

EDB Committee

From: Jaydon_Isobe/POMAIKAI/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 1:22 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: EDB-1 Support for Maui Economic Development Board

Dear Council members,

I am writing in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's budget request. MEDB is an active participant in our schools including my school - Pōmaika'i Elementary School. Their program Island Energy Inquiry has provided over 400 teachers with Professional Development in scientific inquiry, engineering design process, and cutting-edge technology. These courses also provide access to a library of supplies. MEDB also hosts the STEM Works conference that our school attends with students to participate a day full of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

More importantly, the members of MEDB engage with our students by being judges for the last 5 years at our 4th Grade Pōmaika'i Entrepreneur Fair. Students survey their community and create business ideas to solve the problems. MEDB provide mentoring and feedback to these students giving them real life experiences and support. Please support MEDB.

Mahalo,
Jaydon Isobe
4th Grade, Level Chair
Pōmaika'i Elementary School

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairwoman, Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
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Honorable Members of the Council:

Mahalo nui loa e 'oukou, no ke ho'olohe ia ko leo makou. He mau leo, na po'e o Maui.
'O Kahala Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk kekahi mo'opuna o Henry Maui, no O'ahu i ka makahiki
1886-1907. Ua ha'alele 'o Henry i ka makahiki 1907. Noho ko'u 'ohana ma Wailuku, Maui
mahope mai 2013. Ke puni nei au i ke kumu a e ho'omamalu ana ia ia me ko'u pu'uwai apau.

MNBG has been an enormous asset to our community at large while providing grounds for many
of Maui's greater organizations to make fundraising events, as well as providing ample learning
opportunities in a well cultivated environment to afford residents, students and visitors alike a
brief perspective on the botanical culture of Maui Nui.

As a student of UHMC, member of MNBG and the konohiki of Hui Lei Ola - UHMC's
Hawaiian Student Club, I can personally attest to MNBG's provision of a place for students of
botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses.
They host over 1,500 Maui students each year in educational activities that teach native
Hawaiian plants and their uses.

This organization has consistently more than doubled the funding provided by the County,
through a creative portfolio that aids in MNBG self sustainability. It is the duty of our local
services to continue to provide for such a valuable organization within our greater community.

In addition to how the gardens serve the people, they grow and maintain vital plant species that
might otherwise go extinct and cannot be found anywhere else in the world. MNBG is a gem to
the community and we choose to voice our common+unity in request for a sufficient amount of
finances to continue operations of a resource so vital to our community.

With Appreciation,

Kahala Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk

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From: Loren Clive <loren.clive@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 3:02 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Maui County budget 2020

I am writing in support of \$2.5M for coqui frog eradication. I live in Kuiaha Bay, just past Maliko, where coquis have yet to spread. We had one last year, but a kindly neighbor hunted it down and killed it thankfully.

I do hear coqui in the hills, though, so I know it is a problem we must continually combat. Given the affect on property values and quality of life, I am all for my hard-earned taxes to pay to prevent the spread of this horrible nuisance.

Although I'm not sure if addressed in budget deliberations, I am absolutely against any salary increases for any government employees, excepting police, teachers and first responders. Our government is quite large and inefficient, and until pay is tied to performance, this will not change.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Cordially,

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From: Melissa Iwamoto <mimiwamot@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 12:49 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Planning Department Grant for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program
Attachments: SeaGrant_Testimony_PacIOOS_April2019.pdf

Aloha County Council Economic Development and Budget Committee,

Please find attached written testimony from the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) in support of the Planning Department Grant for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program.

Mahalo,
Melissa

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