

## EDB Committee

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**From:** Brice Nzeukou <brice@ampaire.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Ampaire - EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board  
**Attachments:** Ampaire - EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board.pdf

Aloha,

Please accept our attached letter of support for the Maui Economic Development Board.

Mahalo,



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April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Maui County, HI, USA

RE: EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board

To Whom It May Concern:

Ampaire enthusiastically supports the Maui Economic Development Board and their efforts to attract and develop business for Maui County. As a small start-up new to the Hawaii and Maui business environment and communities, MEDB has been invaluable in connecting us to the right people and introducing us to the culture of business in Maui.

We have relied heavily on MEDB to understand what actions we could take to increase the success of our sustainability pilot project occurring on Maui. Ampaire also found tremendous value in the Hawaii Energy Conference, organized by MEDB, which proved to be the premier event to gather more support for our project from key energy stakeholders in Hawaii. We support the funding of the MEDB organization so other companies can continue to have access to MEDB's services, as the organization is a valuable asset to the community.

For any additional questions, I can be reached at +1-520-834-4706 or by email at [brice@ampaire.com](mailto:brice@ampaire.com)

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brice Nzeukou". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brice Nzeukou  
Product Manager  
Ampaire, Inc.



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**From:** Chris\_Bachaus/KULA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony Cooperators Testimony for FY2020  
**Attachments:** Cooperator's Testimony for FY 2020 County Funds.docx

To County of Maui,

Please accept my testimony document.

*(See attached file: Cooperator's Testimony for FY 2020 County Funds.docx)*

Best Regards,  
Chris Bachaus  
Principal  
Kula Elementary School

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: April 3, 2019

From: Mr. Christopher Bachaus, Principal Kula School

SUBJECT: Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Meeting

I am a cooperator of one of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts on Maui and received conservation planning assistance for my farm and educational program in Keokea .

The SWCDs were created by farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. They saw the importance of protecting resources, which provides nutrients for crops and livestock. The assistance they give to local landowners in developing and implementing conservation plans and helping to receive federal assistance via the USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Program is a valuable service that benefits the County of Maui.

While the conservation districts are most often associated with the preparation and approval of conservation plans, their scope of work is much broader. Their activities include a variety of education and outreach programs. By funding the SWCDs, you contribute to their capacity to carry out these tasks.

*"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children"*

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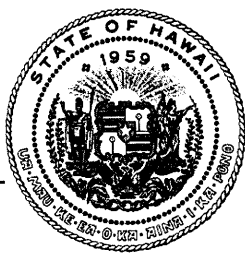
**From:** Chang, Chung I <chung.i.chang@hawaii.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board  
**Attachments:** Bill No. 57\_OAD Testimony\_Maui County Council\_04-11-19.pdf

Aloha,

On behalf of the State of Hawaii's Office of Aerospace Development, I am submitting testimony in support of MEDB's budget with the Maui County Council.

Mahalo,

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Statement of  
**CHUNG I. CHANG**  
Office of Aerospace Development Coordinator  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
OF THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL**

Wednesday, April 11, 2019  
6:00PM

In consideration of  
**BILL NO. 57**

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice Chair King and members of the Committee. The Office of Aerospace Development (OAD) **SUPPORTS** BILL NO. 57, EDB-1 that appropriates funds for the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB).

OAD is a focal point within the State to facilitate dialogue and coordination to promote the growth and diversification of Hawaii's aerospace industry. To be successful in promoting aerospace-related industries, developing innovative education and workforce programs, and creating high-tech jobs in the state, we form important partnerships at local, national, and international levels.

Maui Economic Development Board has proven to be an invaluable asset for diversifying Maui's economy as well as for the state. Its annual AMOS conference, a premier technical conference in space surveillance, brings to Maui international military, academia, and commercial participants. OAD is supportive of MEDB's STEM education outreach, promotion of the technology sector, and conference services to name a few of its myriad of programs and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**I am greatly appreciative of the \$75,000 line in the Mayor's FY 20 budget proposal, and for each of your support, but I humbly ask Council members to consider an increase back to our historically successful \$100,000 budget line for FY20.\*\***

**UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension Maui County Grant Projects  
Funded and NOT Able to Fund  
in FY 19, 18 & 17 via \$75,000 Budget Line Item**

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- Advanced Reproductive Technologies Workshops for Livestock Producers & 4-H Youth
- Responding to the Business Planning Needs of Maui's Agriculture-Related Business Owners and Operators.
- Field Demonstration on the Economic Feasibility of Utilizing Direct/Precision Seeding Methods in Vegetable Production on Moloka'i
- Breadfruit in Maui County
- Establish Ornamental Trial Garden at the Kahului Research, Education and Demonstration Center.

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- Introduction to Structured Decision-Making for Agricultural Service Projects on Maui
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- Establishment of a Sunn Hemp (*Crotalaria juncea*) Seed Certification Program for Moloka'i
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- Promotion of Sustainable Honey Bee Culture programs on Maui & Molokai

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- Grower and Community Evaluation of new Taro Varieties on Maui & Moloka'i
- FSMA Water Requirement Compliance Research and Outreach in Maui County
- Bee House with Youth Beekeeping Workshops

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GET Local Maui Nui (Food Safety campaign)

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**In FY18 Maui County Funds were leveraged 1:21 in additional State/Federal/Private funds brought into the County by UH CTAHR—Cooperative Extension in Maui County:**

<b>Funding Sources in past 12 months:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Hawai‘i State Dept of Labor/Workforce Dev: Moloka‘i Garden to Farm	\$44,500
DHHL Moloka‘i Hawaiian Home Lands Ag Ed Program	\$13,000
Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture	\$40,000
Hawai‘i Invasive Species Council	\$268,517
US Forest Service Special Technology Development Program	\$103,733
Maui County Dept of Water Supply Watershed Grant Program	\$95,186
HDOA Import Replacement Cultivar Evaluation for Cut Flower & Foliage	\$21,155
USDA NIFA - UH Statewide Advanced MG IPM Training Project	\$4,996
Maui Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course	\$8,750
HI State Dept of Labor and Industrial Relations Workforce Development Office.	\$20,015
Google Equipment Only Grant	\$31,000
Smith Lever Supplemental Grant	\$19,200
USDA-NIFA-CYFAR, Maui portion	\$54,462
Aging/Intergenerational Plan of Work	\$4,500
Statewide Volunteer Development Plan of Work	\$4,000
In-kind donations (room reservations, food donations, etc),	\$5,000
FSMA training revenue generation	\$24,000
HDOA Water testing for specific eColi pathogens	\$50,000
HDOA Salmonella testing on Hawai‘i Papaya	\$60,000
Edible Crops Plan of Work funding	\$12,000
Landscaping Plan of Work funding	\$3,000
<b>Total programmatic funds coming into Maui County</b>	<b>\$887,014</b>
University of Hawai‘i Budget Contribution in Maui County Faculty and Staff Salaries/Fringe And operational expenses	\$599,194 <b>\$ 91,235</b>
<b>Total Leveraged Funds in Maui County</b>	<b>\$1,577,443</b>
<b>Maui County Grant Award FY18</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>

Leverage is approximately **1:21**...every **\$1** dollar Maui County provides in funding to UH Maui-CTAHR, is leveraged by **\$21** in State, Federal and Private additional funding coming into Maui County through UH CTAHR program support in FY18.



JOIN UH MAUI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR A  
FLORICULTURE FIELD DAY!

# *Sunflowers*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**

**9:30-10:30AM**



PRESENTATION BY DR. CYNTHIA NAZARIO-LEARY  
ON SUNFLOWER CULTIVAR GROWTH & MANAGEMENT

**SELF-GUIDED FIELD TOURS BETWEEN 9AM-1PM**

AT THE UH MAUI COLLEGE CAMPUS  
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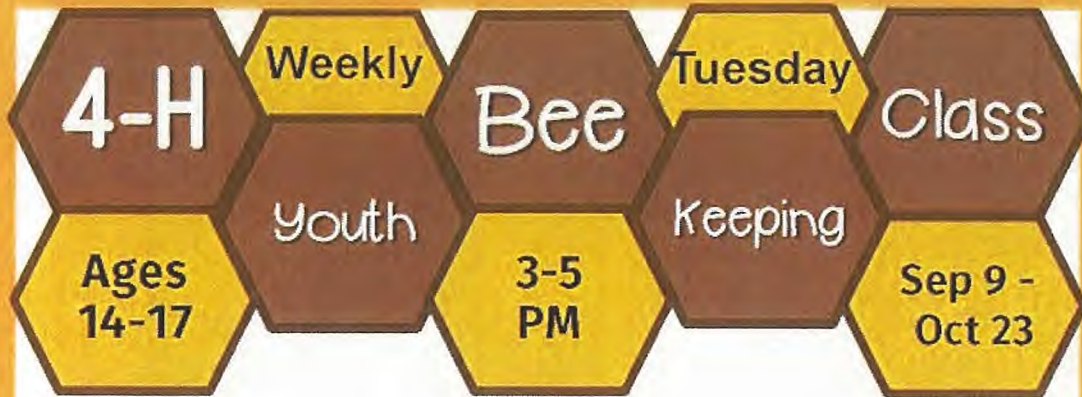
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Pictures from Youth Beekeeping Workshop to MEO Youth Services, 12/27/2018







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**From:** Cynthia Reeves <reevesc@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** UH CTAHR Revised Funded & Not Funded Projects in Peer-reviewed Priority Funding Order  
**Attachments:** UH CTAHR Projects Funded & Not FY 17-18 & 19 in Priority Order.docx  
**Importance:** High

Aloha,

Attached you will find the UH Mānoa CTAHR—Cooperative Extension funded and not-funded projects for the past three fiscal year in peer-reviewed priority funding order, as requested by Council Member King.

***Cindy Reeves, PhD, MPH***

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**April 3, 2019: REVISED LISTING IN PEER-REVIEWED PRIORITY FUNDING ORDER  
(Per Council Member Request)**

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**From:** Dennis O'Shea <oshea606@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** 2020 Budget

Here is my input as a Maui County resident, voter, and taxpayer:

Reduce the size of our local government. Tax less, spend less.  
Keep the streets safe and the roads paved, and get rid of the useless social meddling.

Dennis O'Shea  
Lahaina

## EDB Committee

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**From:** Diana Shaw <DShaw@lanaihealth.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Lanai Community Health Center Letters of Support and Patient Petition for Budget hearing  
**Attachments:** 2020 Budget - LCHC LOS and Pt Petition.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Please LMK if you need anything further. Mahalo, Salamat, Diana



LCHC

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April 2, 2019

Keani N. W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee

Aloha Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

**Re: Letter of Support for continued funding from County of Maui, DHHC for Behavioral Health Services**

LCHC thanks the Council, County of Maui, and Mayor for continued support of the Lāna'ī Community Health Center's (LCHC) programs. For the past several years, our Health Center has been the recipient of a Line Item Award. These funds have made it possible for our Health Center to provide services to all community members seeking health care, especially the un- and under-insured. We continue to utilize DHHC Grant funds to support our behavioral health (BH) program by providing support for our post-doc fellow psychologist's salary—leveraging funds we have received from insurance payments and other grants. We continue to struggle, though, with inadequate insurance payments to cover the full cost of this program. In addition, most recently, our community faced the withdrawal of Aloha House — leaving LCHC the only provider open to all individuals who are in need of BH services. We also now serve the needs of those individuals in the court system.

LCHC is reaching more patients who are in need of help. With, our per capita family income at \$23,826 and approximately 30% of our population at or below 200% poverty level, County funding remains a critical component of our program.

Program growth has been steady; in 2018 our BH providers (2.0 FTE in 2018) served 117 patients, with a total 967 visits. In addition, our tele-health psychiatry program continues to add value with improved medication management and quick access to psychiatry consults, without the patient having to leave our island. While we have hired an additional .5 FTE in 2019, we continue to recruit for an additional FTE BH provider due to our current wait list, as well as a continued increase in demand. Lastly,

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we still have only been able to hire post-doc fellows in psychology, resulting in lower insurance reimbursement. Continued County support is required to continue to provide this high quality, badly needed program.

Our request for FY2020 is for the County to continue to provide funding for our Behavioral Health Program — paying for direct services — a portion of our Behavioral Health (BH) providers compensation. In addition to providing psychological counseling, our BH providers also support our medical, dental, and vision patients by providing integrated behavioral health services and playing an integral part in our wellness and lifestyle program development and management. We continue to seek additional funding streams that we can use to leverage the County's funding. In addition, we are also working with the insurers to provide improved reimbursement and coverage for our behavioral services, and are working with our Post-Doc Fellows to secure sufficient hours to sit for the licensure exam. We are also working to establish a relationship with a Psychology training program to develop a workforce pool for our program.

These services continue to be badly needed on our island—and with County support, these services will continue, in spite of all the challenges we face. We ask that you continue to support our program at its current level, \$82,610.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.V. Shaw', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Diana V. Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE  
Executive Director

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*The Community is our Patient -- men, women, children, uninsured, insured!*

March 27, 2019

Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Vice-Chair King,

**Re: Letter of Support for continued funding from County of Maui, DHHC for Behavioral Health Services**

Aloha! I want to express my gratitude to the County of Maui, Mayor, and Council for the continued support you have given Lanai Community Health Center's (LCHC) programs over the years. As one of the Behavioral Health (BH) Specialists of LCHC's Behavioral Health Program, I cannot tell you how appreciative we are to be the recipients of the Line Item Award as these funds have helped to leverage our behavioral health program by providing support for our behavioral health specialists' salaries-leveraging funds we receive from insurance payments and other grants. These funds have also allowed our health center to provide services to our community members seeking health care, especially the un- and under-insured. We continue to struggle with coverage for the full cost of this program due to inadequate insurance payments and there has been an increasing demand for BH services requiring us to increase our number of BH providers.

I have been a part of the LCHC team for 5 years as a Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellow and Behavioral Health Specialist, currently under the supervision of Allison Seales, PhD. My hiring would not have been possible without the assistance of this grant! Through our integrative services, our medical and behavioral health providers are continuing to discover the behavioral health needs of our patients and are working together to develop collaborative treatment to promote the wellness of our patients, with the goal of decreasing the burden of chronic disease and improving quality of life. I have seen my caseload reach full capacity serving children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Our behavioral health program continues to be heavily utilized by community members — patients of LCHC and also those of Straub — as we provide the only such services on island. A number of our patients do not have coverage for behavioral health services — or the annual number of visits is severely limited. And with 70% of Lāna'ī households being classified as low to middle income, and 40% of our

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population at or below 200% poverty level, County funding remains a critical component of our program. Program growth has been steady—increasing in 2013 by 14.70%, 2014 by 16.97%, and 2015 by 12.52%. Due to a staff shortage (a drop in 36% Psychologist FTE), we were forced to see fewer patients in 2016 (34% drop in patients; 30% drop in encounters). In late 2017, we were able to hire a second post-doc fellow and increase our patient count to 107 for FY18 which is a 78% increase compared to FY17's 60 patients. As of 9/1/2018, we have added a contracted part-time post-doc fellow through a contract with I Ola Lahui to help us with tackling our waiting list and provide the care that this community needs. With Aloha House no longer providing services on our island, BH services provided by LCHC are critical and needed more now than ever. While we have been able to increase the number of patients we are able to see, we will only be able to collect reduced reimbursement from insurance companies (as they pay less for post-doc fellows): continued support from the County will be required to support this program. In addition, we have been working with the University of Hawaii Psychiatry team through our tele-psychiatry program (supported by a federal grant), an additional service of benefit to our patients and also our providers—as we become better educated about psychiatric medications and are able to obtain psychiatry consults quickly, without the patient having to leave our island.

Our request for FY2020 is for the County to continue to provide funding for our Behavioral Health Program — paying for direct services — a portion of our Behavioral Health (BH) provider's compensation. In addition to providing psychological counseling, our BH providers also support our medical and dental patients by providing integrated behavioral health services and playing an integral part in our wellness and lifestyle program development and management. We continue to seek additional funding streams that we can use to leverage the County's funding. In addition, we are also working with the insurers to provide improved reimbursement and coverage for our behavioral services, and are working with our two Post-Doc Fellows to secure sufficient hours to sit for the licensure exam. We will continue to offer home visits, crisis intervention, transportation, translation services, referral/advocacy, case management, health fairs, outreach, and various wellness workshops. At this time, we are asking you to continue to support our program at its current level, \$82,610. I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful team and believe whole-heartedly in the overall vision and mission of LCHC.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Mahalo for your generous support!

Sincerely,



Cori Takesue, Psy.D.  
Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellow  
Behavioral Health Specialist  
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[ctakesue@lanaihealth.org](mailto:ctakesue@lanaihealth.org)



### Lānaʻi Community Health Center

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### SUPPORT LCHC'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Please sign the petition to tell Maui County that you support Lanai Community Health Center to continue to receive funding for our Behavioral Health Program. The Behavioral Health program is part of our Integrated Health Care program that offers patients individualized sessions to address health related issues (e.g., diabetes, obesity, smoking, depression, anxiety) from a behavioral standpoint. Our current Behavioral Health program has assisted many patients over the last 5 years and we hope to continue to expand the program to suit the community's needs.

Please sign below to show your support of keeping this program alive!

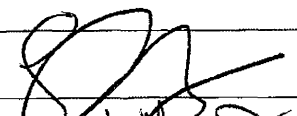
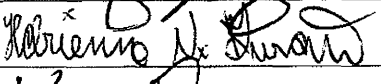
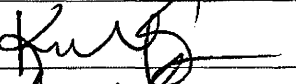
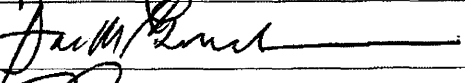

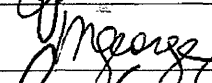
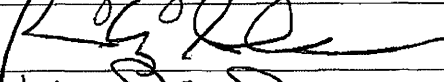
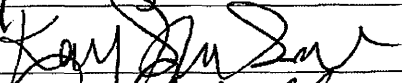

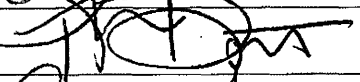
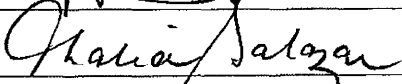
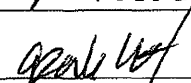
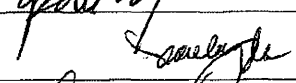
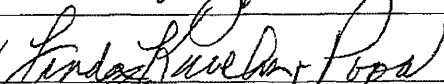
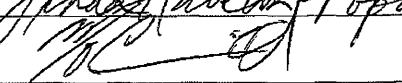
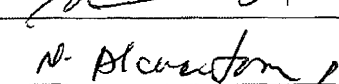
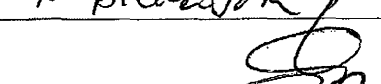

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5. Jentiafae Vakaona		P.O. Box 630744 Lanai City, HI 96763	541-201-2618
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7. Megan Amby		P.O. BOX 631045	(808) 649-0543
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9. Chanda Schutte		PO BOX 630773	
10. OLA RAPA		PK 631263	808 565-6919



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13. Gabe Johnson		P.O. Box 631620 Lanai City HI 96763	808 559 0980
14. Emma Lee		P.O. Box 630924 Lanai City HI 96763	
15. Dale Phillips		P.O. Box 631586 Lanai City HI 96763	565-7426
16. Kathleen Costates		P.O. Box 630858, Lanai City, HI 96763	808-649-0552
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19. Michelle Yang		Lanai City HI 96763	541-520-9541
20. Jenny Manning		P.O. BOX 630095 Lanai City HI, 96763	563-9448
21. Wilma Koep		P.O. Box 631105 Lanai City, HI	565-2891
22. Janelle Besmer		P.O. Box 631158 Lanai City HI 96763	
23. Zachary Besmer			
24. Jesus Ramos	Jesus	165 Fragr. Ave P.O. Box 631753	322 107 2926
25. FRASCO CABRILLO		491 / LIHA ST P.O. Box 630887	563 0470
26. Nina Riel		P.O. Box 631607 Lanai City HI 96763	559-0850
27. Brandon Vaslarick		Lanai HI 96763	
28. MICHAEL WINTHOUSE		P.O. Box 631937 Lanai City HI 96763	760-390-5632

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33. PHILIP SWEERS		P.O. Box 631497 Lanai	649-0291
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36. KSHA SARME			649-9146
37. Arthur Villamor		P.O. Box 631016	_____
38. Kamalani Donato		P.O. Box 631195	649-7201
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40. Adylen Pablo			
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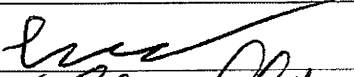
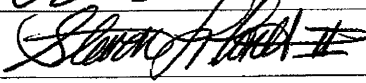
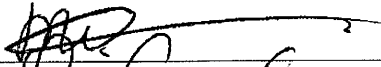
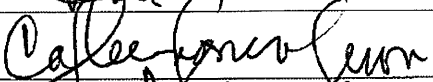
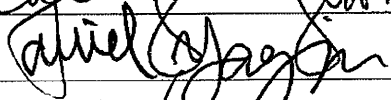
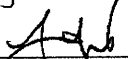

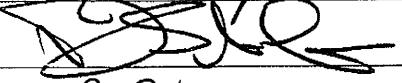
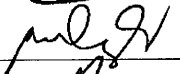

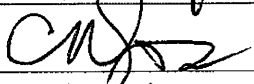
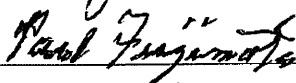
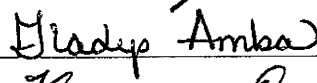
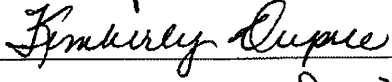
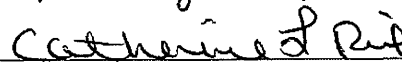
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50. Matthew De... Matthew De...		P.O. Box 631344 Lanai	563-1179
51. Naomi ESTARDO		PO Box 630185A	559-0547
52. Daise M... Daise M...		PO Box 630915	59-0033
53. Jason Abow... Jason Abow...		115 Fraser Ave. Apt 10B	809-02156
54. Caroline Gold		PO Box 630286, LC	808-214-7523
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60. Lorraine Egan			
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62. KANDI SUE SUE		PO BOX 1423	
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66. Inahe Kamehaha	Inahe Kamehaha		
67. Marcelina Daeglin	Marcelina Daeglin		
68. Franklin Velasco	Franklin Velasco		
69. RUBY M. COVINO	Ruby M. Covino		
70. Anthony Baldeviso Jr	Anthony Baldeviso Jr		
71. Darylee NUGRA	Darylee Nugra		
72. Janette Kaukeano	Janette Kaukeano		
73. Debbie Wheeler	Debbie Wheeler	P.O. Box 631765	808-391-9800
74. Jean Buckley	Jean Buckley	P.O. Box 630288 LC, HI	
75. Lolita Nakoy	Lolita Nakoy	P.O. Box 611600 Lanai, HI	808-365-9061
76. Ron Inzer	Ron Inzer	P.O. Box 631618 Lanai HI.	252-571-9243
77. KENRA LEAH ADIN	Kenra Leah Adin	P.O. Box 631534 LANAI CITY 96763	359-8869
78. Regine Agham	Regine Agham	P.O. Box 630715 Lanai City 96763	649-9281
79. Chelsea Tadema	Chelsea Tadema	P.O. Box 630450 Lanai City 96763	808-385-4285
80. Thessalonica (Sandi)	Thessalonica (Sandi)	P.O. Box 631496 Lanai City 96763	808-563-0129
81. Geneva Carto	Geneva Carto	P.O. Box 630973 LANAI CITY 96763	808-649-9878
82. Joseph Humphrey	Joseph Humphrey		

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85. Manuza Conru			808-649-0948
86. Catherine Gison			808-649-9073
87. Ariel Yagjin			808-563-9369
88. Adelina P. Duclayan			808-649-9483
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90. Duke Schaefer			808 649-0382
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92. RANDALL KAM			808-227-5337
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94. Paul Fujimoto			565-7291
95. Gladys Amba			565-6756
96. Kimberly Dupree			563-1239
97. Catherine Riel			649-9041
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## EDB Committee

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**From:** Elisa Plauche <elisaonmaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Re: 186 petition signatures in support of Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget  
**Attachments:** 114 online petition signatures supporting Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget.pdf; 72 handwritten signatures support Coqui eradication Maui County.pdf



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On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 12:22 PM Elisa Plauche <elisaonmaui@gmail.com> wrote:  
72 handwritten signatures + 114 online=186 petition signers support Mayor's Coqui Eradication Budget



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Dear Maui County Council,

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming this statement:

**"Maui County Council needs to stop the spread of the invasive Coqui frog by giving Maui Invasive Species Committee the funds they request annually to eradicate Maui of this deafening frog whose populations continue to expand due to the Maui County Councils previous and current policy of funding Maui Invasive Species Committee on a Too Little Too Late policy. We demand a peaceful future for Maui with no Coqui frogs keeping us from sleeping nights. "**

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this petition, as well as additional comments written by the petition signers themselves.

Sincerely,  
Elisa Plauche

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Betty Honey  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Feb 23, 2019

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Sailer  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Feb 23, 2019

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Seiderer  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Feb 23, 2019

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Mark Williams  
Paia, HI 96779  
Dec 24, 2018

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Need to eradicate these creatures from Maui now. We do not want them destroying our native habitat.

Scott Shapiro  
Kihei, HI 96753  
Dec 23, 2018

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tyler lausten  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Dec 23, 2018

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Joelle Lambiotte du Lac  
Paia, HI 96779  
Dec 22, 2018

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Koni  
Portland, OR 97236  
Dec 22, 2018

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Paul Janes-Brown  
Pukalani, HI 96788-0622  
Dec 22, 2018

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I already hear their chirps coming from upper Maliko gulch...

victoria leo  
makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 22, 2018

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ralf sifford  
paia, HI 96779  
Dec 21, 2018

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Karl Rohlfing  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 21, 2018

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Susan Krebs  
Van Nuys, CA 91401  
Dec 20, 2018

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You just watch, the county will use deadly poisons to kill the Coqui and then contaminate Maui even more and harm many more people and animals. Get ready for some cancer!

Rebecca Sydney  
  
Dec 19, 2018

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Joe Williams  
Pukalani, Fa 96768  
Dec 19, 2018

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Barbara Bezdicek  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 19, 2018

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JR Anderson  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
Dec 19, 2018

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Pam Spicer  
Turin, NY 13473  
Dec 19, 2018

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Susie Luyet  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 19, 2018

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Stella J Livingston  
Elmwood, Berkeley, CA 94705  
Dec 19, 2018

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Heidi Cramer  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 18, 2018

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They cause hearing loss!!

Nalani Clark  
Haiku, HI 96708-5661  
Dec 18, 2018

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These frogs do not belong on Maui, and they are quickly spreading and multiplying.

mary keller  
Paia, HI 96779  
Dec 18, 2018

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We still have a possibility of stopping the coqui frogs from spreading to all of Maui and losing all control of situation. Tourists DO NOT want to hear them nor do the citizens in affected areas. This situation in Haiku needs more money ASAP. THANK YOU

Elizabeth Keller  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 18, 2018

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Judith Levy  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 18, 2018

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Tiare Lee  
Kula, HI 96790  
Dec 17, 2018

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Ross Dagley  
  
Dec 17, 2018

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Jenna dorius  
  
Dec 17, 2018

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This important issue must be addressed now.

Arden Sell  
Pukalani, HI 96768  
Dec 16, 2018

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Holly Gates  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
Dec 16, 2018

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Please do not put this issue on the back burner or the entire Island will be infested! Take a trip to Hilo and you will understand just how bad this issue is.

Leon W. Grant  
Makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 16, 2018

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Going to have to work with the State on this, before it's too late.

Pamela LaVarre  
HAIKU, HI 96708-5989  
Dec 16, 2018

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john gerry  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 16, 2018

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It's not just the noise, but also the devastating effect on plant nurseries. Help our farmers. They can not afford an infestation that will put them out of business if they can not ship their products. Thank you for helping our community with all your hard work and now extra funding for this problem.

Gina Flammer  
Kula, HI 96790  
Dec 15, 2018

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Helen  
Makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 15, 2018

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Kolette Gunnison  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Leanne Williams  
Pukalani, HI 96768  
Dec 15, 2018

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Donna Jones  
  
Dec 15, 2018

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Robin Pilus  
Makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 15, 2018

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THEY JUST STARTED MOVING ON TO MY PROPERTY A FEW MONTHS AGO. tHIS IS THE TIME TO STOP THEM

tom bridge  
haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Carlo vitale  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Nancy Pechner  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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It will affect property values and tourism.

Rob van Nood  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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These will eventually spread across the island if not contained soon. Definitely a material negative impact on property values.

Margaret Stumpp  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Stephen kroon  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Kathy McDonald  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Alison Bridge  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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mahalani jaeger  
Pukalani, HI 96768  
Dec 15, 2018

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Kathleen MacIsaac  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 15, 2018

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Invasive species cause myriad problems. Please protect fragile environments up front. We only have one Maui.

Julie Evans  
Tucson, AZ 85730  
Dec 15, 2018

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Ruby Deutsch  
Kihei, HI 96753  
Dec 15, 2018

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Sam Small  
Makawao, Fa 96768  
Dec 15, 2018

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Dominick gambino  
Makawao, HI 96778  
Dec 15, 2018

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Don't sign me up for other notifications!!!

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Judy Epstein  
Lahaina, HI 96761  
Dec 15, 2018

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Lucia Maya  
Makawao, HI 96768  
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Adam Knox  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
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Hattie Gerrish  
Paauilo, HI 96776  
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Carol Yamato  
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Greta Kailiehu  
Makawao, Fa 96768  
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Steven Noufer  
WAILUKU, HI 96793-1608  
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Leslie Kim

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Jane a Schumacher  
Haiku, HI 96708  
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jessica bodner  
Makawao, HI 96768  
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Aaron Kogan  
HAIKU, HI 96708  
Dec 14, 2018

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Please Fund MISC at an adequate level so they can fully address the coqui challenges we're facing!

Dale B Bonar  
Pukalani, HI 96788  
Dec 14, 2018

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I live on Lemi Place off of Kokomo and can hear the coqui on Kokomo between Haupoa and Haiku. Pretty significant.

Carol Simmons  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 14, 2018

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nancy Sulenta  
Pukalani, HI 96768  
Dec 14, 2018

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Impossible to live with when the numbers start to multiply.

Marjorie Bonar  
Pukalani, HI 96768  
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Licia Sakamoto  
Kula, HI 96790  
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Carla Hess  
Makawao, HI 96768  
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Kathleen Medeiros  
  
Dec 14, 2018

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Linda Sola  
Makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 14, 2018

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Laura A Straight  
Makawao, HI 96768  
Dec 14, 2018

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Chris smichals  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 14, 2018

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Antoinette M Davis  
object:741, HI 96768  
Dec 14, 2018

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Thank you, we are starting to hear them in Pukalani also

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Sarah R Davis  
Pukalani, HI 96788  
Dec 14, 2018

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Jane  
Mililani, HI 96789  
Dec 14, 2018

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Dana Hartley  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 14, 2018

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**MUST BE STOPPED NOW!!**

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Russell Jones  
Pahoa, HI 96778-1711  
Dec 13, 2018

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Need immediate action!

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CLAUDIA WEHI KALAOLA  
Hana, HI 96713  
Dec 13, 2018

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keith powers  
MAKAWAO, HI 96768  
Dec 13, 2018

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The time to act is now.

Richard E. Duggan  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
Dec 13, 2018

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Barbara McIntosh  
VOLCANO, HI 96785  
Dec 13, 2018

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Pete Wilson  
Pahoa, HI 96778-8327  
Dec 13, 2018

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The address above is my mailing address, I live in Nahiku.

Greg Wilson  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 13, 2018

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We still have time to get ahead of this invasive species - we must act now!

Beth Ekdahl  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 13, 2018

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The coqui frog is a serious problem and it is not too late to keep working at its eradication on Maui. On the Big Is. it is too late. I lived in Luquillo rainforest in Puerto Rico as an ornithologist for 3.5 years in the 1960s, where the coqui is native. The noise was horrendous!!! Parts of the Big Is. are similar. Please help Maui Invasive Species Committee with funding. They are an excellent, very dedicated organization who spend the money wisely. Aloha, Angela

Angela Kay Kepler  
Haiku, HI 96708-1298  
Dec 13, 2018

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Herman L. Kaauamo  
Haiku, HI 96708-9704  
Dec 13, 2018

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Elvin Kamoku  
Kula, HI 96790  
Dec 13, 2018

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Think about it ..... The only reason you have not heard them in your yard is they haven't got there yet. Please dont let tthis happen to Maui.

Katharine Popenuk



haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 13, 2018

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Melody Cosma-Gonsalves  
Hana, HI 96713  
Dec 13, 2018

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Leihulu Oliveira  
  
Dec 13, 2018

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Amy Yamada  
  
Dec 13, 2018

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Please give Maui Invasive Species the funds needed to stop the spread of coqui frogs on Maui. We don't want Maui to end up like the Big Island!

Romaine Kau'i Oliveira  
Hana, HI 96713  
Dec 13, 2018

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Kimberly Pease  
Haiku, HI 96708  
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Sarah Bower  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
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Dorothy Powers Fonsca  
Haiku, HI 96708  
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Sam Small  
Makawao, HI 96768  
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Billy Jalbert  
Paia, HI 96779  
Dec 13, 2018

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Cheri C  
  
Dec 11, 2018

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Scott Corderman  
Kahului, HI 96732  
Dec 11, 2018

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I've visited friends whose Haiku homes are surrounded by coqui frogs and their loud calls completely dominate the night. I couldn't bear the noise they're forced to endure nightly. Please help us to stop them before they take over the island!

Daniel Collins  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 10, 2018

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MISC needs more than the current funding, because if the current funding was enough, obviously, we would've gotten rid of the frogs by now.

DARRELL TANAKA  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 10, 2018

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Coqui frogs are rapidly spreading and can reduce property values, not to mention the loud noise! Funding needs to be tripled! Mahalo!

Mary Villanueva  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 10, 2018

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Time now for action!! Please let's stop the coqui before it is too late.

shiela kawaiaea  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 10, 2018

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Tom Kowalick  
Kihei, Fa 96753-8931  
Dec 10, 2018

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Karen Notley  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 9, 2018

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William Rice  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 9, 2018

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MISC needs more money and manpower before These frogs overtake Maui, like they have on the big island.

Barbara Kline  
HAIKU, HI 96708  
Dec 9, 2018

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cheryl mulligan  
haiku, HI 96708

Dec 9, 2018

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PLEASE STOP THE COQUIS!!!!

Daniel Owen  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Dec 9, 2018

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Elisa Plauche  
Haiku, HI 96708  
Feb 5, 2018

Dear County Council,

Because the County Council has only supported Maui Invasive Species Committee with the minimal annual funding; the population of coqui frogs continues to pour out of Maliko Gulch into Haiku neighborhoods, forcing some residents who are not in the coqui boundary properties managed by MISC; to fend for themselves by using their own truck to borrow a 100 gallon sprayer from Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) and do the hard work of mixing and spraying multiple tanks of citric acid. Spraying our own properties is expected of us because MISC is underfunded and overwhelmed with trying to control the Coquis that are in Maliko Gulch with it's conservative estimation of 300,000 Coqui frogs, the boundaries of Haiku's coqui infested areas, and all new coqui infestations as well. MISC can no longer regularly spray all coqui infested properties, and lacks funding to chase after the Coqui frogs that literally hitch hike on cars all over Maui. For example, my new housemate works 32 miles away at Puamana Condominiums in Lahaina. Within a few weeks after he moved to my property bordering Maliko Gulch property, Puamana Condominiums had to remove a banana patch to get rid of the coqui frogs that had hitchhiked there. I also accidentally took a Coqui from home to Wailuku, and saw it on my side window after driving 15 miles from home! It is only a matter of time before these frogs spread to Hana where I and others go regularly. I recently was selling one of my cars and had driven it from Haiku to Walmart 12 miles away, and left it there for tire repairs; four days later I opened the hood to show it to a potential buyer and there was still a living coqui under the hood of my car!

Coqui Frogs are a health hazard because the chirp of one single coqui is so loud, (95 decibels) that a few coqui (density reaches 36,000 Coqui per acre) can cause noise induced hearing loss. My hearing loss is in the form of tinnitus ie I now have ringing in both my ears 24 hours per day 7 days per week. I say "what?" and make others repeat what they said in nearly every conversation. This started after the infestation of Coqui frogs of my entire neighborhood. I must use silicone ear plugs to sleep at night but my evenings are noise filled with the Coqui chorus. My family and I now must use the closed caption features on our television and we speak loudly, like near deaf people. This is now the point of no return where our elected officials will either choose to care about Maui residents and future generations auditory health, or they will be the legislatures that failed to act in time therefore condemning Maui's future residents to sleep loss and hearing loss.

Please save Maui before it is too late like Big Island!

Sincerely,

Elisa Plauche

85 Kilikina Place

PO Box 1336, Haiku HI, 96708

(808) 870-3861

# Stop Spread of Invasive Coqui

Petition by Elisa Plauche

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## PETITION BACKGROUND

Coqui frogs' loud call can cause hearing loss, inability to have conversations, lack of sleep, etc., and are still imported in potted plants. One coqui frog chirps at 95 decibels and with no snakes to control their numbers, the spread of coquis will continue and the density (reaching 10-20,000 per acre) of the coqui frog population will ruin Maui for all residents unless Maui County Council stops ignoring the seriousness of the issue and funds Maui Invasive Species Committee the full eradication budget needed over the next 5+ years.

*please see attached 72 handsigned signatures  
and ~~at~~ 114 online signatures totaling 186  
72 + 114 = 186 signers*

Dear Maui County Council,

12/13/18

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- 1 PHIL CLARK 122 LAKEA PL HAIKU, HI 12-13-18
- 2 ARTURO WESLEY 230 WAIAMA, HAIKU
- 3 Catherine Clark 575-9973 12-13-18
- 4 Kalani Clark 122 Lakea Pl, Haiku 808-868-3936
- 5 Barbara Berger Umi Pl 808 264-2021
- 6 Mira Schneider Umi Pl 4352601767
- 7 Felix Knicker Haiku HI 5736952
- 8 Paul Deslauriers Haiku 808-264-3536
- 9 Paul Egan Haiku 870 4732 12/13/18
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16	Stephen Kroon	Haiku		12/13/18
17	Keith Fergus		MAKAWAO	12/13/18
18	Alena Danskikh	Haiku		12/13/18
19	DAVID BAGDA	Haiku		12/13/18
20	Jeff Russell	Haiku		12/13/18
21	Lee Hoxie	Haiku		12/13/18
22	Joanne Vasquez	Haiku		12.13.18
23	Richard Cabelado	Haiku		12/13/18
24	Robert Hutton	Haiku		12/13/18
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31	Stefano	STEFANO SEGRE	HAIKU 12/13/18
32	Kathleen Alexander	Kth Alexander	Haiku 12/13/18
33	Richard Pechner	R & P	HAIKU "
34	Marsid Tolman	Cambridge	Haiku 12/13/18
35	David DeLeon	David	Haiku 12/13/18
36	PATRICK FRANTZ	Patrick	Haiku 12/13/18
37	Elizabeth Keller	Elizabeth	Haiku 12/13/18
38	Brent Esponda	Brent Esponda	Haiku 12/13/18
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71 *Robert K. Hoke*  
72 *Barbara Kline*

## EDB Committee

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**From:** Jeffrey Parker <jeffy3@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:21 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony - Budget Priority  
**Attachments:** Coqui Frog Fundng Testimony.pdf

To:  
Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Members of Council EDB Committee 4-3-19

From:  
Jeffrey Parker, Pres.  
Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.  
P.O. Box 170  
Haiku, HI, 96708  
808 572-8569  
Personal email: [jeffy3@earthlink.net](mailto:jeffy3@earthlink.net)  
Subject: Budget – Coqui Frog Funding (pdf copy attached)

Dear Chair Rawlins- Fernandez and Members,

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I should mention, that as a State-Certified plant exporter, my livelihood is particularly threatened. First, Coqui Frog is considered a “quarantinable pest” – and our nursery could conceivably be quarantined if Coqui turns up on our property. But also, you may not be aware that States such as California, have a “3 strikes and you're out” policy. If any pests (not only Coqui) are found in three of your shipments, you can no longer ship to California. This paragraph of mine is just intended to illustrate ONE of the many economic impacts that are likely if the Coqui is allowed to spread everywhere.

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Please include my letter as Testimony.

Mahalo!

Jeffrey Parker

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## **EDB Committee**

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**From:** jenta russell <jentaclare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 11:28 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Meeting

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: 3 April, 2019

From: Jenta Russell

**SUBJECT:** Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Meeting

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony today. I have had the opportunity to work with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) on Maui and have received conservation planning assistance for my farm in Kula for over the past three years.

I am deeply grateful for their impactful assistance in our lives as farmers and ranchers. On our farm, the SWCD has provided extensive information on managing our pastureland for our cattle and for the betterment of the land- ultimately improving soil health, biodiversity, water retention, reducing erosion, and a more sustainable, long-term approach to raising cattle on our land. The SWCD also provided a design and approach for how to plant our Orchard and farmland. Their help has been invaluable, and I wish for all farmers and ranchers on Maui to have to opportunity to work and gain from their assistance.

The SWCDs were created by farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. They saw the importance of protecting resources, which provides nutrients for crops and livestock. The assistance they give to local landowners in developing and implementing conservation plans and helping to receive federal assistance via the USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Program is a valuable service that benefits the County of Maui.

While the conservation districts are most often associated with the preparation and approval of conservation plans, their scope of work is much broader. Their activities include a variety of education and outreach programs. By funding the SWCDs, you contribute to their capacity to carry out these tasks.

Mahalo nui for your consideration and support, and for caring for this island,

Sincerely,  
Jenta Russell

*"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children"*



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**From:** Joe Imhoff <joe@skylineconservation.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
**Attachments:** Draft Cooperator's Testimony for FY 2020 County Funds.docx

Aloha,

Please see attachment (Written Testimony in support of the Soil and Water Conservation District.)

Mahalo

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Joseph Imhoff  
Program Manager  
Skyline Conservation Initiative  
808-250-1469  
[www.skylineconservation.org](http://www.skylineconservation.org)  
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TO: Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Chairwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
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Date: 4/3/19

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** MEDB

Apologies for not being able to attend the district budget meetings but please accept this email as support for funding for the MEDB programs. We've been sponsors of and teachers at several MEDB programs and find them to be a great resource for the entrepreneurial community. They have been the catalyst for more than 1 successful business on Maui – bringing jobs, economic growth and tax dollars to the County. There are no other resources that duplicate what they do in the manner in which they accomplish it. Please continue to fund any request they make – their value to the community cannot be overstated.

Aloha,

**Keri C. Mehling**

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**From:** Leon Lyons <maulyons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:22 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** ULUPALAKUA FARM SUPPORT  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0005.pdf

TO: Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Chairwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
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Date:

From:

SUBJECT: Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Meeting

I am a cooperator of one of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts on Maui and received conservation planning assistance for my farm in Ulupalakua maui.

The SWCDs were created by farmers who saw the value in implementing conservation practices. They saw the importance of protecting resources, which provides nutrients for crops and livestock. The assistance they give to local landowners in developing and implementing conservation plans and helping to receive federal assistance via the USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Program is a valuable service that benefits the County of Maui.

While the conservation districts are most often associated with the preparation and approval of conservation plans, their scope of work is much broader. Their activities include a variety of education and outreach programs. By funding the SWCDs, you contribute to their capacity to carry out these tasks.



Leon Lyons

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**From:** Rob Benc <robert@hawaiiisustainable.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:23 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts

TO: Economic Development and Budget Committee

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Date: 4/3/19

From: Robert Lawrence Bence II

SUBJECT: Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
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**From:** Stacey Casco <josephinesmaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
**Attachments:** Testimony in Support of SWCD.pdf

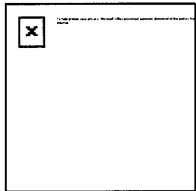
Aloha Council Members,

Attached please find my written testimony in support of the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

*I am a descendant of the Marciel family of Kaupo, Maui. As the current steward of our family legacy lands, I am very grateful to receive conservation planning assistance from the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD).*

*The SWCD is the only agency to visit our property in Kaupo, to provide technical assistance to help us address our water resource concerns. As you know, the water system in Kaupo is unique, and residents are particularly vulnerable to the impact of inadequate water supply.*

*While the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts are most often associated with the preparation and approval of conservation plans, their scope of work is much broader. By funding the SWCDs, you contribute to their capacity help rural residents and farmers like us to address and remedy our concerns.*



Stacey Ann L. Casco, Resource Manager  
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April 4, 2019

via [edb.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:edb.committee@mauicounty.us)

TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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FROM: Stacey Ann L. Casco

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**From:** David Ching <davidching@mauiwaste.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 4:52 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony on FY2020 Budget  
**Attachments:** Final MDC Budget Testimony\_4-3-2019.docx

Aloha Budget Staff,

Please forward my attached testimony to the Economic Development and Budget Committee for consideration. I would appreciate a reply confirmation of receipt as soon as possible.

Thank you very much,  
David Ching

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**David Ching, Assistant General Manager**



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April 3, 2019

Honorable Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY PROPOSED FY2020 BUDGET, NEW BIODIESEL FUEL TAX AND REFUSE  
DISPOSAL FEES INCREASE

Aloha Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

We are writing to provide testimony on the increases in the County of Maui's Proposed FY2020 Budget for the Department of Public Works Highway Fund - Fuel Tax – Biodiesel (County Code 3.20.010) of \$.12 per gallon from the current rate of zero and the Department of Environmental Management Solid Waste Management Fund – Fees-Refuse Disposal (CC 8.04.050) of \$103 per ton from the current rate of \$ 97.

Maui Disposal Co., Inc. believes in supporting our community and doing our fair share as a part of the Maui County community. We understand that our commitment comes with certain costs associated with maintaining our superior quality of life. That being said, following the recent implementation of annual County registration fees to clean and renewable energy vehicles such as electric and hybrids, it appeared inevitable that other forms of environmentally friendly transportation would also face some form of levy. We do not fully contest the imposition of a new tax on biodiesel fuel, however, as users of an anticipated amount in excess of 15,000 gallons of biodiesel per month in FY2020, the tax of \$.12 per gallon would amount to additional costs to Maui Disposal of over \$21,600 annually.

The proposed \$6.00 per ton (\$103 from \$97) increase in refuse disposal fees at County Landfills would impose a substantial financial burden upon Maui Disposal. We currently haul in excess of 5,700 tons of waste to the Central Maui Landfill each month. The proposed increase will mean over \$410,000 of additional annual costs that Maui Disposal customers will be burdened with.

The larger question that needs to be addressed is how would all of these new revenue assessments benefit the residents of Maui County? Since FY2010, the Refuse Disposal Fee has gone from \$58 per ton to \$97 in FY2019 this amounts to an approximately 67% increase in direct costs to our community. At

the same time, with the closing of the Central Maui Landfill on Sundays (started in 2011), our community has experienced an approximately 14.29% decrease in landfill services. Additionally, commercial haulers have been restricted from dumping construction refuse at the Central Maui Landfill on Saturdays. This creates a potential health hazard for the community. Refuse is created 7 days a week, 365 days a year by our residents and visitors, construction refuse picked up on Saturdays and municipal solid waste picked up on Sundays must sit in waste haulers vehicles until Monday mornings when it can be deposited in the Central Maui Landfill. Having multiple vehicles parked in various locations throughout Maui Island loaded with refuse which can combust or contain harmful contaminants that may leak, can be very damaging to our community. Needless to say, this could have far reaching negative impacts for Maui County.

This situation somehow does not pencil out, nor benefit our community. Our community is paying more for less and accepting a greater health and safety risk. This does not even include the \$3.00 per vehicle residential refuse fee that was added in FY2018. Taking all of this into account we would ask the County Council to consider either totally eliminating the new biodiesel tax or limit the proposed levy to no more than \$.03 per gallon. We would further request that regardless of whether or not refuse disposal fees are increased, the Central Maui Landfill be opened 7 days a week to include disposal of construction refuse on Saturdays and municipal solid waste on Sundays. We must not continue to jeopardize our quality of life by preventing our community's refuse from being processed in a timely manner within the only facility specifically designed to do so. Especially when proposing increased fees for it.

Thank you for your conscientious consideration of our request. We are available to address questions the Council may have regarding our testimony. Please contact me via email at or via telephone at (808) 250-3314.

Sincerely,

David J. Ching  
Assistant General Manager

## **EDB Committee**

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**From:** Katharine Popenuk <popenuk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 4:16 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Coqui Frog Eradication Suport

I would like to thank Mayor Victorino for following through on his promise to give much needed and appreciated budget support to MISC, specifically earmarked for the eradication of the noisy coqui frog.

We in Haiku have been struggling to rescue our side of the island from being overrun by these tiny but extremely annoying pests. Unfortunately, it has been like watching a crash in slow motion, as the problem gets further and further out of control. Coqui continue to pop up in new areas as well as repopulate areas around the gulch despite our coordinated efforts. We need a "once and for all" solution immediately.

The Mayor, as well as perhaps some of you on the County Council are familiar with how parts of the Big Island have been irreversibly overrun. Please, we can not allow this to happen on Maui!

Please lend your support to this budget item; lets not be the ones who abandoned our lovely, peaceful island home.

Thank you for recognizing the seriousness of this problem and supporting our efforts to halt this invasion.

Aloha,  
Katharine Popenuk

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**From:** Melanie Padgett <mauiecrc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dorisa's letter to Tamara  
**Attachments:** Dear Tamara Paltin.docx

Forwarding letter in support of Early Childhood Programs - Maui County Child Care Subsidy

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**From:** **dorisa pelletier** <[dsurf73@hotmail.com](mailto:dsurf73@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 1:58 PM  
**Subject:** Dorisa's letter to Tamara  
**To:** Melanie Padgett <[mauiecrc@gmail.com](mailto:mauiecrc@gmail.com)>

Wednesday, April 03, 2019

Dear Tamara Paltin,

I am writing this letter to let you know how much my family and I sincerely appreciate you funding the Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center program. We have a family of five, and have to be able to afford rent and bills, along with the costs of both preschool and daycare for two children on top of our other financial obligations! The Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center has been a great help to us! Melanie and the program have been so wonderful to our family, and because of them, we are able to continue to send our children to both a quality daycare and a quality preschool. I hope you will continue to fund this program next year and for many years into the future, as it helps out so many parents like us to be able to afford quality care for our children. Thanks again for doing what you do! We really appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Michael Yamasaki and Dorisa Pelletier-Yamasaki and Family

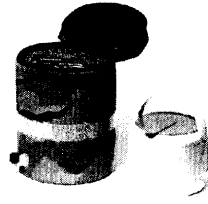
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**From:** Pamela Norris <norrispam52@gmail.com> on behalf of Pamela Norris  
<pnorris@icebuddy.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:00 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board  
**Attachments:** MEDB Testimony.pdf

Attached is the testimony submitted by Pamela Norris, CEO of ICEBUDDY Systems, Inc. on behalf of the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB).





ICEBUDDY SYSTEMS, INC.

Dear Mr. Mayor and County Council:

My name is Pamela Norris and I am the CEO of ICEBUDDY Systems, Inc. Five years ago I moved my corporation from the mainland to Maui. We have grown over those years in large part due to the services and opportunities offered by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB).

My staff and I have attended countless business related seminars, of the highest quality, which have enabled us to remain cutting edge in our field. We also participated in their hosting of the Small Business Administration's InnovateHer Competition in 2016, which it is an honor to say we won. MEDB's continued support and promotion of our mission to save lives and bring new technology products into the emergency preparedness arena has heightened our exposure.

I cannot impress upon you strongly enough how important MEDB is to the business community and the economic growth of Maui. Your budgetary support of MEDB is critical for businesses like mine to receive the support they need to ultimately be of service to Maui County.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

Respectfully,

*Pamela Norris*

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Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

Please support Mayor Victorino's FY2020 Budget Request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

I care about the work the Gardens does with the educational workshops and special events, e.g. kalo, dye making, kapa, u'lu day, plant giveaway, provided for the public to attend. I have attended many of these events and there isn't any garden on Maui that provides workshops like the Gardens does.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is also the best place on Maui for students, residents and visitors to learn the cultural history, plant identification and experiment with traditional uses of Maui County's unique plants. Your support for funding to continue the Gardens work is needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wanda Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wanda Larson