

HFC Committee

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Healthy Families & Communities Committee

RE: HFC-79; HFC-24; Discretionary referral items: HFC-3, HFC-5, (HFC-24), HFC-34, HFC-44,

Aloha Chair Hokama & Committee Members,

HFC-79 Paia Youth Center, I support the work of the Paia Youth Center. What an amazing and long standing venue for the youth. I would like to support Auntie Mopsy's comments regarding the need for full community input.

I am here to speak on **HFC-24 and how it relates to Axis Deer**, I wish to remind this Council Committee that experiential knowledge and expertise must be advantaged by including Kahikinui Game & Land Management 'Ohana (KGLMO). If it makes it easy for incoming next term Council and relative Committees, the contact information for KGLMO president Kawika Davidson is (808) 269-0699 and email is: kahiwad@gmail.com

I am strongly objected to the Cares funding disbursement of \$200k by Mayor Michael Victorino to Kia Hawaii LLC owned and operated by Jake Muise. This outfit has an atrocious history of poor practices. The subsistence hunters must be given a voice in decision making. I found Dr. Caires comments extremely helpful and I am pleased to see he is willing and enthusiastic about participating in this important conversation moving forward.

HFC-3 I am pleased to see the Lahaina Banyan Tree moving forward for continued solution finding. I truly believe fairness can be found in regards to the local businesses that have found economic stimulators around, under and near this beautiful living landmark.

HFC-5 I'm compelled to mention that I have new interest in the Kanaha Beach Park Master Plan implementation and how the Department of Parks and Recreation works with the new considerations that must be considered in regards to supporting the less fortunate Maui residents who rely on the park facilities to survive. I will following this moving forward.

HFC-24 I am in strong favor of this discretionary referral item being moved forward into the 2021 Council calendar (comments made previously).

HFC-34 Maui Emergency Management Agency, contract C6906; Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC

I am extremely interested in this item as I understand that MEMA is meant to be the placeholder of our County's Civil Defense. I have had conversations with Mr. Andaya and he seems completely flustered by COVID responsibilities. It is my understanding that the Civil Defense and Dept of Health are the lead decision makers that are tasked to take action in supporting the unsheltered during a pandemic and nothing has been implemented. I will be following this with eager anticipation that any action may take place to support and help protect our vulnerable Maui residents.

HFC-44 Sex Trafficking. This item is critical and will take multi-agency involvement with a strong need for the Police Commission to have as an agenda item in this coming 2021 year. Pleased to see this item is still on the agenda for attention. Maui County has a responsibility to know all we can about this issue and see how we may assist in safeguarding our residents and implementing long term attention goals that never cease.

HFC-64 Health of Maui County Farmers, Please include organic farmers, perhaps the newly formed Dept of Ag can populate their databases with that differentiating information to spread the wealth fairly.

HFC-66 Evictions during COVID-19 Pandemic, Pleased to see this moving to the 2021 agenda, I predict that an entity might need to be identified to assist in this niche area of need moving forward.

HFC-71 Hale Hawai'i, I am interested in learning more about their efforts and I would encourage them to not only rely on the few Maui County agencies that work on housing issues but to make complete reach to all the grass roots organizations, groups and churches that are involved and contribute. I will be following this item intently.

HFC- 72 Kanaha Beach Greywater Reuse Demonstration Project, I just want to publicly be on record that this is important and I'm pleased to see it moving to the next council's business, **there is no more immediate step than this to begin proper environmentally conscious resource recovery.**

HFC-73 Animals at Large, I'm not certain what this includes but after hearing the equine related needs from our Maui County businesses who are in need of animal feed supplements due to the severing drop in tourism.

HFC-80 Establishing an Arts Commission, CC 20-560, I am interested in how this item relates to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns Commission on Arts and Culture. Not sure if it's dissolved and this is a measure to resurrect the efforts. I am of course as an artist myself, strongly supportive of any activity of this nature.

Thank you for listening to my testimony today,

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