

EDB Committee

From: Barbara Kenrich <barbara@kenrich.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 4:36 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: 2020 Budget Request for Kihei Youth Center Grant

Aloha Chair Rawlins- Fernandez and Budget Committee Members, I would like to request you grant the Kihei Youth Center \$276,054 in the 2020 Budget. They have received this amount previously and do extraordinary work with the youth in South Maui. I personally have volunteered since 2005 at the Youth Center and am amazed at the progress they have made and how well run the Center is. The after school program is so essential for the children who's parents work by filling that gap between the time school closes and parents can get off work to pick them up. During vacation and holiday times they provide a safe place and meals for c children who would otherwise have no place to go. Please feel free to call me at 808-264-1016.

Mahalo,
Barbara Kenrich
Full time Maui resident and homeowner since 12/31/04

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From: D S <selah128@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 8:53 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: pfierrorob@aol.com
Subject: Support FAM letter
Attachments: Support FAM program letter.docx

Aloha,

I am attaching my written testimony in support of the Farm Apprentice Mentoring program on Maui.

Mahalo.

April 8, 2019

Aloha Mayor Victorino, Joycelyn, and the County Council.

I am Dar.

I was born and raised here on Maui, went to Baldwin High School.

I want to tell you – one of the ways I remember my Grandpa and my Dad are the trees that they planted. My Grandpa planted a mango tree on the side of the road. My Dad planted sweet sour sap, and I am nourished by the fruits they planted decades ago. I can pluck the fruit, wipe the dust off and get my dietary intake for the day.

My Mom continues to plant and sell Samoan coconut palm trees. The master gardeners who have come and seen her work, have commended her and said, Good job. Continue what you're doing.

Nutritionists agree that the foundation of good health is not only vigorous exercise and low stress but good food – food that's organically grown. I'm sure you will agree the importance of funding the FAM program. As someone said, if we take care of the plants, the plants will take care of us.

Mahalo nui. God bless,

Dar Swajka

Kahului, Maui

EDB Committee

From: Dawn Hegger-Nordblom <kekaiplanning@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:14 AM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: david.daly@meoinc.org
Subject: EDB-1 proposed fiscal year 2020 Budget - MEO
Attachments: Testimony Support EDB-1.pdf

Please see attached testimony.

~ Mahalo Dawn

Dawn Hegger-Nordblom
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"There are no more committed people on the planet than surfers. We all fall down a lot. We turn around, paddle back out, and do it over and over again. Unlike anything else in life, the stoke of surfing is so high that failure quickly fades from memory," from the stand up paddle shop.

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March 8, 2019

Re: Bill EDB-1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui, Support for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

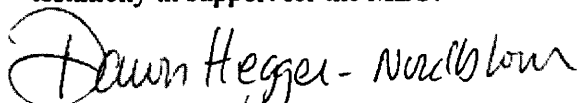
Aloha Honorable Mayor Victorino and Maui County Councilmembers,

Please accept my letter of support for **Bill EDB-1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui, Support for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO).**

The MEO's programs and services have provided valuable support to Ke Kai Planning LLC, which is a recognized Women Owned Small Business (WOSM) under the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In particular, the MEO's Business Development Center offered advice through the instruction of the Core Four Class. As a business owner living on the West Side, I was appreciative of the class location (Lahaina), and the grant received through the Mayor's Office of Economic Development to attend the class.

I am writing testimony in support of the MEO's Programs and Services, in particular the Business Development Center Program. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the MEO.


Dawn Hegger-Nordblom

Owner, Ke Kai Planning LLC

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cc: Gerry Smith - Director of Business Development

EDB Committee

From: Deborah Kranz <dkranz@kranzco.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:03 PM
To: EDB Committee; Keani N. Rawlins; Kelly King; Riki Hokama
Subject: RE: Maui County Budget Hearings

Aloha Committee Chair Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez and Economic Development and Budget Committee Members,

I am writing in favor of fair and reasonable tax rates for the vacation rental industry which I fully support.

Short Term Rentals are currently taxed at \$9.28/\$1000, the third highest only exceeded by Hotel and Resort and Time Share rates. Increasing the Short term rental rate too extreme puts an unfair burden on the individual owners of these properties, and the guests to these properties, and can only move to harm the small businesses that depend on the vacation rental industry. The legally permitted Short term rental property owners should not be punished with higher tax rates while lower rates are being proposed for the illegal, unpermitted operations, whose properties are taxed in the Agriculture, Residential and Apartment tax classifications.

We have a blossoming vacation rental industry on Maui, subject to appropriate restrictions and standards, and a fair existing permitting and taxing process. Short term rentals already comprise 25% of the \$319,516,547 of real property tax revenue compared to 11% for time share, and 7% for hotel and resort. The purpose of the industry is to allow for varied accommodations and experiences for visitors, and to allow small businesses to benefit from tourism.

I am supportive of the Economic Development and Budget Committee Committees efforts to find a fair and equitable solution for taxing the vacation rental industry that limits any negative implications for the community. Right now short term rentals brings in \$79,500,00 in direct taxable revenue, and has created thousands of jobs for our island as well.

Our typical guests are families with several children. Similar to our family who have been vacationing in Maui several times a year for the last 20 years, as our children got older, the price of 3 Grand Wailea Rooms for our 4 children along with my husband and I, was too much so we opted to purchase our home in Wailea Beach Villas. Unfortunately, if the higher taxes you are considering are passed, there will be many owners, like myself who will no longer be able to rent our properties as the economics will no longer make sense for guests to pay those taxes and absorbing that increase is not a viable option for us to absorb. We choose Maui because we love it, but would need to look for other island options that are more welcoming to short term rentals for families who spend a lot of money on food, entertainment and activities in Maui.

Thank you for considering my testimony and I hope you will think about it as you continue to craft this bill.

Aloha,
Deborah Kranz, CPA (Inactive)

EDB Committee

From: Diane Carr <aloha3127@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 1:29 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Maui Nui Botanical Garden

Dear Honorable members of council,

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Victorino's FY 2020 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Garden. Please support all the wonderful and important work being done ensuring the the propagating and protecting native Hawaiian plants, education and programs.

Mahalo, Diane Carr

EDB Committee

From: Joanne Foxxe <jofoxxe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 4:39 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Recycle

I have a garage full of items that I need to take to the recycling please continue to provide this service to the west side of Maui. We need it desperately and don't want these items to end up on the side of the road.

Warmest alohas,

Joanne Foxxe, CRS, GRI, SRES, e-Pro
Kapalua Realty
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Www. JoanneFoxxe.com

Quality isn't expensive, it is priceless.

Oh by the way, I am NEVER too busy for your referrals.

EDB Committee

From: K Zimmerman <katieislands@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 4:29 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: West Maui 3rd Saturday Recycling

Good day,

As a member of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset, I am an avid volunteer and participant of the Third Saturday Recycling program in Lahaina. Each month for years now, I have personally seen the community members line up to recycle their goods. I have seen the positive impact that their support and our project has provided to our beautiful West Maui landscape. We no longer see junk dumped on the side of the road or into the valleys. We live among kindhearted people that want to have a positive impact on our environment and do the right thing by recycling goods rather than dumping them into the landfill or on the side of the road. Each month, folks want to recycle items that are beyond the scope of our project, ie household batteries, paint, electronics, car parts, plastics. The recycling program should be expanded, not reduced, to have a larger impact on our aina.

Please continue to support Malama Maui Nui with funding for this valuable community service.
Respectfully,

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EDB Committee

From: Martha E. Martin <mauimarttha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:03 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

Please support the 2020 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

As a Maui resident I value MNBG because it enriches our island.

The native plant exhibits show residents , students, and visitors our unique plants, and help them learn about their Hawaiian cultural importance.

The MNBG plant nursery grows and distributes a great many plants , so they can multiply elsewhere. Also the grounds host public events to spread knowlege.

Sincerely,
Martha E. Martin
40 Kunihi Lane #226
Kahului, HI 96732

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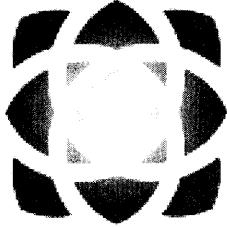
From: Maui Chamber Legislation <legislation@mauichamber.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 4:16 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: Riki Hokama; Tasha A. Kama; Kelly King; Alice L. Lee; Mike J. Molina; Tamara A. Paltin; Keani N. Rawlins; Shane M. Sinenci; Yukilei Sugimura
Subject: Testimony on Budget Hearings
Attachments: Testimony on FY20 Budget Hearings 040819.pdf

Dear Economic Development and Budget Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

Attached is testimony from Maui Chamber of Commerce President, Pamela Tumpap, regarding the budget process and hearings.

Mahalo,

Maui Chamber of Commerce
95 Mahalani St. #22A
Wailuku, HI 96793
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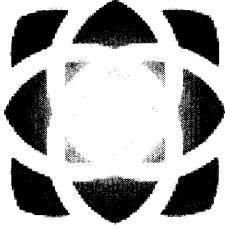
Testimony on the FY20 Budget Monday, April 8, 2019

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King and
Members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

We understand that a new budget process is being used this year in an effort to streamline the process. Watching this morning, it was nice to hear each of the members review their top 5 priorities and concerns. We also understood that Department Directors would not be interviewed, but instead written communication could go back and forth and/or Department Directors could “monitor” the process and then reach out to the Council to provide any clarifications that they felt were needed. In regards to that new practice, we wanted to share our thoughts and concerns we have heard for your consideration, including:

- By asking the Departments to monitor the budget process instead of scheduling a specific time for each of them that they can set aside on their calendar, it requires that individuals take time away from their important work to monitor the entire process as bits and pieces of information on Departments are spread throughout many discussions. This seems inefficient with the potential to cause delays for other work. Instead, having Directors come before you at a specific time provides the opportunity where they can answer all of your questions at one time for all to hear. Further, by having Departments monitor budget discussions and submit other information in writing as needed and as they hear concerns leads to a disjointed presentation of pertinent information.
- Being a Council Member is a very tough job and takes a lot of learning. There are several freshman Council Members this year who may not fully understand the process or the right questions to ask. Therefore, direct conversations with Department Heads may be the most efficient way to ensure everyone is on the same page, the right questions are being asked and to understand the nuances of the budget process, including bonds and project parameters, so the Council can make informed decisions on any adjustments being considered.



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- In going back and forth by writing, a lot can be lost in translation. Oftentimes, having an in-person dialogue is more effective than writing. With dialogue, questions and answers can be better explained, context can be provided and more discussion can be had.
- This new procedure is making it more difficult for the public to stay informed. In the past, the public could easily watch videos of budget hearings online to hear questions asked of Department Directors, their answers and the dialogue in one cohesive session. By only having written correspondence, the public is forced to do more time-consuming research watching many videos to get bits and pieces of conversation, trying to find written documents online to get the full picture and may not get the context and nuances. Given this, the process feels less transparent and inefficient.

We hope you will see the value to the Council and public in taking the time to interview each Director so your many important questions can be asked and answered efficiently and from the individuals who will be charged with carrying forward the community's work.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

EDB Committee

From: Mavis I. Medeiros
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 1:05 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for KCA - Please forward

TO: Economic Development and Budget Committee

Chairwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Vice Chair Kelly King
Council Member Riki Hokoma
Council Member Tasha Kama
Council Member Alice Lee
Council Member Michael Molina
Council Member Tamara Paltin
Council Member Shane Sinenci
Council Member Yuki Lei Sugimura

Date: 4-6-2019

From: Jade Alohalani Smith/Kaupo

SUBJECT: Support for Funding for Kaupo Community Association, Restoration of Old Kaupo School

I am writing to ask that you please support the Kaupo Community Association's request for funds, allocated in the 2019 budget amendment. This is the remaining portion to complete the restoration of the historic school and will provide for its infrastructure.

This was all started in 2010 when I became the Kaupo Representative for Aha Moku and proposed to the DLNR Land Division for the School Property In 2011. I worked hard with Daniel Ornellas to coordinate the property for the Community, 33 autos, a huge mound of tires, rubbish and overgrown vegetation were cleaned and remove from the premises.

In 2013, I coordinated a Kaupo Community Meeting to revive our Kaupo Community Association and became the President (Hanaside News - Fall 2013/21st Issue). In 2015 I resigned to lessen the load of wearing too many hats as Aha Moku, Red Cross, Cattle Ranching and running a Business called Kau Kau Lani Food Trailer. It was with great expectations to have the Board continue my dream and goal of restoring the structures and having a location for our Community.

I also introduced a Disaster Shelter Plan to our Community with a visual map and financial plan for maintaining and functioning for future use to have a place where our remote community can meet to have a safe place in the time of need.

Mahalo for supporting our community.

“O ka pono ke hana ‘ia a iho mai na lani”
Blessings come to those who persist in doing good”

EDB Committee

From: Melanie Padgett <mauiecrc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 3:40 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Fwd: Maui County Child Care Subsidy Request for Support Letters and other Information

RE: Support for Early Childhood Programs - Maui County Child Care Subsidy Line Item

Melanie Padgett
Project Specialist
Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center 251 Napua St. Wailuku, HI 96793
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FAX: 270-5556
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: family <mahinaakimathew@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at 8:28 PM
Subject: Re: Maui County Child Care Subsidy Request for Support Letters and other Information
To: Melanie Padgett <mauiecrc@gmail.com>

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to have support.

It has been a lot of help for living in Maui since I became single mother due to my husband past away. I am still struggling to live in Maui and I would love to continue this support this year if I could have.

Please let me know if you need any information.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Aki Wheeler(for Summer Wheeler)
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Lahaina HI96761
808-856-1601

EDB Committee

From: Sarah McLane Bryan <mclane@makaliigroup.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:21 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Testimony opposing Biodiesel tax proposed in County budget FY20
Attachments: MauiCounty - Opposing Biodiesel tax_MakaliiGroup_04-08-2019.pdf

Aloha - please see my attached testimony in opposition to the proposed biodiesel tax in the FY 2020 proposed budget.

Thank you!
Sarah

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April 8, 2019

Maui County Council
Attn: Economic Development and Budget Committee
Kalana O Maui Building
200 South High Street, Eighth Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: **OPPOSING the Biodiesel Tax** in the Mayor's Proposed FY2020 Budget for the County of Maui

Aloha,

As a local resident and small business owner, **I am opposed to creating a 12-cent per gallon on-road tax for biodiesel** as proposed in the County's 2020 fiscal year budget. We should be supporting locally made, environmentally friendly fuels, not making it more expensive for residents to do the right thing.

There are clear issues here:

- a) This proposed tax is HIGHER than a tax for normal gas, which is just crazy.
- b) With a goal of 100% renewables by 2045, it is counterproductive to tax the very people who will be needed to achieve this goal.
- c) Although I am highly supportive of finding ways to improve our roads and bridges, this is not the way forward. Renewables need to be treated equally or better than non-renewables when trying to fill budget needs.

I urge you to maintain the 100% tax exemption on biodiesel until something else is proposed in a more equitable manner. We need to be standing up for locally made, environmentally friendly products, not making it harder on them. **Please vote to amend the proposed increase of 12-cents pre gallon tax on biodiesel back to zero.**

Mahalo,

Sarah McLane Bryan
Owner/Founder, The Makali'i Group

EDB Committee

From: Terese Masters <ihilanimasters@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 4:41 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Budget Testimony

Aloha Councilmembers,

I am submitting testimony to encourage you to provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 to Common Ground Collective (CGC), a 501c3 nonprofit. This funding will help us reach our goals in aiding with local food security, agri-economic developments, and providing educational opportunities to the community.

Since 2018, we have been a part of the "Kids Cook with Heart" program sponsored by the American Heart Association. Instead of the program buying produce from Costco, our CEO, Jen buys the produce, either at local markets or direct from the farmers themselves. She then makes the individual kit and delivers them, so after being shown how to make the dish, each kid has a local, organic cooking kit to take home to share with their family. CGC has sourced over 1,000 lbs. of produce from local farmers and made over 390 kits in 6 months.

On Sunday, April 9th, CGC, had a booth @ the 16th annual Ian Walsh Menehune Mayhem where we hosted a Give Healthy Food Drive for the Maui Food Bank, a healthy food donation enters the kids into our raffle to win prizes.

This year we plan on launching our Foster Farming project. Where residents can sign up to have their fruit trees and veggie gardens gleaned; and their produce donated to a nonprofit (including us) or we can get it to market for them for a small % fee.

We are on our way to being insured and hiring staff; and continue to grant-write and hold fundraisers.

Currently we are focused on:

- healthy food growing & eating education
- community building
- market connections
- supporting our local added-value product makers and farmers

CGC is moving towards its goals of helping with our local food security, economic development and providing educational opportunities to the community, please help us achieve them.

I ask that you please support Common Ground Collective and provide them with \$25,000 for their program costs.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Terese Masters
Board Member
commongroundcollective.com

Sent from my iPhone

EDB Committee

From: vkong001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:21 PM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: 'info@mnb.org'
Subject: Offering strong support of Mayor's Budget related to Maui Nui Botanical Garden

Aloha Council Members,

I am enclosing my letter in strong support of the Mayor's Budget in support of Maui Nui Botanical Garden, within the body of this email. I have been experiencing difficulties in sending attachments via e-mail. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

VK

M. Verdine Kong

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April 1, 2019

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council

Budget Chairwoman, Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

200 South High St., 8th Floor

Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Victorino's FY2020 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (MNBG).

I go to MNBG at least once a year and I walk a portion of the perimeter of the garden daily. I love the quiet atmosphere of the garden and I appreciate that the plants are identified as Indigenous, Endemic, or Non-Native(including the origins), along with the plant's scientific name.

Learning about our Native plants gives me a better understanding of the history of our land and people. It helps me remember and appreciate the rare plants we have in Hawai'i - some that do not exist anywhere else in the world! It also inspires me to learn more about those who came before us and their use of our plants - including preventing illness, as necessary adornments in our cultural practices, and providing shelter and clothing for our people. Over the years, I have participated in a Kapa-making workshop, a kapa-dyeing workshop, and I have attended a lei-making workshop where we made lei to remember our veterans on Memorial Day with the staff of Kaunoa Senior Center. I have interacted with the staff of MNBG. They are knowledgeable and energetic in perpetuating our culture by sharing with residents and visitors the value of protecting and encouraging the proliferation of Native plants in our fragile environment. Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is a benefit to me as a person born and raised in Hawai'i, as a hula dancer, as a person who likes to create images of our Native plants, and as someone who cares deeply about our environment.

MNBG provides a place for students of botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses. They host more than 1,500 Maui students each year in educational activities that teach native Hawaiian plants and their uses.

Additionally, through its own efforts, MNBG consistently more than doubles the funding provided by the County.

For these many reasons, I strongly urge Council to approve the Mayor's budget request for MNBG.

With aloha,

M. Verdine Kong