

EDB Committee

From: Elisa Plauche <elisaonmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 12:23 PM
To: EDB Committee; bf.committee@mauicounty.us
Subject: 186 petition signatures in support of Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget
Attachments: 72 handwritten signatures support Coqui eradication Maui County.pdf; 114 online petition signatures supporting Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget.pdf

72 handwritten signatures + 114 online=186 petition signers support Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget



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Dear County Council,

Because the County Council has only supported Maui Invasive Species Committee with the minimal annual funding; the population of coqui frogs continues to pour out of Maliko Gulch into Haiku neighborhoods, forcing some residents who are not in the coqui boundary properties managed by MISC; to fend for themselves by using their own truck to borrow a 100 gallon sprayer from Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) and do the hard work of mixing and spraying multiple tanks of citric acid. Spraying our own properties is expected of us because MISC is underfunded and overwhelmed with trying to control the Coquis that are in Maliko Gulch with it's conservative estimation of 300,000 Coqui frogs, the boundaries of Haiku's coqui infested areas, and all new coqui infestations as well. MISC can no longer regularly spray all coqui infested properties, and lacks funding to chase after the Coqui frogs that literally hitch hike on cars all over Maui. For example, my new housemate works 32 miles away at Puamana Condominiums in Lahaina. Within a few weeks after he moved to my property bordering Maliko Gulch property, Puamana Condominiums had to remove a banana patch to get rid of the coqui frogs that had hitchhiked there. I also accidentally took a Coqui from home to Wailuku, and saw it on my side window after driving 15 miles from home! It is only a matter of time before these frogs spread to Hana where I and others go regularly. I recently was selling one of my cars and had driven it from Haiku to Walmart 12 miles away, and left it there for tire repairs; four days later I opened the hood to show it to a potential buyer and there was still a living coqui under the hood of my car!

Coqui Frogs are a health hazard because the chirp of one single coqui is so loud, (95 decibels) that a few coqui (density reaches 36,000 Coqui per acre) can cause noise induced hearing loss. My hearing loss is in the form of tinnitus ie I now have ringing in both my ears 24 hours per day 7 days per week. I say "what?" and make others repeat what they said in nearly every conversation. This started after the infestation of Coqui frogs of my entire neighborhood. I must use silicone ear plugs to sleep at night but my evenings are noise filled with the Coqui chorus. My family and I now must use the closed caption features on our television and we speak loudly, like near deaf people. This is now the point of no return where our elected officials will either choose to care about Maui residents and future generations auditory health, or they will be the legislatures that failed to act in time therefore condemning Maui's future residents to sleep loss and hearing loss.

Please save Maui before it is too late like Big Island!

Sincerely,

Elisa Plauche

85 Kilikina Place

PO Box 1336, Haiku HI, 96708

(808) 870-3861

Stop Spread of Invasive Coqui

Petition by Elisa Plauche

Maui County Council needs to stop the spread of the invasive Coqui frog by giving Maui Invasive Species Committee the funds they request annually to eradicate Maui of this deafening frog whose populations continue to expand due to the Maui County Councils previous and current policy of funding Maui Invasive Species Committee on a Too Little Too Late policy. We demand a peaceful future for Maui with no Coqui frogs keeping us from sleeping nights.

PETITION BACKGROUND

Coqui frogs' loud call can cause hearing loss, inability to have conversations, lack of sleep, etc., and are still imported in potted plants. One coqui frog chirps at 95 decibels and with no snakes to control their numbers, the spread of coquis will continue and the density (reaching 10-20,000 per acre) of the coqui frog population will ruin Maui for all residents unless Maui County Council stops ignoring the seriousness of the issue and funds Maui Invasive Species Committee the full eradication budget needed over the next 5+ years.

*please see attached 72 handsigned signatures
and ~~etc~~ 114 online signatures totaling 186
72 + 114 = 186 signers*

Dear Maui County Council,

12/13/18

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming this statement:

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- 1 PHIL CLARK 122 LAAN KEA PE HAIKU, HI 12-13-18
- 2 ARTURO WESLEY 230 WAIAMA, HAIKU
- 3 Catherine Clark 575-9973 12.13.18
- 4 Kalani Clark 122 Laankea Pl, Haiku 808-868-3936
- 5 Barbara Wegener Umi Pl 808 264-2021
- 6 Mira Schneider Umi Pl 4352601767
- 7 Paul Knicker Haiku HI 5736952
- 8 Paul Deslauriers Haiku 808-264-3536
- 9 Paul Emery Haiku 870 4732 12/13/18
- 10 Becky Erickson Haiku 250-3575 12/13/18
- 11 Nori Hubbs Haiku 283 6969
- 12 Ken Findison Haiku 283-2357

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13	Bryan Berkowicz	Haiku	Makawao	12/13/18
14	John Molligan		Haiku	12/13/18
15	Donald Hartley	Haiku	Dan Hartley	12/13/18
16	Stephen Kroon	Haiku		12/13/18
17	Keith Purgis		Maunaloa	12/13/18
18	Alena Danskikh	Haiku		12/13/18
19	DAVID BAGDA	Haiku		12/13/18
20	Jeff Russell	Haiku		12/13/18
21	Lee Hoxie	Haiku		12/13/18
22	Joanne Vasquez	Haiku		12.13.18
23	Richard Cadeload	Haiku		12/13/18
24	Robert Hutton	Haiku		12/13/18
25	Sally Irwin	Haiku		12/13/18
26	Karen Openick	Haiku		12/13/18
27	Dan McEvoy	Haiku		12/13/18

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28	Lee Majorow	Haiku	12/13/18
29	Stefano	Haiku	12/13/18
30	Ken Kleid	Makawao	"
31	Stefano	STEFANO SEGRE	HAIKU 12/13/18
32	Kathleen Alexander	Kth Alexander	Haiku 12/13/18
33	RICHARD PETERSON	RTP	HAIKU "
34	Marsid Tolman	Clay Ridge	Haiku 12/13/18
35	David DeLeon	David DeLeon	Haiku 12/13/18
36	PATRICK FRANTZ	Patrick Frantz	Haiku 12/13/18
37	Elizabeth Keller	Elizabeth Keller	Haiku 12/13/18
38	Brent Esponda	Brent Esponda	Haiku 12/13/18
39	JOHN ANDREWS	John Andrews	Haiku 12/13/18
40	JEAN NEHLS	HAIKU	12/13/18
41	DAVID NEHLS	Haiku	12/13/18
42	Ralf Safford	Haiku	12/13/18

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43	BA Aye RAJAN	Haiku,	12/13/18
44	Brandie Calina	Haiku	12-13-18
45	Lawrence Calne	Haiku	12-13-18
46	Scott Chork	Haiku	12-13-18
47	Cheryl Mulligan	Haiku	12-13-18
48	Steve Forman	Haiku	12-13-18
49	Steve Orwig	Haiku	12-13-18
50	Dale Ann Chappell	Haiku	12-13-18
51	Beth Chin-Chavella	Kehei	12-13-2018
52	Paul Taylor	Wakaipoa	12-13-18
53	Moani Wagner	Haiku	12-13-2018
54	JP	Haiku	12-13-2018
55	John Phelps	Haiku	12-13-2018

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57	Keith Brown	Haiku	12/13/18
58	Nancy P. Brown	Haiku	12/13/18
59	Ray Mayson	Haiku	12/13/18
60	Norman CLARK	Haiku	12/13/18
61	Adam Gunnison	Haiku	12/13/18
62	Judy A. Doucette	Haiku	12/13/18
63	Roan Brown	Haiku	12/13/2018
64	Mary Ann Gerry	Haiku	12/13/2018
65	John Gerry	Haiku	12/13/2018
66	Miles Plauche	Haiku	12/13/2018

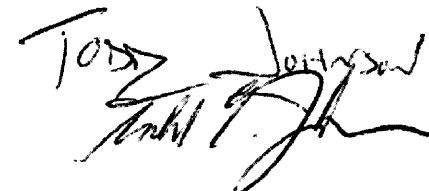
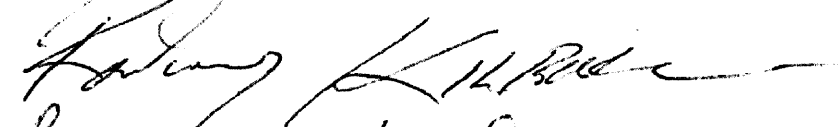
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- 67  Haha 12-13-18
- 68 Lantana Haka
Haha 12-13-18
- 69 Holly Haka 12-13-18 Malala!
- 70 Bryan Takahashi Haha 12-13-18
- 71 
- 72 Barbara Kline

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Betty Honey
Haiku, HI 96708
Feb 23, 2019

Sailer
Haiku, HI 96708
Feb 23, 2019

Seiderer
Haiku, HI 96708
Feb 23, 2019

Mark Williams
Paia, HI 96779
Dec 24, 2018

Need to eradicate these creatures from Maui now. We do not want them destroying our native habitat.

Scott Shapiro
Kihei, HI 96753
Dec 23, 2018

tyler lausten
Watsonville, CA 95076
Dec 23, 2018

Joelle Lambiotte du Lac
Paia, HI 96779
Dec 22, 2018

Koni
Portland, OR 97236
Dec 22, 2018

Paul Janes-Brown
Pukalani, HI 96788-0622
Dec 22, 2018

I already hear their chirps coming from upper Maliko gulch...

victoria leo
makawao, HI 96768
Dec 22, 2018

ralf sifford
paia, HI 96779
Dec 21, 2018

Karl Rohlfing
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 21, 2018

Susan Krebs
Van Nuys, CA 91401
Dec 20, 2018

You just watch, the county will use deadly poisons to kill the Coqui and then contaminate Maui even more and harm many more people and animals. Get ready for some cancer!

Rebecca Sydney

Dec 19, 2018

Joe Williams
Pukalani, Fa 96768
Dec 19, 2018

Barbara Bezdicek
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 19, 2018

JR Anderson
Scarsdale, NY 10583
Dec 19, 2018

Pam Spicer
Turin, NY 13473
Dec 19, 2018

Susie Luyet
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 19, 2018

Stella J Livingston
Elmwood, Berkeley, CA 94705
Dec 19, 2018

Heidi Cramer
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 18, 2018

They cause hearing loss!!

Nalani Clark
Haiku, HI 96708-5661
Dec 18, 2018

These frogs do not belong on Maui, and they are quickly spreading and multiplying.

mary keller
Paia, HI 96779
Dec 18, 2018

We still have a possibility of stopping the coqui frogs from spreading to all of Maui and losing all control of situation. Tourists DO NOT want to hear them nor do the citizens in affected areas. This situation in Haiku needs more money ASAP. THANK YOU

Elizabeth Keller
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 18, 2018

Judith Levy
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 18, 2018

Tiare Lee
Kula, HI 96790
Dec 17, 2018

Ross Dagley
Dec 17, 2018

Jenna dorius
Dec 17, 2018

This important issue must be addressed now.

Arden Sell
Pukalani, HI 96768
Dec 16, 2018

Holly Gates
Honolulu, HI 96822
Dec 16, 2018

Please do not put this issue on the back burner or the entire Island will be infested! Take a trip to Hilo and you will understand just how bad this issue is.

Leon W. Grant
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 16, 2018

Going to have to work with the State on this, before it's too late.

Pamela LaVarre
HAIKU, HI 96708-5989
Dec 16, 2018

john gerry
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 16, 2018

It's not just the noise, but also the devastating effect on plant nurseries. Help our farmers. They can not afford an infestation that will put them out of business if they can not ship their products. Thank you for helping our community with all your hard work and now extra funding for this problem.

Gina Flammer
Kula, HI 96790
Dec 15, 2018

Helen
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 15, 2018

Kolette Gunnison
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Leanne Williams
Pukalani, HI 96768
Dec 15, 2018

Donna Jones

Dec 15, 2018

Robin Pilus
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 15, 2018

THEY JUST STARTED MOVING ON TO MY PROPERTY A FEW MONTHS AGO. tHIS IS THE TIME TO STOP THEM

tom bridge
haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Carlo vitale
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Nancy Pechner
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

It will affect property values and tourism.

Rob van Nood
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

These will eventually spread across the island if not contained soon. Definitely a material negative impact on property values.

Margaret Stumpp
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Stephen kroon
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Kathy McDonald
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Alison Bridge
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

mahalani jaeger
Pukalani, HI 96768
Dec 15, 2018

Kathleen MacIsaac
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 15, 2018

Invasive species cause myriad problems. Please protect fragile environments up front. We only have one Maui.

Julie Evans
Tucson, AZ 85730
Dec 15, 2018

Ruby Deutsch
Kihei, HI 96753
Dec 15, 2018

Sam Small
Makawao, Fa 96768
Dec 15, 2018

Dominick gambino
Makawao, HI 96778
Dec 15, 2018

Don't sign me up for other notifications!!!

Judy Epstein
Lahaina, HI 96761
Dec 15, 2018

Lucia Maya
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 15, 2018

Adam Knox
Wailuku, HI 96793
Dec 14, 2018

Hattie Gerrish
Paauilo, HI 96776
Dec 14, 2018

Sharon Toutant Daniels
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Carol Yamato
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Lee Ann Macdonald
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Greta Kailiehu
Makawao, Fa 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Steven Noufer
WAILUKU, HI 96793-1608
Dec 14, 2018

Leslie Kim

Dec 14, 2018

Jane a Schumacher
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 14, 2018

jessica bodner
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Aaron Kogan
HAIKU, HI 96708
Dec 14, 2018

Please Fund MISC at an adequate level so they can fully address the coqui challenges we're facing!

Dale B Bonar
Pukalani, HI 96788
Dec 14, 2018

I live on Lemi Place off of Kokomo and can hear the coqui on Kokomo between Haupoa and Haiku. Pretty significant.

Carol Simmons
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 14, 2018

nancy Sulenta
Pukalani, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Impossible to live with when the numbers start to multiply.

Marjorie Bonar
Pukalani, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Licia Sakamoto
Kula, HI 96790
Dec 14, 2018

Carla Hess
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Kathleen Medeiros

Dec 14, 2018

Linda Sola
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Laura A Straight
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Chris smichals
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 14, 2018

Antoinette M Davis
object:741, HI 96768
Dec 14, 2018

Thank you, we are starting to hear them in Pukalani also

Sarah R Davis
Pukalani, HI 96788
Dec 14, 2018

Jane
Mililani, HI 96789
Dec 14, 2018

Dana Hartley
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 14, 2018

MUST BE STOPPED NOW!!

Russell Jones
Pahoa, HI 96778-1711
Dec 13, 2018

Need immediate action!

CLAUDIA WEHI KALAOLA
Hana, HI 96713
Dec 13, 2018

keith powers
MAKAWAO, HI 96768
Dec 13, 2018

The time to act is now.

Richard E. Duggan
Kaneohe, HI 96744
Dec 13, 2018

Barbara McIntosh
VOLCANO, HI 96785
Dec 13, 2018

Pete Wilson
Pahoa, HI 96778-8327
Dec 13, 2018

The address above is my mailing address, I live in Nahiku.

Greg Wilson
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 13, 2018

We still have time to get ahead of this invasive species - we must act now!

Beth Ekdahl
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 13, 2018

The coqui frog is a serious problem and it is not too late to keep working at its eradication on Maui. On the Big Is. it is too late. I lived in Luquillo rainforest in Puerto Rico as an ornithologist for 3.5 years in the 1960s, where the coqui is native. The noise was horrendous!!! Parts of the Big Is. are similar. Please help Maui Invasive Species Committee with funding. They are an excellent, very dedicated organization who spend the money wisely. Aloha, Angela

Angela Kay Kepler
Haiku, HI 96708-1298
Dec 13, 2018

Herman L. Kaauamo
Haiku, HI 96708-9704
Dec 13, 2018

Elvin Kamoku
Kula, HI 96790
Dec 13, 2018

Think about it The only reason you have not heard them in your yard is they haven't got there yet. Please dont let tthis happen to Maui.

Katharine Popenuk

haiku, HI 96708
Dec 13, 2018

Melody Cosma-Gonsalves
Hana, HI 96713
Dec 13, 2018

Leihulu Oliveira
Dec 13, 2018

Amy Yamada
Dec 13, 2018

Please give Maui Invasive Species the funds needed to stop the spread of coqui frogs on Maui. We don't want Maui to end up like the Big Island!

Romaine Kauai Oliveira
Hana, HI 96713
Dec 13, 2018

Kimberly Pease
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 13, 2018

Sarah Bower
Wailuku, HI 96793
Dec 13, 2018

Dorothy Powers Fonsca
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 13, 2018

Sam Small
Makawao, HI 96768
Dec 13, 2018

Billy Jalbert
Paia, HI 96779
Dec 13, 2018

Cheri C
Dec 11, 2018

Scott Corderman
Kahului, HI 96732
Dec 11, 2018

I've visited friends whose Haiku homes are surrounded by coqui frogs and their loud calls completely dominate the night. I couldn't bear the noise they're forced to endure nightly. Please help us to stop them before they take over the island!

Daniel Collins
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 10, 2018

MISC needs more than the current funding, because if the current funding was enough, obviously, we would've gotten rid of the frogs by now.

DARRELL TANAKA
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 10, 2018

Coqui frogs are rapidly spreading and can reduce property values, not to mention the loud noise! Funding needs to be tripled! Mahalo!

Mary Villanueva
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 10, 2018

Time now for action!! Please let's stop the coqui before it is too late.

shiela kawaiaea
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 10, 2018

Tom Kowalick
Kihei, Fa 96753-8931
Dec 10, 2018

Karen Notley
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 9, 2018

William Rice
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 9, 2018

MISC needs more money and manpower before These frogs overtake Maui, like they have on the big island.

Barbara Kline
HAIKU, HI 96708
Dec 9, 2018

cheryl mulligan
haiku, HI 96708

Dec 9, 2018

PLEASE STOP THE COQUIS!!!!

Daniel Owen
Haiku, HI 96708
Dec 9, 2018

Elisa Plauche
Haiku, HI 96708
Feb 5, 2018

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From: Beth Humphrey (via Google Docs) <lhescounseling@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 3:13 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Humphrey Student Template Testimony
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Beth Humphrey has attached the following document:



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ATTN: EDB-1.

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Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Beth Humphrey and I am a member of MEDB's STEMworks Program at Lanai High & Elementary School. Thank you all and the Office of Economic Development for the continued support of our future. I am here tonight in support of MEDB's STEM programs. I have been an educator and parent in the MEDB STEMworks program for over 6 years. Through STEMworks, I have been exposed to the latest technologies and software such as esri arc gis, movie making, auto cad, aquaponics, summer internships for students, industry professionals and the annual STEM Conference. Since working with industry and community members the Lanai Water Company and Pulama Lana'i to help solve a problem and improve our community. For example, I helped worked with students who created an arc gis app to geo locate fire hydrants that the fire station, real estate agents, new home buyers, and Pulama Lanai Water Co use for the community and with customers.

In addition to supporting valuable technical skills, MEDB's programs allows students to learn about different career opportunities that exist in our state. By providing resources such as industry trainings, resources reflecting our local Hawaii job market, networking opportunities for students to talk story with STEM professionals to learn valuable advice and gain insight into the rewarding career opportunities in their respective fields, and internship and mentorship opportunities so that students can be fully immersed in a professional environment and gain an understanding of what different careers really entail.

As an educator and parent, these programs have personally helped my students and children gain confidence in their abilities to collaborate, work successfully on a team, problem solve, work with industry grade tools and technologies, and help prepare for my future. My desire is for STEMworks through MEDB to be supported for many more students statewide to be given experiences and opportunities that they may not be able to participate in due to their lack of financial means or due to rural isolation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of MEDB's STEM initiatives.

EDB Committee

From: Gary Marks <marksland77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 9:10 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: My requests / concerns

Hello Council,

Please note my requests and concerns to keep our community beautiful:

1. Road repairs need to be done on South Kihei Rd between the boat ramp and the beach park, about 100 yards north of the ramp. This part of the road has too many ruts and divots and is causing cars to try to avoid the rough parts of the road.

2. Traffic in general in Kihei is getting more congested. Especially in two parts of town:

A. The Piilani Hwy heading north from a quarter mile before Lipoa until past the Safeway shopping center.

B. South Kihei Rd from Wailea where I live, all the way to and beyond Dolphin Plaza.

Please try to take this into consideration when approving future development plans. If you cannot comfortably accommodate the existing residents and hotel guests on these roads during non-holiday periods, please try to not make things worse in the future by overbuilding and making traffic worse.

Thanks,
Gary Marks
Wailea resident

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From: Geori-Anne Ornellas <GeoriAnne.Ornellas@imua.ksbe.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 3:53 PM
To: Riki Hokama; EDB Committee
Cc: Lalaine Pasion
Subject: ATTN: EDB-1 – Lanai Testimony
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Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to help my community and help me find my dream career! I support the programs and believe that it is a positive change for this community as it greatly impacted my life!

Sincerely,

Geori-Anne Ornellas

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Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Geori-Anne Ornellas and I was apart of MEDB's STEMworks Program from Lāna'i. Thank you all and the Office of Economic Development for the continued support of our future. I am here tonight in support of MEDB's STEM programs. I was a participant in the MEDB STEMworks program in the summer of 2018 and was given the opportunity to intern at the Lāna'i Community Health Center. Through STEMworks, I have been exposed to the latest technologies and software that are used throughout medicine, such as eClinicalWorks, which is used to digitize the communication and workflow between a physician's office and the rest of healthcare so that doctors could communicate efficiently. The exposure to different technology and software between different careers are making a tremendous impact on our community and also gave me a chance to explore my differences.

In addition to supporting valuable technical skills, MEDB's programs allows students to learn about different career opportunities that exist in our state. By providing resources such as industry trainings, resources reflecting our local Hawaii job market, networking opportunities for students to talk story with STEM professionals to learn valuable advice and gain insight into the rewarding career opportunities in their respective fields, and internship and mentorship opportunities so that students can be fully immersed in a professional environment and gain an understanding of what different careers really entail.

As a student, these programs have personally helped me gain confidence in my abilities to collaborate, work successfully on a team, problem solve, work with industry grade tools and technologies, and help prepare for my future. My dream is to enlist in the Coast Guard and pursue a career in the medical field to provide emergency healthcare services and daily medical care for Coast Guard personnel and their families. The MEDB'S STEMworks program has allowed me to discover this dream by giving me the opportunity to explore the many careers that this world has to offer!

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of MEDB's STEM initiatives.

EDB Committee

From: NAHIKU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION <ncamaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 1:19 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: d.kahookele@icloud.com; Harold Kekahuna; corinna kekahuna; Cheryl Kekahuna
Subject: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI
Attachments: 2019 budget testimony.pdf

Aloha, Budget Chair Keani Rawlins- Fernandez and Council Members of the County Of Maui.

Please see attached budget testimony for meeting April 5, 2019 at Hana Community Center.

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NAHIKU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (EDB-1)

April 1, 2019

Aloha Council Chair King & Councilmembers of the Maui County Council,

I am Kamalu Kaho`okele, President and Founder of the Nahiku Community Association. I am presenting written testimony today on EDB-1.

Nahiku Community Center

As most of you have already read on this project item that is currently in the PSLU Committee in reference to the building of the Nahiku Community Center in lower Nahiku Maui. I am humbly asking this council to re appropriate the funds that was allocated for this project since 2012 budget moving in to the 2018 budget and matching funds that the State of Hawaii funds appropriated of \$250,000 that was match by the Maui County council in 2012. This project should have been completed in 2013 as you all may know due to the default of the awardee to the County of Maui this project its permits, plans and process went from a minor SMA to Major SMA due the cost inflation of this project of which is in an approximate 2 million dollar+ price tag over the lag in years form a 680,000.00 project. I would like to see this project become to full fruition as it has been a long awaited for and ask for your support on funding to have this County Facility built.

Please also consider funding appropriations for the Nahiku Area are as follows:

Public works County Of Maui to install culverts and resurface the lower Nahiku road, along with necessary road signage and guard rails/drainage that are needed in areas on the roadway.

DWS water supply to install new water lines and upgrade water tank bypass system in lower Nahiku as well as manage the aqueduct system that feeds into DWS system.

County Parks, provide adequate park staff and equipment for cleaning and maintenance at the Nahiku Community center site relieve county of any public liabilities.

Full support on funding appropriations for the Na Kupuna and Disabled services for East Maui, MEO, Dialysis center, Hale Hulu Mamo, Ohana Makamae.

Thank you for your consideration and please pardon me about the Ahupua`a specific NAHIKU because HANA outreach communities seems to be left out of the many appropriations historically and we are just wanting to be part of the HANA district budget considerations and fund allocations.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your consideration in this 2019/2020 budget deliberations,

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EDB Committee

From: Lindsey Gomez <lindseykg27@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 1:57 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Testimony for Wailuku Civic Hub

Hello,

My name is Lindsey Gomez and I have been living on Maui for the past 20 years. I am writing to oppose the proposal of the Wailuku Civic Hub, which is estimated to cost around \$80 million to the taxpayers.

Though I see the necessity of revitalizing Wailuku Town and working on much-needed infrastructure updates, I cannot agree with a massive commercial development that will end up either gentrifying the town or massively failing and wasting tax-payer money. Either way, this structure does not serve to benefit the average resident of Maui and is a blatant misuse of county money, especially with the current housing crisis we are having. Mayor Victorino's support of this project only serves to show that he is out of touch with what Maui residents truly need. A structure like this is an outright shameful use of county money that is badly needed in other areas.

Also, having the one and only opportunity to testify in person on a MONDAY morning at 9am is not fair to the majority of residents who have to work during that time to make a living. Why is this project being pushed without giving the citizens of Maui a chance to actually participate in the planning process. It just goes to show that this is not a development being made to benefit Maui citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration on this very important issue.

Lindsey Gomez

EDB Committee

From: Michael Rodby <mike@rodby.org>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 3:42 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: 'Gerry Smith'
Subject: EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board

Dear Maui County,

I would like to put a good word in for Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB). MEDB has consistently supported small business here on Maui, and I appreciate the work that they have done. They have sponsored Startup Weekend multiple times, which I attended and got a lot out of. They also have sponsored several Maui Techies Meetup meetings, where local people who are technically oriented get together to renew old friendships, make new ones, and make contacts that could result in local people doing business with each other. One of those meetings was about how to bring in funding from off island, which makes the business environment here even better. I have received many emails from them about other events they have sponsored, but my schedule has kept me from participating. I am sure that those who did participate in those other events also got as much out of them as I have gotten out of the meetings I have participated in.

Please keep up MEDB's funding, so they can continue to do such excellent work.

Aloha,
Michael Rodby
The Scope of Things
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EDB Committee

From: Scott Crawford <scott@aloha.net>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 10:49 AM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: Shane M. Sinenci; Dawn Lono; Gina M. Flammer; Mavis I. Medeiros; John O'Hara
Subject: invitation to visit Maka'alaе and Mokae lands

Aloha Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee.

On behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i and the Hana community, we would like to extend an invitation for you to visit the Mokae and Maka'alaе lands that are included in the mayor's proposed Open Space fund budget.

We understand that you already have a site visit in Nahiku scheduled on Friday afternoon, April 5, prior to your committee hearing in Hana. Nevertheless, we wanted to extend this invitation in case you might have time to come a bit earlier, or have time after the Nahiku stop, for a site visit in Mokae and Maka'alaе. The site visit would not need to take more than half an hour, as we could drive into the property and give you a quick view of the areas we seek to protect.

If you are unable to make a site visit on April 5th, then we would like to extend an open invitation for the committee and any of its members who would like to visit the property at your convenience.

We understand that you are very busy during this budget period, but we would very much appreciate an opportunity to share with you this sacred 'aina and why the community is working so hard to protect and conserve it for the benefit of the people of Maui and future generations.

Mahalo,

Scott Crawford John "Irish" O'Hara
Chair Vice-Chair

EDB Committee

From: Bob King <bking@biodiesel.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 7:59 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Testimony on Budget Fuel Tax
Attachments: Testimony CoM Fuel Tax.pdf

EDB - Please see attached testimony:

Robert King

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RE: County Fuel Tax Rates

The Mayor's budget includes a change for road tax rates for biodiesel only. Pacific Biodiesel is in support of adequate funding for road maintenance, yet taxing the renewable fuel sector seems to be moving backwards, not forward. There are many strategies to fully fund road maintenance, and we are ready to discuss options. A few that make sense:

1. Increase the biodiesel tax rate at the same amount as an increase to the fossil fuel tax rate. For example add \$.02 per gallon to biodiesel and increase the fossil fuel tax the same \$.02. This will raise significantly more income for the County at this time. Over the years, as biodiesel becomes most of the fuel tax base, the rate for biodiesel would be similar to the current rate for fossil diesel and fossil diesel at that time would be \$.16 per gallon more.
2. Mandate a percentage of biodiesel mixture in all fossil diesel fuel sold in Maui County. The percentage would increase yearly until our 100% renewable goals are reached. With a mandate as the incentive, the tax break is not necessary.

Raising the tax on biodiesel without a long-term strategy may cause an immediate decrease in renewable fuel consumption. Please consider our local and global economy and environment. Let's keep moving towards a greener future.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert O. King".

Robert King, Pres.
Pacific Biodiesel Technologies

EDB Committee

From: Joy Galatro <jgalatro@biodiesel.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 8:00 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: TESTIMONY related to proposed tax on biodiesel
Attachments: Testimony 4-1-19.pdf

Please see attached written testimony. Mahalo.

Joy Galatro

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April 1, 2019

Maui County Council
Attn: Economic Development & Budget Committee
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RE: Pacific Biodiesel Strongly Opposes The Biodiesel Tax in The Mayor's Proposed FY 2020 Budget for the County of Maui

Hawaii was the first state in the nation to mandate being powered by 100% renewable energy. Additionally, all of the State's Mayors committed last year to a shared goal of 100% renewable ground transportation by the same timeline of 2045. Biodiesel is an important, integral part of the renewables mix in our state. That's why it is perplexing and disappointing to – once again this year – see a proposal for an on-road fuel tax to biodiesel. *What does this say about the County of Maui's commitment to renewables?*

The Mayor is proposing a 12-cent per gallon on-road tax for Biodiesel in the County's 2020 fiscal year budget. Currently there is no on-road tax for biodiesel thanks to the County Council approving a 100% exemption of the tax in the FY 2019 Budget.

Pacific Biodiesel is **strongly against** this tax for these key reasons:

- **In a state committed to renewables, this tax sends the wrong message – it's taxing the solution (renewable fuels).** There is no proposed increase to the 23-cent per gallon on-road tax for gasoline or petroleum diesel in the Mayor's FY 2020 Budget. However, biodiesel – a 100% renewable, biodegradable, non-toxic, locally made fuel – would be taxed at a HIGHER rate than Liquefied Petroleum Gas – a fossil fuel.
- **All renewables need to be treated equally.** We recommend maintaining the 100% tax exemption on biodiesel until an equitable on-road tax strategy for all renewables is developed – to keep moving forward towards more renewables in the system in a fair manner.
- **This significant tax increase would be extremely detrimental** to our business and would penalize our customers who are doing the right thing by choosing to drive on renewables.

Councilmembers, we need your help to ensure Maui County maintains its support of renewable fuels and continues to support Climate Change solutions. Please stand with us as we stand up for locally made, sustainable, community-based biodiesel that helps Maui County and our entire state fight climate change and achieve a clean energy future! **We urge you to vote to amend the proposed increase of 12-cents per gallon tax on biodiesel back to zero.**

Sincerely,

Joy Galatro
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