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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Aloha Committee Chair Sugimura and Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony today in favor of the \$250,000 proposed funding to Maui Family YMCA. The Y is grateful to be included in the county budget. This funding will allow the Y to provide scholarships to Maui County families for childcare, water safety programs, chronic disease prevention/support, membership programs and health and wellness programs.

In the budget year 2025, Maui Family YMCA gave over \$500,000 in financial scholarships across Maui County. This included over \$200,000 to provide 100% free childcare for fire victims in Lahaina. At our Kahului Branch, we provided over 450 Maui County residents financial assistance for Y programming. This helped families pay for child care, swimming programs, music and theater enrichment programs, Parkinson's Fitness and Support, and much more. Maui Family YMCA is an integral part of the Maui community in the services we provide and the sense of belonging and 'ohana that is part of the Y experience. We truly see YMCA offerings as workforce development. Our childcare programs make it possible for parents to return to work, and our wellness and membership programs help create a life balance that keeps employees happier and healthier.

In a matter of weeks we will be opening our West Maui YMCA Community Resource Center in Lahaina. This resource center will house over a dozen partner organizations and provide programs for mental health, cultural awareness, childcare, workforce development, fine arts, fitness, therapy and many other services. We are proud that our primary resident will be Kaunoa Senior Services, which will have office and programming space for kupuna puna programs at the new resource center. Maui Family YMCA, through funds raised both privately and publicly, is able to open and operate programs at the new West Maui YMCA Resource Center at no cost to partner organizations or Maui County residents.

We believe our Y is a great investment for the county. Funds provided to the Y will ensure residents continue to have access to quality programs they could not otherwise afford. This is truly a front-line program where residents can see and feel tax funds benefiting their community in a very tangible way.

We thank you for your continued support of the Y and the commitment these funds make to the health and wellbeing of our most vulnerable populations.

Mahalo,

Steve Scraggs  
CEO  
Maui Family YMCA

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