

Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, & Public Transportation Committee on 2025-08-07 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 08-07-25 09:00

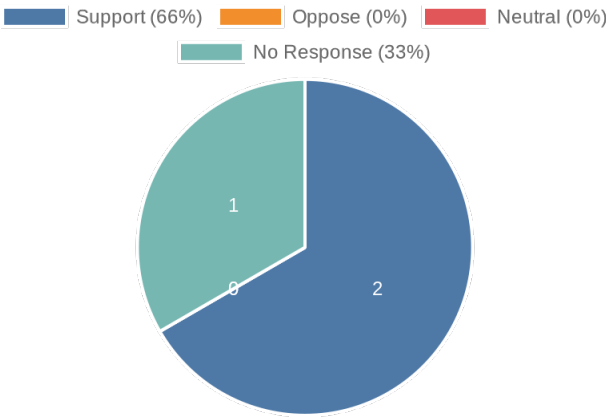
eComments Report

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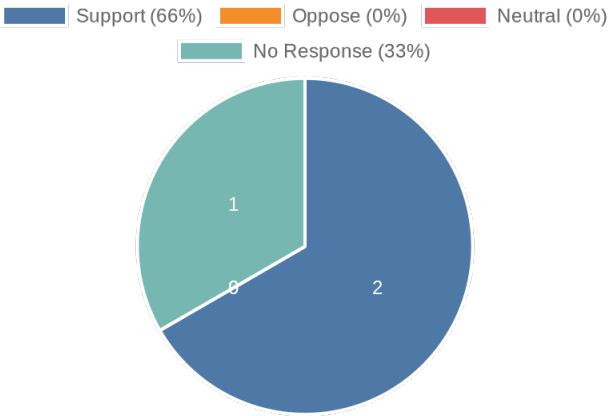
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	1	0	0	0
ADEPT-1(7) MAUI COUNTY FOOD SECURITY (ADEPT-1(7))	1	1	0	0
ADEPT-1(9) MAUI COUNTY BIOSECURITY (ADEPT-1(9))	1	1	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

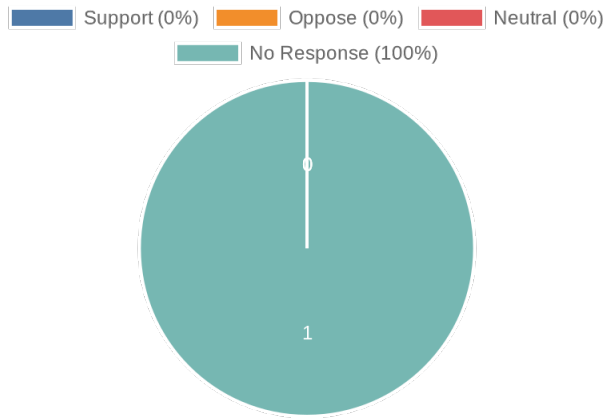
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 08-06-25

I am strongly in support of the adoption of the Maui County DoA's Food & Nutrition Security Plan. This plan's goals, objectives and actions reflect our community's greatest food security needs. Maui County is LONG overdue in investing in our community's food security with this clear roadmap. As federal funding cuts threaten our islands' food assistance programs, we need County investment in food access programs. This plan outlines a road map to food security and self sufficiency, and these actions need support and funding.

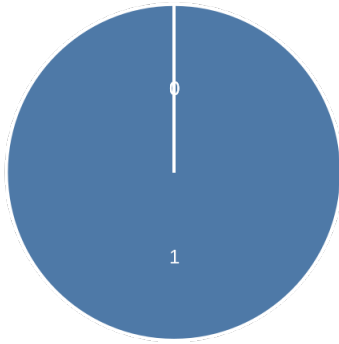
This plan gives Maui County and all of our food producers and organizations working to end hunger a collective mission and actionable steps to achieve food security together. We ask that Maui County and Council use this plan to guide the Council's work and investments, to ensure that our community's needs are front and center in their decision making.

Submitted by Suzanne Fields, Haiku, Maui

Long time volunteer in support of Maui Nui's efforts to support sustainable agriculture and the essential need to increase the production of locally grown food and the decrease in the need to import food.

Overall Sentiment

Support (100%) Oppose (0%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:29pm 08-06-25

Aloha nui k_kou,

My name is Hau_oli Kahaleuahi and I am a lifelong resident of East Maui, with my _ohana going back generations here. I am in support of this Plan, as the goals, objectives and actions in it reflect our greatest food and nutrition security needs in Maui County. During community-led listening sessions, which happened in my hometown of H_na and many other communities across Maui Nui, residents in each place were called to come together and provide their mana_o on the items that should be prioritized in this Plan. When initiatives are truly community led, reflecting voices of generational families, I believe we can take grounded action collectively because we are invested.

We have all witnessed federal funding cuts threatening food assistance programs in Hawai_i, so now is the time for deeper County investments in food access programs. This Plan already outlines a road map to food and nutrition security and self sufficiency; now these actions need support and funding.

Something I appreciate about this Plan is that it very intentionally includes diverse perspectives, successes and challenges from people operating across our food system in Maui County; there isn_t just one voice to be heard and listened to.

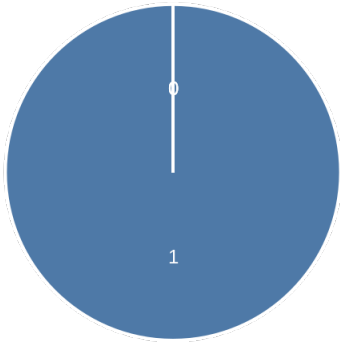
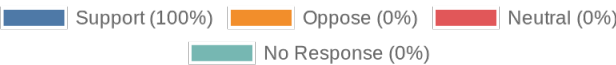
Many of us, if not all of us, have been involved in countless conversations surrounding food security... It_s time for action and this Plan outlines how we can start and what we can continue to do. We ask that Maui County and Council use this plan to guide the Council's work and investments, to ensure that our community's needs are front and center in their decision making.

Mahalo!

Hau_oli Kahaleuahi

Agenda Item: eComments for ADEPT-1(9) MAUI COUNTY BIOSECURITY (ADEPT-1(9))

Overall Sentiment



ADEPT Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 3:27pm 08-07-25

Testimony from Representative Kirstin Kahaloa



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

August 7, 2025

RE: SUPPORT for Agenda Item Related to HCR42 – County Biosecurity Plans

The Honorable Alice Lee
Chair, Maui County Council
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Honorable Council Members,

As former Committee Chair on Agriculture & Food Systems, I write in strong support of Agenda Item HCR 42—a House Concurrent Resolution encouraging each county in Hawaii, including Maui, to establish its own biosecurity plan tailored to local needs

Invasive species continue to pose urgent threats: degrading native habitats, endangering endemic species, and jeopardizing agricultural livelihoods and public health. HCR 42 responds by encouraging localized biosecurity planning—empowering each county to develop proactive, community-based strategies for early detection, rapid response, and invasive species mitigation.

Maui County's leadership in adopting a customized biosecurity plan will strengthen statewide coordination, support innovative and culturally appropriate strategies, and safeguard Maui's unique ecosystems and agricultural resilience. Through inter-county collaboration and partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity and the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, Maui can help shape a comprehensive, island-sensitive biosecurity model.

Mahalo for your consideration. I wholeheartedly support Maui County's engagement with HCR 42 and stand ready to assist in bringing this vision to fruition.

Mahalo,

Representative Kirstin Kahaloa
Majority Caucus Leader
Hawaii House of Representatives, District 6

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