

## EDB Committee

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**To:** EDB Committee  
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Aloha Chairperson Rawlins-Fernandez and Committee Members:

As a longtime member of this community, and as executive director of Hale Mahaolu, I would like to share my appreciation for the County's initiative in providing CARES Act Funds to our community. These funds have supported workplace development programs, as well as provided resources to help improve our workforce and 'upskill' our workers in Maui County. Further, as a member and current chair of MEDB, I am aware that CARES Act Funds have been deployed to provide the resources necessary to allow small businesses to adapt and retrofit themselves to do business differently against the backdrop of the many changes that have occurred in our community and in the world since March.

There is no question that the entire framework in which we operate as a community and economy has changed, and resources have been and will continue to be needed for our businesses and our economy to adapt and evolve in order to survive and to, hopefully, ultimately thrive and prosper. The CARES Act funds that are the subject of this agenda item, as well as supplemental CARES Act funds which have come into this County from the State subsequently, are essential resources that our community has leveraged and should continue to deploy in order to build a foundation for the future. Your support of our community in this way demonstrates your regard and concern for our future.

Mahalo nui loa for all of your good work.

Sincerely yours,

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