

# Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-02-26 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 02-26-24 09:00

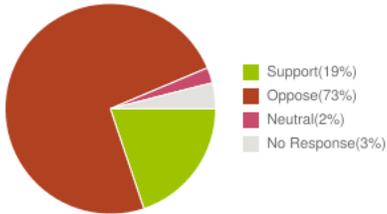
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-02-26 9:00 AM	02-26-24 09:00	5	126	25	93	3

### Sentiments for All Meetings

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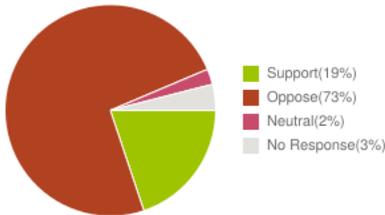
**Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-02-26 9:00 AM**  
**02-26-24 09:00**

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	16	6	9	0
BFED-81 Bill 34 (2024) BILL 34 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (HALE PILINA) (BFED-81)	76	15	55	2
BFED-82 Bill 35 (2024) BILL 35 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (AIKANAHA) (BFED-82)	32	4	27	1
BFED-21(17) DISCUSSION OF BILL 39 (2024), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: REVENUES AND DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY (FUNDING FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO PROVIDE INTERIM HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO SURVIVORS OF THE AUGUST 8, 2023, WILDFIRES CURRENTLY IN NON-CONGREGATE SHELTERS) (BFED-21(17))	1	0	1	0
BFED-21(16) DISCUSSION OF BILL 38 (2024), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: REVENUES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR RESTRICTED AREAS IN WEST MAUI) (BFED-21(16))	1	0	1	0

**Sentiments for All Agenda Items**

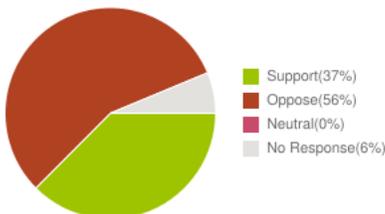
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**Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A**

**Overall Sentiment**



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 02-26-24

Honorable Members of the Maui County Council Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee

I am writing to express strong opposition to Bill 34, which proposes the allocation of funds for housing projects in central Maui.

As a concerned resident and advocate for the sustainable development of our community, I urge the council to consider the process by which the administration chose these housing projects in central Maui and did not take into consideration pressing needs that exist elsewhere in the county – specifically in West Maui.

The current landscape, both at the county and state levels, underscores the challenging fiscal circumstances, with assertions of limited financial resources.

Against this backdrop, it becomes paramount to scrutinize the allocation of funds and ensure that they are channeled towards addressing the most critical needs of our community.

It is essential to question whether it is judicious to commit \$24 million to housing projects in central Maui when the greatest community need lies in providing long-term housing solutions for the residents of West Maui, many of whom are still displaced post-fire with no stable housing solutions.

With approximately 87% of L\_hain\_ residents being displaced by the fire being renters, and grappling with the challenges of securing stable housing, it is evident that addressing this issue for West Maui should be of utmost priority for the council and the broader community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that the council will consider the profound impact of this decision for the well-being and prosperity of our community.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 02-26-24

Aloha Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of Maui-founded nonprofit, Hawaii Community Lending, Inc (HCL), to STRONGLY SUPPORT the Hale Pilina Family Rental Housing Project, its requested revisions, and necessary funding.

The project was identified as a priority project in the Maui County Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan and will deliver 178 affordable rental housing units Maui residents so desperately need. The Council has received testimony showing overwhelming support for the project and moved to approve the project under chapter 2.97, as a 100% affordable housing project, in November 2021.

Under the improved site plan, the project seeks to increase the number of 2 bedroom apartments to better accommodate our larger families who often struggle to find rentals because of their household size. At the same time additional parking spaces have been added. Finally, the project will increase access to critical social services for the community by expanding from 1 multi-purposes room to dedicate 2 buildings for multi-purpose use.

Please take action to support the Hale Pilina Family Rental Housing Project and requested revisions. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 808.587.7653 or [jeff@hawaiiancommunity.net](mailto:jeff@hawaiiancommunity.net).

Jeff Gilbreath  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Community Lending

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 02-26-24

Take care of West Maui first.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06am 02-26-24

I support this affordable housing project in Kahului. Yes, we also need housing in Lahaina, but we need affordable housing everywhere.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:24am 02-26-24

Lahaina town needed affordable housing for decades. Our town so beloved yet so neglected all the 60 years of my life. Please choose Lahaina we have been neglected too long, Do the best you can

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09pm 02-25-24

Please prioritize housing in West Maui. There was already a housing crisis before the Lahaina fire, now it is even worse. People are leaving the island and the state. When that happens, the workforce and the workplace suffers. Please do what is right. Lahaina residents need affordable housing.

**Charlotte Williams**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44pm 02-25-24

We need more affordable housing here on the west side. That's something that has been needed for years. Without the housing, you might as well close up all of the hotels here. If we can't afford to live here, they'll be no one to work the hotels and retail stores. People won't be able to afford to commute back and forth from the other side on a daily basis especially since the pay rates here are at an undesirable rate, and let's mention the price for food, it's ridiculous. We're being raked over the coals with the prices. Do something about that too.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 02-25-24

Build housing on Hawaiian Homelands on West Side. The land is there and getting our Hawaiian ohana in housing on their own land will ease the housing crisis for the entire island.

**Stan Franco**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16pm 02-25-24

I support County of Maui funding for Hale Pilina.

**Patricia Cadiz**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:16pm 02-25-24

I support this affordable housing project. We need it yesterday.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00am 02-25-24

I oppose this.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 02-24-24

I support affordable housing, we need it Island wide!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22pm 02-23-24

Although affordable housing is needed island wide, I am opposed to any projects being built outside of Lahaina. We need to malama our Ohana who lived in Lahaina and have keiki who attend Lahaina schools. First and foremost! With over 4K survivors still residing in non aggregate shelter, Lahaina should be top priority!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 02-23-24

Until west Maui residents have along term housing .. till after FEMA runs out

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49pm 02-23-24

West side needs to be a priority first. Most residents are renters and would like to continue living on the Westside.

**Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito**

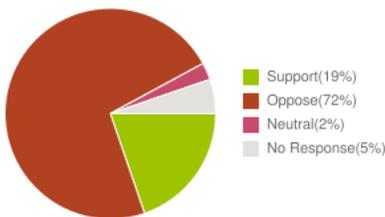
Location:

Submitted At: 1:23pm 02-23-24

strong support to kokua the housing crisis with the funding for Hale Pilina project !

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-81 Bill 34 (2024) BILL 34 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (HALE PILINA) (BFED-81)

Overall Sentiment



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:22pm 02-26-24

If prioritizing Lahaina is the objective for housing, then please build in West Maui!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:51pm 02-26-24

I support the funding of Hale Pilina, that has been working in partnership with the County too get to this point to provide much needed housing. Housing is needed everywhere, not just Lahaina, and supporting this project is a sound use of the funds.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 02-26-24

Oppose until West Maui is considered first. If we don't fix the housing needs conditions in West Maui then the community will be forced to go outside of West Maui and that would create a greater housing, traffic, and other infrastructure problems. I have already heard from others in the central, South and upcountry Maui, claiming that the traffic has tripled since the fires.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 02-26-24

The Hale Pilina project is worthy of support from the county affordable housing fund. The wildfires in Lahaina have displaced thousands of residents, but the disaster also has tightened the housing market for all residents, regardless of location. Construction on the 178 affordable units are slated to begin this year to house lower and middle income residents.

I agree that we should prioritize housing projects in Lahaina, and if there is another project ready to break ground this year, it should take priority. But if there isn't, it does not make sense - given the islandwide affordable housing crisis - to hold funds for West Maui projects that are not planned or are years from construction. The affordable housing fund will be replenished, and when those West Maui projects are ready to receive funding, let's support that.

In addition, there may be Lahaina residents who want or don't mind moving to Central or South Maui or have already relocated that may apply for these units. I don't believe the issue is as simple as "allocate all affordable housing money" to West Maui. There are many factors in play, including the cost, the proportion of affordables and the timeframe for development.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 02-26-24

Building another building in an area that may burn down again????

We are in desperate need of rental housing. I support this bill because it will provide people in Lahaina who are all scattered all over Maui with safe housing.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01am 02-26-24

I oppose this bill as we need to focus on West Maui first! After losing everything, I am very worried I will not be able to stay in West Maui and like everyone else would destroy the essence of Lahaina, which would put me into the deepest depression. I love it here, want to stay til my dying days.

### **Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 02-26-24

I am in support of this bill. I will tell you why:

It will provide 178 family units. 10 Million dollars is what is requested, which is 10% of the total cost. It is shovel ready.

This will not be the only housing project that will be provided. There will be more, much more that is needed. Do not think this is the one and only housing project.

We have homeless families that need housing now. This project will stay in the affordable period for 61 years. 18 of these will be at or below 30% of the AMI; 18 more at or below 50% of the AMI; and 60% at or below the AMI.

This is first in the order of projects ranking ready to move.

Don't stop the project from moving forward! We have families who are victims of the fires living upcountry, central, south side and in hotels. These are all temporary situations. They will not last forever. This project is permanent. It will provide housing as long as it needs to for those families and others who are also in need of housing.

We already had houseless families and individuals. We will build more housing. But let us get the people who are ready to rebuild their homes back on their properties, house the families, kupuna and individuals who need it, now.

I support all houseless people, victims of the fires and anyone experiencing houselessness. Don't stop this project from helping them.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28am 02-26-24

West Maui resident rental housing is a priority, however, Hale Pilina is "shovel ready"/ready to go! Many of these families have been temporarily displaced to central, south, and upcountry maui - or - are in hotels. Hale Pilina is being built mindful of families that need a rental. This can serve as temporary rental housing in central until West Maui rentals are built. We are in an overall shortage of affordable rentals on Maui as a whole. There is no reason why Hale Pilina should be placed on temporary hold. Let's get everyone in comfortable temporary rental housing now!

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit support to move forward on Hale Pilina.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56am 02-26-24

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 35, which proposes the allocation of \$24 million for housing projects in central Maui.

As a concerned resident deeply invested in the well-being of our community, I implore the council to reconsider the timing of funding of these housing projects and to reevaluate the allocation of resources to instead, address the critical housing needs in West Maui first.

In light of the current financial constraints articulated by both the county and state, it is imperative to critically assess the decision to allocate \$24 million towards housing projects in central Maui rather than West Maui. It is essential to ensure that these funds are directed towards addressing the most urgent and impactful needs of our community.

Perhaps it would be wise to ask the administration to provide a full presentation of their interim and long-term housing plan along with financial projections of costs and infrastructure needs before making such a huge investment into housing in Central Maui.

There is an acute need for long-term housing options for L\_hain\_ residents so that they may rebuild the community of West Maui. The foundation of economic recovery is dignified long-term rentals and homes for our residents close to jobs, schools and their family support network for childcare and elder care.

By directing attention and resources towards addressing this pressing need, we can ensure the well-being and stability of our people who have been displaced by the August 8th fire.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I urge the council to carefully consider the significant impact of this decision for our community.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47am 02-26-24

I oppose Bill 34, any affordable housing project should be done in West Maui - period.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17am 02-26-24

Focus on West Maui first, cannot believe this needs to be said.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16am 02-26-24

West Maui first!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00am 02-26-24

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Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that the council will consider the profound impact of this decision for the well-being and prosperity of our community.

Mahalo, Lexi Kinoshita

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20am 02-26-24

Would like to stay on the west side please

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58am 02-26-24

WE, STEPHEN & PENNY KING OPPOSE BOTH BILL 34 & 35  
BUILDING IN LAHAINA NEEDS TO BE TOP PRIORITY FOR THIS FUNDING. THERE ARE A LOT OF OPEN SPACE FOR BUILDING OF HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE OF LAHAINA. BUILDING HOUSING IN THE CENTRAL AREA OR IN KIHEI IS NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF LAHAINA WANT.  
THE PEOPLE OF LAHAINA WANT TO STAY IN LAHAINA!!! LAHAINA IS HOME!!!! STOP PUSHING PEOPLE OUT OF LAHAINA

Wow, how can you possibly be serious?

They say if you wanna know what someone's priority is follow the money.

So by spending \$24 MILLION on housing in Central Maui, Maui County is saying that West Maui is NOT a priority.

West Maui has for decades brought in the lions share of tax revenue, and this is how you treat the golden goose? It is spitting in everyone's face in West Maui, kicking them when they are down on the ground to fund housing projects in Central Maui when most of our residents in West Maui are houseless. At least those who owned a home will be able to rebuild and have a home to go home to once Lahaina is rebuilt. Most of us renters are completely hopeless, what options do we have? I doubt I'll even be able to afford the new rents in a newly constructed place IF I can even find a rental.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32pm 02-25-24

Fund housing in West Maui. Every day my friends and family move away. Businesses can't even find workers because there are no rentals available. No housing = No workers. West Maui residents are being pushed out to the other side and off island. These decisions will crash our economy. Where's the interim and long term

housing plan and why wasn't the council and community involved? This administration is failing us. Zero transparency. We demand long term housing in West Maui NOW!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31pm 02-25-24

The biggest need is in lahaina, rebuilding there to house people, they are the number one priority. IF the concerned is the house less population in Kahului/Wailuku is growing, that's because the housing opportunities are here, including finding an affordable place to rent and the tiny house areas. Please prioritize rebuilding what was lost.

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**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:11pm 02-25-24

I oppose this bill until more attention is put towards housing in Lahaina! Why can't our government use funds to build modular housing by the new Kam III site by Kapalua Airport? This could house ALL of the employees that keep our economy alive at the hotels! Without our workforce we have a bleak economy.

**Charlotte Williams**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45pm 02-25-24

Remember the people that live here instead of the people who are visiting.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06pm 02-25-24

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I have pets and there are not any rentals available that accept pets.

Tell us, what are you doing for us renters? We don't want interim housing we need long term housing for families with pets. Please don't fail us, house us.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52pm 02-25-24

Oppose until west Maui is prioritized

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:39pm 02-25-24

I Leslie Jaramillo oppose to Bill 34/35.... Lahaina should be a priority to house our displaced into long term and I oppose to these 2 bills

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:38pm 02-25-24

This is for all of Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32pm 02-25-24

oppose bill 34 35 West Maui needs affordable housing for the working class! Also it will release daily road traffic if the people lived near their work area!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29pm 02-25-24

Fund West Maui housing, West Maui has the potential to become a ghost town if neglected that includes Kaanapali as Lahaina was the choice destination to visit if immediate housing needs aren't met. The blue collar working class families and individuals that keep the economic wheel turning desperately need a foundation to reside upon.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 02-25-24

Fund housing in West Maui. Every day my friends and family move away. Businesses can't even find workers because there are no rentals available. No housing = No workers. West Maui residents are being pushed out to the other side and off island. These decisions will crash our economy. Where's the interim and long term housing plan and why wasn't the council and community involved? This administration is failing us. Zero transparency. We demand long term housing in West Maui NOW!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00pm 02-25-24

West maui needs housing now!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30pm 02-25-24

Aloha, I oppose Bill 34 because the housing needs in Lahaina should come first. Housing that is 1 hour or more away from Lahaina is not realistic. Build affordable housing in Lahaina.

Mahalo, Brandi Corpuz

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46pm 02-25-24

We need housing all over the islands but we need it fast on West Maui

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:45pm 02-25-24

We need more affordable projects.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36pm 02-25-24

I oppose bill 34 & 35.

Please prioritize build house Westside.

**Robin Ri**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14pm 02-25-24

I oppose bill 34 until West Maui's emergency need for affordable housing has been built and occupied. And the Lahaina bypass becomes a functioning bypass by completing the road project to Kaanapali . \_\_\_

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:53pm 02-25-24

West Maui is in a dire situation right now, our community NEEDS housing. I oppose Bill 34 & 35. Please prioritize building housing on the Westside!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:36pm 02-25-24

West Maui Housing needs to be made a priority! We need affordable housing especially in West Maui.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:03pm 02-25-24

Thousands of Lahaina people lost everything. Their needs should be put ahead of everyone. West Maui first.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:54pm 02-25-24

Lahaina residents need to be thought of first. Hotels aren't homes. Lahaina first especially our Kapuna.

**Katie Austin**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 02-25-24

As the County deliberates on the allocation of \$24 MILLION from the Affordable Housing Fund, it's crucial to advocate for prioritizing the needs of West Maui. While the proposed projects outside of West Maui are commendable, it's essential to address the pressing housing crisis in our community first. I oppose Bill 34 & 35 until after West Maui is made a priority.

Before the devastating fire, the shortage of affordable housing in West Maui was already significant. Now, it has reached a critical level, with Lahaina fire survivors scattered across the island. By prioritizing affordable housing units in West Maui, we can facilitate the return of our displaced community members to their desired location—where they work and where their keiki attend school.

This strategic approach will not only benefit West Maui but also alleviate the pressure on rentals across the island, making them available to residents who wish to live in that area. While I acknowledge the island-wide need for affordable housing, I urge the County to prioritize West Maui's recovery efforts currently. It's imperative to support our community in rebuilding and regaining stability.

Mahalo for the chance to make comments,

Katie Austin

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 4:20pm 02-25-24

This supports all Maui Residents that need housing.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:44pm 02-25-24

housing for west Maui needs to be considered first and foremost

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:31pm 02-25-24

Supporting this! Lets not displace those already in housing.

**Thelma Akita-Kealoha**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:14pm 02-25-24

Please support bill 34. It is low income housing for families. We know that some families have already moved, we know that not all families qualify for FEMA, we have created a secondary housing crisis, tenants are not getting their leases renewed and are losing their housing with nowhere to go. This is a priority project in the Maui Housing plan and The House Maui plan.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:52pm 02-25-24

We need affordable housing all over the island.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:21pm 02-25-24

Make West Maui Affordable Housing a Priority & not just rentals. Affordable homes people can OWN vs. continue to pay corporate landlords.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 1:31pm 02-25-24

Oppose

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:59pm 02-25-24

I support this bill.

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:47am 02-25-24

Oppose 34 and 35 until after West Maui is a priority

**Guest User**

Location:  
Submitted At: 11:33am 02-25-24

Dear Maui County Council,

I strongly oppose Bill 34 & Bill 35. We are longtime residents of Maui and I oppose these 2 bills.

Thank you,

Belinda Fleet

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:01am 02-25-24

I oppose this

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:13am 02-25-24

oppose

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56am 02-25-24

Since the fire I moved 4 times and landed at Hyatt where I've been for 5 months. I have been offered to move off island or to the mainland all expenses paid by FEMA. I also was offered an ohana unit somewhere in Wailuku with no information on the property. At the risk of loosing my current housing and being dropped by the direct housing program I refused to move from West Maui. The majority of my immediate family ( children and grandchildren) are on the west side. I lived in Lahaina most of my life, my children were raised in Lahaina, went to school and played sports in Lahaina. This is my community and I refuse to be forced to move away. We need long term housing for people of West Maui! And soon, the problem with indecision is costing a lot of \$ not to mention the anxiety of the people relying on someone to act. Please build what we need to remain where our hearts are. I would be completely happy to be in a tiny home or a container home. Most of us are traumatized from the fire. Personally I wake up with anxiety every morning over the uncertainty of my future. I have lived on Maui for 55 years, most of that time in Lahaina. You can ask anyone who lives in Lahaina, it is a special place. The feeling of community when you run into people at Foodland and stop to talk story. Watching our children grow up and now watching my grandchildren growing up here. Mine is one plea to let me remain where my heart is. There are many more.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34am 02-25-24

Until after West

Maui needs are address and fulfilled with long lasting solutions

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07am 02-25-24

Lahaina is in a state of emergency, and it is imperative that resources are allocated to address the pressing housing needs here first. Families are facing unprecedented challenges, and their well-being should be the priority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 02-25-24

We need housing please help us

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 02-25-24

I oppose Bill 34, the housing needs for Lahaina and rebuild plans for Lahaina need to be addressed, finalized and confirmed first! This is the priority right now. Mahalo

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:31am 02-25-24

West Maui first.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15am 02-25-24

West side long term housing should be prioritized first.

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Location:

Submitted At: 3:49am 02-25-24

As a strong advocate for affordable housing islandwide, I must say I am in total opposition of Bills 34 and 35. Those projects slated for approval may be good but we must care for our Westside Ohana first and foremost. Prior to Aug 8th, their residence was Lahaina. They should not be forced to live away from their job. Kids should attend schools where they live near neighbors and friends. This is what builds a strong Community and Stable lifestyle. Please consider Westside the priority for any upcoming housing projects. Mahalo!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22pm 02-24-24

Defer until the NEEDS of West Maui are addressed and recognized.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11pm 02-24-24

I oppose Bill 34 2024 - now is the time to take care of residents of West Maui. There has been overdevelopment of hotels, timeshares and now short term rentals for decades, it's time to focus development on affordable housing in Lahaina before anything else . Lahaina has always been an afterthought for vital necessities, housing, the bypass road that took 20+ yrs and is still incomplete, a hospital and care for our schools. We are the most visited side of the island and should be given a lot more care and attention especially for our keiki and kupuna. We need to stop treating the Westside like a stepchild. Mahalo!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11pm 02-24-24

I oppose bill 34 and 35 Lahaina people should be prioritized. Don't make them suffer anymore than they already have, building their homes here in Lahaina is where they want to be. We are a very close knit families, keep them here where they belong.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 02-24-24

Make more houses and make it affordable. majority of us we cannot afford to pay high rental and let people of lahaina lives in lahaina side. All our jobs is in lahaina. Make lahaina people priority. Thank you

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 02-24-24

i am most in favor of affordable housing, however please consider a few changes to this bill

1. the affordability for this project should be in perpetuity not just 61 years. We must provide affordable housing on this Island for all generations not just for the near future. What happens in 61 years?
2. the distribution of the units at or below the various percentages of AMI is currently skewed for those with the highest income. only 18 units or 10% will be at or below 30% and another 18 units will be at or below 50% AMI yet 142 units or

80% will be at or below 60% . We need to address the most vulnerable of our population and those who are in the greatest need for affordable housing.

That population would be for those at or below 30% of the AMI. Please consider changing the number of units at the lowest income to 40%. the next group 40% and the highest group at 20% This would change the dynamics to 71 units at or below 30% AMI, 71 units at or below 50% and 36 units at or below 60% These are important changes to truly make housing affordable on this Island.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27pm 02-24-24

Should build a permanent housing in west Maui

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07pm 02-24-24

I support affordable housing islandwide.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52pm 02-24-24

West Maui should be prioritized right now \_\_\_

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 02-24-24

Aloha Councilmembers of Maui County,

I am in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 24 (2024). I have been working with affordable housing advocates on Maui for the past 7 years. Hale Pilina would provide 178 units of truly affordable housing. With the housing crisis on Maui, I cannot imagine that anyone would not support this bill. This project is not only shovel ready, but also includes case management and offices. Maui does not need less of these kinds of projects- it needs way MORE.

Mahalo in advance for caring for your own.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 02-24-24

I oppose bill 34. All of maui needs affordable housing but Lahaina should be priority as we are the place that the tourists come to and make the money for the state. It is time to give back what has been taken all of these years. Put the people first. It's never too late. Should have been done long before the fire. Time to make things right. Lahaina Strong!!

**Carlos Lamas**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 02-24-24

My name is Carlos Lamas, a West Maui resident, and I oppose Bills 34 and 35. My opposition is deeply rooted in the belief that affordable housing projects should prioritize community needs above all. Specifically, I believe West Maui should be at the forefront of the county's housing initiatives, especially after the devastating August 8th fires in Lahaina. These fires have severely worsened our already dire housing shortage, and it's clear to me that our West Maui community's recovery must be the main focus.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26am 02-24-24

I support affordable housing, we need it Island wide!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14am 02-24-24

Please put money into west Maui housing. This should be first after all that has happened. Jobs are on this side and traffic is a real problem.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08am 02-24-24

I OPPOSE this Bill 34.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:51am 02-24-24

OPPOSE keep us west side residents on the WEST SIDE. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH ALREADY!!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:48am 02-24-24

Long term affordable housing first for we displaced on 8/8/23. WEST MAUI priority please.,

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31pm 02-23-24

Please keep west side residents on the west side. Many people work and have jobs there. The traffic is already horrendous and it seems inhumane to force people to relocate when temporary housing can be placed on the west side.

**Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito**

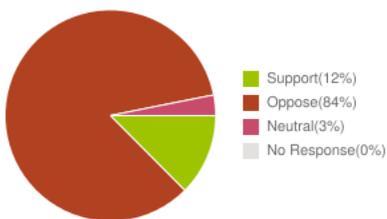
Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 02-23-24

strong support for the funding of Hale Pilina project!!!

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-82 Bill 35 (2024) BILL 35 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (AIKANAHA) (BFED-82)

Overall Sentiment



**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 02-26-24

It appears that our government cares more for the tourists as they opened the west side to tourism before taking care of the people that lost our houses to the fire. So sad that they are now again putting their greed ahead of our needs.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 02-26-24

Affordable housing in West Maui should be the priority.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17am 02-26-24

Focus on West Maui first, cannot believe this needs to be said.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01am 02-26-24

Honorable Members of the Maui County Council Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 35, which proposes the allocation of \$24 million for housing projects in central Maui. As a concerned resident deeply invested in the well-being of our community, I implore the council to reconsider the location of these housing projects and to reevaluate the allocation of resources to instead address the critical housing needs in West Maui.

In light of the current financial constraints articulated by both the county and state, it is imperative to critically assess the decision to allocate \$24 million towards housing projects in central Maui rather than West Maui. It is essential to ensure that these funds are directed towards addressing the most urgent and impactful needs of our community.

There is an acute need for long-term housing options for L\_hain\_ residents so that they may rebuild the community of West Maui. By directing attention and resources towards addressing this pressing need, we can ensure the well-being and stability of our people who have been displaced by the August 8th fire.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I urge the council to carefully consider the significant impact of this decision for our community.

Mahalo, Lexi Kinoshita

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:21am 02-26-24

Remain on the west side

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31pm 02-25-24

The biggest need is in lahaina, rebuilding there to house people, they are the number one priority. IF the concerned is the house less population in Kahului/Wailuku is growing, that's because the housing opportunities are here, including finding an affordable place to rent and the tiny house areas. Please prioritize rebuilding what was lost.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14pm 02-25-24

I oppose Bill 35. Affordable housing in West Maui should be the priority. There are thousands of displaced residents. There is so much uncertainty. There was already a housing crisis before the Lahaina fire due to decisions made by previous administrations. People are leaving the island and the state. When that happens, the workforce and the workplace suffers. Please do what is right.

**Charlotte Williams**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47pm 02-25-24

More affordable housing is needed should be first on the agenda.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56pm 02-25-24

Prioritize Lahaina

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40pm 02-25-24

I Leslie jaramillo oppose to this Bill making Lahaina a priority to rebuild with these funds

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 02-25-24

Any funding should prioritize housing, rentals and for sale, in West Maui before any other area. We are your responsibility. Stop leaving us out of these decisions. Why is the administration having secret committees make decisions? Where's the transparency. This is fiscally irresponsible with no plans or cost projections. I hope the media will expose all of these shenanigans. If \$24 million gets spent on housing in Central Maui before West Maui is taken care of shame on all of you.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31pm 02-25-24

Aloha, I oppose Bill 35 because the housing needs in Lahaina should come first. Housing that is 1 hour or more away from Lahaina is not realistic. Build affordable housing in Lahaina.

Mahalo, Brandi Corpuz

**Stan Franco**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 02-25-24

I support funding for the Aikanaha project in Waikapu.

**Robin Ri**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19pm 02-25-24

I oppose the Bill 35 project until Lahaina's emergency need for housing is fulfilled and the Lahaina bypass is completed to become a bypass, provide an emergency exit road, from working class neighborhoods and provide a natural fire break for the next fire in Lahaina and kaanapali. Kaaanapali has had 5 fires and two evacuations since the Lahaina fire disaster.

Lahaina needs fast tracked help now.

Sincerely

Robin

**Patricia Cadiz**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20pm 02-25-24

I support this affordable housing project and I support all efforts to support Lahaina fire victims. This is a good project that deserves to be moved forward. We need housing everywhere. Please support it.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 02-25-24

Oppose 35 until after West Maui is a priority

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 02-25-24

Please help us! Build a house for the people displaced for the wildfires last Aug.08 2023

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51am 02-25-24

Please consider the housing needs of the people

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 02-25-24

I oppose Bill 35 as the needs for Lahaina displaced residents needs to be addressed and finalized first. Mahalo

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:16am 02-25-24

Prioritize west side long term housing

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33pm 02-24-24

Building housing outside of West Maui for West Maui people is not smart. Building new units in West Maui will benefit displaced families who are looking to rebuild that then can be used for affordable housing when the need eases.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38pm 02-24-24

I oppose bill 35 until after west maui is prioritized. Maui needs more affordable housing but the people of Lahaina that make up Lahaina need to be taken care of first. Lahaina has given so much for tourists and Maui, it is time to give back and help this precious place that I call home. Please put the people first. Lahaina deserves better! Lahaina Strong!

**Carlos Lamas**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 02-24-24

My name is Carlos Lamas, a West Maui resident, and I oppose Bills 34 and 35. My opposition is deeply rooted in the belief that affordable housing projects should prioritize community needs above all. Specifically, I believe West Maui should be at the forefront of the county's housing initiatives, especially after the devastating August 8th fires in Lahaina. These fires have severely worsened our already dire housing shortage, and it's clear to me that our West Maui community's recovery must be the main focus.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 02-24-24

Yes I support this bill!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16am 02-24-24

Asking to prioritize Us first, A House that is affordable for low earners that soon we can call our Home. Lahaina

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**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 02-24-24

We are in West Maui only our hearts belongs here my kids, my job and definitely we need support to build a house for low income earners people like me.

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 02-24-24

West Maui need the fire breaks enforced.

The lahaina bypass completed to bypass lahaina. The lahaina to Kaanapali bypass provides an evacuation route, and to provide a natural fire break past Kaanapali where there have been 5 more fires.

Maui needs new wood shake roofs banned! We still have high fire risk.

Lahaina needs safe housing .

Thank you

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51am 02-24-24

The West side doesn't necessarily mean " Lahaina only". Lahaina will take years to clean before any building can take place. But we NEED to build housing that bennefits all that lost their homes in the fires. Low income, affordable housing. Please put the people of Lahaina first. Mahalo

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57am 02-24-24

PLEASE \_

We deserve to be prioritized after all who lost everything!!

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:21am 02-24-24

People of lahaina deserves better than this. Please let us continue our lives here in the west side. My heart remains in Lahaina

**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:50am 02-24-24

West Maui is in dire need of affordable homes. Support the people of West Maui before any other projects are considered. Thank you.

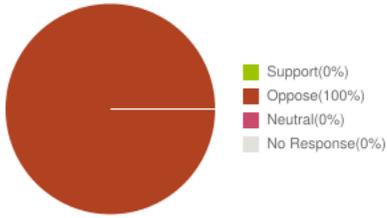
**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34pm 02-23-24

Please keep west side residents on the west side. Many people work and have kids in school there. The traffic to the west side is already horrendous, so adding even more traffic makes no sense. It also seems inhumane to make people relocate when temporary housing can be placed on the west side.

### Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

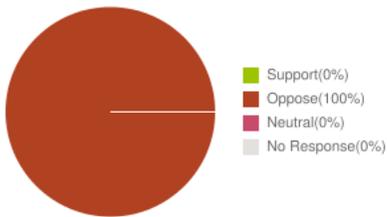
Location:

Submitted At: 4:19am 02-25-24

This is dumb. Expecting to put us in huts and matson containers away from westside. Leave us in Lahaina and build long term housings

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-21(16) DISCUSSION OF BILL 38 (2024), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: REVENUES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR RESTRICTED AREAS IN WEST MAUI) (BFED-21(16))

### Overall Sentiment



### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:18am 02-25-24

There should be no more restricted areas for local residents. Prioritize opening roads for better escape plans in case of fire again

## BFED Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 9:11 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for Hale Pilina - Catholic Charities Hawaii  
**Attachments:** Written Testimony for Hale Pilina Catholic Charities Hawaii.docx

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**From:** Greg Peros <gregperos.maui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 9:00 AM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Testimony for Hale Pilina - Catholic Charities Hawaii

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Greg P. Peros, 129 Kealohilani St, Kahului, HI 96732

Subject: Testimony in Support of Hale Pilina Affordable Apartment Building – Catholic Charities Hawaii

Aloha County Council Members,

I am writing this testimony (please also see the attached) in strong support of the Hale Pilina affordable apartment building project initiated by Catholic Charities Hawaii. My name is Greg Peros, and I reside in Kahului on this beautiful island of Maui. I believe that the Hale Pilina project is not only a testament to the dedication of Catholic Charities Hawaii but also a crucial step towards addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in our community.

The recent events in Lahaina have left many survivors in a state of displacement, and the provision of temporary housing solutions is of paramount importance. I have personally interacted with some of the survivors who are willing to temporarily move to other parts of Maui until they can safely return to Lahaina permanently. The Hale Pilina project offers a glimmer of hope for these individuals, providing them with a secure and affordable place to reside during this challenging period.

The thoughtful planning and design of Hale Pilina demonstrate a commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive community. I appreciate the efforts made by Catholic Charities Hawaii to ensure that the new affordable apartment building not only meets the basic housing needs of its residents but also fosters a sense of belonging and stability.

Affordable housing is a critical component of a thriving and resilient community, and Hale Pilina is poised to make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by the Lahaina events. By offering a temporary solution for displaced individuals, this project aligns with the principles of compassion and community support that Catholic Charities Hawaii embodies.

I urge you to consider my testimony in support of the Hale Pilina project. Your continued dedication to providing affordable housing solutions is an inspiration to our community, and I believe that Hale Pilina will contribute significantly to the well-being and recovery of those affected in Lahaina.

Thank you for your tireless efforts and commitment to creating positive change in our community.

Mahalo,

Greg P. Peros