

EDB Committee

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Aloha mai kakou Honorable Chair Ms. Fernandez and Council Members and Staff ~

We truly appreciate your support of www.mauicountyvirtualjobfair.com website. A unique partnership of the County of Maui Workforce Development Board, University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC), American Job Center and other community partners whose aim is to provide support to Maui residents who have been severely impacted by COVID and the severe unemployment issues hurting Maui nui. We have worked tirelessly since July to create this online website as the main website tool provides updated announcements of Maui's business/entities that are interested in hiring employees. Most importantly, the website allows for people to "Up-Skill" to gain training, professional development or certifications to have hope for people to learn through online access to different trainings offered by UHMC's Extended Learning and Workforce Development Program.

We all strive to serve Maui's community and with that said, I support use of Care funds to serve and assist all Maui members who have been laid off as a result of COVID --- The Mauicountyvirtualjobfair website is specifically tailored to Maui residents and community members. More importantly, the agencies involved all have a passion to serve Maui nui as we continue to meet to network and create innovative partnerships to help Maui's unemployed workforce.

Please continue to support this initiative to help Maui residents gain employment. Much mahalo to Linda Puppolo for her vision and valued resources and outreach to serve Maui County.

Mahalo nui loa, me ke aloha, be safe and COVID free!

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