

EDB Committee

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Subject: Letter of Support for EDB-52 - "100% Affordable Hana Housing Project" Grant

Aloha Council Chair and Committee Members,

I am submitting this testimony to support Habitat for Humanity Maui as they seek approval for the Grant to implement the "100% Affordable Hana Housing Project". As you know Hana is limited in areas to build any housing due to the majority of land parcels owned by either the Ranch, Hotel, Preservation and the State of Hawaii. Rarely does an opportunity arise to provide housing for the people of Hana.

I have worked at Hana School from 2004 - 2018 and have seen multiple graduates and families move away from Hana due to limited housing opportunities. I have watched our students learn trades at the school to support others in rebuilding and expanding family homes, only to eventually move away when the home could not support their children.

The School has always had a difficult time finding teachers and staff due to the lack of affordable housing. This project can support those former students who have the desire to live in the community which raised them.

I appreciate your time on this matter - Please join me in supporting Habitat for Humanity Maui as they move to implement the "100% Affordable Hana Housing Project" Grant.

Mahalo,

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