

## **BFED Committee**

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Aloha BFED Committee:

On behalf of Councilmember Kama, please find attached written justification for her two priority proposals for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) as was discussed in yesterday's BFED Committee meeting. It was understanding that written justifications were desired to expedite the BFED Committee review of the priority proposals.

Thank you.

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## CM Kama Priority #2 – Line-Item Appropriation – Parents & Children Together (PACT)

My proposal is to add an additional appropriation of \$140,000 for Parents & Children Together (PACT) to provide additional support for victims of sex trafficking. This appropriation would be added to the Budget Details, page 9-31, Index Code 914310B, Sub-object 6317, “County Grant Subsidy.”

The program operated by PACT is only staffed by a part-time contractor who assists child victims of sex trafficking. That existing part-time counselor is fully engaged and will not be able to handle additional victim volumes that are expected as our community becomes more aware and willing to report sex trafficking.

The proposal would add two full time employees to PACT to assist with counseling of both child and adult victims. These employees would also help PACT with needed outreach, education and mentoring in our community, schools and with other agencies.

## CM Kama Priority #3 – Change in Line-Item Appropriation – Humane Society and Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF)

My proposal is to split the proposed appropriation of \$100,000 to Maui County Humane Society into two appropriations of \$50,000 each to Maui County Humane Society and the Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF) for the spay/neuter programs of the two grant recipients. This line item is found on page 349 of the Program Budget in the table of County Grant Subsidy.

Both organizations perform low- or no-cost spay/neuter operations on domestic animals (dogs and cats). The disruption caused by the COVID pandemic has placed the Human Society behind in meeting the demands of the community for this service. HARF has capacity but lacks the needed funding to deliver. By splitting the grant between the two organizations the County achieves greater capacity and redundancy in the provision of the service.