

EDB Committee

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Aloha Kakou:

Attached please find a letter of testimony from Napili Bay and Beach Foundation regarding support for the UH Sea Grant Program.

If you have any difficulty with the attachment, please let me know and I will send it embedded in an email.

Mahalo,
Pat

Pat B. Lindquist

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"Our mission is to protect and improve the health of Napili beach and bay"

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April 12, 2019

To: Maui County Council Economic Development and Budget Committee

From: Pat B. Lindquist, President, Napili Bay and Beach Foundation, Inc.

Subject: Testimony in Support of Planning Department Grant for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Economic Development and Budget Committee Members:

Napili Bay and Beach Foundation (NBBF) is requesting your support for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to continue a long-standing partnership with the County of Maui. Over the past 22 years, this partnership has been instrumental in encouraging and contributing to innovative policies, plans, and responses in coastal management relating to climate change and sea level rise, coastal hazards, and coastal processes. This program, currently staffed by Tara Owens, provides day to day technical assistance to County Departments, and this support also extends directly to the public and Maui's communities, such as Napili. Tara offers guidance to community groups or permit applicants to promote sustainable shoreline management and provides a conduit for coordination with County, State and Federal agencies and other stakeholders.

Since 2006, Tara Owens and her predecessor, Zoe Norcross-Nue, have been very valuable liaisons between Napili and Maui County Department of Planning as well as the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Their help defining necessary processes and key contact personnel have been crucial to NBBF's successful improvements to the health of our beach and bay.

Tara has also been key to educating our community, and other West Maui policy makers (e.g. Senator Baker, Rep. McKelvey) about coastal erosion processes at our Community Meetings. At large informational meetings such as the ones in January, 2013 and January, 2017, she gave Powerpoint lectures demonstrating natural and manmade processes that contribute to beach erosion in Maui, and examples of ways that beachfront properties can help mitigate erosion with changes in landscape and hardscape practices. She also informed, in a constructive and non-threatening way, what rules and regulations govern actions along Maui's coastline.

Napili has a need and appreciation for the dedication and full commitment of Sea Grant services. We would not find the assistance that Tara and Hawaii Sea Grant provides through any other organization or venue. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this essential community liaison program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat B. Lindquist".

We are a non-profit organization formed to protect and improve the health of Napili beach and bay.

Pat B. Lindquist, President

Gregg Nelson, Vice-President

Nane Aluli, Secretary

Norm Runyan, Director

Jamie Lung-Ke'o, Director

Dana Reed, Director