for helping my daughter achieve her goals. Even though she's only 2 1/2 old n-ho ways to go. It was all of you who started this journey for all of us -n- we know she will fulfill her goals in life. I know I see it everyday

With my daughter and my wife  
her development skills has progress  
everyday

Sincerely yours

The Vinyay-Yogi Bhawan

Letter 3.

To whom it may concern April 11

My daughter attends the family day  
staff retreat and today birthed her  
new born surviving son who is

now I now know this program  
is necessary for our family. As a single  
grandparent that visits her with our  
daughter of this program I am grateful

that I can work out my schedule  
it used to affect this center a lot  
but much at the center we  
are involved in its spirit, love, learning  
and most of all having fun and  
having friends the training and staff  
staff are greatly appreciated.

thank you.

#808-205-3300

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Miller  
Kathleen Miller  
Kathleen Miller

April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

To whom it may concern,

My daughter Christina is in MFSS Early Head Start Infant and Toddler Center. She has been receiving services for 16 months. She has reached all of her developmental milestones. She has learned to properly socialize with other children her age. Her vocabulary is increasing exponentially. She has learned multiple songs. The teachers are kind and caring and Christina looks forward to seeing them in the morning. The program has helped our family by giving me the ability to work during the hours that she is in the center. As a single mother, without this program, I wouldn't be able to maintain employment. Without this program, Christina would not have progressed as much as she has in her education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Wise".

Jennifer Wise  
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808-866-9898

Maui Budget Hearing  
APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>  
2017

To whom it may concern:

My daughters age 6 & 2 have both attended the Early Headstart program which has allowed me to pursue my associates degree, to obtain a dependable career, & allow me to practice my skills & gain experience in my industry.

At one point I was a single mother struggling with my 1<sup>st</sup> daughter to survive, with this program I found encouragement & support not only for me, but for the growth of my child. I feel a safe & Nurturing environment was the best choice to have my kids spend the day as I work to provide for them. The stress of trying to find unreliable babysitters takes a toll on any working family. The existence of this program has made it possible for me to be an "acceptable" member of society as well as water the seed of knowledge in the brains of my girls. Without this program I would be extremely sad not just because I would face the babysitting situation, but not having the opportunity for other children

to know this awesome place or  
to feel the love that the  
teachers at the Early Head start  
program shower the kids in.  
If I had the choice, I would  
provide more funding for a  
bigger facility to accept more  
children or to create multiple  
facilities to provide this program  
to multiple areas of the state.  
Thank you for the time you  
have given to read this.

Natalie Nei Loo,  
Ahasis KAHUE age 25  
2271 Nokshay Rd.  
WAIKIKU HI 96793 403 2242

Daughters : Drizzlin Rain Bautista  
Breeze -Easy Torres  
(4+2)

My name is Ilaise Fakavai,

I am writing this letter to attest the Early Head start infant toddler center has been a blessing to my family and I. My sons Ofamooni and Ho'okela have only been a part of the early head start program for 3 weeks now and successfully completed their transition phase but it was the smoothest most comforting transition I have ever seen. This program offers me the ability to rely on someone other than myself and gives me the reassurance of reliable child care in a safe environment. This program in a short amount of time has taught my sons routine skills, listening skills and for one child the ability to use the restroom because he's exposed to other children who are using the restroom as well.

This program offers me classes, lessons which I can take home and use with my children to keep a routine and gives us time as a family to engage in activities together. This program has exceeded my expectations and I am lost for words as far as explaining what this program has done for me as an individual and mother and my little family. This program offers me childcare at no expense but at the expense of giving me activities to work on at home with my children giving us family time to reflect and see just how much they're learning due to the program and teachers.

Moreover, for the last few years child care has been expensive for me with paying a family member to watch my children and quite often finding myself in an unreliable childcare situation. Due to this unreliable childcare I found myself in constant job changes due to this which is obviously way beyond overwhelming for any individual who has children. When I found out my children not one but both children were accepted into this program I was beyond ecstatic and haven't ever felt so blessed for such a great opportunity to finally find a routine in life with my family.

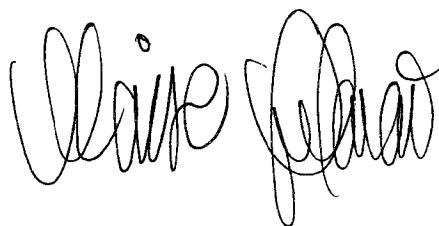
If there were ever to no longer have an early head start program I would be back at square one going job to job and not having any real guidance to my children and their learning curves and struggles.

This program offers so much more than the basic babysitting childcare I'm used to. This program offers my children and any child the opportunity to grow but grow for the better with other

children. I am so grateful for this program and cannot explain the amount of thanks I have. This program is beyond what I could've ever expected and I am so grateful for this program.

Please understand for mothers like myself trying to work, going to school and trying to teach two young growing men to be reliable and responsible isn't easy and the Early Head-start program offers me the ability to outline where I need to focus my efforts most when it comes to my children. Please don't cut this program the way this program has helped my children in such a short amount of time attests to just how great of a program it is. I can just imagine what they could do for more families and children if given the funding and opportunities. Our children need programs like Early Head-start so they can be exposed to other children and society where they can gain so many new skills that we as parents can't teach them at home. This program is wonderful and has my full support.

Thank you for your time.

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04/13/17

A handwritten date in black ink, appearing to read "04/13/17".

4/12/17

TO whom it may concern,

My child is in Maui Family support services Early Head Start Infant + Toddler Center. He has been in the program for about 2 years since he has started the program I was able to finish my Associates Degree and ~~am~~ able to go to work knowing my child is in a safe environment. I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's Degree and without this program I could have NOT accomplished any of these. When my son came to your program I was newly divorced, no work experience (stay at home mother/wife for 11 years) & no education background. If the Early Head Start Infant + Toddler Center wasn't available then, I feel my life would be in a different direction <sup>today</sup> MY family would not be intact, I would be stuck in a minimum wage job and would have no means to get out of poverty. Please don't remove the Early Head Start Infant + Toddler Program. Our community is in desperate need of it.

Abby Aldosa  
PO Box 103  
Kahului, HI 96733  
abby.aldosa@gmail.com

April 17, 2017

To whom it may concern,

My daughter Aneka N Reinhardt-Kea attends MFSS Early Head Start at the Lahaina Center. She has been attending since April 12 of 2016. Aneka has grown a lot ever since she has been attending the Early Head Start program. Within the first week Aneka was able to walk without getting help or holding on to something. After 2 months Aneka was going to the Potty, always wanting to brush her teeth, clean-up her own mess, and display all that she learned in school. I am amazed and impressed with the Early Head Start Program. My family is blessed to have had the opportunity to participate in this program. I would be saddened if the Early Head Start Program no longer exists. Aneka is 2 yrs old. I want her to graduate from MFSS Early Head Start. My oldest Aissa-Mae M. Reinhardt, who is 4 yrs old, graduated from MFSS EHS, Lahaina Center last school year. She loved it! My children and I have learned and gained a lot from being

part of this program. We need this program for our keikis. I would highly recommend this program to other families, for this program is beneficial to all.

Sincerely  
Scentinair R Reinhardt

Scentinair Ilana Reinhardt  
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[rscentinair@gmail.com](mailto:rscentinair@gmail.com)

To whom it may concern,

4/17/17

Aloha,

My name is Kristelle and I have been involved with MFSS with my first born from 2009- 2012 (Justice) and neonatal care 2015 - now (Journey). MFSS has helped me a lot and without them I wouldn't have the opportunity to go to school or work. Knowing that I have help with MFSS with Early Head Start gives me a sense of relief. My children benefit and so do I and my family can thrive more with the help of MFSS.

Kristelle Turah-Albano

04/02/2017

Aloha! To Whom It May Concern....

My Name is Sade Kahue and my son Ha'ochakua is in your early head start infant and toddler center. My child has been receiving your services ever since November of 2016. This program has helped my child in many ways w.thin these past couple of months such as teaching him basic table manners; like saying "Please" and "thank you" and washing his hands before and after he's finished eating, even how to say "You're welcome" and cleaning up after himself once he's finished.

The Early Head Start Program is helping our family So MUCH by providing us with free child care so mommy and daddy can go to work, not only that but it's also a Huge ~~relief~~ relief knowing they provide healthy food and snacks so that I don't need to worry about packing extra.

If our family were to lose these services it would probably become very stressful and expensive to find a babysitter or a great fun filled environment like the one at Kipukipu for our son. That being said my family would like to say Mahalo! and we hope this program lasts for many years. -Sade Kahue

SADE KAHUE  
650 WAIEHU BEACH RD  
WAILUKU HI, 96793  
(808) 298-5738

To whom may ever concern.

Hi, I am the mother of Joselynn Kakila Elki. My daughter attended MFSS when she was 4 months, now she's almost 8 months. Since day one until today I seen changes happening to her, some good changes such as, sitting on her own, trying to repeat words we're saying, even dancing to "we are thankful for our food" song every time she's about to eat. So I thank you all for all your times to help my daughter learn and grow in the best way possible.

-Joselynn Kakila

-Capl El-

April 11-2017

Hello My name is Bethany Sifas. My son Burton Gaius attends the center 5 days a week since Jan 2017. During his time in the rainbow room he has grown a lot, in his vocabulary, socially and knowing importance of washing hands it has been awesome for him. EHS helps my family by providing a safe learning environment for my son while I tend to my other responsibilities. Having EHS has enabled me to better caregiver for my veteran. Having Burton here is important and healthy for us as a family. The teachers & staff as well as the children have become a very important niche for Burton. Any questions I can be reached at 7570741. BMERL809@gmail.com

Makaleo

Bethany Sifas

To whom it may concern,

3-17-17

my daughter was in this program a few ago & now  
my son is in it. This program really helped my family. This is  
such a loving environment I never have to worry about my  
babies getting mistreated. They put them on a great schedule  
that helps them learn. They potty trained my daughter and taught  
me so much is this program wasn't available to my family  
I wouldn't be able to afford daycare and would lose my  
job and house. We are very grateful for this program.

Sincerely: Kaylyn Meekitt

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P.O. Box 111 Kahului HI

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Alyha,

7/17/17

The MFSS had helped me and my family grow and communicate. It had taught my daughter to play well with other children at her age range as well as others kids older than her. Thanks to Little Dreamers Room I had the time for myself grocery, cleaning, and work. Being a single parent, it is hard to trust anyone with my child, worry is overwhelming sometimes but thanks to MFSS I can finally get myself together and back ~~on my feet again.~~

Ever since my daughter came here to this program I had seen a great progress in her eating habits and cooperation. ~~plus~~ The parenting classes are such a big help, great guidance for my family and I thank them for that as well!!

Melado  
Tina Brooks

4/17/17

To whom it may concern,

My child is in the Early Head Start Infant and Toddler Center and has been since January 2017.

This program has helped my daughter to communicate better and play well with friends. It has helped me as a single mother to get a daytime job to support us better and also I have more free time for myself to keep sane.

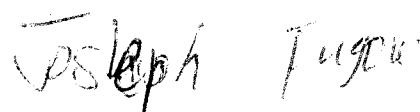
I would be very disappointed and devastated if I no longer had this program to depend on. I would not be able to work as much or have much time to myself to get things done. I appreciate what this program provides and the teachers and staff are awesome.

Thank You, Hina Endo

To whom it may concern:

I am thankful for what the program is doing, for my child Joshlynna ,she is learning a lot. I want her to continue on with the program. She is speaking English, and says many words now. She will be going to a Head Start program when she graduates from here. Please continue with this program, it has helped her a lot. I work every day, and my wife is in the hospital. This program is very important to me and my family.

 4/17/17



Aloha,

Thank You so very  
much for the quality care  
you give to my Mo'osuna  
Bailey Ryan (Kong)

It is important to me  
that Bailey is in an atmosphere  
of love & learning an extension of  
what we teach her here.  
You are the Best!!

Makalo Jami Gallo Jr

Petone, I just started, wanna send a big thank you to the laundry staff/teachers. They had done so much for my baby boy. Mrs. Sarah Terrell, BLWLLA are so amazing... and PTSS thank you for this awesome program, especially for us single mommies and low income families. This program has helped me and my family in so many ways... Thank you, PTSS for always being there for us mommies.

Crystal Beck

To whom it may concern;  
My son has been  
attending Kupakupu  
School for couple  
months now and he  
loves it. They sing  
and play and do  
so much with the  
kids and teach  
them a lot also.

My oldest daughter  
also attended Kupakupu  
School and graduated  
from it. She learned so  
much songs and how  
to play nicely with her  
friends. Thank you so much  
Love and Aloha

Jinifaga

Amber Nolan

11 April 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a parent whose child receives services at Maui Family Support Services Child Care Center located in Wailuku. I cannot begin to describe the appreciation I have for receiving services from MFSS and the people or agencies who fund MFSS to make ordinary people like myself the opportunity to send our children to reliable, knowledgeable staff where our children feel loved, and safe.

I, Amber Nolan, humbly ask for your continued support for MFSS financially so people like myself am able to get by in this day and age. For a millennial like myself, we have been told to go to college, get a degree, and opportunities will await you. I did however, we have been deprived of jobs. We have been told to save money to buy or rent a house, so I did and the housing market has been higher than it has been in over ten years to the point where the average price of a house is \$700,000.00 and once again we've been jipped. If we want to start a family we are looking at paying on average \$600 a month for services to care for our child when we are working. How is any average person supposed to be able to survive financially? Its services like MFSS that helps make some of my dreams a reality, a place where my son is well cared for, loved, and safe.

Again, I ask for your continued financial support for MFSS. They have helped countless families throughout the years and hopefully for many more to come. I, as a parent am unable to express the gratitude I have for MFSS and its staff as I honestly do not know what I would do without them. They are truly heroes in my eyes, and if my son understood the meaning, I am sure he would agree.

Sincerely,



Amber Nolan

Sent from my iPhone

In Honor of Early Headstart Program,

I am truly blessed to have given the opportunity to have my son be a part of a wonderful program. Early Headstart has given me the extra time I need to get back on my feet. I am currently enrolled at UH Maui College becoming a Pharmacy tech. I am also working as an aid at Grace Bible Church in Kahului.

It's not only beneficial to myself but to my son as well. He has learned so much since he was in the infant center to now. He is able to bond with other children his age. We are also given extra tools & resources that we need to benefit our lives whether it'd be activities that I should do with him at home or even financial advice/tuition for myself & my kids. Those are just two examples of things that are offered of the many other resources they have.

Overall, it truly has been a blessing & we look forward to having my son enrolled for another year!

Sincerely,

Jasmine Pagaduan

To whom it may concern,

Aloha, my name is Chantelyn Keahi and I am a mother of a student here at Maui family Support Services. My child has been attending this program for almost a year now and my husband and I as parents couldn't have been any prouder of all his accomplishments that he's achieved since he's started. He has gain so much knowledge and skills. Our biggest accomplishment for him was speech. He was barely able to say 1 word when he first started. Now he says sentences!! This program has allowed my husband and I to maintain and hold our busy work schedules. The staff and teachers are very detail oriented and very friendly to the children! We would love to see our child finish his school year here and would love for you to continue the funding to educate and secure our babies!! Mahalo so much for all your generosity and kindness hearts!!

Sincerely, Chantelyn Keahi (Ayztyn Pieper-Naki)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chantelyn Keahi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Chantelyn" on top and "Keahi" on the bottom, slightly overlapping.

To whom this may concern,

This program has helped me in so many ways, ever since my daughter has attended Kupu Kupu(MFSS) she has achieved the goals I had set for her, she knows her colors, numbers, and most of all what was most important to me, she talks and uses her words more. This program is so important to me cause not only do they teach the kids they also go above and beyond to make sure if every family needs assistance of any kind.

Thank you MFSS

Kawailani

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kawailani".

### Testimony for 2018 Budget

#### **Maui Humane Society (MHS) – County Animal Management Program**

**The Maui Humane Society is contracted for administration of the County Animal Management Program for the island of Maui, including:**

- ✓ Managing and responding to animal-related issues
- ✓ Investigation and enforcement of animal-related laws
- ✓ Operation of Maui's only open admission animal shelter

**Per the Mayor's budget, the Animal Management Program supports the following countywide outcomes:**

- ✓ Healthy and Sustainable Community
- ✓ Responsive, Effective and Effective Government
- ✓ Prepared, Safe and Livable County

I am here to testify about the Animal Management budget, specifically the law enforcement section, which has been appropriated \$569, 057 in the Mayor's budget.

I am here today in full support of Jerleen Bryant's request that \$81, 740 be added to the Law Enforcement Budget, which would fund one (1) additional Enforcement Officer, and a 30 hours/week Dispatcher. This is a 3% increase above the Mayor's appropriation, which was not increased from last year.

**Please approve the requested funding increase of \$81,740 for the betterment of our community.**

Long-term Councilmembers understand the unpleasant history of Animal Management we experienced under poor MHS management from 2008 to early 2014. The years 2010 through 2014 were especially painful for many in our community, as cases of animal neglect increased and were ignored, and the shelter fell into disrepair and disorganization.



**Figure 1.** February 2014. Horses in Maliko, Haiku with no shelter from the elements, showing the disastrous results of exposure to Hawaii's harsh elements.

Individuals matter, and individual leaders make a huge impact. In 2014 Jerleen Bryant was hired as the Executive Director of the Maui Humane Society, and we are so lucky to have her in that critical leadership position. Jerleen is a person of intelligence and integrity, who embodies compassion and common sense know-how. Time for the Council to help her help our community's law enforcement needs.

Jerleen's successes at the animal shelter are apparent everywhere one looks. Go there, take a look around, you will be pleasantly surprised. Jerleen's attention to detail and her excellent standards are manifested in every detail of the facility, from the color of paint, to improved housing of the animals, from the tiniest guinea pig to the largest dog. Her successes in increasing spay/neuter opportunities to our community are outstanding. Long-term council members know the animal welfare community wanted Jerleen to have the \$100,000 SNIP program money, because of her level of excellence, and our confidence in her making best use of those funds.

The time has come to throw good money after good work, and get animal law enforcement up to par. Jerleen is a good investment, she will get the job done right, if given the tools to do it. Law enforcement is about staff, and the MHS law enforcement section is way under-staffed. The council has the opportunity to help Jerleen get the job done right. Please invest in her.

**Please add the requested \$81,740 to Law Enforcement. Jerleen should be asking for more. Now, more than ever, we need animal law enforcement done right.**

**No one wants to see cows, or any animal, suffering in the Hawaii heat.**

**All animals need ample shade in our hot and humid environment.**



No!



yes!

- ✓ Healthy and Sustainable Community
- ✓ Responsive, Effective and Effective Government
- ✓ Prepared, Safe and Livable County

**Compliance with our common-sense laws benefits animals, people living next to animals, and people (including tourists) driving by those animals.**

My name is Alan Cadiz  
President of HST

I am opposed to the fee increase for cora permits.

Under the mayors budget, my fee would go from \$5600 to \$21,700 that is a 387% increase!

Where is the parity with other fees increases in the Mayors budget.

How can the parks department justify this increase when the COAR revolving fund has an estimated balance of \$521,468

I am one business, with three activities. Wind, kite and surf instruction. My orginal one permit to access the water was divide into three when 5.24 the original code was replace with 13.04 which reads "a separate permit shall be required for each commercial ocean recreational activity."then my permits where divide again when Parks director Horchaio of the Tarvarus administration told CORA that we would have to pay for each park in addition to each activity. One permit divided into three and again divided into nine. I did not acquire or hoard as some would believe, I simply was billed more money to continue doing what I had been doing. This proposed increase would force me to cut the my back up locations and bring safety into the equation without the option of relocating to an alternate location.

Now, with this astronomical rate hike, I ask myself, what is really going on here? What is driving this excessive fee hike? Is there an agenda to speed the attrition of cora businesses? Why has the park department not issued any new permits for years? Why would anyone repeal 13.04 when it generates county revenue faster than the department can spend them? Is this administration really so sure it can make more money with an activity concession model? And I wonder does our administration and law makers know how the public will react when they realize our parks have been declared enterprise Zones and will be sold to the highest bidder?

Setting the fees this high sends the message that this administration would rather see concessions instead of small business model that represents Cora.

I remind myself of the long high road we took to be excepted within the parks community and wonder if the Administration has done there homework before they get rid of us for something they think is better.

Finally, I know the county need money but maybe instead of looking for more money from the tax payer the county should look how it can spend less.

Thank you.

Good Morning,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Dawn Hall, and I am the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation, also known as, HARF. Today, however, I am speaking on behalf of the Maui Humane Society and their budgetary needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

You might be wondering why I would choose to support another animal organization, and not ask for funding for ourselves. Actually, the answer is simple.

HARF is a privately owned, non-profit agency; therefore, we are not mandated by the County to provide services to the community. We do, however, partner with other groups, including the Maui Humane Society, to fill the gaps in services in an effort to improve the lives of all beings.....four legged and two legged alike. If we all work together everyone wins.

The Maui Humane Society, however, is contracted by the County of Maui to provide animal sheltering and law enforcement services. These services are essential to the wellbeing of the community, much like, the police and fire department.

We ask you to support their request for an increase in their Sheltering Budget as submitted to the Mayor's office. This includes funds for an additional veterinarian and surgery technician. Both are critical in the organization's effort to increase spay/neuter services and help to reduce pet overpopulation on our island.

Secondly, we ask that you support their request for a 3% increase to their Enforcement Budget. They are currently understaffed in this area. This increase will allow the addition of 1 enforcement officer and a part-time 30 hour dispatcher. Even with the requested increase, the organization will still be understaffed. National statistics, based on population, put the minimum officer count for Maui at 12 full time positions. Currently, they have 7 full time enforcement officers (including 1 dispatcher), which equates to 1 ½ persons in the field per day. I am sure you that you all can conclude, that even with their best intentions, it is impossible to properly serve the community with these numbers.

Whether or not you are an animal lover, I am sure we can all agree that our County's Humane Enforcement Officers not only keep our furry friends safe but, more importantly, the community safe. Poor funding in this area is a huge community safety concern and needs to be addressed and corrected.

We have seen over the past few years that the Maui Humane Society has made great improvements and that their request for increased funding is not only justified but necessary. You can only stretch a dollar so far; eventually more dollars are needed to meet the growing needs of the community.

We hope that you will support our request for additional funding for the Maui Human Society's 2018 budget. Thank you again for your time and consideration on this matter.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** carol ryan <cmryan29@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 5:10 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Kelly King; Yukilei Sugimura  
**Subject:** Kahana bay Erosion

Aloha Committee,

We are Kevin and Carol Ryan. We are owners at the Royal Kahana Resort along the Kahana Bay shoreline. We are writing to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State and Maui County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done and soon! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott and Tara Owens from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine (9) condominium properties, plus one residential property paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise taxes in 2016.

We support a cooperative effort, from the Kahana Bay community, the state of Hawaii, and Maui County, to fund the next step which is an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact study that will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00 - \$1.2 million. We believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominium's AOA's. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo in advance for your help with this urgent matter.

Kevin and Carol Ryan  
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Lahaina HI 96761

Sent from my iPad

## BF Committee

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**From:** Patricia Cadiz <pbc5@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** CORA Fees & CORA Fund balance  
**Attachments:** CORA Special Fund 1.pdf

Aloha Chairperson Hokama and members of the Budget and Finance Committee;

Per MCC 13.04.340, all fees collected from CORA go into the special Ocean Recreational Activity Fund. Funds are to be expended "for purposes related to the implementation of [13.04]."

In 2015, Mr. Guzman asked the Parks Department for some facts about CORA revenues and expenses.

From that data, I've complied some puzzling information that doesn't seem to reconcile.

When I add up the annual CORA fee revenues to the County through fiscal year ending 6/30/17, it appears that the total fees paid to the County is \$597,890.

The Mayor's Budget report shows an estimated balance on 6/30/17, in the Ocean Recreational Activity Fund (MCC 13.04.340) of \$521,468.

That would mean that the Department has only spent \$76,422 of the CORA fees collected since 2005. The rest sits unspent in the special fund!

Not only is that outrageous, get this... in July of last year, the Department provided a Summary of CORA Expenditures for FY 2003 thru FY 2016. Per that report the total CORA expenditures for the same time period equals \$189,922. It seems that this report should reconcile to the difference between total collections and balance remaining. Why doesn't it?

The list of expenditures contains several items that are definitely not "related to the implementation of 13.04." By example, in 2011 beach restoration projects were conducted in Kalepolepo and Kamaole II Beach Parks and the expenses were charged to the CORA fund. Neither of these parks have permitted CORA activities. This is at best an erroneous report and at worst it could be misappropriation of CORA funds.

No matter how you look at it, the Parks Department is clearly accumulating CORA funds faster than they can spend them. For FY ending 2018, the Mayor's budget reflects an unspent CORA fund balance of \$765,368! No CORA funds were expended in FY16 and apparently there is no plans to spend any of the fees collected in this or next either.

As you know, *CORA fees do not affect the budget because they go right to the special fund.* So this is not about finding more money for the general fund either. Please oppose any increase to CORA fees.

This information regarding the growing CORA fund, the erroneous CORA Expenditure Report, and the glaring lack of parity with any other fees further exemplifies the need for discovery. With my 30 plus years of experience, if I may be of any assistance, by phone call, meeting or even as a resource person during the deliberations, I would do so.

Patricia Cadiz  
mobile: 808-283-5070

CORA special Fund

Fiscal year beginning	Annual CORA in fee revenue	Total CORA Revenue	Balance in CORA Funds on 6/30 per mayor's budget	Difference should equal total expenditures on CORA	Total CORA cost per Parks CORA Summary of expenditures 2005-2015	Unreconciled Difference
2005	22,600	22,600				
2006	24,400	47,000				
2007	24,200	71,200				
2008	38,860	110,060				
2009	63,680	173,740				
2010	63,100	236,840				
2011	58,300	295,140				
2012	46,500	341,640				
2013	61,250	402,890				
2014	54,000	456,890				
2015	<del>est</del> 54,500	<del>est</del> 511,390	497,368 <sup>(4)</sup>	14,022	189,922 <sup>(3)</sup>	175,900
2016	<del>est</del> 86,500	<del>est</del> 597,890	521,468 <sup>(2)</sup>	76,422		

- ① Attachment 1
- ② Attachment 2
- ③ Attachment 3
- ④ Attachment 4

Department of Parks and Recreation					
Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity					
Summary of Fee Amounts by Fiscal Year					
and Revenue Collected By CORA Cycle					
Fiscal Year	Type of Fee	Fee Amount	CORA CYCLE*	App Fees	Permit Fees
FY 2015	Application Fee	\$ 100			
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2014	Application Fee	\$ 100	2014	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 54,000.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2013	Application Fee	\$ 100	2013	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 61,250.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2012	Application Fee	\$ 100	2012	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 46,500.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2011	Application Fee	\$ 100	2011	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 58,300.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2010	Application Fee	\$ 100	2010	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 63,100.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2009	Application Fee	\$ 100	2009	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 63,680.00
	CORAP Permit Fee	\$ 500			
FY 2008	CORAP Permit Fee	\$500 per year for up to 3 locations; \$100 per year for each additional location	2008	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 38,860.00
FY 2007	CORAP Permit Fee	\$500 per year for up to 3 locations; \$100 per year for each additional location	2007		\$ 24,200.00
FY 2006	CORAP Permit Fee	\$500 per year for up to 3 locations; \$100 per year for each additional location	2006		\$ 24,400.00
FY 2005	CORAP Permit Fee	not available	2005		\$ 22,600.00
FY 2004	CORAP Permit Fee	not available			
FY 2003	CORAP Permit Fee	not available			
* - CORA Cycle by calendar year as application & permit fees may have been collected in two separate fiscal periods					

TOTAL \$ 456,890

	<u>ESTIMATED BALANCE AS OF 6/30/17</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR FY 2018</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR FY 2018</u>
(3) Grants and disbursements for land acquisition subject to Chapter 3.88, Maui County Code, to the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust for Keanae, Maui, Hawaii, TMKs: (2) 1-1-03:041 and (2) 1-1-03:065, totaling approximately 6 acres for a perpetual conservation easement in the amount of \$210,000.			
K. Emergency Fund (Section 9-14, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; Chapter 3.96, Maui County Code)	28,924,919	0	28,924,919
L. Ocean Recreational Activity Fund (Section 13.04.340, Maui County Code)	521,468	243,900	765,368

*Attachment 2*

Department of Parks and Recreation  
Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity  
Summary of Expenditures

Fiscal Year	Date	PO or Contract #	Vendor	Amount	Qty	Purpose
<b>FY 2016</b>						
ee Amounts	2/19/2015	319903	Hammer Radio and Electronics	\$ 558.86	1 each	No expenditures
	2/2/2015	318955	Hammer Radio and Electronics and Revenue Collected By CORA Cycle	\$ 546.88	1 each	Supply and install siren speaker for truck Whelen siren with switch controller for truck
	1/26/2015	CS668	Jim Falk Motors of Maui Inc	\$ 25,597.84 *	1 each	4x2 Extended Cab Compact Pickup with tool box and tow hitch; replace vehicle #1268/CM-2064
	11/13/2014	315620	Hammer Radio and Electronics	\$ 3,305.73	1 each	Supply and install emergency lights and speaker on truck
<b>FY 2014</b>						
	5/13/2014	CS513	Jim Falk Motors of Maui Inc	\$ 23,536.29 *	1 each	4x4 Extended Cab Compact Pickup with tool box and tow hitch; replace vehicle #1269/CM-2065
<b>FY 2013</b>						
	6/27/2013	292213	Hopaco	\$ 72.92	100 each	Letter size lamination sheets
	6/27/2013	292214	Hopaco	\$ 109.37	150 each	Letter size lamination sheets
	6/25/2013	292022	Cycle City Ltd	\$ 208.31	2 each	15-2 black xlg helmets CORA? Really?
	5/14/2013	289989	Xerox Corporation	\$ 15,983.00	1 each	Multifunction color copier CORA? Really?
	4/19/2013	288965	GP Roadway Solutions	\$ 3,121.09	400 each	Sign post supplies
	4/10/2013	288471	Home Depot	\$ 1,202.08	1 each	5x10 flatbed utility trailer ~ N.Y.C.C.R.A.
	4/4/2013	288095	Service Rentals and Supplies Inc	\$ 354.13	1 each	Cargo bag, cover, rear rack for ATV
	1/30/2013	285344	Sign Source Inc	\$ 820.31	21 each	No Parking signs for Kanaha Beach Park (N.Y.C.C.R.A. ~ Not CORA)
<b>FY 2012</b>						
	12/28/2012	284012	Service Rentals and Supplies Inc	\$ 6,353.08	1 each	400cc ATV
						Signs - (4 each) Kanaha Beach Park with HRS signs; (5 each) HRS signs; (5 each) Commercial Activity Is Prohibited signs; (2 each) Parking for Park Users and Campers signs; (2 each) Kanaha Beach Park
	12/27/2012	283997	Sign Source Inc	\$ 993.74	18 each	Campground signs ~ Camping signs ARE NOT RELATED TO CORA
	12/17/2012	283623	Lighthaus Camera	\$ 1,177.80	2 each	Canon SW-50 digital camera and case
<b>FY 2011</b>						
	11/7/2012	CS194	R.T. Tanaka Engineers Inc	\$ 64,640.21	6 payments	Civil engineering and land surveying services for Kanaha Beach Park infrastructure improvements
						What happened to this study? May we see it?
	FY 2012	3/1/2012	270669	Alice Lee LLC	\$ 24,960.00	4 phases
	FY 2011	3/4/2011	253730	Ameron HC&D	\$ 4,036.43	125 tons
		3/4/2011	253731	Rojac Trucking Inc	\$ 781.25	5 each
		2/28/2011	253516	Ameron HC&D	\$ 9,687.44	300 tons
		2/28/2011	253517	Rojac Trucking Inc	\$ 1,874.99	12 each
<b>FY 2010</b>						
	FY 2009					No expenditures
	FY 2008					No expenditures
	FY 2007					No expenditures
	FY 2006					No expenditures
	FY 2005					No expenditures
	FY 2004					No expenditures
	FY 2003					No expenditures

\* 2 Vehicles fully charged to CORA Special Fund. Are These trucks used solely for the implementation of 1304?

Attachment 3

**B12 – Monday, May 30, 2016 – THE MAUI NEWS**

STATE/COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICES	STATE/COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICES	STATE/COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICES
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<b>II. SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES</b>		<b>SUMMARY REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017</b>
<b>REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUND</b>		<b>TOTAL FOR FY 2017</b>
Housing Interim Financing and Buy-Back Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.32, MCC)		\$1,529,943
Naval Air Station Kahului Airport (NASKA) Sewage Pump Station Fund (Chapter 3.52, MCC)		
Fire Hazard Removal Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.68, MCC)	3,394	
Plan Review, Permit Processing, and Inspection Revolving Fund (Section 16.20B.1002.1, MCC)		5,261,298
Highway Easements, and Disposal of Abandoned or Derelict Vehicles Revolving Fund (Section 3.25.030, MCC)		1,720,000
Molokai Diversified Agricultural Revolving Loan Program (Act 387, SLH 1988)		244,748
Liquor Education Fund (HRS 281-16, 281-17(2) & 281-17(3))		325,924
Animal Management Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.84, MCC)		160,366
Plan Review, Processing, and Inspection Revolving Fund (Fire) (Section 16.04C.060, MCC)		756,625
Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund (Section 9-19, Charter & Chapter 3.88, MCC)		13,486,833
Emergency Fund (Section 9-14, Charter & Chapter 3.89, MCC)		25,011,919
Ocean Recreational Activity Fund (Section 13.04A.370, MCC)		497,368
Affordable Housing Fund (Section 9-20, Charter & Chapter 3.35, MCC)		25,682,308
Economic Development Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.81, MCC)		28,000
Kaunia Senior Services Leisure Program Activities Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.37, MCC)		443,246
Alam System Revolving Fund (Chapter 3.34, MCC)	0	
Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (Section 9-14, Charter)		4,546,998
Upcountry Water System Expansion Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (Section 9-14, Charter)		6,440,718
Fireworks Auditor Funds (Chapter 3.95, MCC)	0	
<b>TOTAL REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$96,326,419</b>

I, DENNIS A. MATEO, County Clerk of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing BILL NO. 62 (2016), was passed on First Reading by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 20th day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gladys C. Baisa, Robert Carroll, Eleanor Chisholm, Donaki G. Conch Jr., S. Stacy Crivello, G. Kiki Holama, Michael P. Yammine, Vice-Chair Donald S. Guzman, and Chair Michael B. White.

NOES: None.

DATED Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, this 26th of May, 2016.

(Sgd.) DENNIS A. MATEO, COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF MAUI STATE OF HAWAII

Copies of the foregoing Bill, in full, were file in the Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui, for use and examination by the public.  
(M/N: May 30, 2016)

Attachment 4

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Harry Kloosterhuis <kloosterhuis50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Robert.Caroll@mauicounty.us; Elle Cochran; Stacy S. Crivello; Riki Hokama; Alika A. Atay; Kelly King; yukili.sugimura@mauicounty.us  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay Beach Erosion  
**Attachments:** Letter re Kahana Bay erosion.pdf

Aloha Honorable Council Members

Please find attached a letter that indicates our concern and request for support to help fund a very urgent problem in Kahana Bay. Thousand of people a year come to this part of paradise and in last few years the beach erosion has reduced the enjoyment of that part of our paradise.

Please consider the attached carefully and for that we truly appreciate your support.

Mahalo  
Harry Kloosterhuis

***Kahana Bay Beach Erosion budget Testimony***

Aloha Honorable Council Members:

My name is Harry Kloosterhuis. We are owners at the Royal Kahana condo along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I'm writing to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State and Maui County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done and soon! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott and Tara Owens from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine (9) condominium properties, plus one residential property paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise taxes in 2016.

We support a cooperative effort, from the Kahana Bay community, the state of Hawaii, and Maui County, to fund the next step which is an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact study that will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00 - \$1.2 million. We believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominium's AOAOS. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo in advance for your help with this urgent matter.



Harry Kloosterhuis  
1173 W 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Vancouver, BC  
Canada V6H 1C5

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Elizabeth Warrick Smith <mauiliz77@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Please DO NOT increase the CORA fees. These companies that have been operating legally for years do not deserve to be penalized for doing so.

Please consider enforcing the companies that are operating without a permit, taking over the beaches and parks, and taking business away from the long-standing permit holders.

These companies can get away with charging less for their lessons, since they aren't paying the fees, and are using up the resources.

Please do not do further damage to the upstanding surf and windsurf operations.

-Liz

Liz Warrick Smith

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kimo Haynes <khaynes@hawaiipetroleum.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Upcountry skate park

Aloha Council members,  
I am sending this email in support of providing supplemental funding for an upcountry skate park. These facilities are well used, and offer our children a positive and healthy alternative for recreation. Please include the necessary funding in your budget.

Mahalo,

Kimo Haynes  
President



## **BF Committee**

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**From:** zadoc brown iii <kahiau419@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 6:19 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Upcountry skate park

I am writing to ask for your support in funding the upcountry skate park by pukalani pool.

Sincerely

Zadoc brown III

6 stars of the northern cross

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Alecia Elsasser <aleciaelsasser@me.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 22, 2017 8:09 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** beware of the trickle down affect the 400% increase to the county permits will have on the tourism dollars

To Whom it may Concern,

I learned about the hardship of the proposed 400% increase in county permit fees from several associates in the wind-sports business. As a previous resident of another vital wind sports hub, Hood River, Oregon I have seen directly how having a vibrant lesson community has greatly contributed to the economy of these areas via the tourism business.

Access to quality windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons is critical. While the Kite and Windsurfing lesson businesses may not be big revenue companies themselves, the trickle down effect they have is huge.

I personally know of at least 2 dozen families who come to Maui from Oregon annually only to pursue their love of wind sports. If the proposed fees knock out the livelihood of the companies teaching here those dollars will go elsewhere, namely to Padre Island, Texas and Baja, Mexico.

For every \$100 a visitor spends in lessons a day their family is spending \$1000 in lodging, food, gas, rental cars etc..

I know because I was one of those tourists who came with a family of 5, took some lessons, rented gear, bought gear, rented cars, ate out, stayed in lodging etc,

I'd say our vacation easily cost 5-10k per trip and we did it most every year as do thousands of other wind junkie families.

The Mayor's fee proposal is unjustified and over burdensome. Keeping small business alive is a key component in keeping our economy vibrant. By overburdening the small business with extraordinary fees you are actually creating a ripple effect that will effect the economy of the north shore as a whole.

Please do not increase CORA fees in the Council's budget. It will have a larger than anticipated financial impact.

Sincerely,

Alecia Elsasser  
Maui Resident

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Geoff Scott <geoffcanmore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:31 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

I understand there is a proposed 400% increase in county beach access permits.

The only reason my family goes to Maui year after year, since year 2000, is to enjoy the many beach activities and world class lessons offered. We've been to Maui twice in the last year, once taking a kitesurfing certification course on safety and another learning how to safely kite foil. These beach businesses are the best in the world. I plan on returning this spring for more lessons.

With a 400% increase in permit costs these businesses may not survive and thus we wouldn't be returning to Maui, there are lots of other places in the world to go and spend our money.

For Maui's economic future please reconsider this permit cost increase.

Sincerely,  
Geoff Scott  
214 Eagle Point  
Canmore, AB Canada  
403-679-8151

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Robin Wagstaff <Robin.Wagstaff@rate.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 6:21 AM  
**To:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Cc:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skate Park

Hello,

Please build the skate Park, Is it something that the kids love, as it keeps them active. It can also keep them out of trouble.

Robin Wagstaff  
(808)-280-4971

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Nancy Rogers <nancyrogershawaii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Dear Budget Committee,

I oppose an increase in CORA fees.

Access to quality windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons has been important to me because:  
(1) Having opportunities to get out and enjoy the ocean makes us all appreciate our natural resources and spikes a desire and responsibility to care for our ocean.  
(2) High Tech Sports has been integral in my life when me and my friends learned to SUP downwind from Maliki to Kanaha, a highlight experience in my life!  
(3) when my son was struggling in school, keeping him active in water sports boosted his energy , mood and confidence. HST was so supportive and accommodating!

Please do not increase CORA fees!

Thank you,

Nancy Rogers  
1780 Kauhikoa Rd  
Haiku, HI 96708

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Dana Anderson <danamaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 9:04 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** pationthecoast@charter.net  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

To the Mayor and Maui County Budget committee;

It is disheartening to hear that there is a proposed budget increase of 400% for county beach access permits. I originally moved to Maui , from Oahu, over thirty years ago to pursue a Professional Windsurfing career. I fell in love with the island, especially the North Shore, as it is truly the best place in the world for Kiting and Windsurfing.

Over the years there have been some bumps in the road between windsurfers, divers , surfers, kiters, fishermen, swimmers ....I know for a fact, HST has been instrumental in promoting sensitivity between these different user groups providing leadership in park issues like swim zone maintenance, overall awareness of water safety and have lead in park clean ups. I had the privilege of working for HST during the summers teaching KIDs how to windsurf. Many of those kids, like Kai Lenny and Connor Baxter, who learned in the kids camps, have gone on to be professional watermen. I recently learned how to kite surf with my daughter from HST instructors. Safety is so important when attempting to learn water sports especially, kiting and windsurfing. The existence of Instructional Schools that offer the proper equipment and expertise, are the primary components to learning and excelling.

I know many of the owners and instructors of these schools and they are operating on a shoe string budget. Weather is a factor and there are many weeks during the year, when lessons are cancelled. Instructors often have to find other jobs to make a living . Equipment has to be replaced regularly for safety. ...A 400% increase in permit fees would kill just about every school on the beach.

Being proficient in a water sport is not only exhilarating, but is a lifestyle , that promotes physical and mental health , in addition to environmental appreciation. I hope you will strongly consider these benefits and keep the beach access permit fees at a reasonable operable amount.

Sincerely,

Dana Dawes Anderson

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Barbara Guild <barbg1@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fee

Please realize an increase in CORA fees will be devastating to the public as well as the independent beach operators at the Maui County parks.

They provide service for the local people by maintaining order.

HST has played an important leadership role in Park issues, like swim zone maintenance and redesign, promoting harmony among user groups, providing ancillary lifeguard and ranger services and keeping our park clean.

Aloha,  
Barbara Guild  
Spreckelsville  
808-280-5382

Sent from Barb's iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** jpalias@mac.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay Beach Erosion Budget Testimony

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is John Plotner. My wife and I are owners at the Royal Kahana Resort condo along the Kahana Bay shoreline for the past forty years. I'm writing to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui. We hate to see our condo property being destroyed by "Mother Nature".

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State and Maui County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

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Mahalo in advance for your help with this urgent matter.

John & Mary Plotner  
10209 Obsidian Drive  
Denton, Texas 76207-8720

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Hannah Jameson <hannahsullster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** BF Committee

Aloha Maui County Council,

I wanted to send a note to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

The community and County government has worked together for years to create this amazing skatepark that is ready to break ground.

Please support the supplemental funding so that we can break ground and finish this well designed park.

These recreational facilities help our island youth to have a safe place to live a healthy lifestyle and develop their character.

Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Hannah Jameson  
Pukalani

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Alison <abuyehara@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Alison Hess  
Pukalani Resident

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Nancy Kovacic <nkovacic27@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** A very good thing for our youth

Aloha Maui County Council,

I wanted to send a note to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Nancy Kovacic  
(mother of Petar Kovacic, Pukalani, Maui)

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** spikecat1judy@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE AN INCREASE IN CORA FEES

Aloha Budget and Finance Committee,

I am writing to voice my strong *opposition* to the Mayor's proposed increase in CORA fees.

The Mayor's fee proposal, which would increase county beach permits in some cases by more than 400%, is unjustified and completely unfair and would threaten the viability of these businesses. The loss of quality windsurfing and kite surfing lessons on Maui would be detrimental to locals and tourists alike.

To their credit, these small local businesses have protected and cleaned our beaches, taught safe water practices and respect for the ocean, and promoted harmony among user groups. They deserve our thanks rather than this outrageous threat to their livelihood. Please do not increase CORA fees in this year's Council budget.

Sincerely yours,  
Judith Aikawa, MD  
Kula, Hawaii

## BF Committee

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**From:** Donna Clayton <[donnaclayton@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:donnaclayton@hawaii.rr.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran; [petarsk8@yahoo.com](mailto:petarsk8@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark - Please Support Additional Funding Needed

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

The Pukalani Community Association strongly supports the need for this skatepark for our youth. We have requested funding for this over the years and were dismayed to find the bidding came in higher than the funding provided by you last year. Our Skatepark Chair and skatepark advocate, Petar Kovacic, has worked tirelessly to rally support over the years and met with the lowest bidder to value engineer the costs down to the funded amount. His efforts got us much closer but there is still a shortfall and word reached me that councilmembers feel interest in this skatepark has fallen off. I assure you that is not the case. We have a perfect location for the site, a community full of growing kids, and the Pukalani Community Assoc. held a rummage sale to support safety equipment for the skatepark and raised \$1,000 for this cause. Not a lot considering what we ask of you in your support but a lot of money for Pukalani.

Please support the additional funding needed for the upcountry Pukalani skatepark as you go over line item requests Monday. Thank you so much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Donna Clayton, President Pukalani Community Association

: [county.clerk@mauicounty.us](mailto:county.clerk@mauicounty.us)  
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Riki.Hokama@mauicounty.us,  
Mike.White@mauicounty.us,  
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Kelly.King@mauicounty.us  
Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us  
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Elle.Cochran@mauicounty.us



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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Billy Jalbert <billy@mauirealestate.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:57 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA Fees...

Aloha Council Members!

I was made aware of the Mayor's proposal to increase CORA Fees to by over 400%.

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It is important to have affordable access to all County beaches and the ocean activities / lessons for ALL residents. There has to be a better way. I understand that we already tax our "visitors" (tourists) extensively, but perhaps there a way to add something to generate the projected \$250,000 in fees that won't ruin many small business owners?

I know many families and businesses who will be adversely affected by this fee increase. It isn't rich people from the mainland! It's people who feed their families and house their children with income from ocean activities.

Please find an alternate means to raise funds to improve the quality of our parks.

Sincerely,

Billy Jalbert

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Brynne Heustis <alohabrynette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skate Park

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Brynne Heustis

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Martin E Adler <adlerm002@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:22 PM  
**To:** BF Committee; County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Cc:** Petar Kovacic  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark

Aloha Maui County Council,

I am writing to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

The community and County government has worked together for years to create this amazing skatepark that is now ready to break ground.

Please support the supplemental funding required to start and complete this well-designed skating facility this year.

This project will provide our island youth with a desperately-needed, healthy activity center and an alternative to the kinds of unsupervised street action that produces negative outcomes.

Please make the Pukalani Skate Park a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget for funding during this fiscal year.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Marty Adler,  
Pukalani

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Ann McNeil <anniemariemcneil@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** mcneil  
**Subject:** We oppose increase in CORA fees

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

We are writing to protest the proposed 400% hike in county beach access permits. We can only imagine the undue strain this will create on small businesses, like our good friends at HST WINDSURFING. To watch their annual permit expenditure jump that amount in one year absolutely threatens their viability going forward.

Access to the quality windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons HST provides has been vital to our family and friends in so many ways. They've helped us (and many of our friends and guests) acquire the skills to safely enjoy the ocean. They are the epitome of a small business that does it right, and is a vital member of the Maui business community. Plus, we've watched them perform valuable services in establishing safe swim zone maintenance, keeping the peace among user groups, keeping the park and the beach spotless, and providing unofficial lifeguard services (of the absolute highest order). They are such an added benefit to the park simply by their presence.

When we see an unjust tax hike like this for an outfit like HST, we can only think that there is a movement to starve out small businesses and let the big players muscle in and take over. That would be a tragedy.

Sincerely,  
Annie & Chris McNeil, Paia HI

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Michael Doe <mrdoe225@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

Access to quality windsurfing lessons has been important to me for a number of years. Having been introduced to windsurfing through HST lessons at Kanaha, it has become a highlight of my year to return for more every June. Although it's wonderful to experience all that Maui has to offer, if it were not for these windsurfing lessons, I would not return annually. If HST were to be subject to even higher fees and potentially have to fold, this would not only be extremely disappointing to me, but I am sure that the entire beach area, with its clean park, lifeguard services, and maintained swim zones, would all suffer. This would have a negative impact on both locals and visitors alike.

It is my hope that that this fee proposal will not go forward and put an unreasonable financial burden on such an important business and asset to Maui as HST windsurfing company.

I appreciate your time and consideration to this matter,

Michael Doe

Mrdoe225@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Matt Brown <matt.mauinalu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Upcountry Skatepark

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Matt Brown  
Makawao

## BF Committee

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**From:** John and Janet Crews <mauisunset522@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** OPPOSE INCREASE IN CORA FEES

"The Mayor's budget includes a 400% increase for county beach access permits for businesses like mine. My permit cost would go from \$5,600 last year to \$24,000 this year. It threatens the viability of our business to continue to provide quality instruction - and it makes our kids program unsustainable. To demonstrate the lack of parity - a bike tour permit is only \$500".

This is crazy! I have lived on Maui for 28 years, and have been taking lessons and windsurfing all those years; as well as having worked for Second Wind, one of the windsurf/surf shops on Maui for 20 years, so I am very familiar with the locals and tourists who love these beach sports and have the desire to get better at them (what good athlete doesn't want to be coached to be more accomplished in a sport they are passionate about?). Sports like windsurfing, surfing, and kiting, are very difficult sports to just rent gear and go out and try to teach yourself, or your friend. You need to take lessons, both for safety and for success.

By raising the beach access permits so excessively, I, and all the people I know who take lessons, will find them completely unaffordable. The schools will have no choice but to try and raise their prices to cover some of their cost, but sadly it will be out of the financial ballpark of most people.

Now what happens is that people won't take lessons from these skilled and trained teachers, but will try and go out on their own, or worse take a lesson from an untrained, underground, non tax paying, "instructor" and that is truly a recipe for disaster and the safety of others using our beautiful beaches and ocean.

These schools provide a needed and necessary service for our local population as well as our tourists.

Also...is it, in any way, fair and reasonable to penalize the beach use businesses with such an increase and yet the bike tour businesses only get charged \$500?! This (\$500) seems like very reasonable price for a business permit. Wouldn't it be more supportive, reasonable, and fair to increase fees by a modest percent, like all budgets and businesses do? Say 3-10%, not 400%!

Please, reconsider this proposal. Think of the small, important to the community, businesses you are hurting or worse yet closing down due to this increase.

Please OPPOSE AN INCREASE IN CORA FEES.

Mahalo,  
Janet Crews

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kenneth Rendell <krendell@kwrendell.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** windsurfing \$ benefit to Maui

I came to Maui nearly 30 years ago to learn how to windsurf and spent many summers on Kanaha Beach with lessons. That led me to buy a condo in Paia, which now has a real estate value of \$3.2million and a hefty tax bill paid to Maui every year-about \$18,000. We are in Maui for four months and spend thousands of dollars in the local economy. We own two new cars, we eat in local restaurants and these hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue is all because of being able to learn to windsurf on Maui.

If Maui taxes low profit businesses like windsurf lessons out of existence you will lose people like me who came because of the availability of lessons on the beach and have stayed now for nearly 30 years.

Keep in mind the lessons of the State of Connecticut. The State has continued to raise taxes on businesses, and total tax revenue continues to go down because businesses leave or close. The lower the tax revenue every year the more they increase taxes, and the less they collect. They are in a vicious cycle. If you put windsurf businesses out of business with unaffordable taxes, the county loses all across the board vastly more than the increase would have brought the County. Hotel taxes, rental car, restaurants, sales taxes.

Kenneth Rendell  
Paia

## **THE Museum of WWII**

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jay Bretton <[mr.bliss\\_mammoth@yahoo.com](mailto:mr.bliss_mammoth@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

My family visits Maui every summer to for our children to attend the kids program at Kanaha Beach. If county beach access fees are increased by 400% I don't believe we will be able to afford this program and won't be able return to Maui to windsurf.

Please reconsider this increase.

Jay Bretton

*Jay Bretton*  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** John & Janet Crews <jjcrews@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** We oppose an increase in CORA fees.

Dear Committee Member,

We have recently learned that Maui County is considering increasing CORA fees by up to 400%. We strongly oppose this for the following reasons. We base many of these reasons on our knowledge and observations of the HST school, owned by local family Alan and Patti Cadiz, which has been offering windsurfing, kitesurfing, and surfing lessons on Maui for roughly 30 years, and has been offering safe high quality instruction at a fair price to both tourists and locals, and especially kids summer programs directed at local children.

1. No small business, especially family owned and operated businesses like the ones that will be affected here, can afford a 400% increase in their cost of doing business. If you have ever owned or ran a small business, you know that a 400% increase in your rent is not something that you can absorb, and would probably force you out of business.
2. It would be naive and unfair to think that this cost can easily just be passed along to the consumer. Some tourists may choose to pay the higher rates, but many will just choose to pass up these beach activities and move on to more reasonably priced activities. Local families in particular would be challenged to pay the higher prices that these fee increases would force. The kids programs would become unaffordable which would be truly sad. If you have not done so, you should go down to the beach to watch these summer kids programs, which are important to the Maui community in terms of safely introducing kids to ocean activities in a well monitored environment.
3. The higher prices that would be forced by these extreme fee increases will push the consumer towards two equally bad alternatives; 1. either they will attempt to pursue these ocean activities on their own without safe qualified instruction, 2. or go to un-permitted underground instructors who are likely unqualified, uncertified, uninsured, and potentially unsafe; but who would be able to charge reasonable rates to the public because they will not be paying exorbitant government fees or taxes. Believe me, this will happen, and from our observations over the years, the county will do little or nothing to stop it.
4. The longstanding schools like HST provide many services to the public and the county beyond the lessons they offer. Having experienced qualified instructors at the beaches provides a valuable resource for beach and ocean safety. They advise the general public about potentially unsafe ocean conditions, they keep an eye out for unsafe ocean and beach activities by inexperienced or unaware individuals, they educate the public about county rules and regulations in park areas, they can aid in emergency rescues and first aid while lifeguards and other first responders are called, they help to repair and maintain our park facilities, and in the past have offered free training programs to the lifeguards in dealing with situations involving specific sports that the lifeguards may not be personally familiar with. Exorbitant fee increases completely disrespects the decades of service that these schools and their instructors have offered to the public and the county.
5. The proposed CORA fees would be completely out of line with the fees charged to other businesses around the island.

6. Does the county wish to support longstanding small family businesses based on Maui, or set up fee structures that will force these family businesses to fold, while opening the door potentially to larger corporations based in other places like Oahu or California who will have deep enough pockets to pay the exorbitant county fees but may fail to have the necessary skills to safely conduct this type of specialized instruction, exposing the County to liability.

7. The small businesses that these exorbitant fees may destroy are more than just a sidelight for the families that have built them over the years. These businesses are the result of entire life's work, and form the foundation of a families life plan, including education for their children and a foundation for a sound retirement at some point. Exorbitant fees may destroy more than just a business, but a families entire life plan. This is not the role of a responsible government.

I sincerely hope that reading through these numerous points will cause you to reconsider these very unfair and unwise CORA fee increases.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
*John Crews*

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** MtnFamily <mtnfamily@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 7:45 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Aloha Maui County Budget and Finance Committee.

We just learned of the proposed increase in CORA fees and am compelled to write and request you deny such increase. Such increase in fees will surely drive the reputable water sports schools and their dedicated employees out of business and adversely affect Maui in multiple ways.

We have taken lessons from HST for over a decade and have appreciated the opportunity to learn kite surfing, wind surfing, SUP and surfing while also learning about the marine environment, water safety, and the vital role of county beach parks in our Maui community.

The proposed CORA fee increases are without basis and rational thought. If enacted, the result will sadly be the loss of the very important and committed providers of these services at county beach parks and undermining of the county's vitality and spirit.

Please do not approve the proposed CORA fees increase.

Mahalo nui loa.

Gary & Jane Hickcox  
320 Paani Place #6C  
Paia, HI 96779  
and 119 E Gregory St.  
Telluride, CO 81435

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Danielle Haney <danih808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:02 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Elle Cochran; County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay  
**Subject:** Skate Park in Pukalani

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Danielle Haney  
Lahaina

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Carla Jalbert <carla@carlajalbert.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:05 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA Fees...

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Sincerely,  
Carla Jalbert

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** ANGELA COCHRAN <angelafarrell2@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:05 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark Funding

Aloha Maui County Council,

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My son, Lyon Farrell began his athletic career skating Keopuolani, Kihei and the PYCC. He is now a member of the US snowboarding team and continues to skateboard for fun and for training. Having a skate park upcountry gives the possibility of following dreams to even more kids in our community.

Please support the supplemental funding so that we can break ground and finish this well designed park.

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Angela Cochran  
Haiku

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Richard Haney <richardhaneymaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:59 PM  
**To:** BF Committee; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran; County Clerk Pukalani Skatepark  
**Subject:**

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Richard Haney

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jack Haney <jackhaneymaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Mike White; Riki Hokama; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark

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Mahalo Nui Loa,

Jack Haney  
Lahaina

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Karla Okazaki <karlawhy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 9:05 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Pukalani skate park

Aloha Maui county council,

Please vote in favor of supplemental funding for the proposed skate park in Pukalani.  
Mahalo,

Karla Okazaki

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Richard Schlesinger <richard@schlesinger.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:22 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

The proposed increase in the Mayor's budget with respect to county beach access permits is very unfair. To even think of increasing fees by close to 500% is unjustified and overly burdensome to small businesses who attempt to make a living offering services to tourists who oftentimes come to Maui to be able to offer such services as windsurfing lessons to their children. I know this is the case with my 7 grandchildren. Rather than encourage tourism this proposed increase in fees will DIS courage the kind of tourism that provides so much additional spending to the island.

I understand that the buget already has a balance of over \$500,000 in its revolving fund. Why increase permit fees which may force small businesses out of business? Rather you should eliminate these fees altogether. You should consider the ancillary benefits that beginning windsurfers and kite surfers bring to the island, such as increases in purchasing such as restaurants, store sales, windsurfing and kite sales and a long list of trickle down effects. Please don't cut off your nose that will certainly spite your face.

Please reconsider.

Thank you for reading this email

Richard Schlesinger

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** FFoos@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:11 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay Beach Erosion budget Testimony

### ***Kahana Bay Beach Erosion budget Testimony***

Aloha,

My name is Fred Foos. We are owners/residents at Royal Kahana condo along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I'm writing to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State and Maui County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done and soon! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott and Tara Owens from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine (9) condominium properties, plus one residential property paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise taxes in 2016.

We support a cooperative effort, from the Kahana Bay community, the state of Hawaii, and Maui County, to fund the next step which is an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact study that will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00 - \$1.2 million. We believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominium's AOAOS. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo in advance for your help with this urgent matter.

Fred & Veronica Foos  
Royal Kahana 1019  
540 Vista del Mar Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003  
Home: 831-661-0756  
Cell: 831-566-6678

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Elizabeth Salem <esalem@windhorsegroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:03 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose CORA fees

Aloha Council Budget and Finance Committee.

I write to express my concern with the Mayor's budget proposal to increase CORA fees and I request these fees not be changed and/or any increase be substantially less than the Mayor's budget proposal.

My family and I are residents of Maui having spent years vacationing on Maui primarily for the purpose of learning to windsurf. We have a long standing and positive relationship with the caring professionals at HST and we've also had multiple interactions with many of the long-standing water sports schools. We moved here full-time to continue our love affair with Maui and the various water activities; windsurfing, kiting, SUPing, surfing, snorkeling etc. The water activities are a primary money generator for the county of Maui and indeed many local businesses and residents.

If the Mayor's proposed CORA fee is approved, the availability and affordability of these valuable and valued lessons will be greatly threatened and likely even cease to exist. This proposed fee increase would surely drive many local firms and employees out of business—the water sports are a vital element of our Maui community and visitors as well—and would certainly change the dynamics of the beach parks in a negative manner.

*It's our opinion that the water sports schools operate in a manner supportive of the beach parks mission and help to educate park users. Having the schools be punished with ridiculously high fee increases and or forced to cease operations is a loss for Maui in multiple ways.*

Please **reject** the proposed CORA fee increase so that the water sports businesses can provide affordable and professional lessons.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Elizabeth Salem  
320 Paani Place 5A  
Paia, HI 96779

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** George Haye <ghaye@weatherflow.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

To the committee-

Access to quality lessons on Maui is important to me. CORA businesses are vital to Maui: they are important to water safety, and they provide education in ocean recreation. The Mayor's CORA fee proposal is unjustified and overly burdensome.

Please do not increase the CORA fees in the Council's budget.

Thank you for your time,

George Haye  
Product Manager  
iKitesurf / iWindsurf

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** alika <aromanchak@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:49 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Upcountry Skatepark YES!

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Thank you,  
Alika Romanchak

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Richard Salem <salempublic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 7:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Aloha Council Budget and Finance Committee.

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My family and I are residents of Maui and we've also had multiple interactions with many of the long-standing water sports schools. In fact, our family was first introduced to Maui by way of coming here to learn windsurfing and have subsequently taken kite surfing, surfing, and SUP lessons as well. We have enjoyed and relied on the skilled and caring professionals at HST for over 15 years. Most importantly, the lessons we and countless others have received have emphasized safety, environmental education and community spirit. All five of us in our family are so appreciative that the schools operate in the county beach parks and are affordable in their lesson pricing. We've no doubt, however, if the Mayor's proposed CORA fee increase takes place the availability and affordability of these valuable and valued lessons will be greatly threatened and likely even cease to exist. This proposed fee increase would surely drive many local firms and employees out of business—the water sports are a vital element of our Maui community and visitors as well—and would certainly change the dynamics of the beach parks in a negative manner. It's our opinion that the water sports schools operate in a manner supportive of the beach parks mission and help to educate park users. Having the schools be punished with ridiculously high fee increases and or forced to cease operations is a loss for Maui in multiple ways.

Again, please reject the proposed CORA fee increase so that the water sports businesses can provide affordable and professional lessons.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

—Rich Salem  
320 Paani Place 5A  
Paia, HI 96779

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Christy Churchill <cchurchill808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 7:37 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Aliko A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Support for Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark

Aloha Maui County Council,

I am writing to show support for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark. I understand that supplemental funding is needed to break ground and complete this amazing project that would provide Upcountry Maui youth with a recreation space to be used for generations. I urge you to please support the supplemental funding needed for project completion.

Recreational facilities like these help Maui's youth by giving them a safe place to be active, have fun and thrive.

Please support the supplemental funding needed so this well designed park that has been a collaborative effort between the government, community and several volunteers, can break ground and be completed for our island's youth.

I thank you in advance.

Christy Churchill  
Kula

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Shawn D. Kroop <chefkroop@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 12:14 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Pukalani Skatepark

Aloha Maui County Council,

I wanted to send a note to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

The community and County government has worked together for years to create this amazing skatepark that is ready to break ground.

Please support the supplemental funding so that we can break ground and finish this well designed park.

These recreational facilities help our island youth to have a safe place to live a healthy lifestyle and develop their character.

Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Shawn D. Kroop  
285 Kalo Rd. Hana, HI. 96713

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Lee Chong <leechong@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

Please approve the supplemental funding request for the above skatepark for this growing community population. Recreational facilities are very limited and sorely needed. Your approval will be greatly appreciated!

Lee Chong  
Pukalani, Maui

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Nakoa Drive <nakoadrive@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Brenda & Kanoe  
Wailuku, Maui

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Keith Holland <keithholland@simmerhawaii.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:48 AM  
**To:** BF Committee; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** upcountry skate park

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skate park..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Keith Holland  
Pukalani

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kristi Bendon <kristi.bendon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk; Yukilei Sugimura; Riki Hokama; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** In favor of the Skatepark

Aloha Maui County Council Members,  
I am writing to express my support of the Pukalani Skate Park. It is a much needed community destination for our youth.

Please support the fundamental funding to make this project possible for our keiki.  
Mahalo,  
Kristi Bendon  
(808)214-4596

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Susan Bendon <susanbendon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

An increase in CORA fees of over 400% is unjustified, over burdensome, and unfair. We need small businesses and we must protect our local people who offer services that both tourists and locals want to have at their beaches. We cannot drive out small niche businesses without causing suffering for the hard working local families who run them. Instead, our government should nurture and protect small businesses and be thankful that they are providing work for those who want to make a living instead of receiving county handouts.

Yours truly,  
Susan Bendon

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Susan Bendon  
451 Laulea Place, Paia, HI 96779  
808-871-6181

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Mary Albitz <mary@jigsawjava.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark

Aloha Maui County Council,

I wanted to send a note to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

The community and County government has worked together for years to create this amazing skatepark that is ready to break ground.

Please support the supplemental funding so that we can break ground and finish this well designed park.

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Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark.

Idea: I heard recently that the council wants to pay for a feasibility study re: putting a traffic light at the intersection of Haleakala Hwy and Old Haleakala Rd. (bottom end of hill). We would much prefer that you scrap the feasibility study and put that money into the skate park.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Mary Albitz  
Pukalani  
808-269-2445

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Live Life Better <patti@livelifebettersolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Danielle Bergan  
**Subject:** Mental Health America of Hawaii - Budget Committee Testimony

### Mental Health Association in Hawaii- Maui County Budget Committee Testimony

Dear Budget Committee Chair and Budget Council Members,

I am a member of the board of directors for Mental Health America (MHA) and am fortunate to see first hand how they help the community. The number of services MHA provides is impressive. All trainings and services are offered free of charge to community members, including an 8-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training. Through MHA, the YMHFA training is able to be provided to all new police recruits in attempts to raise awareness about mental illness in the community.

Sadly, as I am sure you know, Maui has a high suicide rate, particularly among adolescents. MHA offers several much-needed suicide awareness trainings to any organization or community group. Cutting the budget down from \$65,000 would make it difficult, if not impossible, to operate at this current level of service. Maui needs access to free mental health resources and maintaining the budget is the only way that will allow MHA to continue to fill this need.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this and hope you will reconsider the budget cut for such an amazing community-oriented organization.

Warmest regards,

Patti Sabla  
808-343-2259  
[livelifebettersolutions.com](http://livelifebettersolutions.com)

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** piaspee@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Aloha Council Budget and Finance Committee.

I write to express my concern with the Mayor's budget proposal to increase CORA fees and I request these fees not be changed and/or any increase be substantially less than the Mayor's budget proposal.

My family and I are lifelong residents of Maui and we've have taken many of the long-standing water sports schools. We have enjoyed and relied on the skilled and caring professionals at HST for over 15 years. Most importantly, the lessons we and countless others have received have emphasized safety, environmental education and community spirit. Our family are so appreciative that the schools operate in the county beach parks and are affordable in their lesson pricing. We've no doubt, however, if the Mayor's proposed CORA fee increase takes place the availability and affordability of these valuable and valued lessons will be greatly threatened and likely even cease to exist. This proposed fee increase would surely drive many local firms and employees out of business—the water sports are a vital element of our Maui community and visitors as well—and would certainly change the dynamics of the beach parks in a negative manner. It's our opinion that the water sports schools operate in a manner supportive of the beach parks mission and help to educate park users. Having the schools be punished with ridiculously high fee increases and or forced to cease operations is a loss for Maui in multiple ways.

Again, please reject the proposed CORA fee increase so that the water sports businesses can provide affordable and professional lessons.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Pia Damon

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Linda Wilson <wilson4374@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** mayors.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Zeke Kalua; Donald S. Guzman; Robert Carroll; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran; Stacy Crivello; Riki Hokama; Kelly King; Yukilei Sugimura; Rosalyn H. Baker; Angus L.K. McKelvey; Jill N. Tokuda  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay

Aloha ,

We have been owners at Royal Kahana for over 27 years. Our plan was that our 1 bedroom apt. at Royal Kahana would become our retirement home. Last year we opened bank accounts in Kahana and received our HI drivers licenses. We are having heartbreaking second thoughts about our planned retirement move to Royal Kahana. The reason, of course, is obvious . Our Maui home is being overtaken by aggressive & chronic beach erosion. This erosion is threatening the very foundation of our island home!

Something needs to be done and soon! We are seeking a cooperative effort-from the Kahana Bay community-the state of Hawaii-and Maui County-to assist in funding a Environmental Assessment Impact Study that will determine the best solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning estimates that the above mentioned study may cost approx. \$600,000 -1.2 million.

We believe Maui County should at least match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominiums AOAO's. Long term funding of any of the proposed best solutions might be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

We are grateful for the very helpful support of Keith Scott, James Buika, and Tara Owens from the Maui County Planning Dept.

Mahalo for your assistance with this urgent matter.

Jeff Lindsay & Linda Wilson-Lindsay  
Royal Kahana  
310-839-2106

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** DENNISMAUI1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 4:33 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Cora fees.

400 % increase to very small business . This is so unfair when these people who have been here for so many years Keeping peace . Teaching safety Offering services to the visitors so badly needed. You want to put them and there employees out of business. They cannot afford 400% increase. You will hurt all the businesses that go along with this and decrease the amount of people going into the sports and spending money on Maui. I can't apologize for saying who in Gods name comes up with this stuff.

What kind of thinking is behind this? This is a very sad day when Gov. puts this on people who work very hard to just make a simple living. Dennis No increase in Cora fees for these hard working people who don't live off of all of us and have real jobs and services paid for the people they accommodate. And offer so much of there time fee to all of us. Shame on our Government for doing this to these people.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jamie Lieberman <jlieberman@pasanes.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:53 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I Oppose an Increase in CORA Fees

To Who met may concern:

Part of what brings visitors, and tourism dollars, to the Hawaiian Islands, is the beautiful waters. And those beautiful waters offer a myriad of amazing sports and new and interesting ways to enjoy the natural beauties. People travel from all over the world to learn in Maui, and the other islands. Access to quality windsurfing and kitesurfing lessons has been hugely important to me, and is one of the reasons I refer many, many people to Maui. In particular, I'm in support of small companies like Hawaiian Sailboard Techniques. Not only do they provide excellent, reliable, safe instruction, but as a company, and as individual owners, they are leaders in promoting careful use and protection of the local communities, like maintaining swim zones, promoting harmony among user groups, and providing support to ancillary lifeguard and ranger services.

We hear that the Mayor's Fee proposal will increase county beach access permits four fold. Companies like HST will go out of business. Since these fees are NOT involved in balancing the budget, and the parks that would receive the funds already have a balance of over half a million dollars. Small business are a key component to the local culture. Please don't use more government fees to eliminate the small guys.

From a concerned and regular user of local small businesses in Maui.

Sincerely,

James R Lieberman, MD

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Bernard Leroux <bleroux@haywood.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** i oppose the increase in CORA fees

To BF Committee,

I believe the fees you are proposing are going to deter people from signing up for lessons to learn and play and to also respect the ocean.

I learnt how to windsurf and kite through the schools in Maui and have bought a property on the North shore of Maui because of the love for water sports.

You are going to price these lessons out of people's price range!! They are already expensive enough!! Let alone the experience and knowledge they learn from instructions from professionals.

Leave it alone and DO NOT INCREASE THESE FEES!!!

Bernard Leroux

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** April Nims <sprecksbeach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose the increase in CORA fees

Aloha. I grew up here on Maui on the N. Shore. I remember when all the kids had to leave the island to get good educations and good paying jobs. I went to work at the Hotels in Lahaina full time because there was no work on the north shore. I have seen first hand and up close and personal how the Windsurfing and Kiteboard, and watersports in general industries have brought a whole new super engine economy to Maui with an almost zero carbon footprint. What I know for A FACT the folks who helped this incredible new gift to Mauis economic outlook are hard working regular working men and women. They are NOT rich. They may have to " cater " to the rich who do come from all over the world to partake of our trade winds. They should not be singled out to pay anymore license fees than any other visitor industry activity. A %400 increase seems somehow " punitive " and why. These jobs they do are hard and they are NOT getting rich teaching surfing, windsurfing, kiting, SUP. Why would they be punished for providing a very necessary and integral part of a very exciting sporting vacation destination, giving our visitor industry a giant boost. Please do not harm or hinder their ability to survive. This increase will wipe them out , and why would the county of Maui want that ? Aloha and Mahalo. April Nims . 29 Meha Pl. Paia. Hi.

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Deborah King Ford <debbiekingsford@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 7:41 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees!

Hello,

I oppose an increase in CORA funds for many reasons, not the least being that not only are the fees unjustified and burdensome but the increase in fees goes into a special revolving fund that already has a sizable balance.

Small businesses on the beach bring in many tax dollars through their services rendered to locals and tourists alike. My husband and I have been clients of HST for many years, enhancing our Maui experience to such a degree that we are now homeowners and active members of our community.

HST and other small beach businesses have been stewards in ocean safety, swim zone maintenance, providing ancillary lifeguard and ranger services, and promoting harmony among the various beach user groups.

Please, reconsider and do not increase the CORA fees

Debbie King Ford  
970.390.4392

debbiekingsford@me.com

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Glenn Tremble <Glenn@westmauland.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 7:48 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees

Dear Members of the Maui County Council,

I oppose an increase in CORA fees, the proposed will put an end to many small businesses that provide much needed safe services for not only guests of our island but our Keiki as well. They all need to learn from professionals in the ocean recreational sports businesses . Thank you!  
Sent from Glenn Tremble's iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** James Coon <captcoon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:26 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** OTC Opposition to increase in CORA Fees  
**Attachments:** MCB&F.pdf

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION (OTC) SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO A MASSIVE INCREASE IN CORA FEES.

Please see that the attached Testimony from the OTC gets distributed to the Members of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Mahalo,  
James Coon



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April 24, 2017

Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
PROPOSED INCREASE IN CORA FEES**

Aloha Chair Riki Hokama, Vice Chair Mike White, and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC). The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. Most of these businesses operate from State Boating Facilities. While this proposed legislation does not directly impact our industry it does impact several small Ocean Recreation Businesses on Maui. We believe that the 400% proposed increase in Commercial Ocean Recreation Activity (CORA) Fees are not wise or warranted at this time.

Most of these are very small companies and this fee increase will likely put several of them out of business. They provide a valuable service to our community for residents and visitors alike. Maui is the premier windsurfing and kite boarding destination in the world. Access to high quality lessons is a very important component in the overall success in attracting visitors to our Island that want to learn these sports. These companies get a very small portion of the money these visitors spend in our community. Some of these companies like HST have played an important leadership role in Park issues, like providing ancillary lifeguard and ranger services and keeping the park clean, promoting harmony among the various user groups, and swim zone maintenance and redesign to name a few.

Please consider a more moderate fee increase in the CORA permits.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President OTC

PO Box 847, Kula, HI 96790; [captcoon@gmail.com](mailto:captcoon@gmail.com); 808-870-9115

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Zach Newman <znewman11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:34 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Pukalan Skate Park Support.

Aloha Maui County Council,

I wanted to send a note to urge you to support supplemental funding for the Upcountry Pukalani Skatepark.

The community and County government has worked together for years to create this amazing skatepark that is ready to break ground.

Please support the supplemental funding so that we can break ground and finish this well designed park.

These recreational facilities help our island youth to have a safe place to live a healthy lifestyle and develop their character.

Please make it a top priority in the Recreation CIP Budget to fund the Upcountry Skatepark..

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Zach Newman

Kihei, HI

(808)495-1408

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Bonnie Wiegele <bwiegele@telus.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:11 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** CORA fees

To Whom It may Concern. We oppose the increase to CORA fees. We are vehemently opposed to your tax increase for small businesses in Maui. Our family and many Canadians travel to Maui every year specifically for lessons from the professional ocean schools for Windsurfing and Kite Boarding. The instructions in safety and ocean awareness are vital for our children and grandchildren. Our community in Banff, Alberta Canada would have to seek out alternative places for these lessons such as Cuba or Mexico. We have been spending our vacations in Maui for the last 30 yrs. and spend up to 3 mos. a year there which we are sure helps the tourism revenue in your state.

Please consider this matter of keeping our children safe while pursuing ocean sports on your Island.

Thank you for your attention. Mike & Bonnie Wiegele, Box 1824, Banff, Alberta Canada.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Sheri Weichel <sheriweichel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees.

Dear Council of Maui

I am an off island property owner in Paia. I firmly oppose any increase in fees for small business owners who use our public beaches.

I am a windsurfer and kiter. I have enjoyed many years of quality instruction from several different lesson providers. It seems to me that the extravagant increase of 400% for beach access permits to be unfair and will result in the closure of small businesses on Maui. Please reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely

Sheri Weichel.  
320 Paani Place  
Paia HI  
96779

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Brian Clark <greenlivn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Riki Hokama; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Save the 3 can plan

Please do not trash this important resource. Diverting the massive amount of compost and recyclables from the landfill is vital to the sustainability of this island. If anything, we should be expanding the program, not trying to eliminate it. Everyone who is involved in the 3 can plan neighborhoods appreciate it. All up and down my street I see the compost bins out on time and the commingling containers out when on time. Thousands of pounds of material that would otherwise end up in the landfill!!

Please thing of the citizens of Maui when you determine the fate of the 3 can plan.

Sincerely,  
Brian and Laura

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Bill Knowlton <billdog100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** No Tax Increases in 2017

Dear Chair Hokama and Councilmembers,

I am opposed to any tax increases proposed by the administration or council until the county collects the outstanding taxes already due, including penalties and interest.

Consider the millions of dollars that illegal vacation rentals should be paying Transient Accommodation Taxes and GET on. The "lack of enforcement" by the Planning Department is simply fraudulent and corrupt.

Consider the 'Agricultural Subdivisions" which are paying ag tax rates. These so called farm dwellings are nothing more than mini-hotels in the ag districts hosting illegal vacation rentals. The people running these properties are not local people trying to help pay their mortgage by hosting tourists. They are mega rich outsiders from off-island, speculating and making a fast buck due to the lack of enforcement by the incompetent and corrupt Planning Department.

For example, check out the Short Term Rental application being processed by Planning for the property located at 560 North Holokai Rd., Haiku. It is simultaneously being listed for sale as MLS 36919, as 3 separate houses. It has a main house, detached ohana, AND Garage/Studio. Oh don't forget the lap pool for the tired and hard working farm hands. The asking price is only \$2,895,000. Chump change for any local guava farmer. 3 separate houses on a 2 acre ag lot, with no ag taking place. BS.

And what is the Planning Department recommending, approval of this Short Term Rental application? BS.

When this property sells and the mainland owner takes the money and runs, the neighbors are left paying higher taxes due to the increase in market value, and rampant speculation is encouraged.

The council chair and council shouldn't be complaining about the legislature keeping our fair share of the TAT unless and until the County of Maui enforces its own land use laws and collects the taxes that are already owed. Screw Any New Taxes, Bill.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Heather Greenwood <heather8@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:50 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Written Testimony, April 25  
**Attachments:** Testimony Apr 25 2017 UH CTAHR.pdf

Thank you for the opportunity of testifying at today's budget meeting. Attached is my written testimony.

Mahalo,  
Heather

Heather Greenwood-Junkermeier  
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Good Morning and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, for this opportunity to request your support for the restoration of \$75k from the Mayor's budget for the OED budget line item for the Maui Office of UH CTAHR. My name is Heather Greenwood-Junkermeier and I am an Extension Agent in the Maui Office of UH CTAHR office. Dr. Cindy Reeves, our Maui County Administrator is returning to the island today and sends her regards.

Thank you for your previous support. Your investment provides funds to meet the specific needs of Maui County residents that could not be met through other funding sources. I want to reiterate what this funding means to the County of Maui and how these funds are utilized.

A conservative ratio is that for every **\$1** County dollar invested in the Maui Office of UH CTAHR, a significant **\$17** will be leveraged in return to the county in 2017 from other Federal/State and Privately funded projects – documents to support this data are included on the following page.

These funds are focused specifically on Maui specific needs in which state and federal funds are not available.

To provide an idea of how these funds and projects are determined, these funds are competitive and go through peer review. For the 2017 funds, 18 proposals were submitted and 7 projects funded. Dr. Reeves and Tina Rasmussen, from the Maui County Office of Economic Development, review the proposals to determine the projects that best meet the needs of Maui County, have measureable impacts, and will leverage the state-wide resources of CTAHR. The projects chosen through this process for 2017 are:

- Sponsoring Protection of the East Maui Watershed Against Miconia Invasion (Maui)
- Diversity of Agriculture Career Panning with 4-H Youth & 4-H'ers A.C.H.I.E.V.E (Maui & Molokai)
- Development of a Protocol to Assess Soil Carbon at the Ranchscale (Maui/Molokai/Lanai)
- Investigating New, Rapid Soil Analytical Tools to Enhance Agricultural Nutrient Management in Maui County (Maui/Molokai/Lanai)
- Improving Swine Health on Maui and Molokai

The impact that losing these funds is that programs like those I've just mentioned will no longer be available in Maui County.

We are working hard to be a good partner, and to ensure that Maui County receives a significant and measureable return on your investment in our work; so I thank you for your previous support, and ask that you reinstate the funding of \$75k as allocated in the Mayor's budget. Mahalo.

**In FY17 Maui County Funds are leveraged 1:17 with State/Federal/Private funds to  
UH Manoa-CTAHR in Maui County:**

<b>Funding Sources in past 12 months:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
USDA/NIFA/CYFAR -	\$44,500
USDA/NIFA/Smith-Lever -	\$4,500
Maui Assoc of Family and Community Education (local non-profit) -	\$500
Program participant fees -	\$800
HDOA grants -	\$140,000
NIFA - Pacific Sub-region -	\$19,180
DHHL Molokai beginning farmer program: Frost Fndn / Hawaii Community Fndn for Homestead Gardening Program: Molokai	\$70,000
USDA via Kohala Center for Natural Farming training: Makakuoha Cooperative, Molokai	\$21,000
Smith lever Federal Funds	\$13,000
Participation Fees for Master Gardener Training and Beekeeping: approx.	\$45,000
Master Gardener Fundraising through plant, UH Seed, and Honey Sales:	\$5,000
Science Makers Collaboration Partnership	\$2,000
USDA Ag Marketing Service	\$1,820
Plant Species Management Extension and Research Program (State & Fed sources)	\$134,000
Maui County Faculty and Staff Salaries/Fringe And operational expenses	\$173,900
	\$583,454
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,258,654</b>
<b>Maui County Grant Award FY17</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

Leverage is approximately **1:17**...for every **\$1** dollar Maui County provides in funding, UH Manoa CTAHR leveraged **\$17** in State, Federal and Private funding to support Maui County programs in FY17.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Paul Sabiston <sabiston@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:40 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees.

I come to Maui twice a year and have been coming for 30 years. I have used the businesses who do on the water instruction and appreciate the service and safety they provide.

Paul Sabiston

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** kathryn dukes <kdukes1938@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Robert Carroll; Elle Cochran; Stacy S. Crivello; Riki Hokama; Alika A. Atay; Kelly King; Yukilei Sugimura; Alan Arakawa; Zeke Kalua; Rosalyn H. Baker; Angus L.K. McKelvey  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay Beach Erosion Budget Testimony

April 25, 2017

Aloha Maui County Beach Front Committee  
Aloha Maui County Council Members

Our names are Kathryn Dukes and Steven McEathron, and we are owners of a condo at The Royal Kahana along the Kahana Bay shoreline. We are writing to you to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay Area as well as up and down the shoreline of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State, and County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done soon! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott, and TaraOwens, from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine (9) condominium properties, plus one residential property, paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise taxes in 2016.

We support a cooperative effort, from the Kahana Bay community, the state of Hawaii, and Maui County, to fund the next step, which is an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact study that will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning Department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00 - \$1.2 million. We believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominium AOAOS. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo, in advance, for your help with this urgent matter.

Kathryn Dukes  
Steven McEathron  
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The Royal Kahana

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Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Ellen Friel <lnfriel2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:26 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose an increase in CORA fees!

To Whom It May Concern in the Maui Council,

The proposed fee increase is understood by our ohana of windsurfers and kiters at Kanaha Beach Park, as an intentional effort to expedite attrition of small businesses. These business provide the necessary water sports instruction for Maui's families and visitors. We personally have had dozens of encounters with visitors especially, who are ill equipped, unknowledgeable or have misinformation regarding the Hawaiian waters at Kanaha and at launches in Kihei and other sites. WE ALWAYS URGE THEM TO TAKE LESSONS WITH THE EXPERTS LOCATED ON MAUI!

Let's face it....windsurfing and kiting on a lake or an ocean back in their hometown on the mainland has NOTHING to do whatsoever with navigating in our seas.

The burden of rescue is then exponentially increased when our finest lifeguards need to help them to safety. Ask me, I had to be rescued last winter, so I did the smart thing and I signed up for a lesson package in wave sailing with HST, even though I've been sailing Maui for 28 years, and am considered an expert sailor. In the waves on Maui....go sit down.

If the permit fees go up for the excellent school I chose, the lesson fees have to go up. The permit fees could potentially close a *life saving teaching school and services* to anyone who wants to improve their sailing, kiting, SUPing, and surfing skills. It'll be a nightmare for people who cannot afford the lessons. Period. We know many people who don't take lessons who should because they can't afford them. We hold our breath every time they launch already!

The fact that the Mayor's fee proposal is unjustified and over burdensome has been underscored by the fact that the \$500.000 surplus in the budget won't even be used for park improvements, which our parks DESPERATELY NEED! We don't have to go into that list; you all are aware.

We can't think of any other states where these fees are this high! They are onerous and unnecessary. How about raising other sport permit fees like bike tours, whale tour boats or other sport tours, gun permit fees, institute a state lottery like for scratch tickets and then put those funds to education, put in a toll booth on Haleakala Highway, raise liquor store and restaurant licenses, tax smoking products and stores which sell them, raise rental car tax, tax golf courses for the amount of irrigation they use, raise bail rates, raise rates on timeshare taxes, salon licenses, tattoo licenses .....a small increase across the board in some other areas may garner the support you seek...not one gigantic increase for one type of business.

*Mahalo for your attention to this matter.* We hope this doesn't turn into a negative issue with people who truly are respectful of the ocean and the land and are offering personal and dedicated service to learners of all stripes.

Ellen and Phil Friel

Kihei and NH

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"All education should be self education." Robert Henri

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Smh2001 <smh2001@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Budget

I urge the council to veto Mayor Arakawa's budget which will raise property assessments and taxes by 12%. This will be very detrimental to Senior Citizens, such as myself, who are on a fixed income. After 20 years of being a Maui resident and property owner, I am forced to relocate to a more affordable state (Nevada). This budget is very discriminatory as it targets Senior Citizens who cannot afford higher taxes and move away from the state, leaving their loved ones behind. You already reduced our homeowners' exemption by \$100,000.

Why can't you find a more equitable way of increasing taxes such as putting a temporary surcharge on the 4% sales tax rate like Honolulu did for their rail system? Also, why can't we have a Maui County lottery to fund capital improvements?

There are other ways to increase revenue than force people out of their homes because of high property taxes. A recent article by Lauren Hamer cited Hawaii as being the 3rd worst state to retire, behind Alaska and New Mexico. Evidence was provided by "Bankrate" and "Wallethub". Does the council want this type of national negativity? Money Magazine also stated that Hawaii has the 4th highest tax burden in the country. I understand we only have a 4% sales tax but its on everything! Food, medicine, doctors are subject to taxation, unlike the majority of states.

Please find another way to meet the budget shortfall other than raising property taxes and forcing Senior Citizens, like me, to leave the state.

Sincerely,

Steven Holt

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Chun, Grant at PROP\_MAUI <gchun@abprop.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:39 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

Aloha Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee:

I am writing for the purpose of expressing my support for continued funding for staffing in the budget for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. It has recently been brought to our attention that the current draft of the budget calls for a cut in salaries for the department in the amount of \$127,000. While this is not a large sum in the context of the budget as a whole, these funds are essential for the department to retain current staffing levels. Given the grave difficulties faced in our community in the arena of housing for our local families, we respectfully submit that funding for continued staff support and services provided by the Department is essential.

Our experience with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns is that the staff is most helpful and committed to their jobs and the constituencies they serve. They do good, important work and it would be a shame for the Department to have to cut hours or staff positions as a result of this proposed decrease in budget. Mahalo for all of the important work you do and for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Christopher Lovvorn <clovvorn@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:00 PM  
**To:** Mike White; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alika A. Atay; Elle Cochran; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Yukilei Sugimura; BF Committee  
**Cc:** loritakako@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of \$25,000 in funding for Ka Ipu Kukui 2018

Please accept my written testimony below in support of funding of \$25,000 for the Ka Ipu Kukui 2018 program.

I understand that the Maui County Council Budget Chair has proposed reducing Ka Ipu Kukui's County Grant of \$25,000 by \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2018.

I am a graduate of the program. When I was a participant, I was a Lanai resident. I was fortunate that my employer, Castle & Cooke, paid for my tuition in full as well as my travel costs to participate in the program.

Not all participants are as fortunate as I was to have an employer that can provide financial support. Having the full \$25,000 will help the program to attract and serve participants who have the appropriate passion and vision, but lack the financial support needed to participate in the program.

-111 Maui County citizens from diverse industry sectors have completed the KIK program with an additional 16 in the program this fiscal year.

- A \$10,000 reduction represents about 25% of the annual budget for KIK
- Approximately 1/3 of KIK total expenses (grants and tuition) are for travel to all of Maui Nui (i.e. Molokai, Lanai) to understand the diverse perspectives of our tri-isle community; a reduction in funding will result in the elimination of one or all of these Halawai ('gatherings').
- A reduction in funding would also necessitate a tuition increase and reduce or eliminate the tuition assistance that has been historically provided. This reduction will restrict participation in the program to only people with adequate resources to pay the full tuition. The KIK Board works hard to create classes of Fellows that are diverse and from different backgrounds. This allows Fellows to learn from each other, which follows our philosophy to look at all sides of an issue and understand issues with different perspectives. Tuition is currently \$1,300, however approximately half of all participants receive some kind of tuition assistance.

Please accept my testimony in support of funding of \$25,000 for the Ka Ipu Kukui 2018 program.

Sincerely,

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Ric Andrews <randsmaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** The 3 can plan for Maui

Aloha Mr. Hokama, and your committee,

I am extremely disappointed to hear you are planning on discontinuing the 3 Can Plan. Our neighborhood has worked so hard to keep the program intact. It is dismaying to think we are going to lose the recycling benefits this program offers. I URGE you and your committee to have public hearings before you make any final decision. We should not be moving BACKWARDS. These magnificent islands need everyone to help them STAY beautiful.

Please let me hear from you.

Mahalo,

Ric Andrews, M.D.  
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Kihei 96753

## Helping Hawai'i Live Well

### Mental Health Association in Hawaii- Maui County Budget Committee Testimony 4/18/2017

Dear Budget Committee Chair and Budget Council Members,

Since 1972, Mental Health America of Hawaii-Maui County (MHA-HI-Maui) has been Maui's leading mental health education and advocacy organization. We are part of a statewide 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We educate and organize our community to enhance mental wellness. Through our leadership, we expand mental health awareness, understanding, and action. We continue to be proactive in advocating for the needs of people with mental illness, including children and youth, adults, elders, and their families – at the legislature, state agencies, and in the media.

In providing these services, MHA-HI-Maui, hopes to provide a positive impact for at least 2000 residents of Maui County. We act as a conduit to the public, providing information and direction for those seeking mental health services by directing them to the right organization or services for their needs. Those services include:

- Suicide prevention through various trainings, including SafeTalk Suicide Alertness, and our Youth Suicide & Bullying Prevention project.
- Helping families cope with the mental illness of a loved one through the local National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Family to Family trainings and support groups.
- Police Officers, DOE school counselors, local health professionals and the general public are trained in Mental Health First Aid to youth and adults.
- Grow a Rainbow Project offers strategies and resources for LGBTQ youth and families.
- Advocating for those with mental illness and mental health problems individually and at the state legislature.
- Assisting the homeless through education and support of mental health and substance abuse services.

Our challenges are many. Maui County is an epicenter for inadequate mental health services because of several reasons, including:

- A lack of psychiatrists (in general) and those who will treat low income Medicaid (Quest) patients
- Lack of hospital beds, especially for youth but also for adults.
- Overall lack of treatment providers and facilities, which contributes to the homelessness and incarceration of people suffering from mental illness
- The stigma of mental illness, which prevents people from seeking treatment.
- The difficulty of navigating the mental health system without support.

In conclusion, Mental Health America of Hawaii-Maui's goal is to be a genuine resource for those suffering from mental illness, to combat substance abuse, to provide advocacy and family support wherever possible. MHA-HI Maui assists those who call our help line or walk into our office. We

provide community leadership regarding suicide prevention in conjunction with the County's Suicide Prevention Task Force. Our trainings create awareness and offer hope as well as strengthen a broader range of residents to be able to step up and assist those with mental illness across our county. We constantly seek collaboration with the general public and other human service agencies through ongoing e-mail communication, facilitation and participation in community meetings, networking events and the linking of different agencies to engage in collaborative efforts. It is in this humble narrative that we request to keep our annual funding intact for the next fiscal year. I appreciate and thank the Maui County Council Budget Committee for allowing me to provide this testimony on behalf of our agency.

Sincerely,



Danielle M. Bergan  
Interim Community Coordinator  
Mental Health America of Hawai'i Maui  
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## BEST BUDDIES TESTIMONY BY PATRICK MCGOLDRICK

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Hi, I'm Patrick McGoldrick, and I'm a Best Buddies Ambassador. Today I want to tell you about my journey with Best Buddies and how I have improved myself. Best Buddies is a club that matches kids who have a disability with kids who don't. After we are matched with a buddy, we get to know each other by doing stuff together.

Before I was introduced to Best Buddies, I would not make eye contact with anyone. I was always frustrated and sometimes I would even growl at people like a German Shepherd. When I was a young boy, I used to be like a Road Runner at parties, I would run and run. I would turn my back when anyone would talk to me. Sometimes I would scream and run away. People made me cranky. Things are very different for me now.

I'm glad to tell you how Best Buddies has changed the way I look at life. I joined Best Buddies about 8 years ago and have learned how to be a friend. I began my training to become an Ambassador about 5 years ago. I've gone to 4 Best Buddies Leadership Conferences in Indiana.

I have done so many exciting things since joining Best Buddies. My chapter is through Seabury Hall. I've met some really great buddies there. We have fun events like dances and parties. I've met two Governor's of Hawaii and have gone to the Day at the Capitol 3 times. I play sports through Special Olympics. I am a Vice Chairman of the Self Advocacy Advisory Counsel. I am training for a job where I will teach about how to be prepared for an emergency situation.

Because of Best Buddies, I have become a nice, funny, and outgoing guy. I have Autism but I don't let it control me. I can look people in the eye and feel very comfortable. I'm less hyper and I really like making new friends. I'm polite and don't scream anymore. I feel calmer and happy to meet new people and I flirt with all the girls!

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Best Buddies is an amazing organization! I really hope you will give us your support because we sure do need it! Thanks for listening!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Maui Family Support Services, Inc.

## KĀNE Connections

Hui ‘Kāne (men’s group) held weekly on Monday evenings in Wailuku, Wednesday mornings at the Aloha House - Residential Treatment Center and Thursday evenings on Molokai. Last year in 2016, we served over 250 men. Using an evidence-based curriculum called 24/7 Dad, we are teaching men to be respectful, responsible, accountable and honest, have integrity, be healthy partners, nurturing fathers and role-models, therefore impacting many families and children’s lives in our communities.

# **Testimonies:**

2/27/17

Re:Hui Kane (mens group)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Derek Nalua and I am currently in Maui Drug Court. It is part of my requirements to attend positive support group meetings in the community. I was recommended to attend "MFSS Kane Connection" by my case manager Maile.

Since then I have found this group setting to be a very positive experience in learning how to communicate better in my relationships with my children and also with perhaps a future partner.

Although my children are older now, (23 yrs & 17 yrs old) I still feel that what I've gained from this group is beneficial to both myself and my children and perhaps my future grand children.

I have been coming to this group for a couple months now and believe it is a great program for fathers and highly recommend it to others. May I also add that our facilitators have been doing a very exceptional job

Sincerely yours,

Derek Nalua

3/15/17

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Chris Damore. I recently graduated from a Residential Treatment Program up at Aloha House. I started my program August 30, 2016, and graduated November 21, 2016. While I was in the program I was attending a weekly mens group that is part of Maui Family Support Services. I found that weekly group to be one of the most beneficial aspects of my recovery program. We would learn about many different topics, (what it means to be a man, communication, showing and handling feelings, power and control etc.) I feel I really benefitted from the classes so when I left Aloha House back in November, I continued with the program. The classes were on Mondays and Thursdays but unfortunately Kame Connections has been cut back to only Mondays due to lack of funding. It saddens me because I know what a great program it is and how it truly helps a lot of men in our community. The facilitators do a great job by really getting to know the men and they understand the struggles that we all go through.

For me personally, I have a very rocky marriage and my relationship with my kids has suffered quite a bit the last few years. Being able to attend KANE CONNECTIONS has helped me and given me tools I can apply in my life to help me be a better man, a better husband, a better father, just an all around better person. KANE CONNECTIONS is a great program not only for myself but for our community. I understand finding issues, but I also understand what having good, positive men as role models can do for our families and our community.

Sincerely,  


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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jacob Dutro-Ponce, I recently got married on 05/01/16, and I became a step-father to three children. I have no children of my own and I want to be the best father I can to them. I was looking online for resources that could help me and I was very fortunate to find Maui Family Support Services Kona Connections.

I initially talked to someone over the phone who was very personable and very informative about their program. I instantly became excited to attend their groups and felt that they would fit all my needs for what I was looking for. I started to attend meetings on 09/12/16 and was blown away by the information I received and the support they provided to fathers. After leaving my first meeting I felt great and felt positive that I would learn how to be a great step-father.

Every meeting I attend gave me more and more tools to be a father to my step-children and hopefully one day my own children. I feel the classes gave me the tools to co-parent and more "loving" skills that helped me give the

Me understanding and giving the children their wants and needs are very important. Mostly, I believe the classes intensified my wanting to tend to their well being and what is in their best interest.

These classes further taught me to be a more supporting and loving husband to my wife. After attending these classes I felt I could be a better man and someone they could all rely upon.

I am extremely grateful for this program and everything it has helped me achieve. I would recommend this program to others as I do truly feel it would help fathers who need the support and information. I feel Maui really needs this group to support our "Kane" and make our Island a better place for Families. Thank You,

Jacob Dutro-Ponce

02/21/17

3/16/17 - Cory Lee  
School Counselor - Iao Intermediate School

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cory Lee and I am a middle school counselor at Iao Intermediate School. I've been working at Iao School for 11 years. I have worked extensively with the families and youth in central Maui for over a decade now and I feel the need to speak up in support of an excellent community resource that has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of many Maui residents. I am writing in support of Kawika Mattos and the counseling / support groups that he leads and operates through Maui Family Support Services - Kane Connections program.

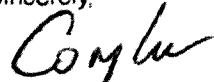
Earlier in this school year, back in August, I had the privilege of observing and participating in the Hui Kane (men's support group). I needed to observe 10 hours of group counseling sessions as part of a graduate course I was taking at the time, and Kawika was kind enough to welcome me in to observe and participate. I was beyond impressed with the respect, support and compassion that Kawika and his facilitators demonstrated towards group members. During sessions of Kane Connections, the genuine emotion and empathy that members showed towards each other was powerful to witness. To see such a rugged and seemingly hardened group of men sharing struggles and obstacles that they helped each other cope with and persevere through with love and compassion is something I will never forget. It was Kawika who provided the guidance and structure, and it was Kawika who created the atmosphere of trust and respect that allowed this to take place.

I heard testimonials from multiple men about how drastically different they had become after committing to the group, and following the strategies and lessons provided through the curriculum. As a school counselor, I cannot say enough good things about Kawika's efforts. His programs and curriculum are focused on helping families communicate more effectively, help them learn to show love and respect in healthy and appropriate ways, and work on parenting skills to support their children's education and overall well-being.

It was clear that Kawika had very solid rapport with all members of the group, and the curriculum being presented to them directly addressed concerns that many of the men were struggling with. It gave them applicable strategies to improve their own lives, as well as their relationships with family members and loved ones. It is people like him, and programs like the one I observed, that do the very challenging work to improve individual lives, help heal families, and make strides towards improving the community for all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns, I could not have more respect for Kawika Mattos, and his efforts to make Maui a better place are effective, noble and admirable.

Sincerely,



Cory Lee  
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# **KĀNE Connections**

**Upcoming Event:**

Tuesday February 21, 2017

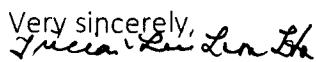
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tricia-Lee Lum Ho. I am an employee, a full-time student, and a mother of five. I am delighted to share my experience with Hui 'Ohana because of the positive impact it has had on my family and I. I found out about this program through my daughter's preschool where there was a flyer posted on the front door. Ever since November of 2016, I've been in attendance of each of these weekly meetings.

One may think that as a mother with five children, I should be able to write the handbook on how to be a parent and that I should know all there is about being a mom but, exactly the opposite of this is has been the case for me. It is because of these weekly meetings that I have learned how to be an even better parent. Lessons pertaining to self-worth, family morals and values, infant, toddler, and preschool development, and developing family rules are just a few of the topics that were discussed. Lessons from Hawaii Healthy Start by Family Development Resources, Inc. were provided so that we were able to read and have group discussions about the material. One particular lesson that I benefited most from dealt with the disciplining of children in the form of corporal punishment. I learned why it is not the best method of teaching/raising children and how it affects their development emotionally and mentally. Prior to this "revelation" I had no idea of the negative effects that spanking a child would have. I used to think being spanked (or worse) for any wrongdoing was not just warranted but also the most effective way to "teach" a child a lesson. However, after being enlightened with information backed by research studies, I have changed the way I correct my children's undesirable behaviors. I feel like this bit of knowledge helps me "break the cycle" of abuse and violence and creates a better and brighter outlook for our future, and it begins in my own home with my children.

These group meetings are motivating and are very empowering also because of the others who attend. The group is made up of all different types of household compositions who all have the same goal of striving to be better parents to our children. When we share our thoughts or experiences on various topics, it truly enriches the understanding of all in attendance.

It is unfortunate that this program has come to an end yet I am extremely grateful to have been a participant who benefited greatly from it. Maui needs more programs like Hui 'Ohana that provide supplemental training(s) that enable people to better themselves. I believe that strong families make for strong communities and Hui 'Ohana is definitely a program that sets the right foundation.

Very sincerely,  
  
Tricia-Lee Lum Ho

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

February 16, 2017

MY NAME IS Chantia Torres. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN AGES 8, 4, 3, AND 1. I HAVE BEEN A SINGLE PARENT SINCE MY OLDEST CHILD WAS A YEAR OLD. MY OLDEST SON HAS MANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND WE FLY TO OAHU QUITE OFTEN LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME AND NO HELP FROM ANY OF THEIR FATHERS. ONE DAY WHILE AT A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT I WAS LOOKING THROUGH MAUI FAMILIES MAGAZINE AND SAW THE NUMBER AND GROUP NAME, THEN IS WHERE I DECIDED TO REACH OUT FOR HELP AND JUST SOME COMFORT. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE ATTENDED HUI OHANA @ FGS, FOR A YEAR ABOUT NOW. THE EXPERIENCE I HAVE GONE THROUGH WAS REALLY A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I REGAINED MY SELF-CONFIDENCE AND THE ABILITY TO KNOW THAT I HAVE OPEN HANDS I CAN REACH OUT TO IN TIMES OF NEED. THE FAMILIES AND STAFF BECAME SOMEWHAT LIKE A OHANA TO ME. WE UPLIFTED EACH OTHER'S SPIRITS AND GAVE HOPE TO THOSE WHO WERE LOSING HOPE. IT ALSO GAVE ME NEW TOOLS IN MY TOOL BOX AS A PARENT WANTING A CLOSER, STRONGER AND MORE REAL BOND WITH MY CHILDREN. THE FACILITY HELPED ME WITH CLOTHING, DIAPERS, FOOTWEAR AND EMOTIONAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STRESS. IT

gave me a whole new view at the people I resources in our community. Each person I meet now who is or has gone through what I do, I send them to Family Support Services or just let them know about them. I wouldn't have made it through many trials if it wasn't for FSS. Hui Ohana. Mahalo.

THANK YOU,  
Chantia L. Torres

## Testimony for Maui County Budget Meeting FY18

Council members and Chair,

The proposed CORA fee increases are obscene and unjustified.

CORA fees are totally baseless and are out of line with other similar permits.

New **Taxi Driver** permits are \$100 (\$50 dollars annual renewal) are **Bicycle Tour Company** Permits are a paltry \$500 dollars per year total.

The new Proposed CORA fee is going up from \$1000 for up to 2 permitted parks/activity and \$500.00 each additional permit, to \$2400 per each park/activity.

**Example:** With the proposed increase my school's Permit fees will increase to \$12,100.00. FYI, I now also pay an extra \$2400 (total) annually for State Fees.

My CORA Fees have increased 24,100%

**CORA Fees My first year was \$50.00** they are now proposed to be \$12,100.

That is a 24,100% increase in 20 years. Last Year my Fees were \$3500, but now with the proposed increase will be \$12,100. That represents a 245% Increase from 2017 to 2018. In 2018 I will be forced to pay an additional \$8,600 (on top of the \$3500) plus new State permit fees of \$2400. So in 2018 I shall have to come up with an additional \$11,000 from somewhere.

CORA Permit Fees continue to rise relentlessly:

CORA permits have repeatedly had drastic fee hikes over the years averaging 100-200% per year. Why is the CORA industry being unfairly singled out?

- This unjustified fee Hike is deliberately harmful to CORA.
- Parks has repeatedly increased rates to Force Attrition.
- Some reduction in user numbers at a few locations was recommended by the 2006 CORA Study, through attrition.
- Parks has unjustifiably forced attrition of CORA business through unfair Fees.
- Parks is choking the life out of CORA business: through Increased restrictions, limits on days, limits on patrons, as well as Unjustified Price Hikes.

Parks are sitting on a growing stack of unissued permits.

- There may be more "Available Permits" than there are "Issued permits".
- Parks has failed to reissue any New Permits or Available permits that it has.
- Parks has Failed to Issue any Permits for 13 other parks.
- Reissuing permits would help to defray the Costs to existing permit holders.
- Parks has failed to properly manage the CORA program.

Parks Enforcement is a total Failure:

- Parks has knowingly Allowed illegal operators to use County Parks.
- Parks has failed to prevent Illegal Use of parks by unpermitted operators.
- Parks has not issued one single Citation to Stop illegal operators.
- There are currently over 35 highly visible (CORA-type) Businesses operating openly in the County Beach Parks with the County's knowledge.

- I have seen illegal operators continue to do business in the parks for the last twenty years.
- Even commercial operations from Oahu are currently using our beaches commercially and illegally, even yesterday.
- There is no follow through on Park's promise of enforcement on Illegal's.
- Parks failed to deliver the services that were promised for past fee increases (I.E. enforcement).
- Parks has created an uneven playing field, they have created arbitrary and unfair trade restrictions, on a single group of operators.
- Current Parks administration and most of the Council members have not been with us through the decades-long process of developing the CORA Rules (with the exception of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hokama and Mr. White?).

The difference between Kanaha Beach and Waikiki.

The situations couldn't be More different.

On Waikiki Beach on Oahu, they are large Businesses renting out "Prime Commercial Square Footage On-the Actual Beach" of the World's most Popular Tourist Beach, in the most expensive Hotel/shopping district in the State. This is the complete opposite of the "beach crossing" access permit utilized on Maui County beaches, any one who has ever been to Kanaha or other county beach should know this.

Rate Hikes will force more Legitimate operators to Operate Illegally:

Every time the Park's unjustifiably increases rates, it forces more Legitimate operators drop out and go Underground. Parks policy makes it cost-prohibitive to be a legitimate and compliant operator, and it creates a economic disincentive to remain compliant. This means the County loses the Legit operators, and the security of having insured operators, that spread the County's liability. County takes on more liability of lawsuits from injured persons as they force insured operators out of business, or force them to go underground.

Parks is failing in its Mission:

Parks mission to provide safe recreational opportunities, including safe and affordable ocean recreation activities. Their mission is undermined by short-sighted management practices and unjustified pricing policies.

This proposed rate Increase will put more CORA schools out of business:

This Fee Hike will cause job losses, and the loss of expertise of many talented individuals. We will lose more CORA Schools that provide education, supervision and guidance. Our community will be further diminished as we lose experienced ocean sportsmen. We will continue to lose the essential knowledge and experience that helps us to make the ocean safer.

Lifeguards are already underfunded and under attack:

Attacking CORA watersports instructors decreases water safety for the public. Reducing CORA Schools, and Reducing access to water-sports related instruction, puts people in harm's way. More people will access the ocean without supervision. More people will attempt watersports without the benefit of local instructors. This puts a strain

on Lifeguards, that will have the task of saving more people in distress. Lifeguards are incident responders, CORA instructors are incident avoidance teachers. Soon lifeguards may be unprotected from lawsuits. So the entire lifeguard system may soon experiencing a major upset.

Increased drownings, severe injuries, and deaths are happening to Tourists and Local's:  
More people are dying and are becoming severely injured in Maui's waters than ever before. This is due to an increased population, and increased uptake in ocean recreation activities.

Maui Needs more ocean safety not less:

Ocean Safety includes not only lifeguards after the fact, but preventative measures, such as providing access to instruction. Safe instruction in water sports prevents many accidents, and incidents BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.

Forcing CORA to close reduces ocean safety:

However, the current Park's policies such as the proposed "CORA Rate Hike" will reduce the presence of qualified, and experiences water sports instructors. And reduce overall safety of all ocean users in Maui's Waters.

Reducing Permit Uptake reduces ocean safety:

Increasing the per-location Permit fee on a CORA permit by 200-400% makes it cost prohibitive to have alternate launch sites, So operators are forced to give up their "alternate safe access sites". Not only does this reduce ocean safety for the operation, it also increases risk to patrons, by forcing operators to use limited locations regardless of the ocean conditions. It also reduces the presence of experiences professional watersports instructors at these other locations, thereby reducing water safety to the general public as well.

CORA increase water safety by educating tourists and locals too:

CORA schools collectively teach thousands of tourists to enjoy the ocean safely each year. Without access to Instruction they are simply going to go out alone. More inexperienced and unqualified people will be using Maui Parks and beaches to access the ocean for recreation.

Maui has extreme ocean conditions:

Maui's north shore isn't like Waikiki., Waikiki beach has a protected sheltered southerly aspect, that is relatively safe compared to Maui's north shore. Maui's north shore is known for extreme weather, like strong gusty Tradewinds, large waves and shallow reef that make it favored by mostly expert-level water sportsman. The north shore is no place for unsupervised novices to be renting Kayaks, surfboards etc, and getting into trouble. Maui's south and west side beaches have dangerous offshore winds that regularly blow away; paddle boarders, kiters, windsurfers, and canoes.

More people are drowning Snorkeling every year:

People are drowning every year while ocean swimming and snorkeling, yet only one (1) snorkel permit has been issued, The Parks dept have the ability to issue many more Snorkel permits, (at least 12 unused snorkel permits are currently available) but have failed to do so. There are already many businesses offering Snorkel Tours (do online Google search 350,000 pages talk about it), but most Snorkel Tours have no permits. What does that tell you? So maybe the Cost of CORA Permits is already too High, (and the regulations too restrictive). If there were cheaper and easier access to "Snorkel lesson permits", maybe supervision and instruction would be more widely available on Maui. This is a huge safety issue, that is totally ignored.

Reducing CORA burdens the Emergency Services:

Encouraging less ocean supervision (\*CORA ) and promoting Unqualified Surf gear rentals on beaches and County beach parks puts people at risk. This also overburdens the Emergency services. Lifeguards, Fire dept Search and rescue, coast guard, and police are called into service when a someone has an ocean incident. Search and rescue costs the County and State tens-of-thousands of dollars every hour they are rescuing unskilled and inexperienced ocean users.

Surfboard Rentals and Deliveries:

There has been a dramatic increase in new businesses Renting Surf Related Equipment. Any Tourist can now have surfboards, kayaks, and Standup paddleboards and Snorkel gear and Windsurf Gear Delivered to their Hotel or any beach on the island. These NEW businesses are not regulated. These businesses are using County Beach Parks also, with the knowledge and permission of the Parks Department.

Regulated Instruction, gives way to Unregulated Rentals:

Parks has created a problem that puts people at risk. Supervised Instruction is restricted, while Unsupervised Rentals are encouraged. Sadly this is becoming the norm for ocean recreation, and will be the absolute new paradigm when the Parks department causes all of the legit CORA Schools to close.

Maui Development Plans will increase Population and Tourism 5-fold:

They are have started expanding OGG to become an International Airport, and will build International Cruise Ship terminal at Kahului harbor in the next 5 Years. Estimates say that the Maui's population will expand 5x. Maui will undoubtedly have an unprecedented demand on its resources. Lifeguards, beaches and emergency services will be inundated and overwhelmed. Add to this the fact that CORA schools are in decline, and that Watersports Instruction will less readily available. It is a recipe for tragedy and could have potentially disastrous consequences.

We have testified for years on this topic:

All of this information is in the public record: our testimony and public input has been the subject of countless County Meetings, Yet our voices are still not heard. Parks appear to not value the opinions and experiences of the community and the CORA operators. Many CORA operators like me are lifelong water sports instructors and we know water safety, and we know our industry. That is why we have all invested so much time in developing

the CORA permit process. It is a shame that so much work done by so many people, that reflected the needs and wishes of the wider community can be undone by a few careless actions of a few individuals.

So with this information now on record, the County and Park's department are on Notice: The Parks through their unfair policies, unjustified actions, are knowingly contributing to the undermining of a vital industry, that reduces public risk to ocean users, by providing "ocean safety education". And through their (county/parks) actions are reducing access to ocean safety instruction. So the next time that a Inexperienced person rents a surfboard in a beach park, from an illegal or unregulated business (that the county totally knew about and allowed to operate), and gets hurt, permanent disability or worse drowns, then the County cannot deny it knew of the afore mentioned risks and cannot deny that it had the opportunity to avoid creating the risk. The County cannot deny that it had ample opportunity to significantly diminish the risk by preserving the CORA community, but failed to do so.

It is not too late:

If the County immediately reverses its proposed 245% rate Increase, and instigates and maintains reasonable and affordable CORA permit system. The public access to qualified and insured Ocean recreation Supervised Activities and Education, may be preserved at its current level, or even increased. It should be obvious to anyone that the inevitable increase in Maui's ocean recreation participation, growing population, and increased tourism, that the County would want to Promote and expand its CORA program, and increase overall ocean safety.

Mahalo,

David Dorn  
Action Sports Maui

See Attachments:

\*CORA fee comparison Sheet1.pdf

Permitted CORA	Last year County fee	Last year State fee	This year Proposed County fee	This year State fee	TOTAL This Year	Percentage Change
Aqua Sports	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Action Sports Maui	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
b/b scuba	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
beach club	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Big Kahuna Surf	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Club Maui Beach	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Extended Horizons	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Goofy Foot	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Hawaiian Style Surf	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
HST	5600	0	21700	2400	24100	430%
Keli'i's Kayak	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Kihei Scuba Service	3100	0	9700	2400	12100	390%
Kite School Maui	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Lahaina divers	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
maui beach boys	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Maui Dive Shop	5100	0	19300	2400	21700	425%
Maui Dreams Diving	3600	0	12100	2400	14500	403%
Maui Eco Tours	2600	0	4900	2400	7300	281%
Maui Kayaks	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Maui Kiteboarding Lessons	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Sports Unlimited	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Maui Surfer Girls	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Undersea Adventures	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Maui Waveriders	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
My Splash	2100	0	4900	2400	7300	348%
Opelus Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Outrageous Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Reef Encounters	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Royal Hawaiian Surf	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
Scuba Shack	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
South Pacific Kayaks	6600	0	26500	2400	28900	438%
Surf Shack	6600	0	26500	2400	28900	438%
Ultra Dive	3100	0	9700	2400	12100	390%
Wailea Watersports	2600	0	7300	2400	9700	373%
Windsurf School Maui	1100	0	2500	2400	4900	445%
	<b>\$86,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$262,700</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>\$346,700</b>	<b>401%</b>

# MEO Head Start School Readiness Goals

**2016-17**

DOMAIN	SCHOOL READINESS GOALS	TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD INDICATORS	MEASURABLE OUTCOMES	CHECKPOINT #1	CHECKPOINT #2	CHECKPOINT #3
APPROACHES TO LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will have ability to hold information in mind and manipulates it to performance tasks.</b></li> </ul>	12a. Recognizes and recalls  11c. Solves problems.	85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.  95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.	41%  48%	72%  80%	
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will engage in prosocial and cooperative behaviors with adults.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children will use basic problem-solving skills to resolve conflicts with other children.</b></li> </ul>	2a. Forms relationships with adults.  3b. Solves social problems.	85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.  95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.	46%  48%	72%  76%	

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# MEO Head Start School Readiness Goals

**2016-17**

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children attends to communication and language from others.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children will express him/herself in increasingly long, detailed, and sophisticated ways.</b></li> </ul>	<p>8a. Comprehends language.</p> <p>9d. Tells about another time or place</p>	<p>85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	66%	81%	
				44%	75%	
LITERACY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to demonstrate awareness that spoken language is composed of smaller segments of sound.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to write for a variety of purposes using increasingly sophisticated marks.</b></li> </ul>	<p>15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme</p> <p>19b. Writes to convey meaning</p>	<p>85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	32%	74%	
				60%	87%	

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**2016-17**

MATHEMATICS DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to associate a quantity with written numerals up to 5 and begins to write numbers.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children demonstrate understanding of positions of objects in space.</b></li> </ul>	<p>20c. Connects numerals with their quantities</p> <p>21a. Understands spatial relationships</p>	<p>85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	53%	69%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to ask questions, gather information, and make predictions.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the Earth's environment.</b></li> </ul>	<p>24. Uses scientific inquiry skills</p> <p>27. Demonstrates knowledge of the Earth's environment</p>	<p>85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	20%	38%	
SCIENTIFIC REASONING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to ask questions, gather information, and make predictions.</b></li> <li>■ <b>Children will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the Earth's environment.</b></li> </ul>	<p>24. Uses scientific inquiry skills</p> <p>27. Demonstrates knowledge of the Earth's environment</p>	<p>85% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>95% of children will meet appropriate age range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	24%	23%	
PERCEPTUAL, MOTOR AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Children will demonstrate effective and efficient use of large muscles to explore the environment.</b></li> </ul>	<p>6. Demonstrates gross-motor manipulative skills</p> <p>7a. Uses fingers and hands</p>	<p>75% of children will meet Emerging range by Checkpoint 2.</p> <p>85% of children will meet Meets Program Expectation range by Checkpoint 3.</p>	58%	82%	

# MEO Head Start School Readiness Goals

**2016-17**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Children will demonstrate increasing control, strength, and coordination of small muscles.</li> </ul>					
FOCUS	GOAL FOR SY 2016-17	MEASURABLE OUTCOMES	Reporting Schedule			
Parent Engagement	Parents will receive home activities to support learning as it relates to TS GOLD and School Readiness Goals	Materials provided at Parent /Teacher Conferences Reports from parents via observations and follow up at second Parent/Teacher Conference and Final Home Visit Child's TS GOLD report	Parent /Teacher Conferences: October/ November  2nd P/T conference: February  Final Home Visit: April/May	223 families	234 families	
Professional Development	All teaching staff are TS GOLD Interrater Reliable	Certificate of completion for teaching staff.	Established by Education Manager	96%	99%	
Program	Accurate data collected / reported in TS GOLD	Certificate of completion for teaching staff. Data readily available for all three checkpoints.	Fall (October) Winter (January/February) Spring (April)	Completed 244 / 254 (96%)	Completed 249 / 254 (98%)	

Aloha BF Committee,

I was reading the mailing you sent regarding the 2018 budget. I didn't see any mention of the sidewalk on Pauwela Road that goes to Haiku School and Community Center. I have been writing to you for years about this, met the mayor and talked with him and testified about it at the HCA meeting during years past. It's only a matter of time before someone is injured on this sidewalk. What are the plans for repairing this dangerous extremely well used sidewalk in Haiku? There are sections where you actually have to walk on the road because it has deteriorated so much. I have plenty of photos to share so please feel free to contact me and I can email them to you.

This is one of the few sidewalks (it may be the only one) we have to walk on in Haiku. As you know it is very muddy in Haiku, so when I can't hike in the old pineapple field behind my house I use this sidewalk to get some exercise. I always see many others walking on Pauwela Road from young to old. People jogging, teachers walking to school, parents walking their kids to school, elders getting in their daily steps...The next time you want to take a walk please either park at the Temple of Peace and walk down to the community center or do the reverse and see for yourself. Haiku has no safe place to walk. Upcountry has Eddie Tam and Pukalani Community Center. The least the county could do is to give the Haiku Community a safe place to walk without getting muddy or attacked by unleashed dogs such as we do at Giggle Hill.

Is there a way to have this as part of the Safe Routes to School agenda so that the state can pay for the majority of this project? Pawela Road is also in terrible shape and needs repaving ASAP and also a few speed humps around the school.

Please let me know what the plan is for this issue.

Mahalo for your time,



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Good Morning Members of the Maui County Council...

My name is Suzanne Antounian and I am the Executive Director of Maui Adult Day Care Centers and I come here today to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support for Maui Adult Day Care Centers.

As you are aware, Maui Adult Day Care Centers offers adult day care services to Maui's frail elderly and allows them to stay at home for a longer period of time, preventing premature admission to a nursing home or other institution. Our centers also help reduce readmissions to the hospital.

We offer 5 centers throughout Maui providing fun activities and a social program for our kupuna...an alternative to being isolated in their home all day while their loved ones have to maintain a job.

We offer quality care and our fees are the most economical in the State of Hawaii. In response to the needs of our caregivers, we have expanded our services to our clients and their families by providing our Sun-downing program on Friday evenings at our Kahului Center. We also offer a Saturday respite program at the Kahului, Kihei and Lahaina Centers. Maui Adult Day Care Centers in Kahului is also open on Sundays.

In addition to caring for our kupuna in our centers, we also address the needs of families and caregivers by providing 6 monthly caregiver support groups, quarterly workshops and supportive counseling.

We are asking you to please support our line-item. With the help of the County, we are better able to keep our cost to clients and their families affordable and provide quality care to our frail kupuna. Our enrollment is increasing, as well as the needs for our services, as Maui's aging population grows.

And as you know, we are able to provide our services through partnerships with a variety of agencies on Maui. Thanks to the County Office on Aging, Kaunoa and special thanks to MEO Transportation for the professional way they transfer our clients with limited capacities. MEO Transportation provides a safe, efficient and dependable transportation to our island and over 30% of Maui Adult Day Care Centers clients – clients who otherwise would not be able to attend our centers if not for MEO's bus transportation.

Thank you all for your continued support of Maui Adult Day Care Centers  
and MEO Transportation.

April 17, 2017



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## MAUI COLLEGE

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Juliana Patao, Cooperative Education, Internship Director, Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC).

Over the past 6 years I have helped UHMC students explore and validate their area of study by enrolling in the Cooperative Education (Co-op Ed) class. Co-op Ed allows students to experience work based learning related to their career in a real-life work environment. This collaborative partnership is unique to our State as past Council members have supported higher education by preparing Maui County's future workforce needs with qualified candidates from UHMC. No other County in the State of Hawaii has this strategic program in place within the University of Hawaii System Office.

This partnership commenced back in 1983 with former Cooperative Education faculty, retiree, Wallette Pellegrino. It was through her vision we have sustained this lasting relationship. Many of our former Co-op Ed students are now prominent mentors for our students today.

I have witnessed firsthand how the Coop Ed Internship program has successfully assisted many of our island students productive in their choice of careers. We have had many, many, students enter the County of Maui workforce via Co-op Ed. Some have gone on to be successful Police Officers, Water Department Micro-Biology, Accountant, Managers and Supervisors in the private sector, Office Operations Assistants and many, many other career fields.

In addition, the Co-op Ed program has also recruited students from remote site locations in Hana, Lana'i, and Moloka'i. For today's testimony, I will share my testimony from the island of Moloka'i with a student completing her internship experience at the Moloka'i Kuha'o Business Center with Jennifer Hawkins.

Kindly review the attached testimonies from diverse UHMC student majors that have been able to learn from different county site departments. Here is a list of the County of Maui Departments that have hosted our student interns over the past years:

1. Police Department - Payroll
2. Police Department - Plans and Training
3. Prosecutor's Office
4. Fire (Training) Department
5. Kaunoa Senior Center - special programs
6. Kaunoa Senior Center - Meals on Wheels Program

7. Office on Aging
8. Planning - Long Range Department
9. Planning - Short Range Department
10. Personnel Department
11. Water Department - Water Testing
12. Water Department - Environmental Well Maintenance
13. Mayor's Office - Communications
14. Mayor's Office - Budget Director's Office
15. Mayor's Office - Environmental Department
16. Real Property Tax - Administrative Office Area
17. Real Property Tax - Mapping Department
18. Office of Economic Development - Agriculture (Deer Study)
19. Office of Economic Development - Event Planning
20. Parks and Recreation
21. Parks and Recreation - Inclusion Department
22. Parks and Recreation - Building Maintenance Department
23. Finance Department - Payroll
24. Finance Department - Treasury
25. Finance Department - Auditing
26. Division of Motor Vehicles and Registration
27. Moloka'i Kuha'o Business Development Center
28. Moloka'i Parks and Recreation Department
29. Lana'i Child Care
30. Hana Parks and Recreation Department
31. Hana Waste Department

Students complete a minimum of 75, 150, or as much as 225 internship hours per semester, it depends on the credit enrollment. Each credit = 75 internship hour completion. Our semesters commence in fall (August - December), spring (January - May), and summer sessions from (May - August). Co-op Ed is a year-long program that is in alignment with our UHMC Strategic Direction.

***The University of Hawai'i Maui College inspires students to develop knowledge and skills in pursuit of academic, career, and personal goals in a supportive, educational environment that emphasizes community engagement, lifelong learning, sustainable living, Native Hawaiian culture, and global understanding.***

I kindly ask for your continued support of our UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant.

Sincerely,



Juliana Patao "Juli"  
CareerLink & Cooperative Education Internship Director  
Assistant Professor

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Robert Anger, I interned with mentor Alexander DeRoode at the Maui County DWS Resources and Planning Department.

I learned a lot about water conservation. This experience taught me many ways to conserve on my personal water consumption at our upcountry home.

The grant funds helped me with my school expenses while in the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

My future goals are to take my degree and apply it towards a new job.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed by Maui County in the Public Works Department. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Robert Anger*



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County –UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Marialyn Gracia, I interned with mentor Lori Wright at Kaunoa Senior Services.

I learned how to be a Leisure Clerk at Kaunoa's Leisure Department. This experience taught me how to deal with seniors at Kaunoa's Leisure Program.

The grant funds helped me with school supplies including books and also helped me to purchase gas to go to my internship site. My future plan is to be a County of Maui employee.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed at Maui County's Department of Housing at Kaunoa Senior Services Leisure Program.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marialyn Gracia



December 24, 2014

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members,

Thank you for this chance to express my sincere gratitude for your support of the Maui County – University of Hawaii Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Program. I was a participant in the program during the 2014 fall semester. My internship was in the Department of Finance under the mentorship of Investment Officer Mr. Jack Kulp.

Thanks to Mr. Kulp's patient guidance and encouragement, and Ms. Anne Jenny's hiring and assigning me, I can honestly say that this opportunity genuinely changed the course of my education and career plans. As an accounting major, I thought that I would earn my degree and look for work in the accounting field. Having been exposed to the fascinating world of finance through working with Mr. Kulp and his Cash Flow Model, I now hope to further my education and enroll in finance classes after I earn my accounting degree.

There is no question in my mind that every accounting student would benefit from serving an internship with the County of Maui. I humbly ask that you continue your support of the University of Hawaii Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. The generous stipend covered a significant part of my tuition and all my book purchases for the spring semester. More important, the opportunity to acquire some real-world experience gave me a perspective that no classroom time could possibly have provided.

mahalo



Stuart Hirotsu



This snapshot shows County of Maui Treasurer Ms. Angelita De La Pena and me in the Department of Finance purchasing office.

Mr. Jack Kulp, although very willing to provide expert guidance and patient tutelage, is far less willing to participate in group photos.

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Helen Ibanez I interned with mentor Anne Jenny at the Maui County Finance Department.

I learned the concept of Policy and Procedure and identify the sources required for processing maps, this experience taught me on how important the policy and procedure, and the understanding of it in every businesses.

The grant funds helped me to continue with my studies.

My future plans are to finish my Bachelor's Degree in Business Technology and Accounting.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed by Maui County Finance Department. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Helen Ibanez



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Elsie Leilani Franco, I interned with mentor Joy Paredes at the Maui County Planning Department, Long Range Division.

I learned how the Long Range Division works and what they do for our community; this experience taught me what it is like to work in an office environment.

The grant funds helped me with paying my fuel for my vehicle to get to and from my intern site as well as it helped me pay my household bills.

My future plan is to continue my education at UH Maui College to obtain my bachelor's degree and my master's degree in business technology.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Elsie Leilani Franco



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Josefina Malacas-Kinoshita; I interned with mentor Regina Agliam at the Maui County Lanai Youth Center Department.

I learned to be responsible for organizing daily implementation of recreation or learning center activities. This experience taught me to guide youth members in making positive choices for proper behaviors.

The grant funds helped me with school expenses and living expenses.

My future is to be a positive member of Lanai Community, whether it be in the Lanai Youth Center, or in the Hotel and Tourism Industry.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to be employed by Maui County in any department that works for Lanai. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Josefi - Malacas - Kinoshita*

Josefina Malacas-Kinoshita



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Dwight Baldwin, I interned with mentor Alex de Roode at the County of Maui Department of Water Supply Water Resources & Planning Division.

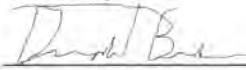
I learned about and contributed to the water resource planning process through writing reports on community feedback, creating signage orders for the DWS water source protection initiative and joining TMK data to Kuleana and AG data using ArcGIS, reviewing grant proposals, modernizing the department's community data collection processes from 100% paper forms that required hours of data entry to digital surveys that eliminate that process altogether. This experience taught me what water source protection is, the value of sustainability thinking in the planning process, the importance of minimizing delays in the assembly of stakeholder feedback in the planning process, and the value of protecting our water resources.

The grant funds will help me with covering the expenses of working as close as full time as possible (allowing time for classes) without pay for the last 3 months.

Currently I plan to continue working at WRP. My future goals at Water Resources & Planning include verifying figures for a county water audit, improving the digital community engagement & High-Efficiency fixture surveys, assisting with GIS operations, and contributing to the DWS water conservation plan.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed by County of Maui as a planner or find work in any County department that focuses on sustainability. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Dwight Baldwin



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County- UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Vina De Guzman, I interned with mentor Danielle Navarro at the Maui County Finance Department.

I learned to appreciate my time interning in a County and being able to experience the work in Accounting, this experience taught me valuable skills such as being detail-oriented, being independent, and being organized.

The grant funds helped me with my school and will be put in my savings.

My future is bright. I will be graduating next semester May 2015 with my Associates in Applied Science degree in Accounting. I will continue my studies and will pursue a higher degree.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed by Maui County Finance Department. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Vina De Guzman



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Jeanette Aiavao Tunoa, and I interned with mentor Ms. Nicole Kealoha who is an Office Operations Assistant II at the Maui County Immigrant Services Department.

I have learned a lot about Immigrants and foreigners who are currently residing in Maui and how much trouble they go through to have their papers legalized in order to work or stay in the State of Hawaii. The experience I have gained from being an Office intern at the Maui County Immigrant Service Department are invaluable and helped me improve some skills to better my chances at a future career opportunity.

The grant funds helped me with a lot of financial obligations because I was putting in less time for work and more time for my intern but it all worked out well thanks to the stipends I receive after I complete my hours.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to be able to be employed for the Maui County after I receive my Associates Degree in Spring 2015. Thank you so much for your time and may you have a blessed day as well!.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Tunoa



County of Maui  
Immigrant Services Division

My mentor Nicole Kealoha  
and I.

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – University of Hawai'i Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Gwen YipChow, I interned with mentor Ailina Tagupa-Laborte – secretary of the Maui County Office of Aging Department.

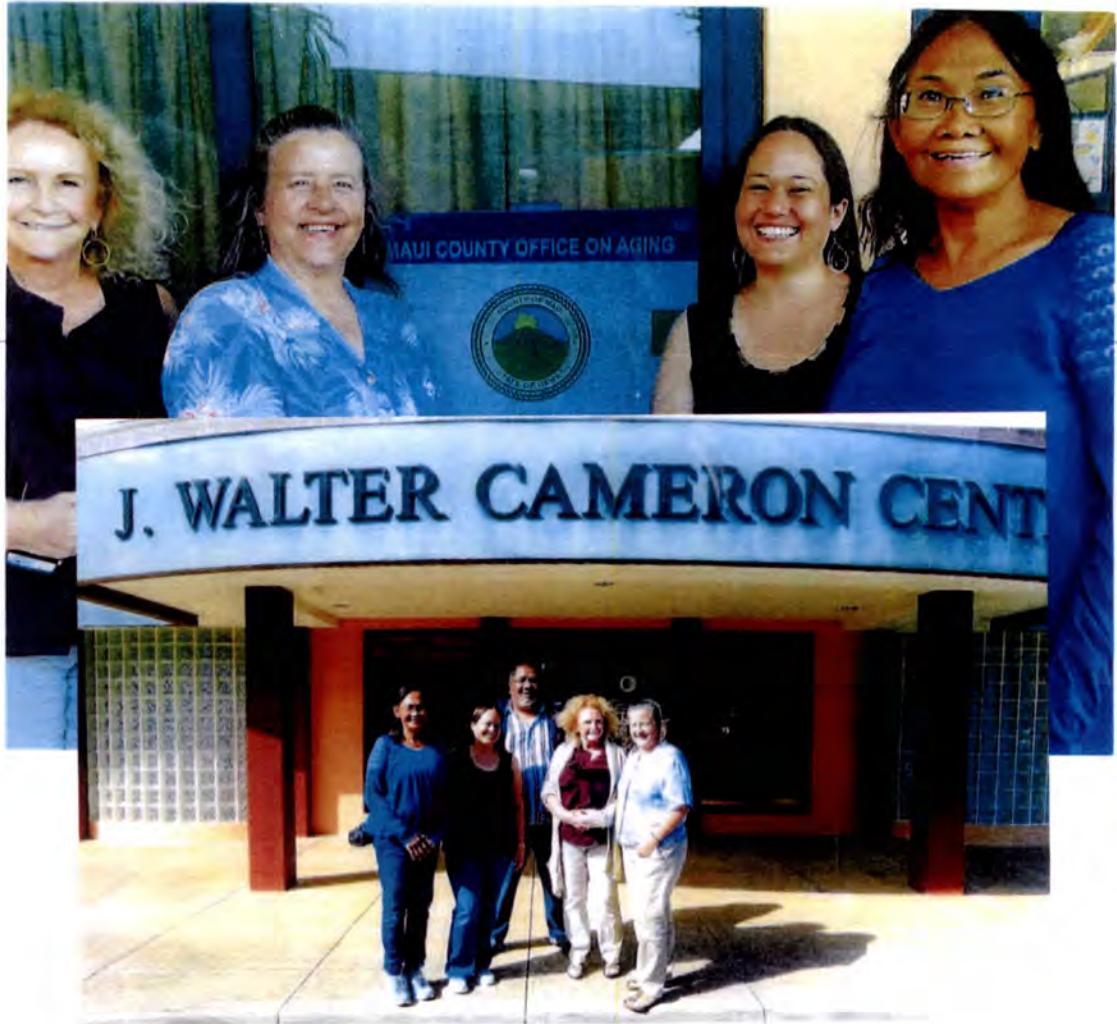
I learned the elderly people are sincerely cared for and through this department and its providers the safety, well-being of the Kupunas future are in good hands. This work experience taught me the purpose and functions of the office of Aging Department and directed my ways to a variety of job opportunities and careers. This MCOA/ADRC contains all available resources to assist the community in search for assistance for the elder's special needs.

The grant funds helped me with funding towards my tuition, books and necessities as I pursuit my future goal in achieving my dream by earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration General.

Please continue to support the University of Hawai'i Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become an employee of Maui County. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gwen YipChow



Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Adam Xiao I interned with mentor Leslie Kanae, Anita Mortel, Lucia Wallace, Zoe Rappaport at the Maui County Police Department.

I learned that this experience taught me many valuable lessons and what a good working environment is like.

The grant funds helped me with tuition and continuing my higher education.

My future continues to be bright as I try to seek more internships or even a career opening hopefully once again in the Maui County.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I hope to become employed by Maui County Police Department. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Adam Xiao

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Ramon Cardona, I interned with mentor Dawn Matney at the Maui County Real Property Tax Department.

I learned so much this semester. My previous skills were as a laborer and this is my first office position. My skill with Microsoft Excel has improved and I know how to properly attach and scan documents. I am really proud about everything I learned, such as how to correctly use a copy machine, asking questions is part of training, and scanning maps and documents. This experience taught me how office work really is and what it is all about. I learned as much as I can from my co-workers because they were such a big help and very nice to me.

The grant funds helped with paying bills and tuition for summer school so I can get a head start with my math courses.

My future after doing this internship looks a lot brighter than it did before because of all the new skills I picked up. I believe all these new skills I've learned will help me in college and after graduation. I feel like I learned a lot.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ramon Cardona



March 18, 2015

Honorable Maui County Council Members,

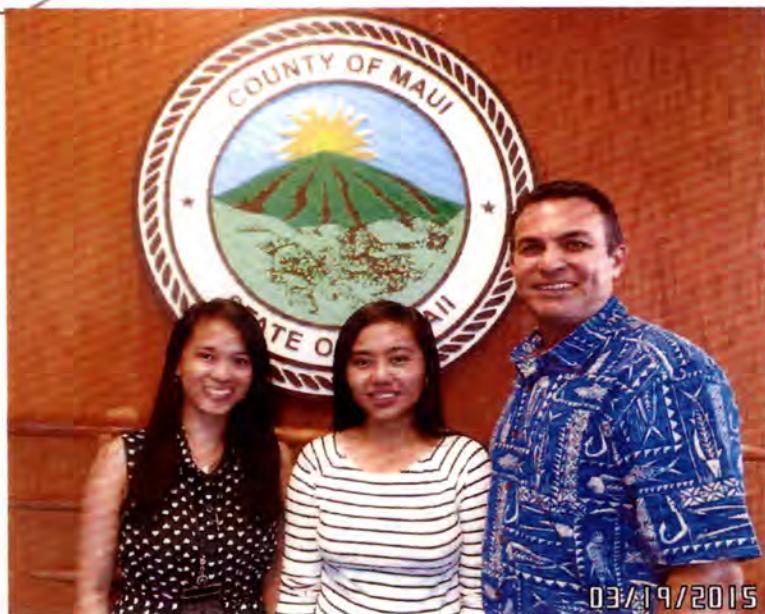
Thank you for this chance to express my sincere gratitude for your support of the Maui County – University of Hawaii Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Program. I am a participant in the program during this spring semester. My internship is at the budget office under the mentorship of Mr. Sandy Baz, the Budget Director.

Thanks to Mr. Baz's guidance and also to Ms. Kristina Cabbat's (Budget Specialist) supervision. Thanks also to Ms. Anne Jenny for hiring and assigning me. My experience is extremely rewarding. In addition to sharpening my knowledge and skills, I thoroughly enjoy working with such a great team of people. It is a pleasure to watch and learn from my fellow colleagues. After working at the budget office and being exposed with how the team works together to develop an annual budget for the County of Maui, I now hope to further my education and earn my Bachelor's degree.

There is no question in my mind that every Accounting student would benefit from serving an internship with the County of Maui. I humbly ask that you continue your support of the University of Hawaii Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. The generous stipend would cover a significant part of my tuition and all my book purchases for the next semester. More important, the opportunity to acquire some real-world experience gave me a perspective that no classroom time could possibly have provided.

Thank you,

Mary Ann De Guzman



Left to right:  
Ms. Kristina Cabbat, me and  
Mr. Sandy Baz in the  
mayor's office.

Dearest Honorable Maui County Council Members:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Maui County – UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant. My name is Shaye K. Lauifi, I interned with mentor Jennifer Hawkins at the Maui County Kuha'o Business Center.

I learned a lot about the office work here and the importance of organization and documentation. I learned how to use a copy machine, professionally answer phone and questions from people of the community. I learned that the Kuha'o Business Center is a great organization and it really helps the people of Molokai pursue their dreams and ideas. This experience taught me that being a helping hand is very honorable and something we should be proud of. I assisted Tessie and Jennifer in helping the people in our community with their start up businesses. While working at the internship, I got to experience one of their free workshops that teaches the community about new laws to avoid shut-down of businesses.

The grant funds helped me with my tuition and expenses for the summer as I seek employment.

My future is still a little blurry. This opportunity opened yet another path to think about in my career goals.

Please continue to support the UH Maui College Cooperative Education Partnership Grant for future students of our program to allow them the opportunity and experience to explore working for the County. Someday, I do hope to become employed by Maui County. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Shaye K. Lauifi



Me and my Mentor Jennifer Hawkins at Kuha'o Business Center.

# HAWAIIAN CANOE CLUB

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April 19, 2017

Aloha,

My name is Ka'ili Moikeha. I am the Club Manager at Hawaiian Canoe Club and I am here today to testify on behalf of Hawaiian Canoe Club and to express our gratitude in your continued support of our Kamali'i Program.

For over twenty years, we have been able to provide a culturally based educational program to the youth of Maui. With the grant from the County, private donors, and fundraising efforts, we can continue to offer this program for free.

One hundred forty-eight youth paddled for Hawaiian Canoe Club last year. This was two shy of our one hundred fifty youth goal. Of the one hundred forty-eight youth, eighty-seven keiki participated in the Summer Enrichment Program. Through this program, we were able to teach and learn with them as they participated in the culturally based curriculum. Our keiki camped at Olowalu and worked in the lo'i of this ahupua'a; they spent a day at 'Ulupalakua, learning the history and landmarks of the area. They also visited Hui o Wa'a Kaulua, the Maui Voyaging Society and learned about Mo'okiha o Pi'ilani, the double hull voyaging canoe. They visited Loko i'a Ko'ie'ie, the fishpond in Kihei, to learn about ancient fishing techniques. Some of our keiki were also given the opportunity to learn CPR/first aid and ocean safety.

Each summer our keiki are also given the opportunity to serve the community. Last year, all eighty-seven participants volunteered to help in this effort. The projects last year included helping to restore the fishpond and paddling to Kaho'olawe to continue restoration and tree planting projects there.

With the support of the County, we can continue to offer this program to the youth of Maui.

Thank you for your support of our keiki!



Ka'ili Moikeha  
Club Manager  
Hawaiian Canoe Club



APRIL 19, 2017  
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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Ane Takaha <bhaktirocks@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** BF Committee; Riki Hokama  
**Subject:** Maui meadows 3 can plan

Dear Sirs:

I understand that you are wanting to cut the 3 can plan from your budget. I request that you do not do that. We pay a “hefty” price to have that covered and would like it to continue.

Thank you  
Ane & Marc Takaha  
Maui Meadows.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Cynthia Marshall <bbstore@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Regarding funding for cats.

Hello The Maui County City Council,

I just read the following.

Breaking Mews! The Maui County City Council Budget Committee aims to slash our only grant funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000.

I think this is a bad idea because many people make a special trip to see these cats.

People spend money to take the ferry, shop on the island, and go out to lunch.

Stop and think this thing through.

Respectfully yours,  
Cynthia Marshall

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kristen Totten <t\_cup83@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:42 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Funding for Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Hello. I am writing in reference to the grant funding cut to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary from \$15,000 to just \$5,000. I strongly oppose the funding cut since they are the only animal organization on the island. What they do not only helps the cats but also the environment. Uncontrolled, the feral cat population would swell and would feed on the native birds. They fly in a vet to perform surgeries and care for the cats and without the requested grant funding, they won't be able to do that. Please reconsider cutting the funds for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary.

VR,  
Kristen Totten  
Fort Hood, TX

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Steve <stevebrutus@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Robert Carroll; Elle Cochran; Stacy S. Crivello; Riki Hokama; Alika A. Atay; Kelly King; Yukilei Sugimura; 'Alan Arakawa'; 'Zeke Kalua'; Rosalyn H. Baker; Angus L.K. McKelvey  
**Subject:** Kahana Bay Beach Erosion Budget Testimony

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Regarding: Kahana Bay Beach Erosion Budget Testimony**

Aloha Maui County Beach Front Committee  
Aloha Maui County Council Members

My name is Steve White and I am an owner of a condo at The Royal Kahana along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I am writing to you to offer testimony in support of a matching funds grant from the county to complete an Environmental Assessment study for erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui.

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay Area as well as up and down the shoreline of Maui. Our Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. The goal is to come to a common solution to protect our properties and the beach. This solution has to be done with inputs and cooperation from the Federal, State, and County agencies involved in Shoreline Management.

Something needs to be done soon! There is a group of property owners and residents working with the very helpful support of James Buika, Keith Scott, and Tara Owens, from the Maui County Planning Department. The nine (9) condominium properties, plus one residential property, paid an estimated \$10.9 million in Real Estate, Transient Accommodation and General Excise taxes in 2016.

I support a cooperative effort, from the Kahana Bay community, the state of Hawaii, and Maui County, to fund the next step, which is an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact study that will determine the best solution/solutions for saving our beaches and property. Maui County Planning Department estimates that the EA study may cost approximately \$600,000.00 - \$1.2 million. I believe Maui County should match the funds generated by the Kahana Bay condominium AOA's. Long term funding of the proposed best solution(s) perhaps could be done by implementing Maui County's Improvement District Ordinance.

Mahalo, in advance, for your help with this urgent matter.

Steve White  
Royal Kahana; Unit #312

4365 Lower Honoapiilani Road  
Beautiful Kahana, Hawaii 96761-9298

stevebrutus@earthlink.net

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** thomascarl9 <thomascarl9@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:13 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Save cat sanctuary!

Dear Maui city council,

Please keep the grant for Lanai Cat Sanctuary funding At \$ 15,000 a year. They do such good work for the island's cats and every penny counts in order to run this very special, happy place. I always share the Lanai cat sanctuary as a not to miss place to visit while staying on your beautiful Hawaiian Islands, and I hope to visit there in the future. So please reconsider keeping the grant at the current amount. It's the right thing to do and shows how much Maui cares about helping people who want to do what's best for an otherwise homeless, not to mention an over population of cat colony's. It's a win...win.  
Thank you for your time, Patricia Pannell

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Mega™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Scott Bloom <Scott.Bloom@bloomsbury.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary cuts

To whom it may concern,

I have been informed that you are slashing the Lanai Cat Sanctuary by \$10,000 from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

Considering that currently you give the following:

Maui Humane Society (\$1.49 million), Molokai Humane Society (\$137,634) and Lanai Cat Sanctuary (\$15,000).

I have to ask why are you (in effect) punishing the weakest and most vulnerable? Have you or any of your people every visited it?

I Have.

In fact whenever I take vacation on Maui, I go to Lanai for a day just to visit them, play with the cats and see the good work they do. People come from all over the world to Lanai, often simply to see the sanctuary.

Of all the charities I support, they receive the most \$\$ from me, and they do fantastic work.

I URGE you to not cut their funding. By cutting their funding you are condemning many animals to death, who are helpless and simply exist because their owners did not take their responsibility.

While I do not live in Hawaii, I DO pump my dollars into your economy when I visit every couple of years.

Please, PLEASE reconsidering taking a measly \$10,000 away from this amazing group.

Thank You,

Scott

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Scarlett Leigh <scarlett-leigh@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Hello Maui City Concil,

I recently learned that you wish to cut the Lanai Cat Sanctuary's funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000. I wanted to let you know why this is a bad idea. Cat lovers from everywhere flock to the sanctuary and it has become a worldwide known spot. People even come to Hawaii just to visit the sanctuary which helps tourism and means more money for the islands. I myself have never been to Hawaii but plan on visiting and the Lanai Cat Sanctuary is at the top of my list!

The people at the cat sanctuary are doing amazing work to make sure cats are taken care of, the cat population is controlled, and that cats get homes as well. They are the only resource for homeless cats on Lanai. Cutting their funding would mean the cats might not receive as high quality of care, less cats would be helped, the quality of the facility would lessen and that could also mean cuts to the adoption program.

I urge you to reconsider cutting their funding and to even promote their amazing organization so more people can contribute to their cause.

Respectfully,  
Scarlett Hamberg

Sent from my Boost Mobile Phone.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Joe Blackburn <mlb@maiproperty4you.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Erin.Wade@co.maui.hi.us  
**Subject:** Clean and Safe Program Wailuku

Our business is located right on the corner of Market and Vineyard Streets. Since the Clean and Safe Program was implemented we have seen a drop in the number of problem people in the area. They have succeeded in cleaning up the corner lot where many of the problems started. We also had an incident in which one of the commercial properties we manage was vandalized. The clean and safe person knew why is was happening and gave us insight to the problem. Very professional.

Wailuku Town is slowly becoming a better place to visit and work, and the Clean and Safe program has helped our area and image. I have lived and worked in Wailuku for 40 years, and remember the days Wailuku Town being a very rough area. Thanks Joe Blackburn

Joseph Blackburn (R) (ME)  
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Wailuku, HI 96793  
Ph. 442.3063. Fax. 442.7482, Cell. 870.2123

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kristy Summers <jedisnowy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Hi there,

I'm writing as a friend and fan of Lanai. I hope you will reconsider their funding. They help a lot of animals that have no other shelter or help. They are a quality organization and bring a lot of respect and love toward to your island. Please please consider this again...the animals need a resource.

Prayer and blessings,

Kristy Summers  
Dallas, TX

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Melissa Whitney <mmwhitney@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Dear Maui County City Council Budget Committee Member:

I have just been informed of the proposed fund cutting for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. As an avid Maui goer from California, I have plans to make my first to Lanai to visit the Lanai Cat Sanctuary on May 9<sup>th</sup>. I have already purchased my ferry ticket and will be utilizing the Lanai City Shuttle services to enjoy the island. I had never even considered visiting Lanai until I heard about the wonderful services of the Lanai Cat Sanctuary was providing to 500 cats and plan to be a regular Lanai tourist due to this wonderful organization. I implore you to not cut their funds as there is neither humane society nor other cat care services on the island and they are much needed to provide shelter, food and sterilization of cats to keep cat the population under control.

Respectfully,

Melissa Whitney

Santa Clarita, California

(661) 713-7725

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Cazzi Rose <cazzi.rose@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Dear Maui County City Council Budget Committee Members,

My name is Cazzi Rose and I live in Honolulu HI. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary does great work for the island, the cats, and the environment by spaying/neutering and providing shelter and care for the island's cats. Through their great and important work, they also protect endangered birds nesting and living on your island. The Sanctuary is also a great tourist attraction, bringing money to island businesses. Please reconsider cutting their grant from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Please grant their full funding request.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Cazzi Rose

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Rachel McDonald <rlmcdon@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:30 PM  
**To:** BF Committee

Dear Maui County City Council Budget Committee Members,

My name is Rachel Lockwood and I live in Santa Barbara, CA. My family and I traveled to Lanai last year specifically to visit the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. The Sanctuary does great work for the island, the cats, and the environment by spaying/neutering and providing shelter and care for the island's cats. Through their great and important work, they also protect endangered birds nesting and living on your island. The Sanctuary is also a great tourist attraction, bringing money to island businesses. If it weren't for the cat sanctuary we would not have visited Lanai. We ended up spending a full day there, spending money on the ferry, taxi, rental car, the museum, shops and restaurants. While we were there we met nearly 10 other groups who all said the same thing - they specifically came to Lanai to see the cats.

Please reconsider cutting their grant from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Please grant their full funding request. That \$10,000 will come back to the Island many times over.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rachel McDonald  
(805) 705-7480

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kathy Carroll <kathycarroll96763@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Testimony for 4/26/17 opposing grant reduction for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary on line 631, page 26 from \$15,000 to \$5,000

Aloha Chair and Budget Committee,

I am writing as a Lāna'i resident, retired founder of Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary (LCS), and current member of the LCS Board of Directors. I respectfully urge the Maui County Budget Committee to reinstate the \$15,000 originally allotted for LCS.

As the only animal organization on our island, LCS is tackling the feral cat problem on Lāna'i, which had gone unchecked for decades. LCS has made a tremendous positive difference in our community. It has done so by raising funds from a wide array of sources, with relatively little funding from the County (\$15,000 is only a very small share of LCS' annual budget).

By spaying/neutering feral cats and relocating them to live in the sanctuary, LCS removes these cats from the landscape, which also helps protect native birds and improves the quality of life in our community as a whole.

This is a critically important program for Lāna'i, and it is vital to restore the funding to \$15,000.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kathy Carroll

Sent with Aloha from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Wendy Kalana <wendykalana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please Consider!

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

It has been brought to my attention that you are considering terminating the 3-Can Recycling Program. This is extremely distressful to me, as most people are too lazy to take their recycling to the recycling center. It's easier to just throw it in the trash can. This also poses a problem, as many of the trash bins are already maxed out with un-recyclable trash. You are looking at the possibility of trash overflowing the bins and littering the environment.

I implore you to consider future generations in this matter! We humans have already made the planet a dreadfully dirty place and have poisoned and destroyed lands, animals, birds and fish. Please don't discourage people from doing the right thing! Please show concern for future generations! Humanity is finally realizing how we've adversely affected the planet and are taking steps to remedy the damage done. Let's continue to go forward, not backward!

Would you consider taking a few minutes to watch a video concerning the damage our trash has caused to the planet and what we can do to stop it?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQTUWK7CM-Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FVDW6Uq3cI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qT-rOXB6NI>

Now wouldn't you all like to leave a legacy of helping the world by encouraging the people of our stunningly beautiful island to keep it beautiful? :)

Many mahalos for your time and attention to this matter. It means the world to me and the world. ; )

Warmest regards,

~ Wendy Kalana

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jacquelyn LeBlanc <jacquelyn\_leblanc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Fund Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Please do not reduce funding to Lanai Cat Sanctuary.

A short term budget solution could end up being a long term mistake. Look at the millions of tax dollars that are having to be dumped into Cat overpopulation issues statewide that manifest in cruelty cases, euthanasia, sheltering, rehoming, suffering and nuisance.

What does a \$10,000 cut really save you? It saves you nothing when it's going to cost you even more in subsequent years.

If you hate cats, fund this fully. If you love cats, fund this fully.

Lanai is part of Maui county so support that island as you do the others please.

Thank you.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** createyourwonder@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Urgent: In regards to budget cuts for Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Greetings,

I was just informed that the committee aims to slash Lanai Cat Sanctuary's funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000. They have helped heal and sterilize hundreds of cats. When cats aren't sterilized, they breed like rabbits and become a nuisance similar to vermin. Please consider and respect the greater good this sanctuary has created in assisting the feline population control and health.

Thank you for your time.

Cheers,  
Anastasia Sultzer

Sent from my iPhone

## BF Committee

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**From:** Lisa Grove <lgrove@algpolling.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:10 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony opposing of the grant reduction for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary on line 631, page 26 from \$15,000 to \$5,000

Aloha Esteemed Maui County Budget Committee,

We are Lāna'i homeowners who are active in the community. It was with great sadness that we heard about the possibility that LARC would face budget reductions.

Not only is the cat sanctuary a humane and loving home for our island's feral cats (and a tourist attraction), it is also a shining example of a private-public partnership -- what happens when people come together to do great things. LARC is protecting our owls and birds, keeping the feral cat population in check and helping people adopt the furry critters known to relieve stress and provide happiness to pet owners throughout the islands. What they do is compassionate, responsible and pono.

And they pinch pennies. When we recently replaced our roof, they immediately contacted us about getting the old roofing for the sanctuary after seeing the work being done. And they reach out to the community for help in every manner possible. Their work to sustain the organization is commendable.

Private-public partnerships only work if our government steps up and does its part. As a voter, taxpayer and lover of Lāna'i, I ask that you reconsider this worthy – and small – expenditure.

Thank you for all you do. Our 'ohana would appreciate it very much if you were to fully fund this amazing organization.

With aloha,  
Lisa Grove, Stephen Becker and Max Becker  
818 Queen Street, Lāna'i, HI 96763

**Lisa Grove**

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Gon Karel <gonkarel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:14 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Funding Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Hello,

I'm a sponsor of the Lanai Cat Sanctuary all the way from the Netherlands. I was reading an artical on facebook:

Breaking Mews! The Maui County City Council Budget Committee Chair aims to slash our only grant funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000. We are the ONLY animal organization on our island. There is no local humane society or animal care services on Lanai for cats. This year we sterilized 84 cats with that funding and treated over 500 cats in our care. And as a territory of Maui County, our island's animals deserve care. Please consider submitting respectful testimony to ask the committee to reinstate our funding request. Email them now at [bf.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bf.committee@mauicounty.us)

So this is what I want to ask you. Please reinstate the funding. These cats deserve it. And also the human working there, the island visitors, the birds that aren't been eating because the cats are save there and not catching them.

Thank you for reconsider it.

Kind regards,

Gonneke Karel

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jeri Likolani Tackett <liko@hereishawaii.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Reconsider Grant Funding for Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary

Aloha mai kākou

My name is Jeri Likolani Tackett and I live in Seattle. I am writing to urge you to reconsider the decision to cut the grant funding of the Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary from \$15, 000 to \$5,000 per year.

The Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary not only does great work for the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but also protects the environment and the native Hawaiian birds nesting there. The homeless cats are all spay/neutered and provided medical care and a home for life.

The sanctuary is a great tourist attraction, providing income to Lāna'i and Maui. Visitors from all over the world come to Lāna'i specifically to go to the sanctuary to meet the cats and the volunteers who care for them.. A couple from the East Coast actually held their wedding at the Cat Sanctuary this last year, and it was live cast, so many all over the world attended.

Numerous articles have appeared over the last 5 years in national magazines extolling the wonderful service to the environment and to the cats provided by the sanctuary, while promoting a visit to the Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary. This has lead to an increase in tourism (and dollars) and public awareness of what can be done for homeless cats as well as saving native Hawaiian birds.

The Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary and the extraordinary people who work and volunteer there are incredible examples to us all. Not only should LCS receive full funding....the funding should be increased. By funding such a sanctuary on Maui, Maui could also be leading the way for the rest of the island chain in aiding feral cats as well as the native Hawaiian birds.....

Please reconsider this cut in funding and continue to mālama 'āina .

Respectfully,

J. Likolani Tackett

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Ashley Kamai <ashleykamai14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** In reference to BF-1; BGCM Paukukalo

Aloha,

I would just like to send a letter of support for BF-1, Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Paukukalo Club.

I have sent my 2 children there for the first time this year and all the staff are wonderful. The leaders take pride in getting to know the kids, the structure and organization of the club is always amazing. My kids never complain about going to club after school, so that I can go to work. I feel confident and comfortable knowing they are OK and well taken care of. We live near by and the MEO transportation from school is such a great help. I really hope the club continues to stay open for my children, as well as the rest of the children in our community.

Thank you so much,

Ashley Kamai

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Kuulei <mauka2makai80877@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:34 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please reference item #BF-1, line item for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Paukukalo Club.

Aloha,

I am a proud parent and strong supporter for the Boys and Girls Club at Paukukalo where my keiki attends. This program has been such a blessing and a big help for many families, myself included. Its so hard to find childcare after school and even harder to find a program that strongly supports our hawaiian immersion keiki. Knowing that they can provide assistance with homework in hawaiian, offer tutoring, and offer STEM classes ontop of creative arts and craft sessions and outdoor sports is way more than i could ask for. I am so greatful for all the aloha that Ipo, Pono and the rest of the staff at Paukukalo give our keiki.

I highly suggest that you consider continuing this program not just for the convenience of the makua but for the betterment of our keiki and their future.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Monica K. Tagalan and Kawika Lum

(Makua of Kaylee Kahealani Tagalan- Lum at Paukukalo Boys and Girls Club)

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** MADELINE CALLAHAN <madelinecallahan@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:02 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** LANA'I CAT SANCTUARY SOS PLEA

Aloha to all concerned,

I am writing to you today in regards to the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary. I have been a board member and actively involved with the founder for literally YEARS, now. We have worked from the very BAREST BONES volunteerism methods- LITERALLY from our inception. A small group led by our retired founder, Kathy Carroll, we trapped and had every cat spayed/neutered and brought back to health in every way we could conceive. We enlisted several people from the community to help us. We never tired and we have been dedicated and determined to make Lana'i a place that was not only a HUMANE place to live, but we fought so hard to make and keep a sense of community by the pitch in efforts of our islanders.

We have the respect and admiration of the people of Lana'i, who originally “didn’t get” what we were doing. It wasn't necessarily a total “cat problem” on Lana'i, but rather, a people problem. Meaning- if we could convince people to be responsible and have pets spay & neutered, we would prevent situations such as stray cats in abundance. Stray cats in abundance tends to overwhelm a community, as well as the trickle down effects of stray cats diminishing the bird populations for food. If we could get the ‘nature of cats’ ( they must eat, therefore, they hunt for food. And, they mate to continue the species- that's NATURE, not a ‘fault’ of the species ) controlled by proper care and providing a safe, contained sanctuary. Well, that was a dream and over the years on and on we climbed.

We are so proud to have achieved WAY BEYOND our expectations and have a VIABLE, SANITARY, WONDERFUL, SAFE Sanctuary for these 520+ cats. We provide education for our residents and keiki. We stand as a MODEL for what can be achieved with a small group of determined individuals and we have never looked back. With that said- this has NEVER been EASY. We STRUGGLE for every dollar, every towel, every can or bag of catfood and every SINGLE donation or grant we receive. Our personnel are trained to do MANY different jobs, in order to make us run as tightly and efficiently as humanly and feline as possible! I can honestly and humbly say that we do an AMAZING JOB. But, we are on such a tight budget as it stands now and I am literally pleading with you to PLEASE NOT CUT US BACK on our GRANT!! The devastating effect this would have on the operation of what it takes to keep this all running would be TRAGIC. Our cats depend on us and more importantly- our community depends on us!!! We cannot afford such a cutback on Lana'i. We don't have the same options here, as in the rest of Maui County. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not cut our grant.

I bid you a THOUSAND MAHALO'S and a heart filled with hope that you have heard and will answer our desperate plea. With

Kindest Aloha and Much Respect for Your Time and Consideration,

*Madeline Callahan*  
[madelinecallahan@mac.com](mailto:madelinecallahan@mac.com)

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*PLEASE GIVE HUGE CONSIDERATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT -ALWAYS &  
ALL WAYS...WE'RE ALL IN THIS  
TOGETHER !*



## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Mililani Wallace <mililani.kauhane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:00 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** reference item #BF-1, line item for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Paukukalo Club.

April 25, 2017

To whom it may concern:

My name is Diana M. Wallace a mother of 6 children of which have gone to BOys And Girls Club.

My 5 girls are older graduated from high school 3 of them have their masters. Also I have 5 grandchildren and they also attend the boys and girls club too.

I so much appreciate this program because I know that my 1 one son is at a safe place. Just as his sisters were when they attended school. And went to boys and girls club.

It is hard here in Hawaii to survive.

Have a safe week.

Diana and Louis Wallace

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Carole Aleman <moondahtoo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:02 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary  
**Subject:** Funding for Lana'i Cat Sanctuary

Gentlepersons:

My name is Carole Aleman and I live in the Chicagoland area. I traveled to Maui and Lanai in 2015, and also have a trip planned for October of this year to visit both Maui and Lanai again.

The highlight of my trip to Lanai will once again be to visit the ***Lanai Cat Sanctuary***. The ***Lanai Cat Sanctuary*** is Lanai's greatest tourist attraction; and tourists bring money to the island businesses! The ***Lanai Cat Sanctuary*** does a tremendous job for the homeless cats of Lanai and also protects the endangered birds nesting and living on the island.

Please reconsider cutting their grant from \$15,000 to \$5,000. I suggest that you consider increasing the ***Sanctuary's*** funding due to the great work they do for both the homeless cats and the bird population, and the increased revenue they bring in from the tourists visiting both Lanai and Maui.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Carole Aleman  
205 S. Meadow Street  
Grant Park, IL 60940

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** David Theno <ranchotheno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:08 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: Testimony for the 4/26/2017 Maui County Budget Committee opposing the grant reduction for the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary on line 631, page 26 from \$15,000 to \$5,000

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From: **David Theno** <[ranchotheno@gmail.com](mailto:ranchotheno@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 3:52 AM  
Subject: Testimony for the 4/26/2017 Maui County Budget Committee opposing the grant reduction for the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary on line 631, page 26 from \$15,000 to \$5,000  
To: [bfcommittee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfcommittee@mauicounty.us)  
Cc: Kathy Carroll <[kathycarroll96763@gmail.com](mailto:kathycarroll96763@gmail.com)>

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is David M Theno and I am a Lana'i resident. I am a retired veterinarian and have been a board member of the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary (LCS) almost since it's inception. I am imploring the Maui County Budget Committee to re-instate the funding to LCS to the original \$15,000 allotted for the LCS.

LCS is the only animal welfare facility and care organization on our island. It started with minimal facilities and a handful of volunteers and has become a model for how to deal with feral cats for all the islands and in addition has become the number one tourist attraction on Trip Advisor .

But most importantly LCS has taken in over 600 feral felines, thereby protecting our indigenous bird and animal populations. It has tackled a feral cat overpopulation problem and while not ever complete has significantly reduced the feral cat population and continues to do so through aggressive surveillance and trapping of feral cats as they become known.

Regular visits by students from the Lana'i schools helps teach our children to respect and care for animals as well as learn about our native island species of birds.

This program does so much more for Lana'i than just collect feral cats, I strongly urge you to restore the funding for LCS back to the original \$15,000. It will support the Sanctuary and all the community good that emanates from having the Sanctuary on Lana'i.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Aloha,

David M Theno, DVM, PhD

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Sally Mejia <sally.mejia@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary funding

Aloha - The Maui County City Council Budget Committee aims to slash grant funding from \$15,000 to \$5,000/year.

These cats are an attraction to the Island! I know of many mainlanders, as well as Hawaiians who've heard of it and have traveled to see it.

People spend money to take the ferry, shop on the island, and go out to lunch. Please reconsider.

Best Regards,  
Sally

***Sally Bond Mejia - Honolulu***

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** tgyldstrand@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:54 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Budget priorities

Aloha, I am writing this email today as a concerned resident of maui county. I am concerned for the future of this island and for the greed being on display by the "so called" leadership. Time and time again tourism takes priority over the generations of families that work hard to keep their roots grounded on this island just to have cost of living be raised so high that they are left on the outside. It is time for a change and time for you people that WE put in office to stand up for your community.

The below chart is a true disgrace of the priority list. Let's make a really change not sold out by corporate spare change. All of Hawaii will be watching.

## Chair of Budget Committee, Riki Hokama's Budget Proposal

Where are his priorities?

Visitors are #1

County core services: Nah

Housing: NOTHING

Industrial Corporate Agriculture

**ALL of these solid solutions to housing, infrastructure and safety issues could be funded for less than what goes to the Visitor's Association.**

Maui County Visitor's Association	\$4.2 million	APPROVED	
Consultant to improve wastewater quality in Kihei	\$50,000	DENIED	Kihei nearshore water quality is worst in Maui
Lifeguard Tower at Black Rock	\$100,000	DENIED	Highest number of drownings in Hawaii
3 can plan, curbside recycling	\$126,000	DELETED	This program actually generates revenue, because the fees charged are slightly more than the expenses
Enforcement of Short Term Rental Regulations	\$78,000	DENIED	To turn 10,000 illegal short term rentals for visitors into long term rental homes for residents
First Time Homebuyer's Grant	\$200,000	DENIED	Up to \$15,000 grants for downpayment assistance
Increase to Affordable Housing Fund	\$3,024,283	DENIED	To pay for off-site infrastructure costs, which will bring home prices down
Front St. Apartments	\$250,000	DENIED	To Keep front St. Apartments affordable
Community Housing Advocate	\$250,000	DENIED	To stimulate inter-agency collaboration and creation of affordable homes in quantity
Farm Bureau	\$325,000	APPROVED	Sponsored by Monsanto, Dow Chemical, A&B, Matson

Tell the Council what you think.

Riki Hokama's office: 270-7768

Testify to the budget committee in person any day this week at 9:00 am on 8th floor of county building, or by email to [bf.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bf.committee@mauicounty.us)

Travis Gyldstrand

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Steve Cropper <stevecropper67@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

I just saw that you were slashing the Lanai Cat Sanctuary's grant. Lanai Cat Sanctuary is the main reason why I want to come and stay on Maui and make a day trip to the Cat Sanctuary. What is the alternative to euthanize cats? From the three times I have had visited Maui it was wonderful and I would hate to think that bringing in a few extra tourist is worth a measly 10k to a wonderful charity that helps re-home unwanted pets. Consider giving a bigger grant and promote the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so more people will find out about it and donate to it. These people will also be spending dollars everywhere elsewhere on the islands. If their grant is not restored or even made to be a bigger amount I will tell all my friends to pass on Maui and go somewhere else. You all know they are doing the right thing and you should too.

Best Regards,

Steve Cropper

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Beverly Leiferr <bevleifer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:07 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please reconsider Lanai Cat Sanctuary's Funding

Dear Maui County City Council Budget Committee Members,

My name is Beverly Leifer and I live in Long Beach, CA. I traveled to Lanai a couple of years ago specifically to visit the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. The Sanctuary does great work for the island, the cats, and the environment by spaying/neutering and providing shelter and care for the island's cats. Through their great and important work, they also protect endangered birds nesting and living on your island. The Sanctuary is also a great tourist attraction, bringing money to island businesses. Please reconsider cutting their grant from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Please grant their full funding request.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Beverly Leifer  
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1601 E 3rd St, Long Beach, CA 90802

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Craig Kinoshita <ckinoshita@wailukufcu.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:11 PM  
**Subject:** Ka Ipu Kukui Program Funding  
**Attachments:** Ka Ipu Kukui Brochure 2017.pdf

Aloha Council Members,

Thank you for your dedication to public service and working hard for our communities. I know you receive many requests for funding and it is a difficult job to determine how funds should be allocated. I am writing to all of you today to humbly ask that you please keep the Ka Ipu Kukui's County Grant at \$25,000.

I participated in the program in 2010 and it really helped me to be a better listener, community member, father and leader. The program's goal is to develop future leaders and plan for Maui Nui's future. As you all know, great companies, great countries and great counties start at the top and trickles down. More than ever, our world and communities need compassionate, intelligent, objective, respectful and passionate leaders. Through its Halawai Topics as follows:

- Maui Nui: Exploring the Possibilities
- Importance of Relationships and "Social Capital"
- Leadership: Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results
- Identifying Maui Nui's Assets for Good Decision Making
- Planning for Community in Paradise
- Sustainability: Agriculture and Energy
- Maui's Water
- Governance
- Maui's Tourism, Partnerships and Economic Development
- Time for Reflection

the Ka Ipu Kukui program is able to cultivate our future leaders who will be guiding us through the next 20-30 years while discussing some of our county's most important issues with the stakeholders. Similar to your job, the program teaches you to actively listen to all sides, consider what is best for the majority, consider the financial impacts, consider the environmental impacts, how to interact with different types of people and doing the right thing is not always the popular thing. If you are a proponent of early childhood education and investing in our youth, then you are also a proponent of early leadership education and investing in our future leaders.

Thank you for your time and I humbly ask that you keep the Ka Ipu Kukui's County Grant at \$25,000. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely,

*Craig N. Kinoshita*

*CEO*

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who we represent & what we do

	Name	Company
2008	Ken Ota Cesar E Gaxiola Kalani Ho-Nikaido Rhiannon Chandler Lianne Yoshida Alika Atay Sunny Cabello Alex DeRoode Sheri Daniels Jennifer Stiles Yarrow Flower Jim Hooper Lance Terada	Pacific Pipe Co. J. Walter Cameron Center Nikaido Realty Group Community Work Day Ka'anapali Beach Club Hui Malama Learning Center/Farming Kamehameha Schools Green Building LLC Child & Family Services Dowling Co. Monsanto Co. Hotel Del Coronado MHPCC
2009	Leilani Pulmano Ellen Fedoroff Kate Bahr Kainoa Casco David Gorman Katie McMillan Tamara Paltin Kuhea Paracuelles Jeffrey Rebujio Megan Webster Kevin Yoshida	Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. Kihei Charter School Univ. of Wisconsin Foundation Casco Pacific/Mountain Rider's Alliance RevoluSun Solar Katie McMillan PR/TEDxMaui County of Maui Haleakala National Park Ka'anapali Land Mgmt. Corp. Currently in Scotland Central Pacific Bank Kahului
2010	Jordan Hart Kainoa Horcajo Emily Sullivan Chris Speere Angela Gannon Kim Skog Tia Ferguson Liz Foote Dean George Craig Kinoshita Tiare Lawrence Sharon Zalsos Ryan Ouye Velma Pantasigui Bill Stevens	Chris Hart & Partners, Inc. Self Employed Maui Solar Project UH Maui Culinary Academy UH Maui College West Maui Mountains Watershed NestGSV Coral Reef Alliance MHPCC Waileikau Fed. Credit Union Otaheite Hawaii Noble Travel Service Rentals & Supplies Inc. UH Manoa Outreach MHPCC
2011	Derek Snyder Sarah McLane Kaimana Brummell Brad Thomas Judee Mae Aki Mark Klemen Regina Lemm	UH Maui College Sarah McLane Kaimana Brummell Brad Thomas Judee Mae Aki Mark Klemen Regina Lemm
2012	Marc Antosch Mike Silva Lono Dunn Kristoffer Baptist Spencer Lau Josh Porter Fiona van Ammers Troy Hashimoto Monica George Ashley Carroll Leonard Smock-Randall Tim Lara	UH Maui College/Owner of Imagica Ronald Fukumoto Engineering Maui Land & Pine Lanai Resorts, LLC. Atlas Insurance Agency Maui Solar Project SSFM International Maui County Council Hawaiian Islands Land Trust The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua Hale Akua Garden Farm Hawaiian Paddle Sports LLC

	Name	Company
2013	Alix Buchter Audrey Chihara Chery King Christopher M. Lovvorn Hanna Mounce Malia Cahill Mark Leffgen Maxim Tomai Megan Haertling Michael Quisenberry Peter Niess Pomai'aki Kanipaio-Crozier Samuel Young Sarah E. Ruppenthal V. Pu'alani Enos	Maui No Ka Oi Magazine Marlin Land Corporation Brown and Caldwell Hawaii Wildlife Fund Castle & Cooke Properties, Inc. Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project Haleakala Solar Mediation Services of Maui Inc. Fairmont Kea Lani Maui MLQ Energy LLC Maui Architectural Group Maui Land & Pineapple Co., Inc. Xamane Researches LLC Maui Writers Block & UHMC Hui Malama Learning Center
2014	Alison Claire Cohan Candace Thackerson Akili Jones Charles Yeaman Jennifer Chirico Jordan Molina Susan S. Clements Ali Martin Sonya Neiss Adam Radford Nicole Nanea Spalding	The Nature Conservancy, Maui Nui Program COM - Planning Department Self Employed - Dunn and Jones Prod. Grp. Bank of Hawaii RCUH-Maui College COM - Office of Council Member Elle Cochran COM - Office of Council Member Don Couch West Maui Land Company Healthy Communities Hawaii dba Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) Michael Spalding Reality, Inc.
2015	Lehia Apana Lauren Campbell Richard Carr Irina Constantinescu Arianna Feinberg Kathleen Hagan Amy Hodges Nikki Schroeder Marc Takamori Johanna Valente Sean Walsh "Kir" Maria Katrina Zulueta	Haynes Publishing Group Pacific Whale Foundation Habitat for Humanity Maui, Inc. Brown and Caldwell Aloha Natural Brokers University of Hawaii Maui College Maui Nui Marine Resource Council Bank of Hawaii County of Maui - Transportation First Wind, Kaheawa Wind Power Bayada Home Health Care County of Maui - County Council
2016	Monty Agcaoili Bryan Berkowitz Hilary Bingman Jen Cox Malama Jessica Crouse Devin Fredericksen Tegan Hammond Tracy Kealoha Kelly Mc Hugh Mandy Salto Marina Sataifaga Megan Morrow Noheleani Uu Ella Yumol	Pulama Lanai - Richard's Market Koa IT, LLC Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company Maui Nui (Community Work Day) Maui Economic Development Board Olinda Olive Orchards, LLC Maui Nui Marine Resource Council Kamehameha Schools- Maui Resource Center Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission Fukumoto Engineering, Inc. Imua Family Services Malama Family Recovery Center Frampton & Ward, LLC Lanai Resorts, LLC dba Pulama Lanai
2017	Amber Hardwick Bianca Rajan Caleb Wittenmyer Danielle Canfield-Jones Derek Brown Gabrielle Schuerger Laura Berthold Noemi Barbadillo Robert Kawahara Roger Aloncel Royce Taogoshi Ryan Mountcastle Shane Albritton Tambora Garrick Tokio Ogawa Sidney William Nill	Maui Economic Development Board Maui Arts and Cultural Center Nature Conservancy Maui Electric Company Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company Community Work Day Maui Forest Bird Recovery Pulama Lanai Kawahara & Company CPAs LLC Pulama Lanai First Hawaiian Bank Goodfellow Brothers Inc. State Dept of Education - Baldwin High School Landry's Inc. Bubble Gump Shrimp Company Maui County Office of Economic Development The Boeing Company



# Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows

developing future leaders  
and planning for Maui Nui's future



# Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows

## at a glance...

- Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows is A Focus Maui Nui and Decisions Maui initiative
- First Ka Ipu Kukui Class graduated in 2008
- Representing 14 Industry Sectors in Maui County
- 127 Fellows and growing
- 54 Male Fellows  
73 Female Fellows
- 2017 will mark the 10th graduating class
- Ongoing Alumni Events to foster lifelong learning



2017 Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Top Row Standing, Left to Right: Noemi Barbadillo, Shane Albritton, Derek Brown, Ryan (Koa) Mountcastle, William Nili, Royle Taogoshi, Robert Kawahara, Amber Hardwick, Tokie Ogawa Sidney, Tambara Gamick, and Lori Teragawachi Bottom Kneeling Left to Right: Roger Alconcel, Bianca Rajan, Danielle Canfield-Jones, Gabrielle Schuerger, Caleb Wittermyer, Laura Berthold, and Scott Nunokawa

The Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program is a year-long leadership development program uniquely designed for community-identified current and future leaders of Maui Nui.

The program's curriculum specifically addresses the many challenges that face Maui Nui and provides participants unfettered access to a variety of key individuals and locations on Maui.



### Halawai Topics Include:

- Maui Nui: Exploring the Possibilities
- Importance of Relationships and "Social Capital"
- Leadership: Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results
- Identifying Maui Nui's Assets for Good Decision Making
- Planning for Community in Paradise
- Sustainability: Agriculture and Energy
- Maui's Water
- Governance
- Maui's Tourism, Partnerships and Economic Development
- Time for Reflection & A Look to the Future

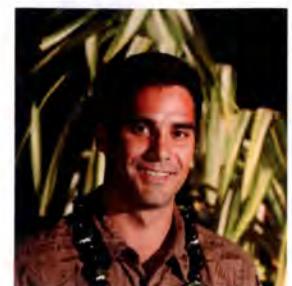
## Ka Ipu Kukui Founding Members\* & Steering Committee

Roselle Bailey\*  
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Yarrow Flower  
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Troy Hashimoto  
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Clyde Sakamoto\*  
Jeanne Skog\*  
Marc Takamori  
Lori Teragawachi  
Lianne Yoshida



"Undeniably, participation in the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program inspired in me a sense of shared responsibility for Maui Nui's continued forward progress. Almost immediately after graduating from the program I was promoted into a leadership role in my organization. I then expanded my service to our community by joining the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council and the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission. This same passion and dedication carried me to law school to expand my capacity to effectively communicate our communities' needs and goals. I have used this opportunity to learn how to best support Maui County's precious natural resources."

Rhiannon Chandler-Tao, Executive Director, Community Work Day Program



"Ka Ipu Kukui is directly responsible for my personal and professional success. The opportunities that I have been able to take advantage of through direct connection with the KIK fellows and ohana have been numerous and invaluable. KIK has allowed me, as a local boy, to continue my professional pursuits on Maui and in Hawaii as opposed to relocating to the mainland or abroad.

"The Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Program offers young professionals a unique opportunity to learn about the wide range of issues affecting Maui County and to think critically about how they can be resolved in the future. The diversity of fellows lends itself to building a collaborative network of people who will benefit from established positive relationships and thus move our communities forward in a unified manner to address the multitude of challenges and opportunities facing our four-island county. The Ka Ipu Kukui Program is a proactive step towards ensuring the positive health of Maui County's future."



"The Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Program provides access and exposure to so many important places that are not available to the general public. The program sets up constructive and open discussions with an extremely diverse group of fellows. As a bonus, the technical leadership training went beyond my expectations. The program is truly unique, and a valuable asset to our community."

Michael Silva, Vice President, Ronald M. Fukumoto Engineering, Inc.



## Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Industry Sectors of Employment



Sustainability 13, Social Services 14, Land 10, Planning 12, Environmental 16, Education 10, Tech 10 Agriculture 9, Hospitality 5, Financial 8, Government 8, Entrepreneur 10, Media 5, Cultural 2 note. Fellows may impact multiple sectors

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Keoni Vaughn <Keoni@LanaiCatSanctuary.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary Testimony for 4/26/17  
**Attachments:** 4.26.17 Maui County Budget testimony.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Please see the attached testimony for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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# Lanai Cat Sanctuary



Date: April 25, 2017

To: Chair Councilmember Riki Hokama  
Vice Chair Councilmember Mike White & Budget & Finance Committee  
Members

From: Keoni Vaughn, Executive Director of Lanai Cat Sanctuary, 808-215-9066

RE: Testimony opposing of the grant reduction for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary on line 631, page 26 from \$15,000 to \$5,000

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Aloha Chair & Budget Committee,

We urgently and respectfully request that the \$15,000 grant request for FY2018 be reinstated and awarded to Lanai Cat Sanctuary. Without this funding we may not be able to approach this issue successfully and cats will reproduce faster than our population control efforts can manage. The issue will become larger than our organization can solve and will require even more money to address.

We have a strong track record of accomplishing a great deal with little resources and 6 staff. The cost effectiveness of our program is extremely high. We are highly resourceful in raising funds from an array of sources to leverage County funds for our services. This means County funds would only need to defray a small portion of the cost of spaying/ neutering and caring for homeless/feral cats at the sanctuary.

Here's what we were able to do with the funding:

- Brought in 84 out of the 75 goaled feral cats into our sanctuary. This includes all costs associated with veterinarian examinations, blood work, spay or neuter surgeries etc. (excess costs due to exceeding goals are covered by donations and does not impact taxpayers)
- Within the first 9 months, we have exceeded our goal of providing care for an average of 518 cats that includes over 6,000 doses of various medicines

Over the past 11 years, our program has made noticeable improvements in the homeless/feral cat crises on Lanai. The proposed program is the only resource on the island that humanely addresses the homeless/feral cat problem on the island. By spaying/neutering the cats and relocating them to live in the sanctuary, we remove these cats from the

landscape, which helps improve the quality of life for the cats, native birds and our community as a whole.

The Lanai Cat Sanctuary's overall goals are to lead Lanai's intervention, collaboration and humane population management of the island's homeless/feral cats. The program addresses the problem of free-roaming cats on the island, including those captured in areas where native and protected birds are threatened, through spaying/neutering and care for the cats in an enclosed sanctuary environment where they can become socialized for adoption, or live out their lives with quality care.

The \$15,000 County grant plays a significant role in allowing us to be able to continue to bring in more free roaming and feral cats off the streets.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keoni Vaughn".

Keoni Vaughn, Executive Director  
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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Rosalind Ross <tahitoatabby@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:24 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Don't cut funding for Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Aloha,

I wanted to express my opinion on cutting funding for the Cat Sanctuary. My mother and I visited the sancturary in December. It was the only reason we decided to visit Lanai. Not only are they doing great work there for the cats and native birds population, they are bringing tourist dollars to Lanai. We had lunch in Lanai City, purchased art at the gallery, stopped at museum and donated some money, used the shuttle 3 times at \$10 a trip as well as the ferry. It seems like a sancturary that brings tourists from all over the world would be well worth funding. We have told many people about the cat sancturary and told them it is a must see. We return to Hawaii quite often and when on Maui will definitely return to Lanai and the Cat sancturary. Which in turn we would be contributing to the economy of the island. Please do not cut funding for this wonderful facility.

Mahalo,  
Rosalind Ross

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Raechel Dawson <raecheldawson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@lanaicatsanctuary.org  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary funding

To whom it may concern,

I recently heard of the Maui County Council's Budget Committee's proposal to cut the Lanai Cat Sanctuary's grant funding from \$15,000 to \$5,000 per year. Not only am I a cat lover and believe that the nonprofit is doing great philanthropic work to give homes to animals, but the cat sanctuary does much more than that. Reducing funding would not only hurt Lanai's ecosystem – more cats means less birds – but this move will impact tourism to this remote island.

My fiance and I traveled to Lanai at the end of March from Washington state for the sole purpose of seeing the cats at the sanctuary. During my time on Lanai (by the way, my fiance and I got there and back using the \$60/each roundtrip ferry), we bought food at the local grocery and had beer and pizza at another local spot as we watched Lanai City celebrate Fifth Friday. This tourism enhances the island's economy.

Being the only animal organization on the island, it's impressive the sanctuary was able to sterilize 84 and treat 500 cats this year with the funding provided. Not only do people travel here from all over the world to see the cats, but they travel here to adopt them as well.

Please consider providing more funding instead of drastically cutting \$10,000. The cats, and the people of the island, depend on it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Raechel Dawson

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Taylar Rameka <taylor.rameka@hotmail.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Please do not cut Lanai Cat Sanctuary funding - the money is used to better the lives of these cats and locals on the small island. A quick look at trip advisor and Facebook will see that the main attraction of this island was to see this beautiful sanctuary and be apart of all the hard work that has been put into it.

Taking away this money will mean that these cats, the island itself will suffer and the economy will decrease rapidly.

Please reconsider your position and look at alternatives to where grants should be given or other ways to support these places such as the Lanai Cat Sanctuary.

Kind Regards,  
Taylar.

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** A Benham <pho\_ca@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Budget comments

To whom it may concern:

As a fan of the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, I read that the Maui County City Council Budget Committee aims to slash the organization's only grant funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000. I'm dismayed to hear this. It is my understanding that the Lanai sanctuary is the only animal welfare organization on the whole island and the only place for cats to receive care. These people are working very hard to reduce unwanted and feral cat populations. In the last year they sterilized 84 cats with that funding and treated over 500. They are doing worthwhile and compassionate work with limited resources. You may be interested to know that the sanctuary's fame has spread world-wide and many tourists make special trips to Lanai to visit. I am in Canada, and I hope one day to be blessed with a second chance to visit Hawaii, in which case I will definitely want to visit too.

You have a chance to help an organization which is not only doing something worthwhile, but bringing in tourists (and their money) to Maui and Lanai. Please reconsider your budget cut and honour their request.

Thank you for your kokua for these hard-working people.

A. Benham  
New Brunswick, Canada

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Adriane Raff-Corwin <[adriane.raff-corwin@sierraclub.org](mailto:adriane.raff-corwin@sierraclub.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:11 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Stan Franco  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Housing Advocate  
**Attachments:** 2017\_04\_25TestimonyissupportofHousingAdvocatePosition-2.pdf

Aloha Councilmember Hokama,

Please find attached testimony from the Sierra Club Maui Group **in support** of the Housing Advocate proposal submitted by Stan Franco and FACE Maui.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Adriane Raff Corwin

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*MALAMA I KA HONUA  
Cherish the Earth*

April 25, 2017

To: Riki Hokama, Chair - Budget and Finance Committee

**Re: Support for Funding of Maui County Housing Advocate**

Aloha Councilmember Hokama,

Sierra Club Maui recognizes the extreme importance of ensuring affordable workforce housing for our local residents, which is why **we extend our full support for the funding of a Housing Advocate** to work in an advisory position to the Maui County Council, as proposed by Stan Franco and FACE Maui.

Sierra Club Maui Group wants to see affordable, environmentally friendly housing built that will ensure our local residents can live comfortably and securely on Maui. We can no longer be competitive in how much money we give to homeless, senior, special needs or workforce housing. We need a plan to cover all needs in a systematic way recognizing our financial resources from local, state and federal sources. **We must invest in much needed expertise if we are going to solve the affordable housing crisis on Maui.** With this small investment, our future will be much brighter. If we do not invest in solving this problem, it will only grow worse and become even harder to fix in the future.

For these reasons, we ask that you provide full funding for the Housing Advocate in the 2018 Maui County budget.

Mahalo a nui loa,

Adriane M. Raff Corwin, Sierra Club Maui Group Coordinator

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Mike Hanog <mike@lanacatsanctuary.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary Grant

Dear Budget & Finance Chair Hokama and Committee,

My name is Michael Hanog, sanctuary manager and I am a part of the 6 staff that work at the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. As the only animal organization on Lanai, we work extremely hard to humanely reduce the stray and unwanted cat population here. Did you know 1 female cat can produce 4 litters a year with an average of 6-8 kittens per litter? Can you imagine if we were unable to spay/neuter and bring in these cats to our Sanctuary? We rely on the \$15,000 Maui County grant and request that you do not reduce it to \$5,000.

Respectfully yours,

**Mike Hanog| Sanctuary Manager | Lana'i Cat Sanctuary**  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** Na Hale O Maui (NHOM) <cassandra@nahaleomaui.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:06 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (BF-1)  
**Attachments:** 2017-04-26 BF Testimony.pdf

Aloha, Honorable Chairperson Hokama and Committee Members,  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony regarding BF-1 for the fiscal year 2018 budget.  
We respectfully request the Committee restore the budget amount for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC.)

This is a well-respected and efficient department lead by a capable and caring Director.  
Restoring the budget amount will allow DHHC to continue its programs supporting so many citizens in Maui County.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassandra*

Cassandra J Leolani Abdul, RB-10162, CCIM, CPM

Executive Director & Principal Broker

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*Changing lives, one home at a time.*

Mission Statement: "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County."

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April 25, 2017

Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (BF-1)

Honorable Hokama & Committee Members:

We respectfully request that the budget for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns be restored to its former level of funding, to enable DHHC to continue to achieve their goal of ‘supporting and maintaining a continuum of social services to address the needs of the people of Maui County through County sponsored programs and partnerships, and to expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.’

Carol Reimann, Director of DHHC, and her staff manage a vast range of housing and social needs in the County of Maui, including but not limited to Grants Management, Housing Choice vouchers (Section 8), Immigrant services, Kaunoa Senior Center, Office on Aging, Volunteer Center, Early Childhood Center, numerous Boards and Commissions and the Affordable Housing Fund. They are also responsible for the periodic Maui Needs Assessment across all islands in Maui County.

DHHC, under Director Reimann, does an efficient and effective job overseeing the good work that supports so many in the Community. They monitor and measure the needs of our citizens, develop and implement plans to meet those needs, and measure the expected outcomes of the County’s various programs. DHHC has proven to be both responsible and accountable under Director Reimann.

We are concerned that reducing the DHHC budget by approximately \$127,000 will be counter-productive. DHHC needs a full complement of staff to process all the different areas and projects they oversee. DHHC staff work hard to meet the varied needs of Maui’s citizens and clearly care about the wellbeing of the people and families they assist. DHHC has been very supportive of increasing a wide range of affordable housing in Maui County, from the homeless to affordable rentals and for-sale homes.

Na Hale O Maui is very appreciative of the support we have received from Director Reimann and her staff in requesting, processing, and monitoring grants for the Affordable Housing Fund. We would not have the growing number of affordable houses in the NHOM portfolio without the support of Maui County, including the Administration, DHHC and the Council.

We strongly urge the Council to restore the DHHC budget to its former level by reversing the \$127,000 reduction that has been proposed in the current bill. We need this effective, fully staffed Department to continue their good works.

Sincerely

It's Executive Director

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Sheila Blair <sheilablair@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Funding for Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Dear Maui County City Council Budget Committee Chair:

My husband and I are residents of Lahaina. We are supporters of the Lanai Cat Sanctuary and are always impressed and thankful for the amazing job they do caring for the cats. In the absence of any local humane society or animal care services on Lanai for cats, they are the ONLY animal organization on the island, and their efforts ensure the health of the cats and make a tremendous impact towards controlling the cat population. This work directly benefits not only the cats but the community as well. It also allows the indigenous bird population to thrive!

We understand your Budget Committee plans to reduce your grant funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000. As a territory of Maui County, Lanai's animals deserve care, and the loss of funding will negatively impact the care the Lanai Cat Sanctuary is able to provide. Please consider reinstating their funding request so that the Lanai Cat Sanctuary can continue their important and challenging work.

Respectfully,  
Sheila and Sean Blair

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Christy <christytarin@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:17 PM  
**To:** BF Committee

The Paukukalo club is so important and necessary for many families living in the paukukalo area. Many kids would be left with little to no supervision without the opportunity to enjoy their afternoons at the club. If families are limited to only the wailuku club, many kids would be without transportation to attend and be picked up. I believe leaving the boys and girls located within the Paukukalo Hawaiian homes shows support and respect for the community and it's cultural ties.

Christy Tarin  
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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** mauigirl1978 <mauigirl1978@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:35 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1, line item for The Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Paukukalo Club.

Aloha,

My name is Marsha Jones, I'm a mother of five children ages 16, 14, 13, 10 and 8 and a wife to David Jones.

I am email to ask you to continue to fund the Boys and Girls Club Paukukalo. I am so very greatful for the Boys and Girls Club. My family has started with the club from when my oldest was 6 years old. This year she will be 17 years old. That means I have been a proud parent and member of the boys and girls club for almost 11 years. Today all five of my children are FULL TIME boys and girls club members. What I mean by full-time is that they attend boys and girls club from the time school finishes till 5pm, also during spring, fall and winter breaks and during the summer. This allows my husband and I to work full-time so we can fully support our children without depending on financial assistance or other financial support.

The boys and girls club staff has become family to my children and our family. My children are able to talk to the staff if they are having a hard time in school or just having a bad day. The staff are super supportive and very good mentors to my children. My children love to go out and volunteer when needed with the boys and girls club staff. My children and great role models for their peers and I feel its because how the boys and girls club staff and other youth members are. I have three teenagers and I'm thankful that they feel comfortable going to the boys and girls club and getting involved in different program that they have and just keeping them off the streets and out of trouble.

In closing I just ask for you to continue to fund the boys and girls club Paukukalo. If its wasn't for them we wouldn't be able to work and who knows what kinds of trouble my teenagers would get into. My husband and I are so blessed for the Paukukalo Boys and girls club!!

Thank you so much for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,  
Marsha Jones  
808-463-7028

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Howard Hanzawa <hanzawa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:48 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FISCAL YEAR 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNNS  
**Attachments:** 2017-04-25 2018 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget DHHC.pdf

Aloha:

I am submitting the attached testimony for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on April 27, 2017.

Mahalo, Howard Hanzawa

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April 25, 2017

Maui County Council  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Kalana O Maui Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERN**

Dear Chair Hokama and Committee Members:

As we are all aware of, this County is in the midst of a housing crisis that severely impacts the lives of members of our communities on Maui, Lanai, and Molokai. Sadly, the negative impacts are multi-generational which affect our kupuna, children and grandchildren. Many families are forced to live in one house with their grown children because there is not a sufficient supply of affordable housing on Maui.

This problem has been recognized for the last decade and the problem gets worse each year. Anyone who drives through some of our urban residential streets at night and see the streets filled with parked vehicles knows that most of the homes are filled with related and unrelated people. **It is not a healthy community that forces people to live in quasi-dormitories due to policy regulations that increases building costs and that restricts the construction of affordable housing.**

And of course, there is also the homeless problem which Maui County has to deal with. There are no clear answers to this problem as witnessed by the struggles of other communities throughout the nation. However on Maui this problem still has to be dealt with in a humanitarian way.

These huge problems which sometimes deal with life and death situations fall square on the shoulders of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. Because of the severity of the housing crisis, DHHC must efficiently utilize all of its resources and develop programs in order to successfully tackle the problems.

I believe that the department recognizes their responsibility and is on track to help to create affordable housing and help to mitigate the homeless situation. However the department must have the support of both the administration and the County Council.

I also believe that the Director, Ms. Carol Reimann, is the right person to lead the department. I have known Carol for many years in other career capacities in the hotel and agricultural industries. She has been a developer of successful programs, is fully dedicated to the causes that she believes in, and is tireless in her pursuit of getting goals accomplished.

**Director Reimann and her department deserve your full support. This starts with their proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year. We must not allow the housing and homeless problems to get any worse than they already are. Please approve the department's budget and also fully support any future initiatives from DHHC that will increase the supply of affordable housing on Maui. We all know that it is badly needed.**

Sincerely,  
Howard Hanzawa

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Alberta De Jetley <lanaитoday@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:50 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony for Lanai Cat Sanctuary  
**Attachments:** Testimony for Lanai Cat Sanctuary Final.docx

Aloha Budget Chair Riki Hokama,

Attached is my testimony for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. I am going to see Denise Fernandes to see if I can read it via remote testimony form the Lanai office.

Mahalo, Alberta de Jetley  
P. O. Box 630601  
Lanai, HI 96763

April 25, 2017 - Testimony to be read at Budget & Finance Meeting - 9 a.m. Lanai Office

Maui Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

Aloha Chair Riki Hokama:

Please reconsider your recommendation to reduce the grant for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

I was on the original board of the Lanai Animal Rescue Center (LARC). The organization started as the dream of two women, Kathy Carroll and Loretta Hellrung. Each morning, the two women walked around Lanai City together. In their walks, they encountered numerous homeless domestic cats, with many of them in very poor condition.

Kathy started a spay-neuter-release program which followed recognized standards for caring for homeless felines and Loretta and other volunteers stepped up to help. It was working fairly well, but then they were told of a colony of 20 homeless cats who were residing in the grasslands around the Lanai Wastewater Treatment Plant. Also in the same area, a colony of endangered Hawaiian birds were nesting. The group was told they would have two weeks to trap and remove the cats, otherwise, they would be euthanized.

That was their battle cry to action. They enlisted the help of more friends, included me, and we set up a temporary shelter near the Stables at the Lodge at Koele, trapped all of the cats, and began negotiations for a lease for 3.5 acres of land near the Lanai Sanitary Landfill and turned it all into a dream come true, the present day Lanai Cat Sanctuary (LCS).

It took a lot of time and hard work to get LCS to where it is today; a beautiful, peaceful, park-like refuge for more than 500 feline friends. It has become one of Lanai's top visitor attractions, provided six, good, full-time jobs for Lanai residents, and incidentally along the way, protected our island's endangered birds! During the last nesting season, I was absolutely amazed to see the amount of nesting fledglings at Manele's sand dunes.

Visitors donations to LCS and grants its received from various sources, including the \$15,000 from Maui County, have managed to keep it financially balanced. However, it is a constant concern for this non-profit entity to ensure it is able to continue its high standards of care for the felines and the on-going maintenance of its facilities.

By reducing the \$15,000 grant to \$5,000 only, LCS is being penalized for being an exceptional example of what an animal refuge can be. Please help Lanai Cat Sanctuary to continue to be Maui County's shining star and a national example of what can happen when people dare to dream of a place where 500 cats live in harmony in nature, free to climb trees, roll on freshly mowed grass, and visit with the hundreds of visitors who come by the sanctuary to play with and pet them. If you could hear the roar of their purrs, you'll understand what a determined group of Lanai residents have created. Please, reinstate the full grant to Lanai Cat Sanctuary.

With aloha,  
Alberta de Jetley  
P. O. Box 630601, Lanai, HI 96763  
email: lanaitoday@yahoo.com ph. 808-649-0808

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Virginia Meade <gmeade@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

I write in opposition to your consideration of reduced funding for the Lanai Cat Sanctuary. Full funding of \$15,000 is urgently needed to continue operations.

The sanctuary serves a number of valuable purposes: controlling feral cat population on the island, reducing the threat to numerous endemic and indigenous birds, as well as reducing the threat to island cats who would otherwise become nuisances within the community. In addition, cases of animal cruelty, starvation, and expanding cat population are avoided through the Sanctuary's on-going efforts.

This is a landmark community effort to benefit the environment, the cat population, and the people of Lanai. The island depends on you for responsible stewardship and ongoing support,

Your continued support, by fully funding the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, is respectfully requested, so that this worthy project can continue to care for the aina, its people, and its animals.

Mahalo,

Virginia Meade

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Gordon Simmons <gordonbsimmons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:18 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Lana'i Cat Sanctuary grant

Dear Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee,

My name is Gordon Simmons and although I am an Oahu County resident I respectfully ask you consider my testimony regarding the grant funding the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary.

Please carefully consider the implications to reducing the Cat Sanctuary's only annual grant from \$15,000 to \$5,000. The Sanctuary attracts many visitors from different parts of the world who come to beautiful Lana'i to vacation and also visit with the felines. The work the Sanctuary does is vital and there are no other animal organizations or care services on island. My fiancée and I are planning a trip this summer to visit the Sanctuary and to also donate where we can. Not only are we excited about visiting the Sanctuary, we are also so excited to visit Lana'i.

Please reconsider slashing the funding to the only humane society on island. I can appreciate the difficult choices when it comes to managing the budget but ask that you please reinstate the funding request for the full \$15,000. Thank you for your reconsideration as we await your decision.

Respectfully yours,  
Gordon Simmons

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Gordon Simmons <gordonbsimmons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:45 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Re: Lana'i Cat Sanctuary grant

Aloha Maui County Budget and Finance Committee,

Please accept my correction to the below:

In my testimony, I incorrectly stated "...Oahu County...", but meant "...Honolulu County...".

Mahalo,  
Gordon Simmons

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## BF Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Danny A. Mateo  
**Subject:** Fw: Lanai Cat Sanctuary

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**From:** Lisa Striebel <psls1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Lanai Cat Sanctuary

Hello The Maui County City Council,

I just read the following.

Breaking Mews! The Maui County City Council Budget Committee aims to slash our only grant funding from \$15,000 a year to \$5,000.

Please reconsider this Council members. I think this is a bad idea because many people make a special trip to see these cats. My husband & I have actually booked a trip already specifically because of The Lanai Cat Sanctuary.

I, along with many others, will be devastated if you take away from these cats.

This Sanctuary is their home. The only place they are safe, taken care of & loved.

You will be taking a home away from so many cats and kittens if you do this.

People spend money to take the ferry, shop on the island, and go out to lunch.  
Stop and think this thing through.

Maui makes a lot of money because of visitors to Lanai's Cat Santuary. You can afford this.

Respectfully yours,  
Lisa K Striebel

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