

PRL Committee

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Subject: Written Testimony - Waiehu Golf Course - PRL Committee Meeting - June 27, 2017
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Please find attached my written testimony for the subject PRL Committee meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017.

Thank you very much

Respectfully,

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TO THE MAUI COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, ENERGY, AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

**TESTIMONY OF CLIFTON M. HASEGAWA, PRESIDENT AND CEO
CLIFTON M. HASEGAWA & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

**TO THE HONORABLE DON GUZMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIR
THE HONORABLE KELLY T. KING, VICE CHAIR**

AND

MEMBERS OF THE MAUI COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, ENERGY, AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THE HONORABLE ALIKA ATAY

THE HONORABLE ROBERT CARROLL

THE HONORABLE ELLE COCHRAN

THE HONORABLE STACY CRIVELLO

THE HONORABLE RIKI HOKAMA

THE HONORABLE YUKI LEI T. SUGIMURA

THE HONORABLE MIKE WHITE

WAIIEHU GOLF COURSE

Dear PRL Chair Guzman, PRL Vice Chair King, Council Member Atay, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Cochran, Council Member Crivello, Council Member Hokama, Council Member Sugimura and Council Chair White,

Maui County Ordinance 13.16.040 provides,

Golf Course Special Fund

The proceeds from seed fees, playing fees, tournament fees, rental income and fees from golf course concessions shall be deposited into a golf course special fund, to be established on July 1, 1982.

These proceeds shall be used for the operation, maintenance, and timely improvement of the golf course, to that end that the golf course shall be self-supporting.

No moneys from the general fund shall be expended for these purposes, except that the council may supplement these proceeds by specific appropriations to the golf course fund. (Ord. 1807 §4, 1989: Ord. 1250 §2 (part), 1982)

County of Maui Budget Guidelines and Financial Policies, provides in part,

ENTERPRISE FUND The county's Enterprise Fund was established to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users such as water and golf.

Golf Fund – The Golf Fund was established to account for the proceeds of playing fees and for fees from golf course concessions (restaurant and pro shop). The revenue is expended for the operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the Waiehu Golf Course.

The following points are highlighted for your consideration,

1. There is no provision in the Maui County Code specifying an end date for the Waiehu Golf Course is to be self-supporting.
2. Mayor Alan Arakawa's concern as to the "red Ink" followed by the Mayor Arakawa's announcement to close the Waiehu Golf Course is but a "red flag", i.e., the Waiehu Golf Course serves no community purpose other than being a constant and consistent drain on Maui County General Revenues and is by Mayor Alan Arakawa an "unsatisfactory non-performer".
3. The County of Maui Budget Guidelines and Financial Polices provides, "As required by the County Charter, the Mayor must submit and the County Council must adopt a balanced budget. The County Charter defines a balanced budget as "the total estimated revenues (from taxes, fees and assessments, and other sources) shall equal the total appropriations (operating and capital expenditures)."
4. For ease and convenience Mayor Arakawa found that taking 1 big chunk (\$2M) by shutting down the Waiehu Golf Course is far simpler, less time consuming, requiring less thought and headache than taking time to fine tune, streamline and shave a few thousand dollars from the multitude of planed projects for Maui County . The projects will survive with less funding but injected therein will be an Executive Command, "Be efficient, on time, on schedule and within budget."

5. Calling the plenary session with golf experts from the State of Hawaii to explore innovative and creative ways to narrow the gap demonstrates overwhelming municipal, private and public support to self-sustain the Waiehu Golf Course.
6. The Waiehu Golf Course, a municipal course, cannot compare to private golf courses on Maui, across the State or of similar size on the Mainland. Higher green fees, amenities and shopping, elegant club houses, purveyors of culinary excellence and fine dining, and luxury establishments.
7. What's happening at KAUNOA should also be what's happening at WAIEHU GOLF COURSE. "The Best Years – Live, laugh, learn ... leave a legacy". Waiehu Golf Course is a place for seniors to meet, stay healthy. Waiehu Golf Course is a challenging place to play the game they love!
8. Is there a price tag, dollar value for life?
9. Life is most precious! Live life! Sustain life!
10. To pay forward a gift for a good healthy life is priceless!

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Aloha

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light pink background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Clifton M. Hasegawa".

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