

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee on 2022-04-19 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 04-19-22 09:00

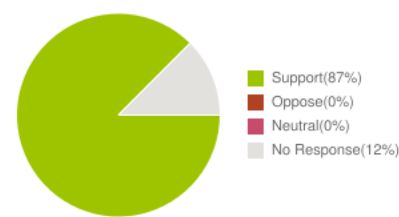
eComments Report

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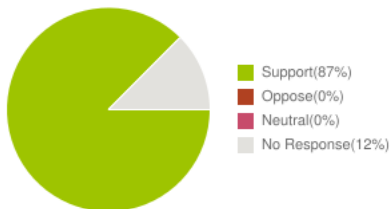
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	5	5	0	0
BFED-1 Reso 22-80 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)	2	1	0	0
BFED-80 Bill 62 (2022) BILL 62 (2022), SHORT-TERM RENTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS (BFED-80)	1	1	0	0

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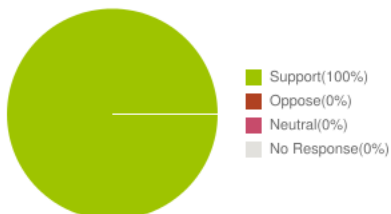
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 04-19-22

Aloha Councilmembers,

I humbly ask for your support of L_na_i K_n__ole's request to plan, design, and permit an adult day care facility on L_na_i. Our elder care services are quite limited and there are no adult day care/health services available on island.

Having spent her entire life on L_na_i, my mother turns 92 next month. She needs help with daily living tasks and right now my family and I have the capacity to help her. If her needs increase I will need to quit my job and take care of her full-time. There are others in the community that are in a similar situation.

It is a privilege to care for her and we are blessed to have her in our lives. Having a place that she could go to during the day where we know she would be well taken care of provides a much needed option should we need

it. Please support an adult day care facility on L_na_i. I appreciate your consideration.

Mahalo,
Diane Preza
L_na_i resident

Bonney Esbensen

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 04-19-22

I am a 27 year resident of South Maui. My name is Bonney Esbensen. Please support Maui County Councilmember Kelly King's proposal that the Fiscal Year 2023 budget includes \$9.5 million to build the M_'alaea Wastewater Reclamation System. It is time to replace M_'alaea's outdated injection wells with Membrane Bioreactors. It is time to prioritize the continued well-being of residents on land and sea, for Maui's future. Please welcome 21st century technology to reverse the pollution of our ocean in M_'alaea. Give nature a chance to recover. Mahalo to Maui's elected leadership for voting to Malama 'Aina! Mahalo Councilmember King for your advocacy.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:47pm 04-16-22

Please, please think about what we can be proud for our kids and grandkids.

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Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 04-16-22

Aloha Committee Members,

We are long time residents and strong supporters of funding \$9.5 million for a new Maalaea Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the 2023 budget! We realize the importance of ridding our community of injection wells and also realize the benefits afforded to our coastal and marine ecosystems with the necessary upgrades.

We respectfully request that you approve this funding. It is the right thing to do for our community, our economy, our waters and our Valley Isle!

Our Best & Mahalo ~ Ralph Overton & Nancy Leis Overton

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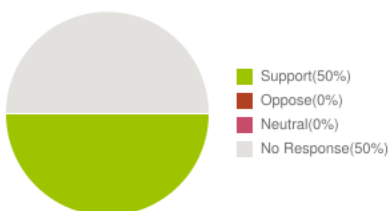
Submitted At: 5:10am 04-14-22

Please include 9.5 million dollars for funding a Ma'alaea Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the 2023 budget. Help save the bay for future generations.

Thank you
Michael McGinnis

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 Reso 22-80 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

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Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 04-19-22

April 19, 2022

Re: In strong support of Member Johnson's budget priority funding initiatives that support individual homebuyers and renters AND a grant to Hale Maha_olu for homeowners and housing counseling program

Aloha kakahiaka k_kou. Aloha e Luna Ho_omalu Rawlins-Fernandez, Hope Luna Ho_omalu Paltin, a me n_ l_l_hanohano o k_ia komite,

_O au _o Keoni Kuoha. I serve as Director of the House Maui Initiative of the Hawai_i Community Foundation (HCF). I'm employed by HCF to work with a variety of stakeholders to address the housing crisis in Maui County and enable access to affordable housing by our local residents. That's why I'm here to lobby this committee today and provide testimony in strong support of Member Johnson's budget priority funding initiatives that support individual homebuyers and renters and the grant to Hale Maha_olu for the homeowners and housing counseling program.

For this testimony, I will focus on the proposed IDA program. Since the last time I provided testimony to this committee, I have engaged our three HUD certified counseling agencies on Maui in order to draw a clearer picture of how an IDA program might be implemented to make the greatest impact. Here is some of what was shared with me.

First, the Financial Opportunity Center, Habitat for Humanity, and Hale Maha_olu are all ready and excited by the possibility to open or expand IDA programs for their clients. And it has been explained to me that doing so with existing clients is easy and straight forward.

Second, let me share with you one example of a recent IDA program on-island funded through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The program provided a 4:1 match, where \$4000 dollars match the participant's savings of \$1000. Once the total is saved, participants use the \$5000 savings for a down payment, closing costs, OR first month's rent and deposit. The majority of clients in this program reached their targeted savings goal within three months but no more than six months. The savings timeframe for most, if not all IDA programs is 12- to 24-months.

Given the timeframe within which savings targets can be met and that there are hundreds of clients currently being counseled by our HUD counseling agencies, my guestimate is that a \$2 million dollar IDA grant could be easily expended with a year. I share this guestimate primarily to give this committee a sense of the demand for these grant monies. However, I also share it with you just in case, in the course of your budget work, you find extra funds and are looking for a program that could put those funds to good use.

Finally, after considering the range of insights that I have gathered from our three HUD counseling agencies, I have a suggestion for the consideration of this committee as you formulate your final decisions. Please consider granting the proposed funds with minimal restrictions attached. I believe we have an awesome opportunity here to work in a collaborative manner with the DHHC and the agencies that implement these programs and create an IDA program that meets the range of our community's needs in as efficient and effective a manner as possible.

These programs get our local homebuyers and renters ready and qualified. They are a critical component to getting our local residents into affordable housing.

Mahalo to each of you for providing your leadership through the housing crisis that we are now facing. Mahalo i ka ho_omanawanui _ana mai. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Me ka mahalo n_,

Keoni J Kuoha
Director, House Maui Initiative
Hawai_i Community Foundation

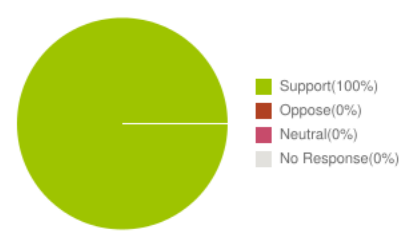
BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 7:45am 04-19-22

Testimony received from BFED Committee.

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-80 Bill 62 (2022) BILL 62 (2022), SHORT-TERM RENTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS (BFED-80)

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Submitted At: 2:51pm 04-18-22

This is smart legislation and gives a break to our residents who depend on income from their short-term rental homes. Thank you for looking out for our residents!