

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-02-05 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 02-05-24 09:00

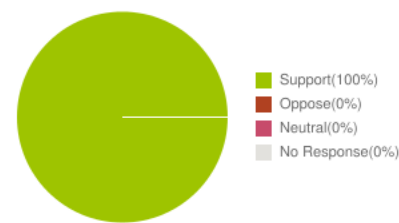
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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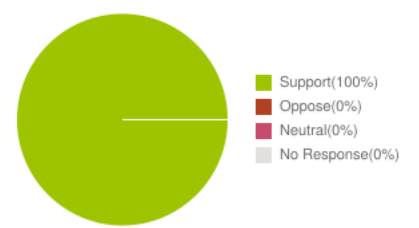


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
BFED-66 Bill 4 (2024) BILL 4 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (BFED-66)	2	2	0	0
BFED-21(15) DISCUSSION OF BILL 11 (2024), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SPORTS AND EVENTS PROMOTION; TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS PROMOTION; GRANT TO HONE HEKE CORPORATION) (BFED-21(15))	1	1	0	0
BFED-76 Bill 17 (2024) BILL 17 (2024) AND BILL 18 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (L?NA'I COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, L?NA'I YOUTH CENTER AND SKATE PARK) (BFED-76)	9	9	0	0
BFED-72 Bill 8 (2024) BILL 8 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM) (BFED-72)	1	1	0	0

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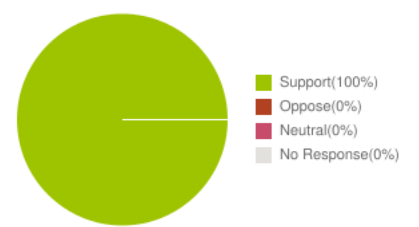
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Overall Sentiment



Submitted At: 7:54am 02-05-24

Please see attached testimony in support of Bill 4.

Pamela Tumpap

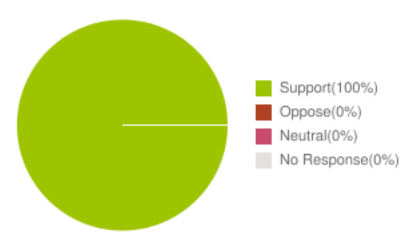
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Submitted At: 5:04pm 02-02-24

Please see attached testimony in support.

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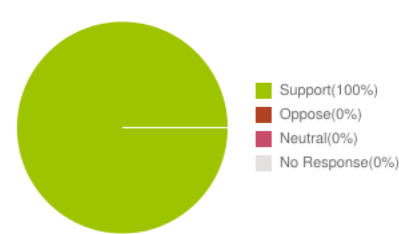
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Submitted At: 8:33am 02-05-24

Please see attached testimony.

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-76 Bill 17 (2024) BILL 17 (2024) AND BILL 18 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (L?NA'I COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, L?NA'I YOUTH CENTER AND SKATE PARK) (BFED-76)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35am 02-05-24

LANA'I SKATE WILL GIVE YOUTH A LONG-AWAITED VENUE. PAT REILLY, LANA'I RESIDENT

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16am 02-05-24

I am writing in support of Bill 17 (2024), as it pertains to the construction of a skatepark on L_na_i. A skate park being built on L_na_i is long over due. I have been skating for well over 30 years and it is one of the things that have remained fairly constant from my youth until now. The lessons and character that come from the persistence needed in skateboarding has been a blessing. There is nothing like falling down to learn how to get back up. Skateboarding developed directly from surfing, the great tradition of Hawai_i. Like surfing, Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport. To not have the facilities for the cousin of surfing in the birthplace of surfing is unfortunate. Globally, skateboarding is ever growing and very mainstream in most developed nations. It is a shame that we have been without a skatepark on L_na_i this long. The need will not go away, and the price tag will only grow. Please do what should have been done yesterday and do whatever is needed to see this project through. I_m not quoting this correctly, but... Whenever you enjoy the shade of a tree, remember someone long ago had the foresight to plant the seed and water that tree. The only better time than now to plant the seed, was yesterday.

Sincerely,
Ben Ostrander

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 6:33am 02-05-24

Aloha,
Skateparks are like baseball fields. There should be one in every community to foster another recreation outlet for our keiki. It's a positive gathering place for the entire community. Look to the example of Hana and what the skatepark there has done for the community to see how impactful a skatepark will be in the rural community of Lana'i. Mahalo.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:17pm 02-04-24

This is Jacob Janikowski and I am not a paid lobbyist. I support the skatepark because non-traditional sports like skating are an incredible outlet for kids who don't fit in and the youth of L_na'i need more support for the local government as they have very few outlets to rely on. Please support the funding for the skatepark as the longer we wait it will only continue to get more expensive. Thank you Maui County Council for your support of this project and I as well as many others hope to see this project come to fruition.

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Location:
Submitted At: 4:04pm 02-04-24

I am in favor of Bill 17 2024 to support funding for a skateboard park on Lanai. It's so important for our county to support the non-traditional sports. Not all of our keiki want to play "ball" sports. Supporting non-traditional youth activities is always a sound investment. Mahalo, Kim Ball

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 2:41pm 02-04-24

I am testifying to support Bill 17 (2024).
To amend the budget to support the "Lana_i Youth Center and Skate Park."

A skatepark on Lanai would be a blessing to many. Please support the health of our community by helping to

provide a fun, safe place for people of all ages to enjoy skating.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:05am 02-04-24

Aloha,
I am testifying to support Bill 17 (2024).
To amend the budget to support the "Lana_i Youth Center and Skate Park".

The establishment of a skatepark on Lanai is a momentous endeavor, representing a highly desired recreational facility that will undoubtedly serve as a cornerstone of joy and community engagement for the vibrant youth and families of both Lanai and Maui County at large.

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Location:
Submitted At: 9:19am 02-04-24

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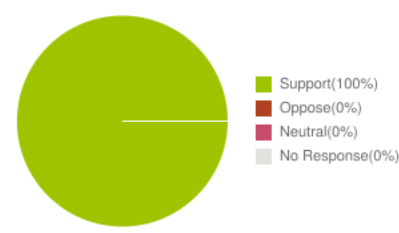
A skatepark on Lanai is a long sought after recreation facility that will be a great service and amenity to the youth and families of Lanai and Maui County.
A skatepark located at the new Lanai Youth Center, offers a safe haven for recreation and socialization for youths and families.
Skateparks in Maui County have proven to be a great success and social safety net, offering positive activity and peer support, esp. to youth that might not otherwise be involved in organized sports and after-school activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrew Beerer
Maui County Resident

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-72 Bill 8 (2024) BILL 8 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR (ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM) (BFED-72)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 1:56pm 01-31-24

Committee Chair , Yuki Lei Sugimura
Committee Vice-Chair, Tasha Kama

Council of the County of Maui

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

Bill 8 (2024), Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget: Office of the Mayor (Administration Program)

Monday, February 5, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee:

My name is Amy Johnson and I am the Chief Development Officer for the Maui Family YMCA. I am submitting this written testimony in support of Bill 8 (2024), Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget: Office of the Mayor (Administration Program).

The appropriation of \$200,000 for Maui Family YMCA is part of a larger program that expands on the existing partnership established between Maui Family YMCA and Grow Some Good which transformed 1/4 acre into garden spaces with fruit trees, vegetables and other indigenous edibles.

The funding initiates work on a two acre parcel adjacent to the Y facility to create a sustainable, intergenerational community food forest that offers the benefits of horticultural therapy, educational opportunities, workshops, and social enterprise programs that serve underprivileged and disaster affected communities across Maui. Additionally, the program addresses critical wellness needs of the community, giving underserved and economically disadvantaged populations access to services promoting healthy lifestyle awareness and overall wellness.

Maui Family YMCA has been serving residents since 1960 and we are very appreciative of the support of the County of Maui and other public and private organizations. These funds will allow us to build on existing programs and create a sustainable and valuable asset for the community.

Sincerely,

Amy B. Johnson, Chief Development Officer
Maui Family YMCA
250 Kanaloa Avenue
Kahului, HI 96732



Maui County Council
Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
Tasha Kama

RE: Testimony in Support of Bill (4)

Aloha Chair Sugimura, Vice Chair Kama and members of the Committee,

The Construction Industry of Maui (CIM) would like to SUPPORT Bill 4 which amends the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget, Appendix A, Part II, Affordable Housing Fund, by adding new conditional language for the Kilohana Makai Project stating, "Up to \$4,929,088 must be for a grant to Aina Lani Pacific, LLC for on-site infrastructure for the Kilohana Makai project at TMK (2) 3-9-004:141, Kihei, Maui, Hawai'i."

Housing projects such as this are critical to our island community but face strong headwinds due to high interest rates, material cost increases and a deepening skilled trade deficit which has drastically increased labor costs. Whereas infrastructure is often the costliest portion of a housing project, this grant would be of great benefit for this project and the developer who has taken on a substantial risk to make affordable housing a reality for the people of Maui.

We applaud both the Council's willingness to appropriate these funds for this much needed project and Aina Lani Pacific, LLC for its inclination & tenacity to build affordable housing on Maui.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Michaels", written over a horizontal line.

Raymond Michaels
Vice Chair
Construction Industry of Maui



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VOICE OF BUSINESS

Maui County Council
Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Tasha Kama, Vice Chair
Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 4 (2024)

Aloha Chair Sugimura, Vice Chair Kama and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like to **SUPPORT Bill 4** which amends the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget, Appendix A, Part II, Affordable Housing Fund, by adding new conditional language for the Kilohana Makai Project stating "Up to \$4,929,088 must be for a grant to Aina Lani Pacific, LLC for on-site infrastructure for the Kilohana Makai project at TMK (2) 3-9-004:141, Kihei, Maui, Hawai'i."

Housing is a top priority for the Maui Chamber of Commerce and continues to be so as the crisis escalates following the wildfires and it directly impacts businesses and our economic revitalization. Before the wildfires, we needed over 10,000 units by 2025, but that number has only increased as 3% of our housing was lost in Lahaina. Urgent funding and strong political support are critical to have units built expeditiously as prices to build are continuing to increase.

This project has gotten a lot of support from the community. The developer is from Maui and is a Director of the Maui Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Chamber's Construction Industry of Maui trade council, which we wanted to note in the interest of full disclosure. That said, you will find our support of this housing project is in line with other housing projects we have supported over the last decade in our efforts to help meet the housing needs of our community.

The developer has already entered into contracts with the home buyers who were able to lock in lower interest rates at the time of contract. As you can see, the demand is there and people are ready to go.

Continuous delays on granting funding are part of the reason housing costs are so high. Let's get this project going sooner rather than later, please!

For these reasons we urge that **Bill 4 (2024) be passed** as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 11 (2024)

Aloha Chair Sugimura, Vice Chair Kama and members of the Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like to **SUPPORT Bill 11** which amends the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program, Grants and disbursements for business development and technology by: 1) reducing Sports and Events Promotion, Category B - Operations & Equipment and the Total by \$111,032 and to delete "for sporting events" after "student travel"; 2) reducing Technology in Business Promotion, Category B - Operations & Equipment and the Total by \$388,968; and 3) adding a new appropriation for "Hone Heke Corporation" in the amount of \$500,000."

The Chamber notes that Hone Heke is the parent corporation of Expeditions, which operates the Lana'i Ferry and is a longstanding member of the Maui Chamber of Commerce. The company lost their office, computers, services, and all records during the August 8 wildfires. As a result of losing their ability to load in Lahaina Harbor, Expeditions had to move their operations to the Maalaea Harbor. In order to facilitate faster operations, the ferry had to be moored in Maalaea Bay. A recent storm caused Expeditions 5 to come loose from the mooring and the boat was grounded on a reef. Thus, adding more expense to trying to perform a critical service the residents of Lana'i. The proposed funding would be used for equipment and operations costs to ensure ferry service is able to continue while additional funding is sought.

For these reasons we strongly urge that **Bill 11 (2024) be passed** as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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President

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