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**From:** Alfred Leung <aleung@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:13 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Fuel tax opposition

To BF-1.

My name is Alfred Leung and I work@ the Pacific Biodiesel on the big island. this letter that I'm writing is to oppose the tax increase on biodiesel. if this tax law passes this will not only hurt our production but it will have an affect our employees at our facilities throughout the state of Hawaii. this would be a huge set back for renewable fuel and clean air for the state of Hawaii. I ask of you to reconsider the passing of this bill due to our 100 plus employees in jeopardy of losing their jobs and keeping Hawaii clean by turning a waste product into renewable energy.

Thank you.  
Alfred Leung

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Na Hale O Maui

BF-1, \$1 Mil for Na Hale O Maui

From: Amy Kurisko [kurisko808@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:47 PM  
To: info@nahaleomaui.org  
Subject: Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Project

Aloha Council members,

I am writing in support of Na Hale of Maui and the 12 truly affordable homes, to be hopefully built in the Kahoma homes in Lahaina. This project needs a 1 million dollar grant to ensure the project moves forward. This project is the prime example of affordable housing.

Na Hale O Maui helps families obtain homes in a truly affordable way. These homes, built with the help of grants are some local families only way to obtain the dream of home ownership. These homes are affordable to buy and unlike most affordable housing projects, these homes remain affordable for all future buyers. They are affordability in perpetuity. Na Hale O Maui helps families obtain homes not investment projects. There are many community land trust projects, like Na Hale O Maui that are thriving on the mainland. This project is doing so well, here on Maui as well. Give them this 1 million dollar grant and help support local families.

I have been blessed to call Maui my home for 15 years. I have two young children in Lahaina schools. I house and care for my permanently disabled mother. I am a single mom. I am blessed to have a stable job and pay. I very much have the drive and desire to be a homeowner on my island home of Maui. I have been on the list for a Na Hale O Maui home for over 2 years. I have personally been witness to acquaintances, who have acquired an affordable home on Maui and after the 10 years, make an astronomical profit after selling bit at market rate. I have personally heard of new home owners in newly built workforce housing developments, talk about all the money they will make once they can sell their affordable home in 10 years. These so called affordable homes are only affordable to the first home buyers and there is so much wrong with that.

Na Hale O Maui stepped up with the desire to help the Lahaina community with the hope of building 12 truly affordable homes. This wonderful organization relies on donations and grants. They need and deserve this 1 million dollar grant. They are trying so hard to help their island community. Let's help support this wonderful organization. Na Hale O Maui is a success story for so many families upcountry, south side and central. They want to help the west side. Please allow them to do that.

I am very much in support of giving Na Hale O Maui a 1 million dollar grant to help fund the 12 truly affordable Kahoma homes in Lahaina. Local families are depending on these homes. We are depending on you. Mahalo for your time.

Regards,

Amy Kurisko  
Lahaina

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**From:** Barbara Barry <begoniabarry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:15 PM  
**To:** BF Committee; Riki Hokama  
**Subject:** Real Property taxes and the 2019 Maui County Budget

Aloha Chair Hokama and Council Members.

I am very curious if the Council can explain why they are NOT requesting that the Hotel and the Short Term rental businesses property taxes be raised to the Condo tax rate to subsidize and fund critical infrastructure that the visitor industry relies on?

It seems fiscally irresponsible to be leaving so much money on the table while cutting essential funding for vital programs.

It also seems like a great conflict of interest for Mike White to be voting on reducing taxes for the Hotel he manages and the industry at large while asking for other short term rentals and condo to be taxes at a higher rate. Tax Hotels and Short Term Rentals at the same rate as Condos! The money does not stay in Hawaii except through property taxes and the GET taxes. The profits go offshore to investors and parent Corporations.

The workers struggle to live on island with their minimum wages while housing costs are through the roof.

Why have nearly all of the property tax classes gone up significantly throughout the years when Mr. White has been on the Council, except for Hotel taxes? Those taxes have either gone down or risen very slowly. It's tough to hide this type of blatant corruption.

Now Mr. White is leaving the Council with diminished revenue due to him protecting the Hotel industry. Please do not let this happen.

You have a fiscal responsibility to make laws to collect appropriate property taxes and you are not doing your job by not taxing the Hotels and Short Term Rentals at the same rate as the Condos.

You are not helping Maui County by ignoring this obvious revenue. You are hurting it.

Mr. White should recuse himself from any vote that pertains to Property Taxes to the Hotel industry.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

Ha'iku

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**From:** Chris Robbins <echrisr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:31 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Submitting written testimony regarding "BF-1", 23-Cent Per Gallon on-road fuel tax on BIODIESEL

Aloha Maui County Council,

As a resident here in Wailuku-HI, I am writing to submit testimony regarding "BF-1", 23-Cent Per Gallon on-road fuel tax on BIODIESEL.

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS TAX ON BIODIESEL.

This proposed 23-CENT PER GALLON on-road fuel tax for biodiesel is:

- The exact SAME TAX RATE proposed for petroleum diesel and gasoline - FOSSIL FUEL!
- DOUBLE the proposed tax rate for Ethanol, Methanol and Liquified Petroleum Gas (11.5 cents per gallon).
- Electric Vehicles are charged NO on-road tax.

Maui County would NOT be walking the talk of support for a 100% renewable Hawaii by implementing this 23-cent tax on biodiesel:

- Biodiesel is an important part of the State's renewables mix:
  - Hawaii is the FIRST state in the nation to mandate being powered by 100% renewable energy by 2045.
  - All of the State's Mayors - including Maui County's Mayor -- committed earlier this year to a shared goal of 100% renewable ground transportation by 2045.

Biodiesel provides a ripple effect of benefits for Maui County and the entire state! Biodiesel is:

- Locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy.
- 100% renewable, biodegradable and non-toxic.
- Reduces emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel.
- Reduces the state's reliance on imported petroleum fuel.
- Creates local jobs. Over 100 residents of our state are employed in the BIODIESEL Industry including many people right here in Maui County.
- Supports diversified, sustainable agriculture on Maui through our company's farming operation that's growing sunflowers and other biofuel crops for FOOD and FUEL and other high value products - creating jobs in agriculture and supporting energy security AND food security in the state.
- Diverts waste oils from the Maui County landfill. Last year alone in Maui County, our company over 284,000 gallons of used cooking oil and 975,000 gallons of grease trap waste was diverted from the landfill, recycling this waste product for use in the production of our biodiesel.
- Saves Maui County restaurants money. Restaurants used to pay \$1 to \$2 per gallon to have their used cooking oil properly removed and disposed of; it is now collected at no charge and recycled in to Biodiesel. I am told that equates to at least \$285,000 saved by local restaurants in 2017 alone and over \$1.5 million in the past 8 years.

Sincerely,

Christopher Robbins  
Wailuku, HI

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** David Camacho MD <camacho@hirad.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:47 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed tax increase on biodiesel.

Aloha council members,

I would like to provide my written support of biodiesel on Maui. The benefits are obvious with the diversified agriculture on Maui, diversion of waste oils from the Maui County landfill and the production of biodegradable nontoxic biofuels. The proposed tax increase on biodiesel would be detrimental to the proposed goal of 100% renewable ground transportation by 2045. Therefore, I am opposed to the proposed tax increase on biodiesel.

Thank you for this opportunity,

David Camacho

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**From:** David Frazier <dfrazier@MauiCoastHotel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Joanna Awai  
**Subject:** MVB Funding FY2019

Council Member Riki Hokama  
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee  
Maui County Council

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is David Frazier, General Manager of the Maui Coast Hotel in Kihei for the past 18 years.

It has come to my attention that the Council has been disappointed with an apparent perception that the “hospitality industry” has been lackluster in their support of funding for the MVB.

I wish to assure you that this is not the case.

As a 40 year veteran of the hospitality field, I suppose I just assume some things these days. For example, since my hotel constantly engages in all kinds of marketing efforts to draw people to the island and specifically to the Maui Coast, I just assume that Maui government in general would also be equally engaged in any opportunity to strengthen the island economy and to safeguard its economic health, and that there is not a need to fervently argue for the obvious.

Let me try:

In short, if the visitor industry is the “engine” that drives Maui’s economy (and it most definitely is) then I look at the MVB as a critical component of the “fuel.” In my mind, the success of the MVB’s efforts cannot be disputed. If there is doubt, just look at the industry numbers and recall that those numbers fan out to impact the entire island and virtually every business here.

We should be increasing funding rather than considering cuts to one of our best sources of tourism.

Please fund the MVB FY2019 at 4.2 million as requested.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Mahaho,

David Frazier

**David Frazier**

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**From:** David E. Sellers <david@hioffgrid.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:47 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please Continue the Biodiesel Tax Exemption

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to address the council.

I would like to request that the county council support the continuation of the road tax exemption for Bio Diesel. As a local business we exclusively use biodiesel in all our vehicles and equipment for 2 primary reasons: LOCAL JOBS not only does biodiesel employ local residents that pay taxes and support the local economy but it is good for THE ENVIRONMENT. Biodiesel lowers emissions by 86% over fossil fuel diesel no to mention that it is made from recycled cooking oil that would other wise go to our landfill but also from agriculture waste and new agriculture that is utilizing former sugar cane land.

Recently I had a friend use biodiesel because of the price thanks to the tax exemption. After years of asking him to try it he finally did solely due to the price. Now he is supporting our local economy as opposed to the money heading back to the mainland or another country.

Please for the sake of our keiki continue to support locally produced biodiesel and local jobs with the tax exemption!

Mahalo

### **David E. Sellers**

Principal

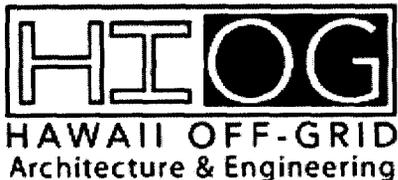
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**From:** Deborah Kranz <dkranz@kranzco.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:32 AM  
**To:** Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Tiered Property Tax

I am sure that there are other taxes you can place on tourist once they are there that would not affect the local community and yet not discourage the vacation rental industry which is a growing travel preference for families. Taxes on many of the tourist attractions can also help and will not impact your growing rental industry.

I hope you will reconsider your proposal to implement something that will not impact our decision to keep our Maui property.

Deborah Kranz  
650-740-0011

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**From:** Don Couch <don@doncouch.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:40 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Electric Vehicle & Hybrid Electric Vehicle fees

Aloha Chair Hokama and members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

First, I would like to congratulate you on adding a fee for electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles to assist in replenishing the highway fund. I agree with the \$250 for Electric vehicles. As I recall, Director of Public Works, David Goode calculated that people pay on average around \$250 in fuel taxes for the county when they fill up their vehicles. It makes sense that electric vehicles pay that fee to offset the missing fuel tax.

My request involves hybrid electric vehicles. While I agree they should also pay a fee, I disagree that it should be the same as completely electric vehicles. The reason for my disagreement is that hybrid electric vehicles also pay a fuel tax. Granted, they do not pay as much as a fully gas vehicle, they do pay fuel tax. A more equitable fee for hybrid electric vehicles would be \$150. Otherwise, hybrid electric vehicles would, essentially, be double taxed on the fuel that they consume.

In full disclosure, I have a hybrid electric vehicle and do pay fuel taxes and am more than willing to pay a fee for the fuel that I am avoiding.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Don Couch

**B&F Testimony Talking Points -- April 25, 2018**

**Jacob Verkerke – CTO**

Jacob.verkerke@co.maui.hi.us

Please consider restoring the following items to the ITSD Program FY2019 Budget:

First priority:

**(Line #718)** ITSD would appreciate reconsideration of the elimination of one of the Information Systems Analyst V positions, specifically the one intended to help us bring the specialized skills on board to manage the increasing number of applications based in the cloud. Cloud applications are different from the traditional information systems running on our servers, as the vendor has more control over how IT staff can access the application for report writing and interfaces to other applications. This usually means that the vendor's preferences dictate the tools to be used; our staff has to acquire the necessary skills. Similarly, connectivity to cloud based applications, and with it user access, is much more complicated, as it is more at risk of security breaches. Again, this requires a level of experience with the cloud environment and the associated tools, that present ITSD staff does not have. Unless we find a way to bring that expertise into our Division, the cloud application vendors will deliver to their best interests, not the County's!

That same present ITSD staff is still very busy with the more traditional applications running in our datacenter. We have a large portfolio of applications that will remain on our servers, so there is not an opportunity to free up existing staff from that workload to focus on support for the cloud applications. We support about 385 applications in use by the approximately 35 different lines of business IT Services is tasked to support; just in the last year 41 applications were added. The ITSD's application support services are delivered by just 8 dedicated information systems analysts, who are focused on working with the County's departments to identify their needs, negotiating with vendors, and implementing and maintaining that large number of applications.

ITSD expects to support a number of major applications in the cloud: HR/Payroll. Email, County Web site, MAPPS Customer Self Service, IASWorld, Financials, IT Service Management, Recruiting, and GIS Online.

The rest of the Division's staff is responsible for end user support through the help desk, infrastructure support for datacenters and network, support for the unique needs of the public safety agencies, Enterprise GIS, and, of course, cyber security. No easy task by any stretch of the imagination.

Our staff is very, very busy and has been begging me to find some additional resources to help them out.

Second Priority:

**(Line #721)** The elimination of \$300K from the R&M - Service Contracts category appears to be targeted at the request for Annual Software Maintenance for the MAPPS (EnerGov) software. This is a contractual obligation that is not influenced by the

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duration of the MAPPS implementation effort. Without that money, we will have to make choices as to which maintenance agreements not to pay (in full) during FY2019. In other words, we will be faced with having to "rob Peter to pay Paul". Even a partial restoration of that amount will reduce the risk of having information systems fall behind on maintenance patches, which directly translates to increased cyber security vulnerability.

Thank you!

April 25, 2018

Aloha Chair Hokama and council members:

My name is Janet Kuwahara and I work for the Maui Visitors Bureau. I'm here to support restoring the Maui Visitor Bureau funding that was proposed in the Mayor's budget. The visitor industry is our number one and only economic engine on Maui. I don't think a lot of people realize the domino effect the industry has on our economy. My husband is a painting contractor and it affects him, if people aren't working, they can't afford to paint their house. In 2007 the economy was booming with 2.7 million visitor arrivals and high occupancy levels. But how quickly people forget what it was like in 2008 and 2009 when the economy tanked and the stock market crashed. People were losing their jobs, losing their homes, there were so many foreclosures. Visitor count dropped to 1.6 million, hotel occupancy tanked and unemployment soared to 9.5%. Even after 911 so many people were getting laid off.

I have lived here for 45 years, my husband was born and raised here, our 3 sons were born and raised here and now we have six grandkids on island. I have worked in the industry most of my years on Maui. I have seen the peaks and valleys of jobs and even housing. I know what is like to tell someone, sorry we have to let you go, business is too slow. Before I started with MVB I didn't understand what it is that they do, since being employed with them for the past 17 years, I've seen that MVB is involved in everything concerning visitors. In fact, I go to Maui County EOC for hurricanes, tsunamis, or whatever the disaster might be, if shelters are open, we are there to assist, we assist the hospital with visitors, we assist the police with visitors.

Tourism is the leading industry in the world and we are constantly hearing of new destinations. Not that many years ago no one heard of Belize or Cancun. There is so much competition, that if we don't continue marketing Maui Nui our visitors will choose other destinations and they won't come back. We humbly ask for your continued support and to reinstate MVB funding to at least last year's level of \$4 million.

Mahalo  
Janet Kuwahara  
Senior Manager of Operations  
Maui Visitors Bureau

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**From:** Jason DeKemper <jdekemper@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:21 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1 Biofiel Testimony

The 23 cents/gallon fuel tax is a bad idea. I've worked for Pacific Biodiesel for nearly 5 years. The Big Island plant I've worked at has made millions of gallons of finished fuel in that time. That is millions of gallons of used cooking oil and grease trap waste that otherwise would have went into the landfill from the various islands collectively over that time. And at an 86% reduction in emissions, you figure out how all of that fuel has saved the environment one vehicle at a time per gallon produced. Not only that, where is the incentive to "go green" when the price of biofuel is the same as petroleum fuel? There is none. That doesn't promote sustainability at all. Nor does it create or sustain jobs. If there is no incentive to buy biofuel, sales drop and folks are out of a job. If anything, promoting it statewide will be a benefit for our population as a whole. As many consumer vehicles that are diesels on the roadways, if everybody learned more about what biodiesel is, more would use it and just think of the amount of carbon emissions that would be reduced? If you factor in that Maui county has a large sunflower field that will end up supplying oil to the Big Island plant, that ends up being more business to be spread out through the state with the dollars kept in the communities locally. In short, I am of the philosophy that raising taxes on this will hurt more than it will help. I say that, because the economic impact alone of the tax could cost jobs statewide, not just in Maui County if there is no incentive to use the biofuel we make. E-85 is cheaper than E-10 to promote its use, so why make B-100 the same price per gallon as petroleum diesel?

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**From:** Joanna Awai <jawai@MauiCoastHotel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:21 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Visitors Bureau 2019 Budget

Council Member Riki Hokama  
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Hello Mr. Hokama,

I humbly write to you, asking to please maintain MVB's Budget of \$4.2 Million in 2019 and years to follow. Tourism is an extremely vital component of Maui County's overall good standing and the Visitor Industry relies a tremendous deal on MVB Marketing Maui as a whole!

I've been here at Maui Coast Hotel for now 17 years and previous to this, in the Rent A Car field for 10 years. The Tourism Industry.

I've seen firsthand what happens to our economy when "nobody" travels. I strongly know and believe that without adequate funding – we will not be exposed in the world well enough to entice visitors to "Visit Maui".

Marketing is Key and MVB has done an excellent job over the years with keeping our Industry afloat, in turn, keeping Maui afloat. I strongly believe that decreasing this funding will hurt our economy and business to Maui.

Here is an example:

Maui Coast Hotel = We are a small Independent Hotel.

Expedia = Travel Agent of the WORLD.

I cannot keep up with Expedia Marketing, therefore, a vast majority of my bookings come through the Expedia website directly as opposed to my direct website, despite the amazing promotions that I run. Yes – people in the world are booking on Expedia, even if they can book cheaper on my website direct. Why? Because their Marketing is extreme and it's OUT THERE.

We as a whole – NEED Maui Visitors Bureau out there! They are our voice, our arm, our representation, our foundation.

In a nutshell – MVB is the strongest marketing arm we have – it is THEE marketing arm of Maui. Only MVB Marketing can keep up with our exposure to the world and continue educating tourist on our Beautiful Island of Maui – Maui No Ka Oi. They ensure continued profitability and stability to our Home.

Again, I humbly ask you to please maintain Maui Visitors Bureau Budget of \$4.2 Million in 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

***Joanna Awai***

**Director of Sales & Marketing**

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**Na Hale O Maui**

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**From:** Krysha Kuahuia [kryshakuahuia@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** info@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** Na Hale O Maui funding

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Dear Chair Hokama and members of the budget & finance committee,

My names Krysha Kuahuia, and I reside in West Maui. This project means so much to me because without out I don't see any other option out there where my family and I would be able to own a home of our very own. I have 4 keikis under the age of 10, and while it's so beautiful being able to watch them grow, I've missed out on so many milestones that I can't ever get back. I spend so much time working and trying to work any extra hours and overtime that I can because I can barely afford the rent along with your normal household bills. Na Hale O Maui's made me want to work towards my dream of OWNING my own home not OWING my own home. They've opened up a great oppourtunity for hardworking families who just need a little extra help with trying to achieve our dreams of being homeowners. This organization is truly affordable and by approving the 1 million funding you will be able to help keep these homes truly affordable. This grant would mean the world to my family, as well as many other familys who are in similar if not the same situation as I'm in. Not only would we be able to live in Lahaina but my kids would also be able to stay in the only school that they've ever known with the friends and family that they know and grew up with. My Ohana and I are asking for your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for 1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui. Thank you for your time, and we hope that you will please help us keep this project moving forward and help give so many families the oppourtunity to live a life that we've always dreamed of.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Krysha Kuahuia

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**From:** lee moyers <leemoyers@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:13 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Lani roundabout

To whom it may concern,

After the all the positive research that was presented to you, and after all the positive public input, and you still remover funding for a roundabout? Give the community what it needs! I went to school In Oregon that was in a community full of roundabouts. It's definitely a better traffic solution over a traffic signal. I live in Maui Lani and go through that four way stop everyday. A roundabout is definitely the way to go, not a traffic signal.

Mahalo,  
Lee Moyers



# Maui Hotel & Lodging ASSOCIATION

April 25, 2018

Council Member Riki Hokama  
Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lisa Paulson, Executive Director of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes 185 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA’s membership employs over 30,000 residents and represents over 19,000 rooms.

On behalf of the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association, I am here to express my concern with the proposed cut to Maui Visitor Bureau’s Funding in Maui County Council’s proposed FY2019 budget.

Tourism provides major sources of funding for our County government. Real Property Taxes brought in from hotel/resorts and timeshare for FY18 = \$123.7 million to the County Revenue; TAT generated in FY18 for Maui County = \$147 million (this helps to provide \$23.5 million for the County budget).

Maui generates 8 times the RPT of Hawaii County and nearly 5 times more than Kauai County: Maui taxes are \$123.7M or \$5,650 per unit, Kauai is \$25.1M or \$2,970 per unit, Hawaii is \$15.0M or \$1,320 per unit, Oahu is \$168.5M or \$4,505 per unit.

There is an untested assumption with this proposal to cut marketing funds: that Hawaii’s share of the global tourism expenditures will remain the same level with less marketing dollars. If that proves to be wrong, many of Maui County’s businesses that rely on visitors will lose.

I would propose that this body reconsider reinstating MVB funding to at least last year's level of **\$4 million**. It does not seem sensible to cut Maui Visitor Bureau support and risk impacting the jobs and revenue stream generated by the Maui County visitor industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Lisa H. Paulson  
Executive Director

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§342G-24 Submission schedule for revised integrated solid waste management plans. (a) Each state-approved county plan shall be revised and submitted to the office on the following schedule:

(1) The first revised plan shall be submitted to the office not later than four years after July 1, 1991; and

(2) Subsequent revised plans shall be submitted to the office once every ten years; provided that an interim status report on the implementation of a revised plan shall be submitted five years after every submission of a revised plan to the office.

All revised plans shall be consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

(b) Not less than one hundred and twenty days prior to the submission of a revised plan to the office, the county shall submit a copy of the proposed revision to its county advisory committee for review and comment. All revisions determined by the county advisory committee or the office to be substantial revisions shall be subject to:

(1) At least one county public hearing prior to final submission of the revised plan to the office for review;

(2) Reconsideration and approval by the county advisory committee; and

(3) Review by the office, where the office shall approve, conditionally approve, approve specific elements or components, or disapprove the plan.

In general, any significant changes in policy, program implementation, the identification of facilities necessary to accomplish plan goals, or funding mechanisms, shall be considered substantial revisions. Deadlines for the submittal of substantial revisions shall be pursuant to the schedule outlined in this section.

(c) If neither the county advisory committee nor the office deems any changes to be substantial, then those changes shall be incorporated immediately into the plan. If any member of the public contests a determination of "lack of substantial revision", that person may appeal the determination to the director. The decision of the director shall be final.

(d) The office may require a county to modify and submit to the office an entire plan or specific elements of a plan at a date earlier than the schedule outlined in this section if:

(1) The county, in total, within the county and through access to capacity within another county, has fewer than five years of available permitted disposal capacity, and in the judgment of the office is not making sufficient progress toward developing or gaining access to new capacity; or

(2) The county fails to demonstrate a commitment to meeting the State's waste reduction goals. [L 1991, c 324, pt of §2; am L 2010, c 12, §2]

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Michael Miyamoto

**[§342G-25] Contents of county integrated solid waste management plans.** (a) Each county plan and subsequent revision shall include:

- (1) A program element; and
- (2) A facility capacity and siting element.

A county may include additional elements at its discretion.

(b) The program element shall include at a minimum:

- (1) A waste stream assessment component;
- (2) A source reduction component;
- (3) A recycling and bioconversion component;
- (4) An energy-balance component;
- (5) A special waste component;
- (6) A household hazardous waste component;
- (7) A public education and information component;
- (8) A landfill and incineration component;
- (9) A marketing and procurement of materials component;
- (10) A program implementation component; and
- (11) A program funding component.

(c) The facility capacity and siting element shall include at a minimum:

- (1) An existing capacity and future needs component;
- (2) A facility implementation component; and
- (3) An enterprise zone component. [L 1991, c 324, pt of §2]

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- Centralizing Division equipment maintenance and repair operations
- Evaluating putting on stand-by the remote landfills (Hana, Lanai and Molokai) and the transfer of refuse and recyclables to appropriate destinations

The Department and Division support the SWRAC recommendations for implementation with the addition of the following elements:

- All Scenario components will be reviewed by stakeholders and will need to take legal, financial and union considerations into account prior to implementation. Evaluations will be conducted on all proposed projects to determine if they are feasible, attainable, and reasonable.
- Evaluate land needed for increased compost operations.
- Evaluate standby options for Lanai and Molokai landfills while maintaining and improving recycling and household hazardous waste (HHW) collection and processing.
- Complete legislation for commercial recycling mandates, including enforcement components.
- Create mandates for the recycling of commercially produced food waste.

On May 8, 2008, the SWRAC approved the draft ISWMP, with the inclusion of the Division's additional considerations to Scenario III. Table ES-1 compares the current waste management system with Scenario III which calls for more diversion, more services to customers, prolonged landfill capacity to 2042, and generation of electricity from trash that would otherwise be landfilled.

**Table ES-1 – Current/New System Highlights**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>New (Scenario III)</b>
Diversion Rate	30%	60%
Curbside Customers	27,000	44,000
Curbside Recycling	No	Yes
Curbside Bulk Item	No	Yes
Curbside White Good	Partial	All
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Partial	Yes
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	No	Yes
Construction and Demolition MRF	No	Yes
Active Landfills	4	3
Curbside Pilot Yard Waste	No	Yes
Generating Electricity from Garbage	No	Yes
Central Maui Landfill Closes	2026	2042
Average Annual Division Budget 2006 – 2042	\$50 million	\$109 million
Cumulative Capital Needed	\$76 million	\$200 million

## INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

There were 20 recommendations in the plan. They are:

1. Increasing the amount of waste materials diverted for recycling and composting to 60 percent;  
*We did not wait for 60% diversion, initiated MRRF.*
2. Providing single-stream curbside recycling collection to all households on County-standard roads;  
*We initiated the "Pilot" program, on hold while MRRF project develops.*
3. Providing weekly automated or semi-automated trash collection to all households on County-standard roads;  
*Working on this, ongoing expansion.*
4. Providing consistent residential curbside collection of white goods and bulky waste by appointment;  
*Program in place at fee of \$25.*
5. Developing a materials recovery facility (MRF) to process the recyclable items collected by the County from residential customers;  
*Services contracted out.*
6. Developing a MRF to process construction and demolition waste (C&D);  
*Since closure of C&D landfill, SW contracted services at CML.*
7. Implementing, where appropriate, a landfill gas collection system and generating electricity from it;  
*In contract as part of the MRRF project.*
8. Collecting household hazardous waste on a consistent basis;  
*Program is to do once or twice a year events.*
9. Continuing to support diversion grants;  
*Annually done.*
10. Increasing environmental education;  
*Ongoing with EP&S and WW.*
11. Developing the Olowalu convenience center into a transfer station;  
*Currently for residential trash only, limited recycling.*
12. Developing a convenience/recycling center in the Hana region;  
*Done, currently located next to landfill.*
13. Creating efficiencies within the Division by consolidating certain base yards and developing a centrally located solid waste campus;  
*In progress, EA is in the comment period.*
14. Addressing changes in ordinances for trash and recyclable curbside collection and C&D recycling;  
*Changes completed.*
15. Initiating construction and demolition debris recycling programs;

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16. Implementing a customer call center with one number for all of the Division's services;  
Completed for SW, WW and EP&S.
17. Investigating the feasibility and applicability of various technologies to convert the remaining 40 percent of waste (the residue from recycling and any non-recyclable materials) to an estimated 47 megawatt hours of electricity per year;  
Project is part of the MRRF project.
18. Continuing to operate the Central Maui Landfill to receive mainly ash from the waste-to-energy facility;  
Landfill is currently active, we are not pursuing incineration so no ash is planned.
19. Evaluating the Lanai and Molokai landfills for placement on standby status;  
Study was done, results show cheaper to operate. Shipping would have to go to Oahu.
20. Placing the Hana landfill on standby status.  
Study was done, results show cheaper to operate. Infrastructure costs were high.

Michael S. Spalding

April 25, 2018

Hon. Riki Hokama, Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Na Hale O Maui's Request for \$1 Million from the  
Affordable Housing Fund

Dear Chairman Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance  
Committee:

As you are all well aware, one of the most pressing problems facing  
our children is finding affordable housing to raise a family and live on  
Maui.

Na Hale O Maui is providing quality affordable housing that stays  
affordable. Our program allows for housing that is provided to stay  
in the affordable pool by deducting the land value from the sale price  
and placing a sustainable \$45.00 a month lease rent on the property.

If a homeowner sells their home, it can be purchased by Na Hale O  
Maui and resold as an affordable home. Homeowners are restricted  
on how much the price of the property may increase and at the same  
time they may share in any appreciation.

Please continue to address this problem by funding this request.

Mahalo and Aloha,



Michael S. Spalding

## BF Committee

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**From:** Nicholas Sims <nsims@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** No to bf-1  
**Attachments:** Document.docx

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For consideration of Maui county Mayor,

One more vote completely against our Maui County Mayor's 23-cent per gallon on-road fuel tax for biodiesel proposed in the 2019 FY Budget. Our Mayor will see many people with different facts available for consideration. Please consider them all carefully and show us that you care about our futures.

My name is Nick Sims, I am a very common sense driven person. When presented with a problem I look for a simple yet well thought out solution. When it comes to the 23 cent tax per gallon of biodiesel I see a glaring problem. My thinking is that if biodiesel is close to the same cost as petroleum diesel less people will purchase it. The entire purpose of Biodiesel is to take a harmful waste and process it into an alternative to petroleum sourced fuel. Alternatives are only used as long as they remain attractive to the end consumer. Increase the price and the consumer won't have incentive to stay the course of change. If this happens biodiesel will cease to exist. Landfills will be more toxic, hundreds of Hawaiian families will be effected by loss of income, and Hawaii will be that much further away from our mandate of being powered by 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Let's keep biodiesel attracting more environmentally responsible consumers. Let's be the change that is example for the world.

Nick Sims  
Facilities Technician  
Pacific Biodiesel

## BF Committee

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**From:** Oliver Caberto <dzine90@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** Donald S. Guzman; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Re: Elimination of Paratransit Transportation

To our budget committee members,

My name is Oliver Caberto originally from the island of Lana'i but a new resident to the island of Maui. I am aware that there is a budget meeting at the moment regarding the elimination of the Paratransit transportation system for the disabled and elderly. Personally I do not understand why this topic was even proposed.

Coming from Lana'i where there is no public transportation system, Paratransit has been an asset for not only myself but the disabled community as well as the elderly. Paratransit is the only means of affordable Direct curb to curb pick up for those in need for the whole Maui County - I.e., doctors appointments, therapy, grocery shopping, meetings. As a passenger and Paratransit, I've gotten to know the workers particularly the drivers and the reservation agents and they seem to care about not only their job but also the people that they pick up and drop off; so much that they will do their best to get us to our destination as quickly as possible by even finding certain shortcuts to avoid getting stuck in traffic. The public bus system have designated pick up posts which is out of the way for many if not all of the current passengers who use and utilize and depend on the paratransit system.

I know what it's like not to be able to go somewhere because public transportation is not available. So PLEASE, put yourself in my wheels and ask yourselves, "what would you do?"

I humbly ask that eliminating paratransit not be the topic of discussion for budget meetings as it will deny many people of not only accessibility but also of their lives.

Sincerely,  
Oliver Caberto  
(808) 563-1475

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Patti Link <patti@mauiadvertising.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:12 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** NO ON TAX FOR PACIFIC BIODIESEL FUEL

MAYOR ARAKAWA AND MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL,

AS A CONCERNED MAUI CITIZEN I URGE YOU NOT TO DO A TAX ON BIOFUEL FOR BF-1 PROPOSAL

MAUI COUNTY AND HAWAII IS TRYING TO BECOME A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY STATE, AND THIS TAX  
WILL GREATLY IMPEDE THIS PROGRESSIVE DIRECTION WE ARE TRYING TO REACH BY PRODUCING  
OUR OWN BIOFUEL HERE IN  
HAWAII!

WE VOTE NO ON THIS INCREASE. WOULD LIKE TO BE THERE BUT WILL BE WORKING TOMORROW.

PATRICIA LINK  
MORT KRAJEC  
150 Puukolii Rd. #44  
Lahaina, HI 96761

**Na Hale O Maui**

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**From:** Rebecca Winkie [r\_winkie@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:51 PM  
**To:** natalie@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** BF-1, \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund Na Hale O Maui's 12 Kahoma Homes in Lahaina.

April 25, 2018

Dear Members of the Maui County Budget & Finance Committee:

**RE:** BF-1, \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund Na Hale O Maui's 12 Kahoma Homes in Lahaina.

I strongly support the proposed request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund for the Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Project in West Maui for the construction of 12 single family homes. As a public school administrator in Lahaina, I see every day how much our community needs homes that local working families can afford. I see this from the perspective of our students' families and the workload the parents must take on just to provide their children a home. I also see this from an employer perspective, in the number of teachers who commute from the other side of Maui because Lahaina is too expensive and maybe even more so in the number of teachers moving back to the mainland simply because they've lost hope of ever affording a single-family home on Maui, much less in the Lahaina area. The lack of affordable housing makes it very difficult to retain teachers. Every year, instead of being able to focus all of our efforts on school improvement, we spend countless hours recruiting and training new teachers from the mainland. In short order, these new teachers are disillusioned by the lack of housing and return home to the mainland. This never ending cycle of having to replace instead of being able to retain quality teachers ultimately affects the quality of education offered to the children in our community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Winkie, PhD

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April 25, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair

Budget & Finance Committee

200 S. High Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: BF-1, \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

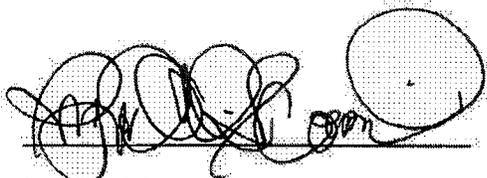
Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We ask for your support for the Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahula Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui. Many Maui residents that are renters live in overcrowded conditions and like ourselves have or do pay more than 50% of their income for housing costs. By funding this project of 12 homes with Na Hale of Maui will bring hope for many Maui born and raised residents who are renters like myself.

My husband is a teacher and a former coach for a Maui high school, I work as a secretary at the local college. We are both State of Hawaii employees with a monthly medical/dental premium of over \$800 that is deducted out of my husband's paycheck to cover our family. With four children and our income, we may never own our own home for our family here in Hawaii let alone Maui. As we struggle to send our daughter to college, give our second oldest braces and oral surgery, we also have a two-year old toddler with special needs. With that said and the medical treatments and surgeries he will require in the future, our dream of being home owners will not happen without the help and assistance of programs like Na Hale O Maui in particular.

By helping the organization of Na Hale O Maui, you are helping families like ourselves to one day own our own home for our children.

Thank you for your help and support,



Regina M Corniel

PO BOX 6246

Kahului, HI 96733

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Richard Watts <richardwatts@fbo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** budget.office@co.maui.hi.us  
**Cc:** BF Committee; evelynafreed@gmail.com; Lisa Harer; ddreich@wbv-maui.com  
**Subject:** Maui County Increase in Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2019

Budget Department:

I am general counsel for Mrs. Evelyn A. Freed, a 75 year old widow and resident of the State of California. My client currently owns a condominium at 3800 Wailea Alanui Drive, #B201, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, 96753, located within the Wailea Beach Villas development. She has been enjoying her property since she purchased it in 2006, and has paid tens of thousands of dollars every year in property tax. She also helps the local economy in Maui by purchasing goods and services and contributing to other local vendors when she is at the property and nearby vicinity. She lost her husband a few years ago and finds solace, peace, and enjoyment while at her Maui condominium and surrounding area.

Mrs. Freed was informed that Maui County is proposing a substantial increase in property taxes for fiscal year 2019, which would affect her in a negative way. It is my understanding the proposal by Mayor Arakawa will increase the cost of ownership in homes that are used as secondary and as investment properties, but will not affect local homeowners.

The tiered property tax rates proposed are designed to increase income from second homes and investment properties, and another way to pay for the projects being proposed in the \$820 million fiscal 2019 budget. Mayor Arakawa is of the belief that the group he is planning to increase taxes for can afford to pay a little extra to help the local economy out.

The tax increase to Mrs. Freed because she has a second home in Maui is not only unfair, but discriminating against my client. She is vehemently opposed to any such tax increase.

Regards,

**Richard Watts, General Counsel**  
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**From:** Maui Recycling Service <zerowastemaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:14 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui County biodiesel road tax

To whom it may concern,

I have been using biodiesel in personal and company vehicles for over 20 years. And over these past 20 years the cost of biodiesel has been higher than regular gas & regular diesel much of the time. Because biodiesel is made in Hawaii, and is by far a more environmentally friendly fuel than the petroleum options, I believe it is sending the wrong message to the future of a sustainable Maui to tax biodiesel at the same rate as petroleum fuels. I strongly oppose raising the County road tax on biodiesel. Thank you,

Shaun Stenshol  
Maui Recycling Service  
244-0443  
fax 873-6141  
<http://www.mauirecycles.com>

Thanks for recycling, it does matter!

April 25, 2018

The Honorable Ricki Hokama  
Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Maui County Council

RE: Maui Visitors Bureau : Reinstate back to \$4 million

Aloha Chair Hokama and Councilmembers,

On behalf of our executive director, Sherry Duong, who could not be here today she sends her apologies and this note:

Aloha Chair and councilmembers:

I am writing to you from South Korea where we are here promoting Maui Nui at our sister city's Goyang International Horticulture Show. I wanted to take this opportunity and request that you reconsider re-instating our budget to the \$4 million.

Our marketing efforts are to ensure our economic engine remains protected. Thousands of residents who work in the hotels, restaurants, activities, attractions, transportation and retail depend on its ability to market Maui County as a vacation destination. The visitor industry directly employs 40% of Maui residents, (indirectly, adding related businesses the percentage increases to 75%).

Prior to me working for the Maui Visitor Bureau I was an HR Manager at a resort in Kā'anapali. I remember when 9/11 happened and Maui county was at an occupancy level well below 30%. As an HR Manager I was laying off and furloughing employees and managers ....it was very difficult time for all of us here on Maui. Some were without jobs for as long as 6 -8 months before we could hire or reinstate their hours.

Marketing is meant to be done at all times, good and the bad. You can't stop marketing because you think that all is good and nothing needs to be done, that visitors will continue to just come. There are many other destinations that we are constantly competing with, we have to always be on top of our game.

I humbly and respectfully request that you please reconsider reinstating our budget to the \$4 million.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Sherry Duong  
Executive Director

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Stephanie Galat <slg0808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF 1

As a Hawaii state resident I believe increasing the tax to the same as fossil fuel would be a great mistake.

Maui County would NOT be walking the talk of support for a 100% renewable Hawaii by implementing this 23-cent tax on biodiesel. Do not create this tax increase.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Galat

## BF Committee

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**From:** Steven Sutrov <kulatennis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:48 AM  
**To:** BF Committee; Yukilei Sugimura  
**Subject:** Public testimony Maui County Budget and Finance meeting Agenda item Fiscal year 2019  
**Attachments:** tennis budget.pdf



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4/25/2018

Public testimony Maui County Budget and Finance meeting Agenda item Fiscal year 2019

From: Steve Sutrov

Re: 1)Tennis court funding, for maintenance, resurfacing, and construction for tennis use.  
2) Funding for the research and development of an Upcountry Pickleball court(s)

Aloha Budget Committee Chair Hokama, Council Chair White, and Council Members,

My name is Steve Sutrov, I have been a living Maui for over 45 years, and have been active playing tennis Upcountry for over 30 years. I was playing at Dr. Andy Don's, McCords courts, and Kula San years ago. For the past 20 years I have been playing at our beautiful Kula Tennis Courts, with a large group of friends, regulars, and visitors that find this special tennis playground. I was active with a core group of players after the first two courts were built (1997) to work on two additional, with a master-plan concept for a final two courts with improvements. For over 10 years we worked towards getting support, funding, finally construction of our two additional courts(2009). I also assisted with others to help maintain the courts with a County Parks partnership. There has been many years of work and support between the tennis communities and the County of Maui for the planning and development of Maui County tennis courts.

Please support budget funds for tennis and tennis court up keep, reconditioning, and development.

Please reject the urbanization of our parks that crowd mixed uses into limited areas. Multi-use courts are a concept best used on a cruise ship. Sports like basketball and pickleball are not compatible played on opposite courts from tennis, the noise is unacceptable for tennis play. Compare to golf, driving off the tee, and someone drops a club bag on your back swing. Hard paddle, hard plastic ball, hard court. Wack wack wack!! Two courts 4X's the Wack. At the Kula Courts you can hear it in the parking lot 75 yards away. Lorie Loney (pickleball Upcountry ambassador) and I talk now and then, I consider her a friend more than an adversary. She said it in testimony the Kula tennis players hate her group. I would quote an infamous source, there are good people on both sides. I told her that her group needs to organize and work on creative ideas for their own pickleball facility. Like we have done for our tennis community. She asked how did you do that Steve? I told her it took years of attending meetings, giving testimony, petitions, community events, and care-taking of the park that we love, to prove ourselves worthy.

I told her I will help her, we could get our sport communities to work together to support it. I told her it's so easy to take something, it's rewarding to create something for your sport, something for the community, sometime for the future.

To allow shared courts in Kula will disrupt our communities. There will be conflicts, if not today tomorrow. Doing this would limit our ability to grow our two sports.

We presented a vision many times to our mayors, and council members, over the years. Some of you have been a partner to building these courts. Our representatives joined us in this vision for the future of tennis in Kula. This vision was for our kids, and their kids. The future of our sport. Not just so we have courts to play on a Tuesday and Thursday. It was not a selfish vision.

Please don't disrespect and reject the hard work, and this vision for the mistake of a quick easy fix that will put our sports at odds not allowing either sport to grow. Help support and fund a home of their own for pickleball. All they need is a flat paved area, any parking lot. You don't need special drainage, don't need a fence, don't need to be facing in a certain direction with the sun. All the things a tennis court needs. Tennis players play in the wind, you play outside you deal with it.

Thanks much, Aloha, Steve Sutrov

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Thanks much, Aloha, Steve Sutrov



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## BF Committee

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**From:** Michele Yoshimura  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony 3 items

-----Original Message-----

From: Terryl Vencl [mailto:tvenc1@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:04 AM  
To: Michele Yoshimura <Michele.Yoshimura@mauicounty.us>  
Subject: Testimony 3 items

Good morning Council Chair Hokama and Council Members,

My name is Terryl Vencl and I speak on behalf of myself.  
I am on a plane this morning or I would be there in person.

I learned of three items on the county budget that have been denied the request given in the Mayor's budget.

1. Near and dear to my heart is the MVB funding. I have stated in my original testimony that other vacation resorts have cut funding and then turn around to put it right back in once they lose market share.

I ask again to help defray rising costs of marketing and keep our economic engine healthy. You Can never get back what you lose and climbing back once market share is lost takes much longer than you might think. Can Maui afford that since this is now our main economic engine?

2. Maui Lani Roundabout. I am happy to see a stop light funds left in the budget but if you have ever seen the traffic back ups at that intersection you would realize how a Roundabout would keep traffic moving. It is the future, why not do it right the first time instead of waiting to tear out the light and do the Roundabout later at even more expense.

3. Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows is a great organization. It gives some of our next generation business folks the opportunity to get a first hand look at how/why our businesses run and takes them out of their comfort zone to learn how the larger scale economy on our island is managed. We are always saying "who will do this job next". Well these folks help to build managers, policy makers, environmental specialists etc. please return their funding to the FY2019 budget.

Aloha Terryl

## BF Committee

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**From:** Thomas Cook (TMC) <tom@tmcmaui.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Tom Cook's request / recommendation for Councils consideration

Aloha Council Chair and Council members,

I recently gave testimony in support of the Title 19 Audit Report phase II.

Hopefully the Planning Department, Mayor's office and Council can work with the Consultants to update our Zoning codes and community plans so it is not so confusing and not as discretionary.

My concern:

Zoning enforcement is something that is relatively easy to do. Identify what is not built to Code and write up the landowner.

Land use and Building permits is a more difficult task. Which ends up as part of our Permit delay process. Which pushing many people to build without a permit.

Many local families are technically illegal in some way on their property.

Fences, sheds, parking, etc

For an example a friend of mine family in Paukulalo has a 2 million dollar fine from planning. It is not a simple matter and the owners are in the wrong in some areas.

My point is if you took all the property's in Paukulalo and did a thorough check for building and zoning violations. My bet is a major percentage would fail. Same goes for Makawao, Kihei, Wailuku.

My request:

Zoning focus on illegal TVA for fines.

Use warnings and light touch on local families for the next three years while Title 19 and community plans are being streamlined and brought up to date in a form that is understandable and assist the review for permits.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I have wrestled with how to convey my support on one side but concern on enforcement. We need the community to be supportive of change and being heavy handed with confusing rules or rules that may well be changed through the review process may cultivate resistance.

Sincerely

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** TOM RIETZ <tom.rietz@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:04 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** 4-26-18 WRITTEN BUDGET TESTIMONY  
**Attachments:** 4252018 1355 hrs maui budget anal..pdf

Please have this written testimony attached to 4-26-18 Budget and Finance Committee agenda. I understand from your staff that this will be reviewed by all concerned parties at 9:00 A.M.

Tom Rietz  
Permanent Kihei resident  
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April 25, 2018

TO: RIKI HOKAMA, CHAIR BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: TOM RIETZ, KIHEI

SUBJECT:

2018/2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

I would like to address some concerns in general about the transparency of the proposed budget and some specific concerns as described below:

### 1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I believe most citizens would agree that affordable housing is the main issue facing our island. While I can understand that you believe there needs to be better planning involved in addressing this issue, I do not agree that funding should be deferred until a better plan is developed. Na Hale O Maui and other affordable housing programs deserve your support now and not later. We cannot afford to "kick the can" another year while our residents leave the island, sleep on the streets or live in congested homes with friends and family.

I also understand that many housing projects require a percentage of the homes to be affordable housing. However, many of those requirements have been reduced or eliminated by the Council due to political pressure. A better plan would be to require 25-50% of all housing to be affordable, and be built first prior to building other housing.

### 2. \$250 SURCHARGE FOR EV AND HYBRID OWNERS

Government has pressed for its citizens to reduce our carbon footprint. I have done that by purchasing a PV system, and buying an EV and a hybrid vehicle. As I understand the budget, I would be required to pay a total of \$500 per year (\$250 per vehicle) as a penalty for trying to be a good citizen. Also, I do buy gas for my Prius, which is used for 80% of the miles we drive.

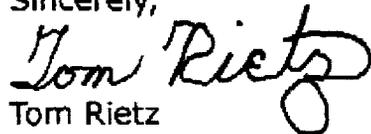
### 3. BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

As a former Budget Officer, Financial Manager and Director of large state agencies, I am amazed at how little comparison data is made available to the public. I am in the process of asking your staff to provide this to me, but it should be readily available. There should be spreadsheets that show past year, current year and budget year data with percent change. If that information was available online it could reduce the number of queries your Budget Office is required to address.

It would also be helpful to have concise narrative which explains why an 11.7% budget increase is warranted, and how the extra funds will be made available. California has a Legislative Analyst Office which performs independent budget analysis, thus relieving citizens like me of this responsibility.

In closing, I recognize that you have a tough job in balancing the needs for all programs with taxpayer groups, providers of service, advocacy groups, etc. But that is your job and we all expect that it be done professionally and competently, with as little political pressure as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Rietz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Rietz  
Permanent Kihei resident

## BF Committee

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**From:** Tony Pastrama <pastramas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:18 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Biodiesel 23-Cent per Gallon On-Road Tax Testimony

Aloha Maui County,

As an avid supporter of locally produced Biodiesel, I urge you NOT to impose a 23-Cent on-road tax for the use of biodiesel. If anything, an incentive should be imposed for biodiesel users such as a tax deduction from our state taxes. There's a deduction for electric cars but not biodiesel which the last time I checked, biodiesel is considered a renewable fuel.

With the State of Hawaii forging ahead on setting a date of 2045 to be 100% on renewable energy, it's completely counterproductive to impose an on-road fuel tax for a renewable fuel and penalize the consumer while we are supporting a local, family owned company and state-wide jobs that they employ.

Again, I urge the County of Maui to NOT impose a 23-cent per gallon for biodiesel consumers.

Sincerely,

Tony Pastrama

April 25th, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S High St  
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: BF-1, \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

I would first and foremost like to thank you for your time in reading this testimony. My name is Victoria Zupancic, and I am a teacher at Lahainaluna High School. While I would love to share my message in person, there are quite a few students who would be sorely disappointed in missing their mathematics lesson for the day.

I am writing to ask your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project.

I have spent six years teaching at Lahainaluna, and I love this school and the community of Lahaina. I truly believe we have some of the greatest students in the world. It pains my heart year after year as I watch teachers leave the community because they simply cannot afford to live here. There are no homes. Maui Now released a report today that 1 out of every 3 units in Lahaina is now a vacation rental. Soon there will be no rentals for residents. The Lahaina community has not been protected against the onslaught of out of state investors and the transition of long term rentals to vacation rentals. The tradition and history of Lahaina is being pushed out for profit. Even in my short six years in Lahaina, I have watched the number of available rentals diminish and rents skyrocket.

I have been changed by this community and my students at Lahainaluna. I would love nothing more than to confidently call Lahaina my home and serve the children of this community for the next 30 years. As a professional and a member of a community, I would like to own a home one day. I would like to come home to my home each evening. I am a contributing member of this community, and I wish I could join in as a homeowner. If I were a homeowner, I would potentially have space to rent to other new teachers in the community. I remembered the first place that took me in, and without affordable rent, I would not have survived on this island or be able to look back at six years with Lahainaluna. Our children and our community deserve to have teachers that will stay in Lahaina. It has always been my intention to rent any additional room or rooms to teachers in Lahaina if I owned a home.

But this dream cannot become reality so long as my housing situation relies on a month-to-month lease. The promise of a future in Lahaina is constantly threatened by housing

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insecurity. The chance of home-ownership is nearly impossible for me, and most professionals in this community, without the County committing to fund projects like Kahoma Homes. The median home price in our community stretches far beyond what our average salaries can support. We need your help. I am asking for your support not only for myself but for the future generations that the Na Hale O Maui program will support on this island.

I sincerely and humbly thank you for your time. Mahalo.

Victoria Zupancic