

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2025-2027) on 2025-04-11 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 04-11-25 18:00

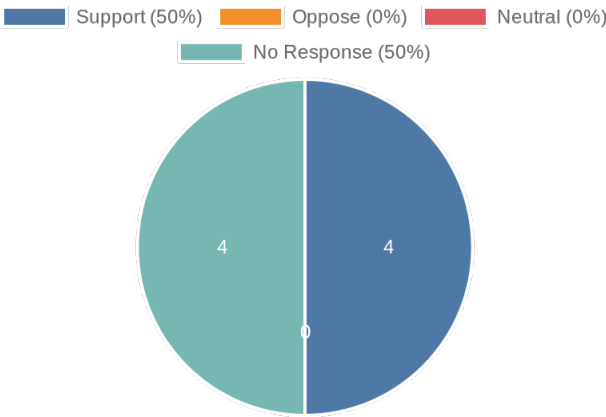
eComments Report

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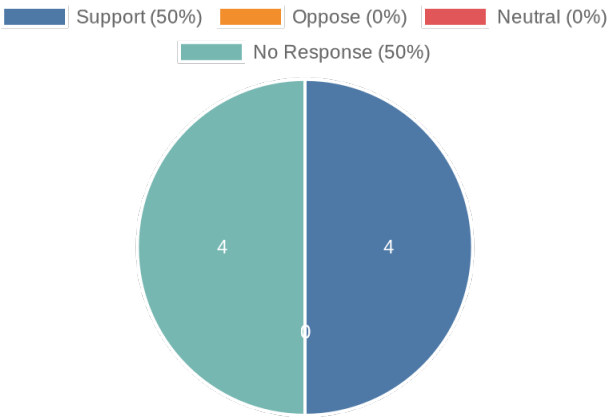


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	1	0	0	0
BFED-1 Bill 41 (2025) PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)	7	4	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

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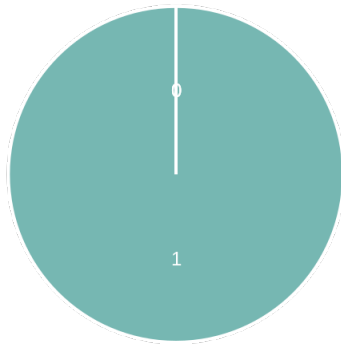
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment

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



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:24pm 04-09-25

To whom it may concern

ALOHA

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for services i received from the Habilitat brush of kindness program.

My name is Deanna Kaimikaua, I live on Hawaiian Homestead land on the island of Molokai. I am 86 years of age, a widow and live in an older home with much needed repairs.

In Dec 2024, 2 young men from Habilitat installed a much needed new shower and repainted my bathroom. They also installed a new screen door. I also had a crack in my living room ceiling and they repaired it and painted the ceiling.

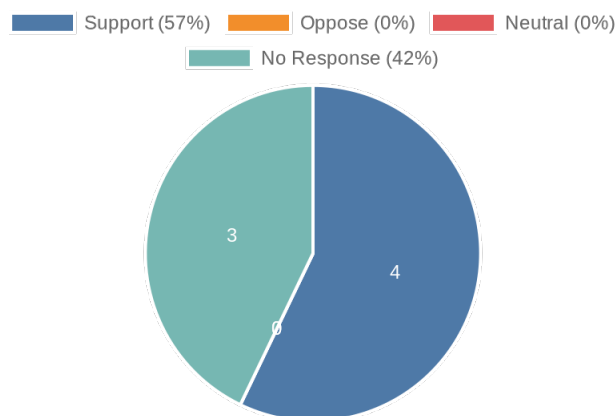
In Jan 2025 I had gone to Oahu and had surgery done which I was hospitalized for 4 days, the end of this month I am scheduled to have a hip replacement. I am grateful for my shower the will make it easier for me to get in/out.

I am so grateful for the services that was rendered on my behalf. I really appreciate it

Mahalo Nui

Deanna

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 04-11-25

This comment asks for support for the Na Hale O Maui Fairways at Maui Lani project. Now more than ever we need entry level, sustainable housing solutions for our police, fire, and other hard working neighbors. This program provides tools for successful ownership like education and financial support, which can result in multi-generational housing solutions. I support the Fairways at Maui Lani project in order to provide much needed housing for our neighbors. Elizabeth

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 04-11-25

Subject: Support for the Mayor's Proposed FY2026 Budget – Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

Funding for Na Hale O Maui's Fairways at Maui Lani Project.

My name is Jae and I am writing in strong support of the Mayor's Proposed FY2026 Budget, particularly the Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan.

The continued rise in housing costs has placed an unbearable strain on individuals and families across our communities. Many are being pushed out of their homes or are unable to find stable housing due to skyrocketing rents and property prices. This budget provides much-needed relief and a path forward for those in need.

The housing crisis affects everyone trying to make ends meet. It is no longer just a matter of affordability; it's a matter of survival for many. The proposed investments in the Affordable Housing Fund represent a critical

commitment to preserving the well-being and dignity of our people. These funds will help develop new affordable housing units, support rental assistance programs, and promote equitable access to safe living conditions.

As a member of the community, I have seen firsthand the impact that the lack of affordable housing has on our neighbors. Families are forced to move farther from work or live. We need proactive, compassionate policies that ensure housing stability — and this plan is a vital step in that direction.

The Mayor's proposal addresses both immediate needs and long-term solutions. By investing in sustainable housing development and supporting partnerships with community organizations, we can build a stronger, more inclusive future. These strategic investments not only benefit those currently, but they strengthen the overall health of our island's economy and culture.

I urge the Council to approve the FY2026 Affordable Housing Fund Plan and continue prioritizing the well-being of residents. Our community cannot wait any longer. We must act with urgency and care to address this ongoing crisis.

Mahalo for your time, leadership, and dedication to creating a more affordable and livable Hawai'i for all.

Thank you, Jae

Carrie DeMott

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 04-11-25

Testimony to the Maui County Council Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
RE: Support for the Mayor's Proposed FY2026 Budget – Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan
April 2025

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

My name is Carrie DeMott, and I am testifying in strong support of the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, specifically the allocation to the Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan—and in particular, funding for Na Hale O Maui's Fairways at Maui Lani Project.

This project is shovel-ready and, with your support, could break ground as early as this summer. It will deliver seven affordable 4-bedroom homes for purchase by local Maui families, with closings projected for 2026. These homes are targeted to households earning 80%–140% of Area Median Income and will be held in a 99-year renewable ground lease, ensuring permanent affordability for generations—from family to family.

Our Community Land Trust model has been serving Maui since 2006, and we have a proven track record of delivering on our promises. We've built 13 homes, assisted with rebuild efforts in Lahaina, currently steward 50 properties and households, and we are ready to scale up our impact with your continued partnership.

In just the first quarter of this year, more than 80 households have completed our orientation program, and we are qualifying new buyers on a regular basis. The need for affordable homeownership opportunities on Maui is greater than ever, and the Fairways project offers life-changing access to secure housing and the ability to build generational wealth.

Na Hale O Maui is not just here for the families in our CLT—we support the broader community through advocacy, partnerships, and direct assistance to anyone who reaches out. We work collaboratively with other nonprofits and public partners because we believe housing is a shared responsibility.

We urge you to approve the funding for the Fairways at Maui Lani Project in the FY2026 budget. Your support will directly help Maui residents achieve the dream of homeownership, stability, and a future rooted in our island.

Mahalo for your consideration and for your continued dedication to affordable housing. I appreciate all you do for our community and look forward to sharing more about our project and partnerships.

With gratitude,
Carrie DeMott
Interim Executive Director
Na Hale O Maui
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BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 4:05pm 04-11-25

Testimony received as of 4/11/2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 3:41pm 04-11-25

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

Thank you for visiting Lahaina last night. Here is a reop of my testimony, with a few additions.

1. Historic District Groundskeeping Grant (line item of \$191,000 under Parks Dept.)

LRF is requesting continued support for this grant which we have been receiving for the past 20+ years. These funds allow LRF staff to maintain the important cultural parks and public spaces in the Lahaina Historic District. After the fire, the downtown area was closed for many months. When our staff was finally allowed in, we dealt with invasive plants, massive weed growth and lots of small pieces of debris left after Army Corps finished clearing the large trash. After months of work, the parks are now looking good, but we need to continue daily maintenance, so we can welcome the public back to the area when all restrictions are lifted.

During the fire, all 12 teak county benches in Banyan Tree Park burned, however 21 wood benches, made from the very dense ipe wood, that LRF had installed, were not harmed. The ipe wood benches were built by a Lahaina woodworker who lost both his house and his shop in the fire. However, he continues to make benches for the park borrowing space in a friend's shop. Due to the interest in the Banyan Tree after the fire, sponsorships for the benches poured in and our woodworker built and installed an additional 18 benches for the park which brings the number total number of park benches to 39. The park bench project is now complete. The benches, funded by individuals and families, are permanently installed in the park for public use and LRF will continue to maintain them.

2. Grant from Office of Recovery for 1.8 million for the design, permitting etc. of Old Lahaina Courthouse, Old Lahaina Prison and Hale Aloha.

LRF has been leasing these county buildings from the Parks Dept. for twenty plus years and absorbing all management, maintenance, and upkeep costs. LRF is requesting Council support for this grant from the Office of Recovery which will complement funds to be obtained from FEMA public assistance as well as other sources. These public buildings, built during the monarchy, are the pillars of the Lahaina Historic District and their restoration is critical to rebuilding of Historic Lahaina.

Mahalo for listening to the community's needs. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 3:37pm 04-11-25

Affordable Housing Fund Annual Plan 04-11-2025

I, Gina Turalva, is in support of the allocation of funds to support affordable homeownership opportunities for working Maui families, specifically affordable housing in perpetuity (for generations), and for the Fairways Project, I would very much appreciate it.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 04-11-25

TESTIMONY FOR BUDGET MEETING:

AS AN ARTIST IN HAWAII FOR 53 YEARS, I AM FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ARTS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND ARTISTS AND ARTS PROGRAMS IN THE STATE AND ON ALL ISLANDS. MY TINY COMMUNITY OF MOLOKAI THRIVES ON THE ARTS PROGRAMS OF THE MOLOKAI ART CENTER. I AM A PAST PRESIDENT OF HAWAII CRAFTSMEN AND WE ENJOYED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM BOTH THE STATE, FEDERAL, AND PRIVATE SECTORS. I AM PASSIONATELY OPPOSED TO ANY CUTTING OF ARTS FUNDS.

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Wainani Keohuloa
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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha,

'O wau 'o Wainani Keohuloa, he haumāna papa 'ehiku au ma ke Kula Waena 'o Moloka'i. Ke kākau aku nei au e kāko'o ikaika i ka papahana a ke Kōmike Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui, a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i nā papahana ma hope o ke kula o STEMworks i kālele 'ia ma luna o nā mea kanu Hawai'i kahiko. Ma o kēia mau 'ike, ua a'o au i nā mea e pili ana i ke 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai au i kēia mau mea no ka pono o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa na'u, 'o ia ka papahana mea kanu a mākou. Ua ho'oki'eki'e ia ia'u, a ua ho'onui i ko'u hoihoi e a'o hou aku no nā mea kanu Hawai'i.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB, i hiki ai i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke a'o, ka nānā i ka honua, a me ka hana 'ana i nā mea hou no ke kōkua 'ana i ko mākou mokupuni aloha.

Mahalo no kou manawa a me kou kāko'o,

Wainani Keohuloa

Wainani Keohuloa
Papa 'Ehiku, Kula Waena 'o Moloka'i

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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Wainani Keohuloa, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to participate in STEMworks after-school projects focused on native Hawaiian plants. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a positive difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was our plant project. It made me feel proud and excited to learn more about our native plants and their importance.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island thrive.

Mahalo for your time and support,



Wainani Keohuloa
Grade 7, Moloka'i Middle School

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Ka'alelaulua Peltier-Yaw
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Ho'olehua, Hawai'i 96729

10 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

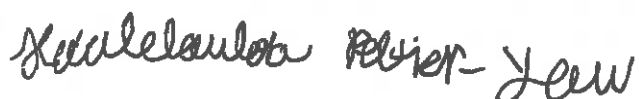
'O Ka'ale ko'u inoa, he haumāna au ma 'O Hina i ka Mālama. Ke kākau nei au e hō'ike i ko'u kāko'o no ka Papa Hana Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (Maui Economic Development Board) a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana STEMworks i ka wā ho'omaha ma hope o ke kula, me kekahi papahana e pili ana i ka mahi'ai a me nā mea kanu Hawai'i, a me kekahi lā i ho'ola'a 'ia no ka mālama olakino. Ua kōkua kēia mau hana ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ke 'eppekema a me kona pili 'ana i ko kākou mo'omeheu a me ke kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā hanana punahele loa ia'u, 'o ia nō ka STEMworks Convention, i laila i kipa mai ai nā malihini kama'ilio i ko mākou papa 'aina a ka'ana like i kā lākou mau mo'olelo 'oihana. Ua ho'okumu lākou i ka paipai 'ana ia'u e no'ono'o i ko'u ala e hiki mai ana.

E nonoi aku ana au i ko 'oukou mau kāko'o a me ke kālā e ho'omau i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB, i mea e hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka 'imi 'ike, ka no'ono'o 'ana, a me ka ho'okō 'ana i nā hana e kōkua ai i ko mākou kaiāulu a me ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui i ko 'oukou manawa a me ke kāko'o 'ana mai!



Ka'alelaulua Peltier-Yaw,

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April 10, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Ka'alelauloa Peltier-Yaw, and I am a student of 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to share my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of STEMworks after-school projects, including one focused on agriculture and Native Hawaiian plants, and another called Healthcare Day. These projects helped me learn more about science and how it connects to our culture and community.

One of my favorite experiences was at the STEMworks Conference 2025, when guest speakers came to our table and shared stories about their careers. It was inspiring to hear how they got started and what they do now. It made me think about what I might want to do in the future.

Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB, so that students like me can keep learning, exploring, and finding ways to help our communities and our islands.

Mahalo for your time and support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ka'alelauloa Peltier-Yaw". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Ka'ale Peltier-Yaw

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Lehua Rawlins-Calairo
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April 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Lehua Rawlins-Calairo and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School, in the 'O Hina i ka Mālama Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. I am writing to ask for your continued support for the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB), the STEMworks Program, and the After-School STEMworks Program.

I had the opportunity to attend the STEM Conference sponsored by MEDB STEMworks in Honolulu, Hawai'i. At the conference, I was able to build my knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. I also learned that with these skills, I can make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was being able to go to the STEM Conference last year and also participating in the Kaehu Ola program. These experiences helped me understand how to help my community and even learn about health and wellness. I realized that I can help people not just in person, but also by using technology.

Please continue to support MEDB and STEMworks so students like me can keep learning, growing, and finding ways to help our communities.

Mahalo nui for your time and support,


Lehua Rawlins-Calairo

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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha mai kakou,

Ko'u inoa o Lehua Rawlins-Calairo he haumana au ma ke kula waena o Moloka'i o 'O Hina i ka Malama, ke kākau nei au kēia leka e paepae ka Maui Economic Development Board ame ka papa hana STEMWorks.

Ua loa'a au i kekahi manawa e hele maluna kekahi papa hana STEMworks ma Honolulu Hawai'i, ua kokua kēia mau i ka pili e a'o mai ana i ka akeakamai, ame na enehana, a pehea hiki mākou ke ho'ohana e make'aka i ke kahi mau me'a'oko'a i loko o ka mākou wahi noho like o nā po'e.

Ke kahi o ko'u pā punahele ke loa'a ana i kekahi manawa kupono e hele ana ma ka aha kuka STEM ka makahiki 'ē a'e ame ka papa hana Kaehu ola. Ua kokua kēia ia'u no ka mea ua hiki au ke maupopo he aha e hana ina pono ka 'aina mai na po'e i ke kokua ai.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u no,


Lehua Rawlins-Calairo

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Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano
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April 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, I am a student from Moloka'i Middle School, O Hina I Ka Malama and I'm here now testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Boards Program and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of, STEMworks after-school classes and as well as the STEM Conference and as well as building our Mala. These experiences has helped me learn more about science, technology, and how i can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences is also during our STEAM conference that I had attended. We had to 'Oli and do the opening. It was a very good experience because i got to show them our culture and also got to experience new things. I got to learn about a career story by Rose Wong who has inspired me to not give up even if times is really hard. I've got to listen to other stories that was also really inspiring.

Also another one of my favorite experiences was the Ha'ehu'ola class we had here on Moloka'i with the DB. This was a very good experience because I got to learn how to take care of my body as well as someone else. This program has taught me important things im going to need incase of any emergencies.

Please continue to fund STEAMworks and MEDP so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and people.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa e heluhelu ai i keia,

Kapuawehiwa

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9, 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e ka lala 'o Maui County Council,

'O wau 'o Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, he haumana au mai Moloka'i Middle School O Hina I Ka Malama. He 'olelo ho'ike keia no ka paepae nei i ka MEDP no ka mea he ko'iko'i keia hana no'u no ka mea ua a'o 'ia mau wahi ia'u i na ko'iko'i o na mea.

Ua laki au e hiki ke lilo i kekahi 'apana 'o na papa mahope 'o ke kula me ka STEAMworks, ka STEAM conferences and ke kukulu 'ana pa i kekahi mala no ko kakou papa. Ua kokua keia mau 'ike mai ia'u e pili 'ana i ka 'enehana, 'epekema a pehea i hiki ke ho'ohana e hana 'ae i kekahi koapo pono ma loko o ko ka lahui 'o makou nei.

O kekahi o ko'u 'ike punahele 'o ia no ka manawa o ka STEAM conference i hele au. Ua pono makou e 'oli a wehe 'ia wahi hana. Ua maika'i loa keia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki ke ho'ike i ko kakou 'ano a a'o i na mea hou. Ua hiki au ke a'o e pili 'ana i ka mo'olelo 'oihana a Rose Wong. 'O Rose Wong kekahi wahine i inspired mai au e mai piholo ke pa'akiki na manawa. Ua hiki au pa ke lohe e pili 'ana i na mo'olelo ea'e a na kanaka ea'e.

A o kekahi 'ike ea'e i aloha nui au 'o ia no ka Ha'ehu'ola me MDB. Ua maika'i loa keia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki au ke a'o pehea e malama i kko'u kino a pehea e malama pu i na kino a na kanaka ea'e. Ua a'o keia 'ike mai ia'u i na mea ko'iko'i e pono paha au ma loko 'o ko'u 'ola.

No laila ke 'olu'olu, e ho'omau ae i ke kokua 'ana i keia mau wahi me ka ha'awi 'ana i ke kala i hiki 'ae na keiki ea'e ke loa'a keia mau 'ike i hiki ke loa'a au a i hiki ke a'o a kukulu i na mea hou i hiki ke kokou i ko makou kanaka ame 'aina.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u, no

Kapuawehiwa

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano
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Kekama Kan-Hai
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April 11, 2025

Greetings Mayor Richard T. Bissen,

My name is Kekama Kan-Hai, and I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

I've had the opportunity to be part of the STEMworks After-School Program, where we focused on Native Hawaiian plants, healthcare, and learning to code with Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

STEMworks and MEDB support us in so many ways. They give us the chance to visit new places, meet new people, and represent our school in a positive way.

One of my favorite experiences was when I got to present my project on the Hawaiian plant *hau*. It felt amazing to represent my school and my community. I was proud of what I learned and shared, and it made me excited to keep learning even more. It was a rare opportunity, and I would love to be able to do it again.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and our future.

Mahalo for your time and support!

Mahalo for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kekama Kan-Hai". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kekama" and last name "Kan-Hai" clearly distinguishable.

Kekama Kan-Hai
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11 'Apelila 2025

Welina mai e nā mamo 'o Maui,

'O wau 'o Kekama Kan-Hai a e hō'ike ana i ke kāko'o 'ana i nā papahana a ka papa
Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i ka papahana STEMworks ma hope o ke kula e pili
ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, ka mālama ola kino a me ke a'o 'ana i ke code me Ozobots ma
ka papa, ua kōkua kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i ka 'epekema, 'enehana, a pehea e
hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana iā lākou e ho'ololi i ko'u kaiāulu.

Kokua keia i ko'u kula me na mea like 'ole a hiki kakou ke hele i na wahi like 'ole a
ho'ike a ku no ko kakou kula.

'O kekahi o ka'u 'ike punahele 'o ia ka hiki 'ana i kahi a'u e hō'ike aku ai i ka'u
papahana 'o Hau a hau'oli ka hele 'ana e pani i ka'u papa a me ka'u kula, a nui ka'u i a'o ai i
ko'u wā i laila.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kālā STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e
like me a'u ke a'o a 'imi, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua i ko mākou moku'uni. Mahalo no kou
manawa.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Kekama Kan-Hai
Papa 7, Kula Waena o Moloka'i

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Herman Pua'a-Smith
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10 'Apelila 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith, and I am a 7th grader at Moloka'i Middle School. I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the chance to be part of some really fun and interesting STEMworks projects, like the Ozobot afterschool project focused on Native Hawaiian plants, and Healthcare Day. I also got to learn how to code using Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to this year's STEM Conference. My classmates and I even had the honor of opening with protocol. Attending the different workshops made me excited because I got to learn about things I never knew before. It made me want to learn even more.

Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can explore, learn, and create new things that can help our island.

Mahalo for your time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Waihelani Pua'a-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith

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Herman Pua'a-Smith
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Aloha Kakou,

'O wau no 'o Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith no ke kula waena o Moloka'i e hō'ike ana i ke kāko'o 'ana i ka papahana 'o Maui Economic Development Board a me kāna Stemworks Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e ka'awale ai i ka papahana ma hope o ke kula 'o Ozobot Stemworks e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i a i 'ole ka lā mālama ola a i 'ole ke a'o 'ana i ka code me Ozobot i ka papa Ua hiki ia'u ke a'o i ka'u mau 'ike e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i ko'u 'ike i ka 'enehana. kaiaulu.

'O kekahi o ka'u 'ike punahele 'o ia ka 'aha kūkā mahu o kēia makahiki. Ua hau'oli ia'u no ka mea makemake wau e a'o e pili ana i nā mea hou a'u i 'ike 'ole ai e like me ka hō'ike 'ana i kā mākou QR code graden project ma ka hālāwai kūkā. Ha'aheo a hau'oli ia'u e a'o hou aku.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kālā stemworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke a'o a 'imi a hana i nā mea hou e hiki ke kōkua i ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo no kou manawa,



Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith

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'9 Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lāla o ka 'Aha Kūkā o Maui,

'O wau 'o Kapilipa'a Solatorio, he haumāna au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau nei au i kēia leka kākō'o no ka Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) a me kā lākou mau papahana.

Ua hā'awi ka MEDB i ke kākō'o kālā he \$3,000 no ka STEMworks, ka 'Aha 'Epekema, a me ka National History Day. Ua kōkua kēia kālā i ka po'e i ho'okō i nā kūlana e hele ai i kēia mau huaka'i. Ua loa'a pū nō ho'i iā mākou kekahi kālā kū'ai i mea e kākō'o ai i ka 'ae 'ana i ke ka'a, i hiki iā mākou ke huaka'i i O'ahu.

'O ka'u mea punahele o kēia huaka'i, 'o ia nō ka hele 'ana i Honolulu no ka 'Aha 'Epekema. He huaka'i ho'ona'auao a le'ale'a ho'i ia.

Mahalo i ke kākō'o 'ana i nā papahana e like me ka MEDB e ho'olako ai i nā haumāna a me ko mākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Me ka mahalo nui,

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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapilipa'a Solatorio, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing in strong support of the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and their programs.

MEDB generously provided \$3,000 to support our participation in STEMworks, the Science Fair, and National History Day. This funding helped cover the costs for those of us who qualified to attend. In addition, our class received a scholarship that helped with transportation, making it possible for our group to travel to O'ahu.

My favorite part of the experience was our trip to Honolulu for the Science Fair. It was a fun and educational journey that helped me learn and grow.

Mahalo for supporting programs like MEDB that invest in students and our future.

Mahalo nui,

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Kruz Makalawena Montizor
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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Kruz Makalawena Montizor, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I'm writing to express my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be a part of the STEMworks after-school project, where I learned about native Hawaiian plants, attended Healthcare Day, and even learned to code with Ozobots. These experiences taught me about science, technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite moments was presenting our QR Code Garden project at the STEM Conference. It made me feel proud and excited to learn even more about our native plants and how we can care for our 'āina using modern technology.

I ask you kindly not to stop funding important programs like STEMworks and MEDB. Without government support, schools like Moloka'i Middle may struggle financially. The Hawaiian language immersion program I'm part of might even face closure because of lack of funding.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and future.

Mahalo for your time and support.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kruz Montizor". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kruz" and last name "Montizor" clearly distinguishable.

Kruz Makalawena Montizor
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Aloha mai kākou,

'O wau 'o Kruz Makalawena Montizor, he haumāna papa 'ehiku au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau aku nei au i kēia palapala e kāko'o ikaika ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me ka MEDB – ka Papa Kūkulu Waiwai o Maui.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana a'o ma hope o ke kula i ho'okumu 'ia e STEMworks, me ka nānā 'ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i, ka lā olakino, a me ke a'o 'ana i ka papa no nā Ozobot. Ma o kēia mau hana 'ana, ua a'o au i ka 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai i ia mau mea no ka pono o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele a'u, 'o ia nō ka ha'i 'ana i kā mākou papahana Mala QR Code ma ka 'Aha STEM. Ua piha au i ka ha'aheo a me ka hau'oli e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i nā mea kanu o ko mākou pae 'āina a me ke 'ano e mālama ai iā lākou me ka 'enehana hou.

E 'olu'olu, e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā no STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka 'imi na'auao, ka no'ono'o, a me ka hana 'ana i nā papahana e kōkua i ko kākou 'āina a me ko kākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa a me kou kāko'o.


Kruz Makalawena Montizor
Papa 'Ehiku, Ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i

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Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa
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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa, and I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's (MEDB) programs. MEDB has provided us with the opportunity to go to O'ahu for STEM-related experiences.

I've had the chance to be part of STEMworks and after-school projects focused on native Hawaiian plants, Healthcare Day, and learning to code with Ozobots. These experiences have helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to O'ahu and doing the flight simulator at the STEM Conference. It was a lot of fun, and it made me feel proud and excited to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sonny" is written in a more compact, stylized script, while "Hamakua-Laemoa" is written in a more extended, legible cursive.

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Aloha,

O ko'u inoa o Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa, a e hō'ike aku ana au i ke kāko'o 'ana i nā papahana a ka Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB). Ua hā'awi ka MEDB i ka pōmaika'i iā mākou e hele i O'ahu no nā hana STEM.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana STEMworks a me nā papahana ma hope o ke kula e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i, ka lā mālama olakino, a me ka a'o 'ana e code me Ozobots. Kēia mau 'ike i kōkua ia'u e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i ka 'enehana a me ka 'epekema, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mea e ho'ololi ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele ia'u 'o ka hele 'ana i O'ahu a me ka pā'ani i ka flight simulator ma ka 'aha STEM. Ua hau'oli au i ka hana 'ana i kēia, a ua ho'okumu ia i ka ha'aheo a me ka mana'o e a'o hou aku.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā i nā papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke 'imi, a 'ike, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko kā mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui no kāu manawa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Kalamani Hamakua Laemoa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonny" being the most prominent.

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Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Hokulani Pelekai, he haumāna au ma ke kula waena 'o 'O Hina I Ka Malama. Ke kākau nei au i kēia 'ōlelo hō'ike no ke kākō'o 'ana i ka MEDB a me kā lākou papa kuhikuhi, e pili ana i ke kukui no ka 'oiwi Hawai'i, ka papahana kanu a mākou e hana nei.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa kūpono e lilo i 'āpana o ka papahana STEMworks ma hope o ke kula, i ka papahana 'O'iwi Hawai'i Kanu a i 'ole "Ola Mālama Lā," a i 'ole ka ao 'ana i ka lōina me nā Ozobot i loko o ka papa. Ma kēia pilina, ua a'o au i ka 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai i kēia mau mea no ke kūkulu 'ana i kekahi mea hou i loko o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā mea punahele ia'u, 'o ia ka hiki ke hō'ike i ko'u 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi i ka STEM Conference. Ua nui ko'u ha'aheo i ka loa'a 'ana o ka 'ike hou no nā mea kanu 'oiwi, a me ka ho'ona'auao 'ana i nā po'e 'ē a'e no ko kākou mau mea kanu mai nā moku 'ē a'e mai.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kākō'o 'ana i ka 'ike a me nā papahana a ka STEMworks a me ka MEDB no nā haumāna e hele mai ana — e a'o ana, e 'imi loa ana, a e ho'okumu ana i nā mana'o hou e kōkua ai i ko kākou 'āina a me ko kākou 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi.

Me ka mahalo nui,

Hokulani Pelekai
Papa 8, Kula Waena 'o 'O Hina I Ka Malama

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Apelila 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Hokulani Pelekai, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School, 'O Hina I Ka Malama. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board's program that focused on kukui as part of our Native Hawaiian plant project.

I've had the opportunity to participate in STEMworks after-school projects that focused on Native Hawaiian plants, a Healthcare Day, and coding lessons using Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science, Hawaiian plants, and technology—and how I can use what I've learned to make a positive impact in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was being able to present my Native Hawaiian plant research at the STEM Conference. It made me feel proud and excited to continue learning about our plants and their importance throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and deepen our knowledge about Native Hawaiian plants.

Mahalo nui loa,

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April 9, 2025

Greeting Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr

My name is Hi'ikapu Lima, and I am a student at 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to testify in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

I've had the opportunity to be part of two STEMworks programs. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to O'ahu to attend the STEM Conference and learning about bitcoins. It made me feel proud and excited to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can explore, learn, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hi'ikapu Lima', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha iā 'oe e Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.,

'O Hi'ikapu Lima ko'u inoa. He haumāna au ma ke kula 'o 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School, a ke kākau nei au e kāko'o i nā papahana a ke Papa Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (MEDB).

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i 'elua papahana STEMworks. Ua kōkua nui kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ka 'enehana, ke 'epekema, a me ke 'ano e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mea e kōkua ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa ia'u, 'o ia nō ka huaka'i i O'ahu no ka 'Aha STEMworks, kahi a'u i a'o ai e pili ana i nā bitcoin. Ua ha'aheo au a hau'oli loa i ka loa'a 'ana o ia 'ike hou.

E 'olu'olu, e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i nā papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna 'ē a'e e like me a'u ke 'imi, e a'o, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko kākou mokupuni aloha.

Me ka mahalo nui,



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Honua Pa-Kala
Pahu Leka 61
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10 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O ko'u inoa 'o Honua Pa-Kala, he haumāna au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau nei au e hō'ike i ko'u kāko'o no ka Papa Hana Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i [e ho'okomo i ka papahana kūikawā – e la'a me "ka papahana STEMworks i ka wā ho'omaha ma hope o ke kula e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i," "ka Lā Mālama Ola," a i 'ole "ka a'o 'ana i ke kākau polokalamu me nā Ozobot i loko o ka papa."] Ua kōkua nui kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ke 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ka mea e hiki ai ia'u ke kōkua i ko'u kaiāulu.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o 'ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke a'o, ka 'imi, a me ka hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui no ko 'oukou manawa a me ke kāko'o 'ana mai,



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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Honua Pa-Kala, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to share my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of [insert specific program here – for example, "the STEMworks after-school project focused on Native Hawaiian plants," "Healthcare Day," or "learning to code with Ozobots in class"]. These experiences helped me learn more about science, technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time and support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Honua Pa-Kala". The script is cursive and fluid.

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'O kekahi o nā mea punahele ia'u, 'o ia ka hiki ke hō'ike i ko'u 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi i ka STEM Conference. Ua nui ko'u ha'aheo i ka loa'a 'ana o ka 'ike hou no nā mea kanu 'oiwi, a me ka ho'ona'auao 'ana i nā po'e 'ē a'e no ko kākou mau mea kanu mai nā moku 'ē a'e mai.

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Me ka mahalo nui,
Hokulani Pelekai
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Mahalo nui loa,
Hokulani Pelekai
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9, 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e ka lala 'o Maui County Council,

'O wau 'o Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, he haumana au mai Moloka'i Middle School O Hina I Ka Malama. He 'olelo ho'ike keia no ka paepae nei i ka MEDB no ka mea he ko'iko'i keia hana no'u no ka mea ua a'o 'ia mau wahi ia'u i na ko'iko'i o na mea.

Ua laki au e hiki ke lilo i kekahi 'apana 'o na papa mahope 'o ke kula me ka STEMworks, ka STEM conferences and ke kukulu 'ana pa i kekahi mala no ko kakou papa. Ua kokua keia mau 'ike mai ia'u e pili 'ana i ka 'enehana, 'epekema a pehea i hiki ke ho'ohana e hana 'ae i kekahi koapo pono ma loko o ko ka lahui 'o makou nei.

O kekahi o ko'u 'ike punahele 'o ia no ka manawa o ka STEM conference i hele au. Ua pono makou e 'oli a wehe 'ia wahi hana. Ua maika'i loa keia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki ke ho'ike i ko kakou 'ano a a'o i na mea hou. Ua hiki au ke a'o e pili 'ana i ka mo'olelo 'oihana a Rose Wong. 'O Rose Wong kekahi wahine i inspired mai au e mai piholo ke pa'akiki na manawa. Ua hiki au pa ke lohe e pili 'ana i na mo'olelo ea'e a na kanaka ea'e.

A o kekahi 'ike ea'e i aloha nui au 'o ia no ka Ha'ehu'ola me Moloka'i Digital Bus. Ua maika'i loa keia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki au ke a'o pehea e malama i ko'u kino a pehea e malama pu i na kino a na kanaka e a'e. Ua a'o keia 'ike mai ia'u i na mea ko'iko'i e pono paha au ma loko 'o ko'u 'ola.

No laila ke 'olu'olu, e ho'omau ae i ke kokua 'ana i keia mau wahi me ka ha'awi 'ana i ke kala i hiki 'ae na keiki ea'e ke loa'a keia mau 'ike i hiki ke loa'a au a i hiki ke a'o a kukulu i na mea hou i hiki ke kokou i ko makou kanaka ame 'aina.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u, no

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April 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, I am a student from Moloka'i Middle School, O Hina I Ka Malama and I'm here now testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Boards Program and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of, STEMworks after-school classes and as well as the STEM Conference and as well as building our Mala. These experiences has helped me learn more about science, technology, and how i can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences is also during our STEM conference that I had attended. We had to 'Oli and do the opening. It was a very good experience because i got to show them our culture and also got to experience new things. I got to learn about a career story by Rose Wong who has inspired me to not give up even if times is really hard. I've got to listen to other stories that was also really inspiring.

Also another one of my favorite experiences was the Ha'ehu'ola class we had here on Moloka'i with the Digital Bus. This was a very good experience because I got to learn how to take care of my body as well as someone else. This program has taught me important things im going to need incase of any emergencies.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and people.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa e heluhelu ai i keia,

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kaho'okano

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Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

Aloha, my name is Ezekiel Lani, and I am testifying in strong support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

Because of their support, we are able to travel and participate in amazing learning opportunities that we would not otherwise have. I've had the opportunity to be part of the STEMworks after-school projects, such as activities focused on Native Hawaiian plants, Health Care Day, and learning to code with Ozobots in class. These experiences have helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was when I got to fly a plane in a flight simulator. It was an exciting moment that made me want to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so students like me can keep learning and exploring new ways to improve our island and future.

Mahalo for your time,

Ezekiel Lani

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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Ezekiel Lani, a ke hō'ike aku nei au i ku'u kāko'o pa'a no nā papahana a ke Kōmike Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui.

Ma muli o ko lākou kāko'o, hiki iā mākou ke huaka'i a komo i loko o nā 'ike ho'ona'auao kupaianaha, 'a'ole paha e loa'a iā mākou i kū 'ole ko lākou kōkua. Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i nā papahana ma hope o ke kula 'o STEMworks, e like me nā hana e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, ka Lā Mālama Ola Kino, a me ke a'o 'ana i ke code me nā Ozobots i loko o ka papa. Na kēia mau 'ike i kōkua ia'u e a'o hou a'e no ka 'epekema a me ka 'enehana, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mākau e ho'ololi ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o ka'u mau 'ike punahele, 'o ia ka manawa a'u i lele ai i ka mokulele ma ka mīkini flight simulator. He 'ike weliweli loa ia a ua ho'okumu ia i ka hoihoi nui e a'o hou aku.

No laila, e 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i ka STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka a'o 'ana, ka 'imi 'ana, a me ka ho'okumu 'ana i nā mea hou e ho'omaika'i ai i ko mākou mokupuni a me ko mākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Mahalo nui no ko 'oukou manawa,

Ezekiel Lani

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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Wyatt Kanoa Dayton, a ke hō'ike aku nei au i ku'u kāko'o pa'a no ka papahana a ka Papa Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (Maui Economic Development Board).

Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i 'elua papahana 'oko'a i ho'okumu 'ia e ka STEMworks ma hope o ke kula. 'O kekahi, nā hana e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, kekahi, ka Lā Mālama Ola Kino, a pēlā pū me ka a'o 'ana i ke code me nā Ozobots i loko o ka papa. Na kēia mau papahana i hā'awi mai ia'u i ka 'ike hou e pili ana i ka 'epekema a me ka 'enehana, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēlā 'ike e kōkua ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa na'u, 'o ia ka papahana QR Code Garden Project i hō'ike 'ia ma ka hālāwai STEM. Ua piha wau i ka ha'aheo a me ka hau'oli i ka loa'a 'ana o ia 'ike waiwai.

No laila, e 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i ka STEMworks a me MEDB, i hiki ai i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka a'o 'ana, ka noi'i 'ana, a me ka hana 'ana i nā mea hou no ke kāko'o 'ana i ko mākou mokupuni aloha.

Me ka mahalo piha,

Wyatt Kanoa Dayton

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April 9, 2025

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Wyatt Kanoa Dayton, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to participate in two different STEMworks after-school projects, including a native Hawaiian plant project, Healthcare Day, and learning how to code using Ozobots. These experiences have taught me a lot about science and technology, and how I can use those skills to make a positive difference in my community.

One of my favorite moments was presenting our QR Code Garden Project at the STEM conference. It made me feel proud and inspired to keep learning more.

Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can explore, create, and innovate in ways that help our island.

With much gratitude,

Wyatt Kanoa Dayton

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Aloha Kāua,

Attached are the letters from my students supporting MEDB. Please accept them, I appreciate your support in this matter.

Mahalo,
'Iolani Kū'oha

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I maika'i ke kalo i ka 'ōhā.
The goodness of the taro is judged by the young plant it produces.

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