

## BF Committee

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My name is Malcolm Cooper. Due to parking issues, I missed the oral testimony this morning along with a few others here.

I'm speaking in support of Item BF-156(2) authorizing transfers to install new blocks at Lahaina Aquatic Center.

Working with coaches & Aquatics, I create the schedules for age group swim meets, and coordinate with diving, water polo, and high school sports creating the schedules for MAGSA (Maui Age Group Swim Assoc) and High School swimming (working with MIL AD's & Joe Balangatao) that get submitted to P&R. We hold 26 (HS & Age Group) swim meets per year. In the past, we could use Sakamoto, Lahaina, Pukalani, and Kihei pools and tried to distribute the meets island-wide.

With the loss of bulkheads at Sakamoto Pool 5 years ago, we lost many meets that could be held there. With the upcoming Pukalani closure, that's another 3 meets which will move to Kihei this year. And now with the blocks at Lahaina unsafe to use, ALL meets for High School and Age Group swimming will be at Kihei. Almost half the Saturdays will now result in closures until 2:00pm in Kihei shutting down water aerobics, some learn to swim classes, and open swimming in one community.

Aquatics purchased 8 blocks 2 years ago, arrived April 2017, which are not installed because there are no blocks available for purchase that fit the existing deck attachment footprint. The money is needed for 8 more blocks and their installation (structural concrete work on pool deck).

Thanks for your consideration and hope for your approval.

Aloha.

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