

EDB Committee

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Subject: Re: Testimony for 6/4/20- Lauren Loor
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My apologies that is the wrong testimony- please see the correct version attached. Thanks!

Best, \
Lauren Loor, MPH, INHC



On Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 9:08 AM Lauren Loor <lauren.loor@gmail.com> wrote:
Aloha!

Please see testimony for the EDB Committee meeting 6/4/20. My apologies for the late testimony, I could not stay on the call. Mahalo!

Best,
Lauren Loor, MPH, INHC



6/4/20

Aloha members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Lauren Loor and I am submitting testimony for item EDB- 87 Maui County Grant Procedures. I am in support of this legislation to create a simpler grant process for Maui County Grants; this will help smaller nonprofits gain more access to resources. Many small organizations and nonprofits struggle with finding funding and resources to be able to do work in the community. The more access to funding and resources that is sustainable, the more jobs we can create to increase capacity to do community work.

As someone who works in the nonprofit sector, it is difficult to find funding that can elevate the projects I am working on. I often find myself searching and applying for grants that are either too little an amount or way too large and have complicated application processes, timely reporting schedules and reimbursement processes that make it unappealing to apply. Most of the time these grants are also from funding sources that cannot relate to the project or the community the proposed project would benefit.

By simplifying the process and reducing administrative red tape for smaller grants, smaller organizations and nonprofits would be more inclined to apply for county grants. This will also help increase capacity for organizations, build relationships with community work and the county, which will ultimately benefit the community.

Please support this legislation to create a simpler grant process for Maui County grants to create more access to funding and resources for community organizations. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Lauren Loor

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