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**Subject:** HHF testimony to PEA Committee, March 20, 2018  
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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony from Historic Hawai'i Foundation is support for PEA-66, Authorizing Acceptance of an Executive Order Transferring Management of Approximately 2.25 Acres at Kaupō, Hāna, Maui, Hawai'i for Community Center Purposes, and Authorizing a Grant of a Lease of Real Property to Kaupō Community Association, Inc.

Please let me know if you have any trouble with the attachment or any questions.

Mahalo,  
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# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

**TO:** The Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
The Honorable Stacy Crivello, Vice Chair  
Policy, Economic Development and Agriculture (PEA) Committee  
Council of the County of Maui

**FROM:** Kiersten Faulkner  
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**Committee:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
9:00 a.m.  
Council Chamber  
Kalana O Maui Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
200 South High Street, Wailuku, HI

**RE: PEA-66: Authorizing Acceptance of Kaupō School and Grant of a Lease to Kaupō Community Association**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation, I am writing in **support for PEA-66, Authorizing Acceptance of an Executive Order Transferring Management of Approximately 2.25 Acres at Kaupō, Hāna, Maui, Hawai'i for Community Center Purposes, and Authorizing a Grant of a Lease of Real Property to Kaupō Community Association, Inc.**

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

Kaupō is a small rural community that is situated at the base of Haleakalā and the end of the winding and narrow 64-mile long Hāna Highway. Since 1887, when Kaupō School was established, it has been the only government institution in this otherwise isolated location. Designed in the County Engineer's office and built in 1923 with funds provided by Maui County, Kaupō School served the children of ranchers, paniolo and farmers for grades 1-6. A furnished teacher's cottage, two privies, two water tanks, a flagpole and a rock wall were also erected on the grounds as well as a community garden. Kaupō School is inextricably tied to the ranching and agricultural culture of Kaupō. The school was closed and the building left vacant for many years. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 1923-era Schoolhouse and Teachers' Cottage is planned to be restored to its historically appropriate appearance with updated infrastructure to support use as a Community and Meeting Center for East Maui, and as a hazard mitigation facility, shelter and logistics base. Historic Hawai'i Foundation has provided both technical assistance and funding support for the historic rehabilitation project.

In order for the project to move forward, it is necessary to transfer the land and buildings from State to County control, and to issue a long-term lease to Kaupō Community Association.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports the proposed resolutions and the subsequent project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.