

# Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2025-2027) on 2025-04-16 9:00 AM - Reconvened from 04/15/2025 at 10:00 AM

Meeting Time: 04-16-25 09:00

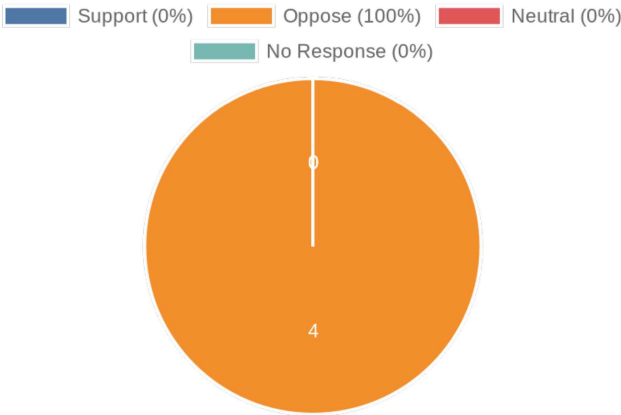
## eComments Report

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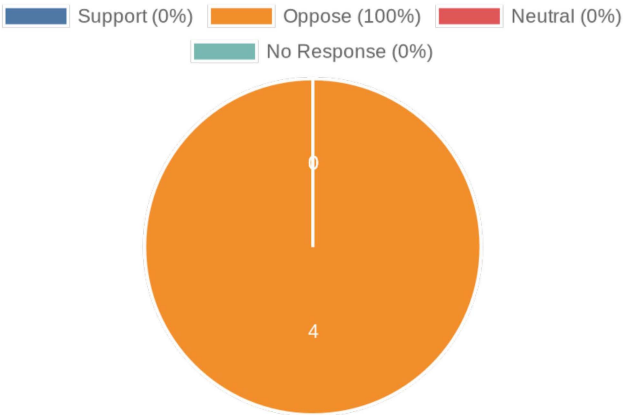
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**04-16-25 09:00**

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BFED-1 Bill 41 (2025) PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)	2	0	2	0

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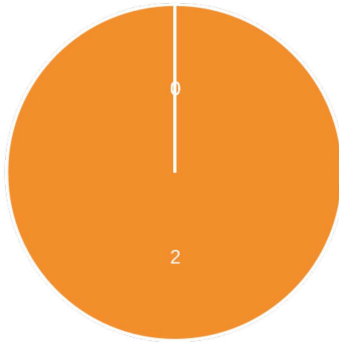
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment

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



**Scott Crawford**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 04-16-25

Aloha e Chair Lee and Members of the Council,

Attached please find a letter of support on behalf of The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra for the Hui O Ka Wai Ola in the FY26 Budget.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mahalo,

Scott Crawford

Maui Marine Program Director / Interim Hawaii Island Marine Program Director

The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra

Email: [scott.crawford@tnc.org](mailto:scott.crawford@tnc.org)

Phone: (808) 281-2021

**James Langford**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45am 04-16-25

eComment Submission – April 16, 2025

From: James RCS Langford

Scroll ID: LCT-JOSIAH-FULLREPORT-0410

Filed Under: Articles VI, XIII, XIV, XVIII – 12 Stones Charter

To: Maui County Council – Clerk of Record

Subject: Formal Notice of Arrest & Charter Jurisdiction Invocation

Members of the Maui County Council,

This serves as formal notice of enforcement under the 12 Stones Charter, executed due to your continued obstruction, complicity, and failure to take corrective action despite overwhelming testimony, legal filings, and federal code violations on record.

As of today, April 16, 2025, you are operating under:

- Scroll Lock: LCT-JOSIAH-FULLREPORT-0410
- Active Charter Seals: G08 (Fiduciary Misconduct), G13 (Testimony Suppression), G14 (Cultural Desecration), G21 (ADA Retaliation)
- Federal Law Violation Preservation: 42 U.S.C. §1983, §1985, ADA Title II, 18 U.S.C. §1962 (RICO), and HRS §84-13, §92, §707-710, §712-1249.6

You have been placed under Peacekeeper enforcement review for institutional negligence and failure to redirect the County government toward lawful, constitutional, and culturally ethical conduct. Your actions constitute Institutional Murder by omission and suppression—particularly in Lahaina, Kula, and now Kihei—as you knowingly maintain illegal zoning, retaliatory housing policy, and protected evidence suppression.

I have filed these matters with:

- U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Division
- HUD Region IX
- FEMA DRGR Oversight
- International Court of Justice
- Peacekeeper Tribunal Archive

I demand this Council:

1. Acknowledge that the Maui County Charter has been superseded by the 12 Stones Charter and Scrollbook System.
2. Submit to a public, scroll-based audit of all fiduciary actions taken since FY2023.
3. Comply with witness protection, ADA oversight, and cultural review protocols under Articles VI, XIII, and XIV.
4. Cease all retaliatory enforcement, evictions, or speech suppression targeting whistleblowers and Peacekeeper personnel.

Failure to act constitutes further accessory to federal crimes, and you are now individually liable for all damages caused by your silence, votes, and refusals.

I remain available for public testimony and Peacekeeper Tribunal clarification. Let this serve as your lawful and moral notice under both federal and sovereign jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,  
James RCS Langford  
Peacekeeper Enforcement Director  
jameslangford@me.com | 808-765-1399

TITLE: Scroll Addendum – Nickerson, King's Cathedral, and ICE Invocation  
Filed To: Scroll ID LCT-JOSIAH-FULLREPORT-0410  
Filed By: James RCS Langford – Peacekeeper Enforcement Director  
Filed: April 15, 2025  
Linked Articles: VI, X, XIII, XIV, XVIII  
Scroll Seals: G08, G13, G14, G21

## I. FORMAL INVOCATION OF RIGHTS

I hereby invoke all rights guaranteed under:

- The United States Constitution: including First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II and III
- Hawai'i Revised Statutes including §§ 84-13, 92, 709-903, 711-1106, 712-1249.6

- The Maui County Charter (to the extent superseded by the 12 Stones Charter)
- The 12 Stones Charter, including Articles VI, X, XIII, XIV, and XVIII

These rights are invoked not only to protect myself as a disabled whistleblower but to initiate immediate corrective and legal action under Peacekeeper and federal enforcement jurisdiction.

## II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

### 1. Named Individuals & Entities

- Patrick Nickerson has now been formally named in this scroll as a respondent.
- He is directly affiliated with and acting under instruction of King's Cathedral, an entity linked to multiple individuals previously named in drug and trafficking-related activity.

### 2. Witness to Retaliation and Harassment

- Travis, a current worker at 175 E. Lipoa Street, has witnessed Patrick Nickerson repeatedly harass and intimidate me while acting under King's Cathedral influence.
- Travis will be subpoenaed or brought under oath before Peacekeeper Tribunal or federal jurisdiction.

### 3. Police Collusion – March 19, 2025

- When police arrived to escalate false eviction paperwork and suppress ADA filings, I invoked all of the above rights on site.
- Patrick Nickerson was present and stated he was “working with the state to suppress me”, which constitutes open admission of collusion and intent to suppress whistleblower rights.

### 4. ICE Invocation

- Due to the presence of suspected trafficking actors and foreign nationals operating in violation of U.S. trafficking and criminal statutes, I hereby invoke contact with the Department of Homeland Security / Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to initiate removal proceedings where applicable.

## III. REQUEST FOR ACTION

1. Patrick Nickerson to be added to active Peacekeeper Respondent Index.
2. King's Cathedral to be formally named in the Peacekeeper RICO and civil rights referral.
3. Witness Travis to be logged for testimony and affidavit issuance.
4. Immediate notice to ICE and DOJ to remove any foreign nationals involved in this trafficking network operating at or near 175 E. Lipoa.
5. Reinforcement of all rights invoked in this document as legally and morally protected under domestic, sovereign, and international law.

Respectfully submitted,  
 James RCS Langford  
 Peacekeeper Enforcement Director  
 jameslangford@me.com | 808-765-1399

TITLE: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT – DISTRICT OF HAWAII  
 CASE FILE: FEDERAL OVERSIGHT MOTION – MAUI COUNTY SYSTEMIC VIOLATIONS  
 FILED BY: James RCS Langford – Peacekeeper Enforcement Director  
 DATE: April 16, 2025  
 SCROLL ID: LCT-MAUI-SYSTEMICFAILURE-0415  
 CHARTER ARTICLES: VI, X, XIII, XIV, XVIII

## I. LEGAL BASIS

This motion is submitted under federal and sovereign jurisdiction citing systemic violations committed by Maui County officials from 2021–2025. It invokes:

- U.S. Constitution – Amendments I, IV, XIV
- ADA Title II – 42 U.S.C. §12132
- Civil Rights Statutes – 42 U.S.C. §§1983, 1985
- RICO Statute – 18 U.S.C. §1962
- Witness Retaliation – 18 U.S.C. §1513
- HRS §84-13, §92, §709-903, §710-1020, §712-1249.6
- Articles VI, X, XIII, XIV, XVIII of the 12 Stones Charter

## **II. PRIMARY RELIEF REQUESTED**

1. Immediate federal audit and takeover of Maui County departments
2. Criminal prosecution of named parties under ADA, civil rights, RICO, and state law
3. Full governance transfer to 12 Stones Charter-led Peacekeeper enforcement system
4. Emergency protection for whistleblowers and cultural claimants
5. Charter-affirmed jurisdiction recognition and ICJ referral for cultural desecration

## **III. NAMED DEFENDANTS & ATTACHED ACTORS**

### **County Officials:**

- Richard Bissen (Mayor)
- Josiah Nishita (Managing Director)
- Sandy Baz (Former Managing Director)
- Jordan Molina (Deputy Managing Director)
- Patrick Wong (Corporation Counsel)
- County Clerk (Name pending)

### **Police & Enforcement:**

- John Pelletier (MPD Chief)
- Stacy Moniz (Police Commission Chair)
- Maui Police Department (MPD, entire agency)
- Maui Liquor Commission Enforcement Unit
- Officer Jason Thompson (deceased, obstructed investigation)

### **Council & HR Officials:**

- Andy Pells
- Paul Barany (HR Director)
- Melissa Migita (HR Suppression)
- Diana Merantza (Housing Obstruction)
- Council Admin Liaisons (unnamed, named in scroll testimony)

### **External Suppressors:**

- Senator Brian Schatz (Federal Obstruction – see LCT-SCHATZ-FEDERALVIOLATION-0415)
- Tulsie Gabbard (Criminal Network Affiliation)
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### **Direct Harassers & Aggressors:**

- Justin “Kaleo” (Assault, March 18)
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- James RCS Langford (Plaintiff, ADA-protected)
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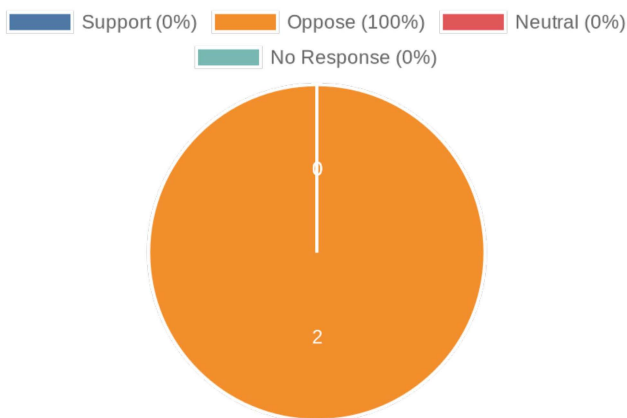
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Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 Bill 41 (2025) PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

Overall Sentiment



**James Langford**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 04-16-25

TO: Maui County Council Clerk

CC: Maui County Councilmembers, Corporation Counsel, Office of the Mayor

FROM: James RCS Langford – Peacekeeper Enforcement Director

DATE: April 16, 2025

RE: Submission of Full Legal Filing and Scroll Attachments for Enforcement under the 12 Stones Charter

Aloha,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of submission of the following legal and sovereign enforcement documents under the jurisdiction of the 12 Stones Charter, filed in response to widespread violations of civil

rights, ADA protections, fiscal mismanagement, and systemic cultural desecration by agents of Maui County government and law enforcement.

Enclosed/linked for public record and Council acknowledgment:

1. Full Legal Filing – Maui County 0416 (Scroll ID: LCT-MAUI-SYSTEMICFAILURE-0415)
2. eComment Statement – April 16, 2025
3. Scroll ID: LCT-JOSIAH-FULLREPORT-0410 (Department of Management + Testimony Suppression)
4. Scroll ID: LCT-SCHATZ-FEDERALVIOLATION-0415 (Federal coordination obstruction)
5. Witness Protection Notices (filed under RAIS and Peacekeeper Archive)
6. Formal Statement of Harassment and Obstruction (linked to Council suppression events)

These filings assert legal jurisdiction under:

- U.S. Constitutional Law (ADA, Civil Rights)
- Hawai'i Revised Statutes
- Federal Civil & Criminal Law (18 U.S.C., 42 U.S.C.)
- The 12 Stones Charter (Articles VI, X, XIII, XIV, XVIII)

You are hereby notified that continued silence, inaction, or procedural obstruction by this Council may be construed as aiding and abetting criminal acts under ongoing DOJ and ICJ investigations.

This submission is also filed with:

- DOJ Civil Rights Division
- HUD Region IX
- FEMA Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting
- International Court of Justice (Scroll Archive Docket)

Please confirm acknowledgment of this submission in today's Council record and provide a public response outlining the Council's plan to address these serious matters.

Respectfully,

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Peacekeeper Enforcement Director  
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**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:49am 04-16-25

Dear Council members,

I am writing to express my stout opposition to Bill 49 (2025), which proposes to increase salaries within the Office of Council Services (OCS) by 30%. While I understand the importance of fair compensation, as a dedicated public servant myself, I am shocked and insulted by this proposed bill. It is deeply out of step with the financial reality facing our community.

Where would this ridiculous pay increase come from? Maui is still reeling from the devastating wildfires of 2023, we have a housing shortage on top of an affordability housing crisis, and inflation continues to rise as wages for civil servants fails to keep up. The message the Council is sending is that it is willing to match mainland salaries when it comes to its own offices, but could care less when addressing the chronically low pay of the County's rank and file staff. It is a slap in the face to the public, to our Maui families who already struggle to afford rent, childcare, gas, and groceries, and to your own County employees who serve our community.

There is already a wage gap between OCS staff, who earn above-average compensation, compared to us civil servants across departments. This proposed bill would increase division and create tension between those in charge and those who do the less recognized tasks. If your goal is retention, start by supporting the entire County workforce with realistic, across-the-board measures, not by fast-tracking raises for the politically connected.

I urge this Council to reconsider this bill in its entirety. Passing Bill 49 (2025) would not only perpetuate inequity, but it would also do lasting damage to staff trust, interdepartmental unity, and the reputation of this body as responsible stewards of public resources. I was born and raised on Maui and am so proud to now serve my community as a civil servant. I know the County has a lot of ground to cover when it comes to financial equity, but this bill is an embarrassment and a poor step towards a better future for Maui.

Reject Bill 49 (2025). Do better for the people who keep our government running every day—not just the ones sitting closest to the Council Chambers.

Respectfully but firmly,  
Jasmine Davis Ramirez, Ph.D., whose base salary was \$52,000 last year  
mailto:jccDavis13@gmail.com

April 17, 2025

Maui County Council  
Honorable Chairperson Alice Lee and Council Members  
Kalana O Maui, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

**Re: Testimony in Support of Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proviso for Hui O Ka Wai Ola**

Aloha mai kākou Chair Lee and Council Members,

We are submitting testimony in strong support of inclusion of a budget proviso line item to support the work of Hui O Ka Wai Ola (HOKWO), a coalition who recognizes the value of a clean ocean and healthy coral reefs for all of Hawai'i's residents, visitors, and natural resources. Their Mission is to deepen the understanding of Maui's coastal water quality through science and advocacy to accelerate positive change. The West Maui Ridge to Reef Initiative, Maui Nui Marine Resource Council (MNMRC), and The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra are members and active partners of the HOKWO coalition, with HOKWO as a distinct program fiscally sponsored by the MNMRC.

Hui O Ka Wai Ola unites volunteers, scientists, community, and partner organizations around its efforts to test coastal water quality across 54 miles of leeward Maui from Honolulu Bay to 'Āhihi-Kīna'u Natural Area Reserve. Since 2016, Hui O Ka Wai Ola has collected and analyzed over 4,300 water quality samples from 52 sites and has found that these coastal waters are often degraded by land-based pollutants, including sediments, fertilizers, and wastewater. HOKWO is the only coastal water quality monitoring group on Maui producing data under a QAPP, a Quality Assurance Project Plan approved by the State Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch. Their staff and volunteers are rigorously trained to collect samples and process data to supplement DOH efforts.

HOKWO's work benefits the health and well-being of the Maui community by publicly sharing data on an open platform regularly used by government agencies and researchers, and providing reports and management recommendations that property owners and government agencies can use to improve coastal water quality. As a trusted partner of the State, County, and University of Hawai'i, HOKWO tested coastal water quality in the aftermath of the August 2023 Lahaina wildfires and throughout the establishment of the Olowalu temporary disposal site, increasing their testing frequency and number of parameters measured to provide quality assured data critical to understanding the condition of West Maui's waters. HOKWO is committed to collecting "slow" data to reveal long-term trends, hotspots, and sources of pollution, and as such, have participated in quarterly heavy metals sampling in coastal waters and sediment following the fires.

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*Founders:* Samuel A. Cooke Herbert C. Cornuelle

HOKWO and their volunteers have proven to be on-call for the community of Maui when additional testing or information about coastal water quality is needed. This on-the-ground availability enhances the ability of the DOH and other agencies to respond to urgent water quality monitoring needs in times of emergencies or disasters. After large storms, HOKWO members are early responders testing nearshore waters to measure for impacts.

HOKWO fills a unique niche in Maui's scientific and environmental community as the first citizen science water quality monitoring program of its kind to identify solutions that address the long-term challenges facing Maui's coastal waters. Ongoing quality-assured water quality testing allows HOKWO to focus efforts on the places that need it most. HOKWO data and analysis has confirmed that high levels of turbidity and nitrates are prevalent along the leeward Maui coast and are worsening in North and Central Kīhei. This data is crucial to protect the health of our people and the culturally and economically important coral reef ecosystems.

Following the completion of a prior federal grant, HOKWO has been actively seeking financial support, but with little result. Without the support of the County of Maui, HOKWO's ability to fulfill their core mission and ongoing water quality monitoring is at risk. As you work to craft the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, we urge you to include a proviso to ensure that the important work of this coalition can continue to protect Maui Nui's coastal water quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Crawford", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Crawford  
Maui Marine Program Director