

EDB Committee

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To: EDB Committee
Cc: Shane M. Sinenci
Subject: Support for EDB-175 Kaupō School Restoration Project
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Please accept my attached letter in support of EDB-175 for fund infrastructure for the Kaupō School Restoration Project.

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Date: May 15, 2019

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SUBJECT: Please approve EDB – 175 to fund critical infrastructure for the Kaupō School Restoration Project.

Aloha,

I am writing today to ask for your support for EDB-175 which will help the Kaupō community install critical water, electrical, and septic system infrastructure—a key component of this small, rural community's effort to restore the Kaupō School property to serve as a community resource center.

Kaupō has a rich and long history where its celebrated landscape, nourished by the Ua Pe'epohaku rain, continues to bear evidence of the many generations that have lived upon this land. Kaupō is a cultural kīpuka that practitioners and local families continue to rely on for natural and subsistence resources.

We commend the Kaupō Community Association's endeavor to restore the school property with the greater goal of unifying and mobilizing the community to care for Kaupō's 'āina, kai, wai, mo'olelo, history, and unique way of life. Many Hāna residents have roots in Kaupō that continue to be nourished by the time we spend in this special place.

Once again, I urge you to approve EDB-175 and assist the Kaupō community in achieving both its short and long-term goals.

Mahalo,



Kauai Kanakaole
Executive Director, Ala Kukui
Kumu Hula, Hālau O Nakaulakuhikuhi