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Wainani Keohuloa
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Aloha,

'O wau 'o Wainani Keohuloa, he haumāna papa 'ehiku au ma ke Kula Waena 'o Moloka'i. Ke kākau aku nei au e kākō'o ikaika i ka papahana a ke Kōmike Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui, a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i nā papahana ma hope o ke kula o STEMworks i kālele 'ia ma luna o nā mea kanu Hawai'i kahiko. Ma o kēia mau 'ike, ua a'o au i nā mea e pili ana i ke 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai au i kēia mau mea no ka pono o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa na'u, 'o ia ka papahana mea kanu a mākou. Ua ho'oki'eki'e ia ia'u, a ua ho'onui i ko'u hoihoi e a'o hou aku no nā mea kanu Hawai'i.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kākō'o kālā 'ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB, i hiki ai i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke a'o, ka nānā i ka honua, a me ka hana 'ana i nā mea hou no ke kōkua 'ana i ko mākou mokupuni aloha.

Mahalo no kou manawa a me kou kākō'o,

Wainani Keohuloa

Wainani Keohuloa
Papa 'Ehiku, Kula Waena 'o Moloka'i

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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Wainani Keohuloa, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to participate in STEMworks after-school projects focused on native Hawaiian plants. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a positive difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was our plant project. It made me feel proud and excited to learn more about our native plants and their importance.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island thrive.

Mahalo for your time and support,



Wainani Keohuloa
Grade 7, Moloka'i Middle School

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Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

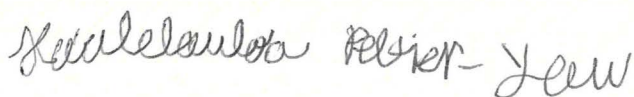
'O Ka'ale ko'u inoa, he haumāna au ma 'O Hina i ka Mālama. Ke kākau nei au e hō'ike i ko'u kāko'o no ka Papa Hana Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (Maui Economic Development Board) a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana STEMworks i ka wā ho'omaha ma hope o ke kula, me kekahi papahana e pili ana i ka mahi'ai a me nā mea kanu Hawai'i, a me kekahi lā i ho'ola'a 'ia no ka mālama olakino. Ua kōkua kēia mau hana ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ke 'eppekema a me kona pili 'ana i ko kākou mo'omeheu a me ke kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā hanana punahele loa ia'u, 'o ia nō ka STEMworks Convention, i laila i kipa mai ai nā malihini kama'ilio i ko mākou papa 'aina a ka'ana like i kā lākou mau mo'olelo 'oihana. Ua ho'okumu lākou i ka paipai 'ana ia'u e no'ono'o i ko'u ala e hiki mai ana.

E nonoi aku ana au i ko 'oukou mau kāko'o a me ke kālā e ho'omau i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB, i mea e hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka 'imi 'ike, ka no'ono'o 'ana, a me ka ho'okō 'ana i nā hana e kōkua ai i ko mākou kaiāulu a me ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui i ko 'oukou manawa a me ke kāko'o 'ana mai!



Ka'alelaulua Peltier-Yaw,

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April 10, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Ka'alelaloa Peltier-Yaw, and I am a student of 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to share my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of STEMworks after-school projects, including one focused on agriculture and Native Hawaiian plants, and another called Healthcare Day. These projects helped me learn more about science and how it connects to our culture and community.

One of my favorite experiences was at the STEMworks Conference 2025, when guest speakers came to our table and shared stories about their careers. It was inspiring to hear how they got started and what they do now. It made me think about what I might want to do in the future.

Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB, so that students like me can keep learning, exploring, and finding ways to help our communities and our islands.

Mahalo for your time and support!



Ka'ale Peltier-Yaw

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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

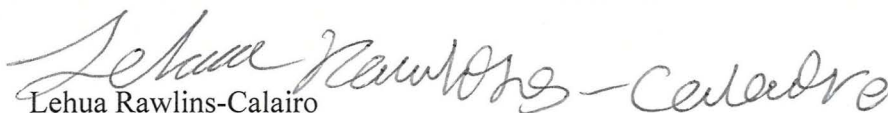
My name is Lehua Rawlins-Calairo and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School, in the 'O Hina i ka Mālama Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. I am writing to ask for your continued support for the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB), the STEMworks Program, and the After-School STEMworks Program.

I had the opportunity to attend the STEM Conference sponsored by MEDB STEMworks in Honolulu, Hawai'i. At the conference, I was able to build my knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. I also learned that with these skills, I can make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was being able to go to the STEM Conference last year and also participating in the Kaehu Ola program. These experiences helped me understand how to help my community and even learn about health and wellness. I realized that I can help people not just in person, but also by using technology.

Please continue to support MEDB and STEMworks so students like me can keep learning, growing, and finding ways to help our communities.

Mahalo nui for your time and support,


Lehua Rawlins-Calairo

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Aloha mai kakou,

Ko'u inoa o Lehua Rawlins-Calairo he haumana au ma ke kula waena o Moloka'i o 'O Hina i ka Malama, ke kākau nei au kēia leka e paepae ka Maui Economic Development Board ame ka papa hana STEMWorks.

Ua loa'a au i kekahi manawa e hele maluna kekahi papa hana STEMworks ma Honolulu Hawai'i, ua kokua kēia mau i ka pili e a'o mai ana i ka akeakamai, ame na enehana, a pehea hiki mākou ke ho'ohana e make'aka i ke kahi mau me'a'oko'a i loko o ka mākou wahi noho like o nā po'e.

Ke kahi o ko'u pā punahele ke loa'a ana i kekahi manawa kupono e hele ana ma ka aha kuka STEM ka makahiki 'ē a'e ame ka papa hana Kaehu ola. Ua kokua kēia ia'u no ka mea ua hiki au ke maupopo he aha e hana ina pono ka 'aina mai na po'e i ke kokua ai.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u no,


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Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano
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April 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, I am a student from Moloka'i Middle School, O Hina I Ka Malama and I'm here now testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Boards Program and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of, STEMworks after-school classes and as well as the STEM Conference and as well as building our Mala. These experiences has helped me learn more about science, technology, and how i can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences is also during our STEAM conference that I had attended. We had to 'Oli and do the opening. It was a very good experience because i got to show them our culture and also got to experience new things. I got to learn about a career story by Rose Wong who has inspired me to not give up even if times is really hard. I've got to listen to other stories that was also really inspiring.

Also another one of my favorite experiences was the Ha'ehu'ola class we had here on Moloka'i with the DB. This was a very good experience because I got to learn how to take care of my body as well as someone else. This program has taught me important things im going to need incase of any emergencies.

Please continue to fund STEAMworks and MEDP so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and people.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa e heluhelu ai i keia,

Kapuawehiwa

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano
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9, 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e ka lālā 'o Maui County Council,

'O wau 'o Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, he haumana au mai Moloka'i Middle School O Hina I Ka Malama. He 'ōlelo hō'ike kēia no ka paepae nei i ka MEDP no ka mea he ko'iko'i kēia hana no'u no ka mea ua a'o 'ia mau wahi ia'u i na ko'iko'i o nā mea.

Ua laki au e hiki ke lilo i kekahi 'apana 'o na papa mahope 'o ke kula me ka STEAMworks, ka STEAM conferences and ke kukulu 'ana pū i kekahi mala no ko kākou papa. Ua kōkua kēia mau 'ike mai 'ia'u e pili 'ana i ka 'enehana, 'epekema a pehea i hiki ke ho'ohana e hana 'ae i kekahi koapo pono ma loko o ko ka lāhui 'o mākou nei.

O kekahi o ko'u 'ike punahele 'o ia no ka manawa o ka STEAM conference i hele au. Ua pono mākou e 'oli a wehe 'ia wahi hana. Ua maika'i loa kēia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki ke hō'ike i ko kākou 'ano a a'o i nā mea hou. Ua hiki au ke a'o e pili 'ana i ka mo'ōlelo 'oihana a Rose Wong. 'O Rose Wong kekahi wahine i inspired mai au e mai pīholo ke pa'akiki nā manawa. Ua hiki au pū ke lohe e pili 'ana i nā mo'olelo ea'e a na kanaka ea'e.

A o kekahi 'ike ea'e i aloha nui au 'o ia no ka Ha'ehu'ola me MDB. Ua maika'i loa kēia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki au ke a'o pehea e malama i kko'u kino a pehea e malama pu i na kino a na kanaka ea'e. Ua a'o kēia 'ike mai ia'u i na mea ko'iko'i e pono paha au ma loko 'o ko'u 'ola.

No laila ke 'olu'olu, e ho'omau ae i ke kōkua 'ana i kēia mau wahi me ka ha'awi 'ana i ke kala i hiki 'ae na keiki ea'e ke loa'a kēia mau 'ike i hiki ke loa'a au a i hiki ke a'o a kukulu i nā mea hou i hiki ke kōkou i ko mākou kanaka ame 'aina.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u, no

Kapuawehiwa

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Kekama Kan-Hai
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April 11, 2025

Greetings Mayor Richard T. Bissen,

My name is Kekama Kan-Hai, and I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

I've had the opportunity to be part of the STEMworks After-School Program, where we focused on Native Hawaiian plants, healthcare, and learning to code with Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

STEMworks and MEDB support us in so many ways. They give us the chance to visit new places, meet new people, and represent our school in a positive way.

One of my favorite experiences was when I got to present my project on the Hawaiian plant *hau*. It felt amazing to represent my school and my community. I was proud of what I learned and shared, and it made me excited to keep learning even more. It was a rare opportunity, and I would love to be able to do it again.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and our future.

Mahalo for your time and support!

Mahalo for your time,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kekama Kan-Hai". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Kekama Kan-Hai
Grade 7th, Moloka'i Middle School

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Welina mai e nā mamo 'o Maui,

'O wau 'o Kekama Kan-Hai a e hō'ike ana i ke kāko'o 'ana i nā papahana a ka papa
Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i ka papahana STEMworks ma hope o ke kula e pili
ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, ka mālama ola kino a me ke a'o 'ana i ke code me Ozobots ma
ka papa, ua kōkua kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i ka 'epekema, 'enehana, a pehea e
hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana iā lākou e ho'ololi i ko'u kaiāulu.

Kokua keia i ko'u kula me na mea like 'ole a hiki kakou ke hele i na wahi like 'ole a
ho'ike a ku no ko kakou kula.

'O kekahi o ka'u 'ike punahele 'o ia ka hiki 'ana i kahi a'u e hō'ike aku ai i ka'u
papahana 'o Hau a hau'oli ka hele 'ana e pani i ka'u papa a me ka'u kula, a nui ka'u i a'o ai i
ko'u wā i laila.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kālā STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e
like me a'u ke a'o a 'imi, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua i ko mākou mukupuni. Mahalo no kou
manawa.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Kekama Kan-Hai
Papa 7, Kula Waena o Moloka'i

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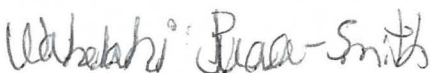
My name is Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith, and I am a 7th grader at Moloka'i Middle School. I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the chance to be part of some really fun and interesting STEMworks projects, like the Ozobot afterschool project focused on Native Hawaiian plants, and Healthcare Day. I also got to learn how to code using Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to this year's STEM Conference. My classmates and I even had the honor of opening with protocol. Attending the different workshops made me excited because I got to learn about things I never knew before. It made me want to learn even more.

Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can explore, learn, and create new things that can help our island.

Mahalo for your time!



Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith

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Aloha Kakou,

'O wau no 'o Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith no ke kula waena o Moloka'i e hō'ike ana i ke kāko'o 'ana i ka papahana 'o Maui Economic Development Board a me kāna Stemworks Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e ka'awale ai i ka papahana ma hope o ke kula 'o Ozobot Stemworks e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i a i 'ole ka lā mālama ola a i 'ole ke a'o 'ana i ka code me Ozobot i ka papa Ua hiki ia'u ke a'o i ka'u mau 'ike e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i ko'u 'ike i ka 'enehana. kaiaulu.

'O kekahi o ka'u 'ike punahele 'o ia ka 'aha kūkā mahu o kēia makahiki. Ua hau'oli ia'u no ka mea makemake wau e a'o e pili ana i nā mea hou a'u i 'ike 'ole ai e like me ka hō'ike 'ana i kā mākou QR code graden project ma ka hālāwai kūkā. Ha'aheo a hau'oli ia'u e a'o hou aku.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kālā stemworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke a'o a 'imi a hana i nā mea hou e hiki ke kōkua i ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo no kou manawa,



Herman Waihelani Pua'a-Smith

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'9 Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Kūkā o Maui,

'O wau 'o Kapilipa'a Solatorio, he haumāna au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau nei au i kēia leka kākō'o no ka Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) a me kā lākou mau papahana.

Ua hā'awi ka MEDB i ke kākō'o kālā he \$3,000 no ka STEMworks, ka 'Aha 'Epekema, a me ka National History Day. Ua kōkua kēia kālā i ka po'e i ho'okō i nā kūlana e hele ai i kēia mau huaka'i. Ua loa'a pū nō ho'i iā mākou kekahi kālā kū'ai i mea e kākō'o ai i ka 'ae 'ana i ke ka'a, i hiki iā mākou ke huaka'i i O'ahu.

'O ka'u mea punahele o kēia huaka'i, 'o ia nō ka hele 'ana i Honolulu no ka 'Aha 'Epekema. He huaka'i ho'ona'auao a le'ale'a ho'i ia.

Mahalo i ke kākō'o 'ana i nā papahana e like me ka MEDB e ho'olako ai i nā haumāna a me ko mākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Me ka mahalo nui,

Kapilipaa Solatorio

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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapilipa'a Solatorio, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing in strong support of the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and their programs.

MEDB generously provided \$3,000 to support our participation in STEMworks, the Science Fair, and National History Day. This funding helped cover the costs for those of us who qualified to attend. In addition, our class received a scholarship that helped with transportation, making it possible for our group to travel to O'ahu.

My favorite part of the experience was our trip to Honolulu for the Science Fair. It was a fun and educational journey that helped me learn and grow.

Mahalo for supporting programs like MEDB that invest in students and our future.

Mahalo nui,

Kapilipa'a Solatorio

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Kruz Makalawena Montizor
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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Kruz Makalawena Montizor, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I'm writing to express my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be a part of the STEMworks after-school project, where I learned about native Hawaiian plants, attended Healthcare Day, and even learned to code with Ozobots. These experiences taught me about science, technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite moments was presenting our QR Code Garden project at the STEM Conference. It made me feel proud and excited to learn even more about our native plants and how we can care for our 'āina using modern technology.

I ask you kindly not to stop funding important programs like STEMworks and MEDB. Without government support, schools like Moloka'i Middle may struggle financially. The Hawaiian language immersion program I'm part of might even face closure because of lack of funding.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and future.

Mahalo for your time and support.

With aloha,



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Aloha mai kākou,

'O wau 'o Kruz Makalawena Montizor, he haumāna papa 'ehiku au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau aku nei au i kēia palapala e kāko'o ikaika ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me ka MEDB – ka Papa Kūkulu Waiwai o Maui.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana a'o ma hope o ke kula i ho'okumu 'ia e STEMworks, me ka nānā 'ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i, ka lā olakino, a me ke a'o 'ana i ka papa no nā Ozobot. Ma o kēia mau hana 'ana, ua a'o au i ka 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai i ia mau mea no ka pono o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele a'u, 'o ia nō ka ha'i 'ana i kā mākou papahana Mala QR Code ma ka 'Aha STEM. Ua piha au i ka ha'aheo a me ka hau'oli e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i nā mea kanu o ko mākou pae 'āina a me ke 'ano e mālama ai iā lākou me ka 'enehana hou.

E 'olu'olu, e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā no STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka 'imi na'auao, ka no'ono'o, a me ka hana 'ana i nā papahana e kōkua i ko kākou 'āina a me ko kākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa a me kou kāko'o.



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April 9, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa, and I am testifying in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's (MEDB) programs. MEDB has provided us with the opportunity to go to O'ahu for STEM-related experiences.

I've had the chance to be part of STEMworks and after-school projects focused on native Hawaiian plants, Healthcare Day, and learning to code with Ozobots. These experiences have helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to O'ahu and doing the flight simulator at the STEM Conference. It was a lot of fun, and it made me feel proud and excited to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sonny" is written with a large, stylized 'S'. The last name "Laemoa" is written with a large, stylized 'L' and 'a'.

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9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha,

O ko'u inoa o Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa, a e hō'ike aku ana au i ke kākō'o 'ana i nā papahana a ka Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB). Ua hā'awi ka MEDB i ka pōmaika'i iā mākou e hele i O'ahu no nā hana STEM.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i nā papahana STEMworks a me nā papahana ma hope o ke kula e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i, ka lā mālama olakino, a me ka a'o 'ana e code me Ozobots. Kēia mau 'ike i kōkua ia'u e a'o hou a'e e pili ana i ka 'enehana a me ka 'epekema, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mea e ho'ololi ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele ia'u 'o ka hele 'ana i O'ahu a me ka pā'ani i ka flight simulator ma ka 'aha STEM. Ua hau'oli au i ka hana 'ana i kēia, a ua ho'okumu ia i ka ha'aheo a me ka mana'o e a'o hou aku.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kākō'o kālā i nā papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke 'imi, a 'ike, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko kā mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui no kāu manawa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Hamakua-Laemoa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonny" being more stylized and connected to the last name.

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Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Hokulani Pelekai, he haumāna au ma ke kula waena 'o 'O Hina I Ka Malama. Ke kākau nei au i kēia 'ōlelo hō'ike no ke kākō'o 'ana i ka MEDB a me kā lākou papa kuhikuhi, e pili ana i ke kukui no ka 'oiwi Hawai'i, ka papahana kanu a mākou e hana nei.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa kūpono e lilo i 'āpana o ka papahana STEMworks ma hope o ke kula, i ka papahana 'Oiwī Hawai'i Kanu a i 'ole "Ola Mālama Lā," a i 'ole ka ao 'ana i ka loina me nā Ozobot i loko o ka papa. Ma kēia pilina, ua a'o au i ka 'eppekema, ka 'enehana, a me ke 'ano e ho'ohana ai i kēia mau mea no ke kūkulu 'ana i kekahi mea hou i loko o ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā mea punahele ia'u, 'o ia ka hiki ke hō'ike i ko'u 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi i ka STEM Conference. Ua nui ko'u ha'aheo i ka loa'a 'ana o ka 'ike hou no nā mea kanu 'oiwi, a me ka ho'ona'auao 'ana i nā po'e 'ē a'e no ko kākou mau mea kanu mai nā moku 'ē a'e mai.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kākō'o 'ana i ka 'ike a me nā papahana a ka STEMworks a me ka MEDB no nā haumāna e hele mai ana — e a'o ana, e 'imi loa ana, a e ho'okumu ana i nā mana'o hou e kōkua ai i ko kākou 'āina a me ko kākou 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi.

Me ka mahalo nui,

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Apelila 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Hokulani Pelekai, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School, 'O Hina I Ka Malama. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board's program that focused on kukui as part of our Native Hawaiian plant project.

I've had the opportunity to participate in STEMworks after-school projects that focused on Native Hawaiian plants, a Healthcare Day, and coding lessons using Ozobots in class. These experiences helped me learn more about science, Hawaiian plants, and technology—and how I can use what I've learned to make a positive impact in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was being able to present my Native Hawaiian plant research at the STEM Conference. It made me feel proud and excited to continue learning about our plants and their importance throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and deepen our knowledge about Native Hawaiian plants.

Mahalo nui loa,

Hokulani Pelekai
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Hi'ikapu Lima
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April 9, 2025

Greeting Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr

My name is Hi'ikapu Lima, and I am a student at 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to testify in support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

I've had the opportunity to be part of two STEMworks programs. These experiences helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was going to O'ahu to attend the STEM Conference and learning about bitcoins. It made me feel proud and excited to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can explore, learn, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time,



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Aloha iā 'oe e Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.,

'O Hi'ikapu Lima ko'u inoa. He haumāna au ma ke kula 'o 'O Hina i ka Mālama, Moloka'i Middle School, a ke kākau nei au e kākō'o i nā papahana a ke Papa Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (MEDB).

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i 'elua papahana STEMworks. Ua kōkua nui kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ka 'enehana, ke 'epekema, a me ke 'ano e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mea e kōkua ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa ia'u, 'o ia nō ka huaka'i i O'ahu no ka 'Aha STEMworks, kahi a'u i a'o ai e pili ana i nā bitcoin. Ua ha'aheo au a hau'oli loa i ka loa'a 'ana o ia 'ike hou.

E 'olu'olu, e ho'omau i ke kākō'o kālā 'ana i nā papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna 'ē a'e e like me a'u ke 'imi, e a'o, a hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko kākou mokupuni aloha.

Me ka mahalo nui,



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Honua Pa-Kala
Pahu Leka 61
Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748

10 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O ko'u inoa 'o Honua Pa-Kala, he haumāna au ma ke Kula Waena o Moloka'i. Ke kākau nei au e hō'ike i ko'u kāko'o no ka Papa Hana Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui a me kā lākou papahana STEMworks.

Ua loa'a ia'u ka manawa e komo ai i [e ho'okomo i ka papahana kūikawā – e la'a me "ka papahana STEMworks i ka wā ho'omaha ma hope o ke kula e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i," "ka Lā Mālama Ola," a i 'ole "ka a'o 'ana i ke kākau polokalamu me nā Ozobot i loko o ka papa."] Ua kōkua nui kēia mau 'ike ia'u e a'o hou aku e pili ana i ke 'epekema, ka 'enehana, a me ka mea e hiki ai ia'u ke kōkua i ko'u kaiāulu.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o 'ana i ka papahana STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke a'o, ka 'imi, a me ka hana i nā mea hou e kōkua ai i ko mākou mokupuni.

Mahalo nui no ko 'oukou manawa a me ke kāko'o 'ana mai,



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Honua Pa-Kala
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Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Honua Pa-Kala, and I am a student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to share my support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of [insert specific program here – for example, "the STEMworks after-school project focused on Native Hawaiian plants," "Healthcare Day," or "learning to code with Ozobots in class"]. These experiences helped me learn more about science, technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island.

Mahalo for your time and support,



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'O kekahi o nā mea punahele ia'u, 'o ia ka hiki ke hō'ike i ko'u 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi i ka STEM Conference. Ua nui ko'u ha'aheo i ka loa'a 'ana o ka 'ike hou no nā mea kanu 'oiwi, a me ka ho'ona'auao 'ana i nā po'e 'ē a'e no ko kākou mau mea kanu mai nā moku 'ē a'e mai.

E 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kākō'o 'ana i ka 'ike a me nā papahana a ka STEMworks a me ka MEDB no nā haumāna e hele mai ana — e a'o ana, e 'imi loa ana, a e ho'okumu ana i nā mana'o hou e kōkua ai i ko kākou 'āina a me ko kākou 'ike no nā mea kanu 'oiwi.

Me ka mahalo nui,

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Mahalo nui loa,

Hokulani Pelekai

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P.O Box 143
Ho'olehua HI, 96729

9, 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e ka lāla 'o Maui County Council,

'O wau 'o Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, he haumana au mai Moloka'i Middle School O Hina I Ka Malama. He 'ōlelo hō'ike kēia no ka paepae nei i ka MEDB no ka mea he ko'iko'i kēia hana no'u no ka mea ua a'o 'ia mau wahi ia'u i na ko'iko'i o nā mea.

Ua laki au e hiki ke lilo i kekahi 'apana 'o na papa mahope 'o ke kula me ka STEMworks, ka STEM conferences and ke kukulu 'ana pū i kekahi mala no ko kakou papa. Ua kōkua kēia mau 'ike mai 'ia'u e pili 'ana i ka 'enehana, 'epekema a pehea i hiki ke ho'ohana e hana 'ae i kekahi koapo pono ma loko o ko ka lahui 'o makou nei.

O kekahi o ko'u 'ike punahele 'o ia no ka manawa o ka STEM conference i hele au. Ua pono makou e 'oli a wehe 'ia wahi hana. Ua maika'i loa kēia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki ke ho'ike i ko kakou 'ano a a'o i nā mea hou. Ua hiki au ke a'o e pili 'ana i ka mo'ōlelo 'oihana a Rose Wong. 'O Rose Wong kekahi wahine i inspired mai au e mai pīholo ke pa'akiki nā manawa. Ua hiki au pū ke lohe e pili 'ana i nā mo'olelo ea'e a na kanaka ea'e.

A o kekahi 'ike ea'e i aloha nui au 'o ia no ka Ha'ehu'ola me Moloka'i Digital Bus. Ua maika'i loa kēia 'ike no ka mea ua hiki au ke a'o pehea e malama i ko'u kino a pehea e malama pu i na kino a na kanaka e a'e. Ua a'o kēia 'ike mai ia'u i na mea ko'iko'i e pono paha au ma loko 'o ko'u 'ola.

No laila ke 'olu'olu, e ho'omau ae i ke kōkua 'ana i kēia mau wahi me ka ha'awi 'ana i ke kala i hiki 'ae na keiki ea'e ke loa'a kēia mau 'ike i hiki ke loa'a au a i hiki ke a'o a kukulu i nā mea hou i hiki ke kōkou i ko makou kanaka ame 'aina.

Me ka ha'aha'a, na'u, no

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kaho'okano

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano

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April 9, 2025

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kahookano, I am a student from Moloka'i Middle School, O Hina I Ka Malama and I'm here now testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Boards Program and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to be part of, STEMworks after-school classes and as well as the STEM Conference and as well as building our Mala. These experiences has helped me learn more about science, technology, and how i can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences is also during our STEM conference that I had attended. We had to 'Oli and do the opening. It was a very good experience because i got to show them our culture and also got to experience new things. I got to learn about a career story by Rose Wong who has inspired me to not give up even if times is really hard. I've got to listen to other stories that was also really inspiring.

Also another one of my favorite experiences was the Ha'ehu'ola class we had here on Moloka'i with the Digital Bus. This was a very good experience because I got to learn how to take care of my body as well as someone else. This program has taught me important things im going to need incase of any emergencies.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so that more students like me can learn, explore, and create new things that help our island and people.

Mahalo nui no kou manawa e heluhelu ai i keia,

Kapuawehiwa Puaa-Kaho'okano

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Ezekiel Lani
P.O. Box 484
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April 9, 2025

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

Aloha, my name is Ezekiel Lani, and I am testifying in strong support of the Maui Economic Development Board's programs.

Because of their support, we are able to travel and participate in amazing learning opportunities that we would not otherwise have. I've had the opportunity to be part of the STEMworks after-school projects, such as activities focused on Native Hawaiian plants, Health Care Day, and learning to code with Ozobots in class. These experiences have helped me learn more about science and technology, and how I can use them to make a difference in my community.

One of my favorite experiences was when I got to fly a plane in a flight simulator. It was an exciting moment that made me want to learn even more.

Please continue to fund STEMworks and MEDB so students like me can keep learning and exploring new ways to improve our island and future.

Mahalo for your time,

Ezekiel Lani

Ezekiel Lani
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Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Ezekiel Lani, a ke hō'ike aku nei au i ku'u kāko'o pa'a no nā papahana a ke Kōmike Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui.

Ma muli o ko lākou kāko'o, hiki iā mākou ke huaka'i a komo i loko o nā 'ike ho'ona'auao kupaianaha, 'a'ole paha e loa'a iā mākou i kū 'ole ko lākou kōkua. Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i nā papahana ma hope o ke kula 'o STEMworks, e like me nā hana e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, ka Lā Mālama Ola Kino, a me ke a'o 'ana i ke code me nā Ozobots i loko o ka papa. Na kēia mau 'ike i kōkua ia'u e a'o hou a'e no ka 'epekema a me ka 'enehana, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mākau e ho'ololi ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o ka'u mau 'ike punahele, 'o ia ka manawa a'u i lele ai i ka mokulele ma ka mīkini flight simulator. He 'ike weliweli loa ia a ua ho'okumu ia i ka hoihoi nui e a'o hou aku.

No laila, e 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i ka STEMworks a me MEDB i hiki ai i nā haumāna e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka a'o 'ana, ka 'imi 'ana, a me ka ho'okumu 'ana i nā mea hou e ho'omaika'i ai i ko mākou mokupuni a me ko mākou wā e hiki mai ana.

Mahalo nui no ko 'oukou manawa,

Ezekiel Lani

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Wyatt Dayton
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Ho'olehua, Hawai'i 96729

9 'Apelila 2025

Aloha e nā Lālā o ka 'Aha Moku'āina o Maui,

'O wau 'o Wyatt Kanoa Dayton, a ke hō'ike aku nei au i ku'u kāko'o pa'a no ka papahana a ka Papa Ho'omohala Waiwai o Maui (Maui Economic Development Board).

Ua loa'a ia'u ka pōmaika'i e komo i 'elua papahana 'oko'a i ho'okumu 'ia e ka STEMworks ma hope o ke kula. 'O kekahi, nā hana e pili ana i nā mea kanu Hawai'i maoli, kekahi, ka Lā Mālama Ola Kino, a pēlā pū me ka a'o 'ana i ke code me nā Ozobots i loko o ka papa. Na kēia mau papahana i hā'awi mai ia'u i ka 'ike hou e pili ana i ka 'epekema a me ka 'enehana, a pehea e hiki ai ia'u ke ho'ohana i kēlā 'ike e kōkua ai i ko'u kaiāulu.

'O kekahi o nā 'ike punahele loa na'u, 'o ia ka papahana QR Code Garden Project i hō'ike 'ia ma ka hālāwai STEM. Ua piha wau i ka ha'aheo a me ka hau'oli i ka loa'a 'ana o ia 'ike waiwai.

No laila, e 'olu'olu e ho'omau i ke kāko'o kālā 'ana i ka STEMworks a me MEDB, i hiki ai i nā haumāna hou a'e e like me a'u ke ho'omau i ka a'o 'ana, ka noi'i 'ana, a me ka hana 'ana i nā mea hou no ke kāko'o 'ana i ko mākou mokupuni aloha.

Me ka mahalo piha,

Wyatt Kanoa Dayton

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Wyatt Dayton
P.O. Box 120
Ho'olehua, Hawai'i 96729

April 9, 2025

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Wyatt Kanoa Dayton, and I am a 7th-grade student at Moloka'i Middle School. I am writing to express my strong support for the Maui Economic Development Board and its STEMworks program.

I've had the opportunity to participate in two different STEMworks after-school projects, including a native Hawaiian plant project, Healthcare Day, and learning how to code using Ozobots. These experiences have taught me a lot about science and technology, and how I can use those skills to make a positive difference in my community.

One of my favorite moments was presenting our QR Code Garden Project at the STEM conference. It made me feel proud and inspired to keep learning more.

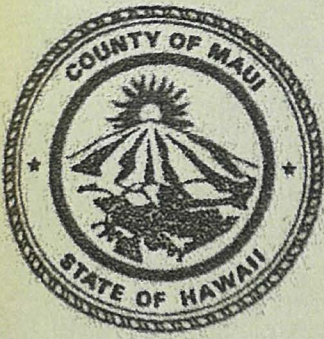
Please continue to support and fund STEMworks and MEDB so more students like me can explore, create, and innovate in ways that help our island.

With much gratitude,

Wyatt Kanoa Dayton

Wyatt Kanoa Dayton
Grade 7, Moloka'i Middle School

Received at BFED Molokai meeting
on 04-11-2025



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PLEASE PRINT

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Phone: 808-658-1766

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 482228

City/Zip: Kaunakakai HI 96748

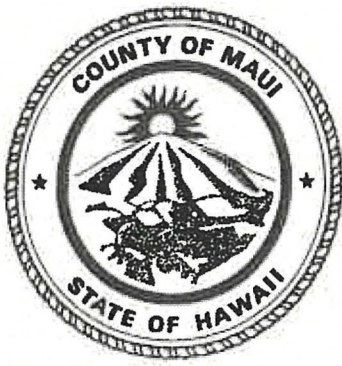
I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: I would like to thank Maui Economic Opportunity for
its rental assistance program. As a single mother making ends meet
seems sometimes impossible. With the help of this program I am
able to continue to live in my home. I do not receive any
other public assistance for my housing and am extremely grateful
for the entire staff on Molokai and Maui that has supported my
'ohana during this financially challenging time without this assistance
I would most likely have been behind on rent and possibly evicted.
Molokai MEB rental assistance program for keeping a roof over
my family's head.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Maccyn Samisoni

Email Address: Macsamisoni@hotmail.com **Phone:** (808)6581418

Mailing Address: Po box 1796 **City/Zip:** Kaunakakai 96748

I Represent: ☒ **Myself**
☐ **Organization** _____

Request/Issue: The funding has provided financial assistance for me and my family by paying for the deposit

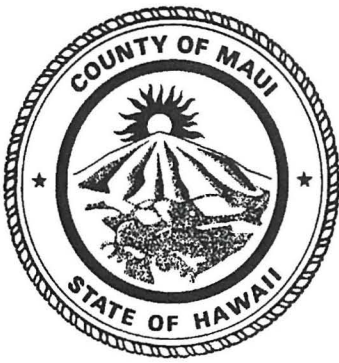
on our new rental which I wouldn't have been able to pay by myself. I'm so grateful for the assistance that I

received. It has helped me and my family out a lot.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: MEO

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Name: Marge Yokomizo Bento

Email Address: yokosbento@gmail.com

Phone: (808) 567-6265

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12

City/Zip: Kualapuu, HI 96757-0012

I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: As the clerk for Molokai High School's Counseling Department, part of my job duties include

scheduling live and virtual presentations for students grades 9-12, covering such topics as social, substance

abuse, family, college and career. Since 2022 I have been working with Ms. Mela Tancayo, and recently with

Ms. Lily Napoleon of MEO, Maui Economics Opportunity on the island of Molokai. MEO plays a vital role in educating

our students on such topics as bullying, suicide, underage drinking, and vaping as well as financial literacy.

I know of no other organization on Molokai that provides these services. To eliminate these life matter services from

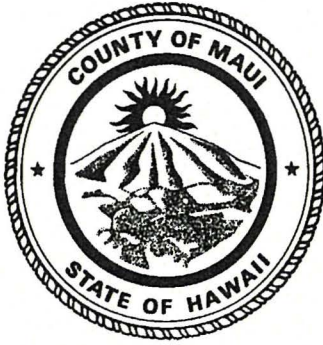
our youths would adversely affect not only the youth but the entire community as a whole. In these difficult times, Molokai needs

all the help we can receive. Please continue with the funding of MEO Youth Services ... help this island community, do not hurt it.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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Name:

Laura Peterson

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Phone:

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Mailing Address:

PO Box 482136

City/Zip:

Kaunakakai

96748

I Represent:

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Myself

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Organization

Molokai High School

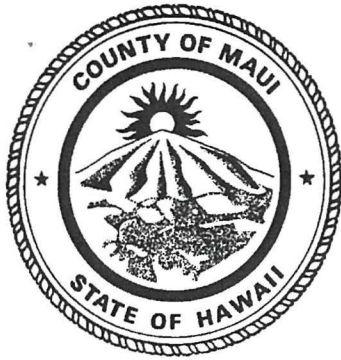
Request/Issue:

This is in favor of continuing funding for MEO's Youth Programs. Our partnership w/ Mela & MEO has greatly enriched our school environment, & allowed our students to earn social issues credit as part of their Personal Transition Plan, a required credit for graduation. We feel that all of our students should have access to the valuable content that results in a more well-rounded & safe

Funding Request (if known): \$

Molokai High School graduate.

Responsible County Department:



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Name: Jessica Apiki

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

I Represent: ☐ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: _____

See attachment

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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Maui Kai

April 11, 2025

Support Letter for MEO Molokai Youth Services

Aloha:

We are writing in support of MEO's Youth Services Program. Our granddaughter Kaycee is a participant in MEO's after school program. This program is focused on prevention education issues like bullying, suicide ideation, underage drinking and vaping. This program has made a positive impact in her life.

Through MEO's Youth Program, Kaycee had the opportunity to participate in HIPHI Take Down Tobacco Day on 3/19/25 at the Capital on Oahu. She traveled to Oahu and held signs at the capital along with Governor Green. In fact, Kaycee ended up on the evening news – with her sign "Remove All Flavors in All Tobacco Products" right next to the Governor. What an experience!

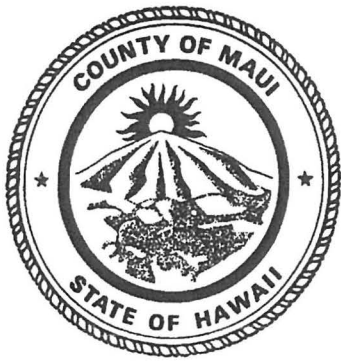
We need programs like MEO's Youth Services that help to prevent boredom which potentially could lead to mischief. Youth have a safe and caring place to be mentored.

Please continue to support and fund MEO's Youth Services Program.

Mahalo!

Skip & Zessica Apiki

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MARY Melelani NERVEZA

Email Address:

None

Phone:

808-553-5767

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1306

City/Zip:

KAUNAKAKAI, HI
96748

I Represent:



Myself



Organization

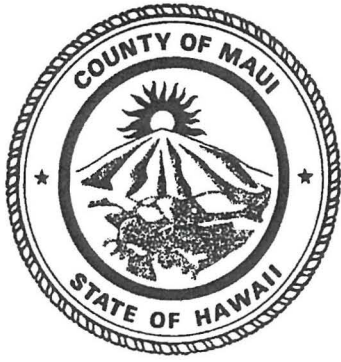
Request/Issue:

This is my WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT OUR MOLOKAI BUS SERVICE, Maui Equal, economic Opportunity (MEO) is VITAL TO US - MOLOKAIAN - FROM MAUNALOA TO EAST END of the island - TO AND FROM OUR DOCTOR'S to hospital - APPOINTMENTS - DENTIST, TOO! FOOD-SHOPPING - I have TWO days, per week to do the ABOVE - BUT, MORE IMPORTANT the precious PONO STAFF WORKERS gives us their BEST to see AND do get our TRIPS schedules accomplished with ~~OUT~~ stress, NO PILIKIA - NO Huhu NO HUMBUG! Smooth, I'll be 85 - Dec, 2025 - Also DEMOCRAT VOTER, Please Kokua us MOLOKAIAN, We WANT AND NEED OUR BUS SERVICE, KUPUNA, Anty Mele

Funding Request (if known): \$

Responsible County Department:

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Name: GRACE L. MEADOW

Email Address: gracemeadow3@yahoo.com Phone: 808-213-4162

Mailing Address: PO Box 482260, Kaimukakai, HI-96748 City/Zip: Kaimukakai-96748

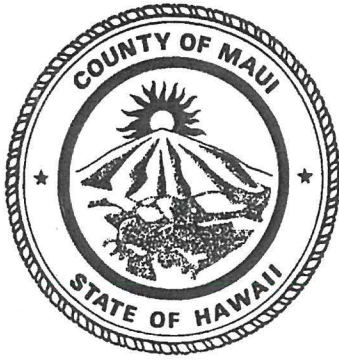
I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: I request to continue to receive rides for all
my local medical appointments with MEO buses. They are
very reliable with their services. I don't know how I could
get to my appointments without them.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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808-250-0789

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P.O. Box 1663

City/Zip:

Kaunakakai 96748

Pumehana Unit A-5

I Represent:

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Myself

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Organization

Request/Issue:

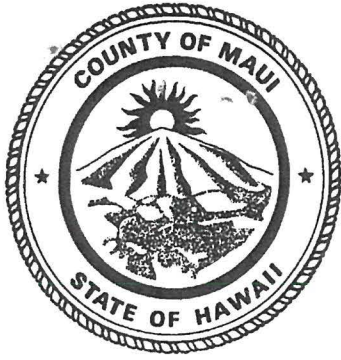
Request to say Mahalo for Molokai MED AND
Hoping sufficient funding will continue!! Caring for
our Molokai Kupuna by picking up from
shopping, numerous doctor visits, Physical therapy,
Lomi-Lomi - Diabetic Leg Care, Podiatry foot and
toe care, acupuncture, Dietary classes,
Tax help, Medical Coverage Guidance, various
social outings for Kupuna Quality of Life
and socializing, continues to be much needed
services here and for the general community
that lives far from town services for
child care and nutrition. Mahalo in Advance
for yearly Budget

Funding Request (if known): \$

Responsible County Department:

Maui - MED

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2849049

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PO BOX 513

City/Zip:

KH196748

I Represent:

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Myself

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Organization

Request/Issue:

Please see letter

Funding Request (if known): \$

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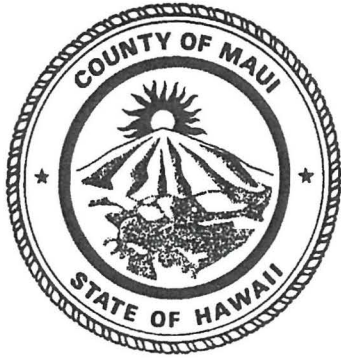
To:
Wonderful
Amy
From: David Q-3

From DAVID / ANITA Apr 11, 2015

Aloha Crew

Much mahalo for your time, patience
work, Kuleana, aloha and prayers! Your
presence, help and energy
remains very inspiring to help
others especially here on Molokai!
Much gratitude and grace for
Continued help to Maui especially
Lahaina; you are all very kind
thoughtful and lovely. We appeal to
you for continued assistance with our
Police and Fire departments and ~~with~~
much needed aid to MEO for bus
services, food distribution and other
matters. Your help here remains
greatly needed AND inspiring
David Kan

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Name:

SCOTT MEYER

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WANNESCOTTMAYER@GMAIL.COM

Phone:

213-8519

Mailing Address:

P.O. BOX 1 KUALAPU, HI

City/Zip:

96751

I Represent:

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Myself

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Organization

Request/Issue:

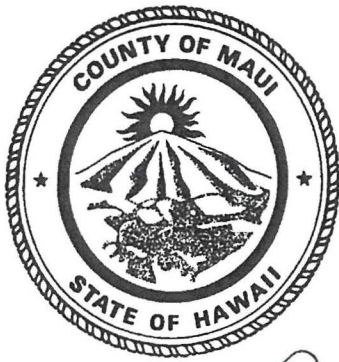
I JUST WANTED TO SHARE MY
MAHAO AND STATE HOW GRATEFUL I AM
FOR THE MED-BUS SERVICE, I DON'T HAVE
A CAR NOW-PLAN TO IN THE FUTURE-
FINANCIAL ISSUES, I LIVE UP IN KALAE,
MOLOKAI- WORK AT A RANCH IN KUALAPU
I CATCH THE BUS 6 DAYS A WEEK- TO
AND FROM- ALSO I HAVE CANCER- AND THE
BUS TAKES ME TO MY DOCTOR'S APPTS.
IT IS A BLESSING- I USED TO MAKE
DONATIONS WHEN POSSIBLE- HOPE THAT
FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE- MAHAO, LUI.

Funding Request (if known): \$

LOD BLESS ...

Responsible County Department:

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Name:

Ruth Kanani E. Costales

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jkcostales@yahoo.com

Phone:

808 213 8178

Mailing Address:

P.O. box 947 K'kai

City/Zip:

K'kai, 96748

I Represent:

☒ Myself

☐ Organization

And the Molokai Community

Request/Issue:

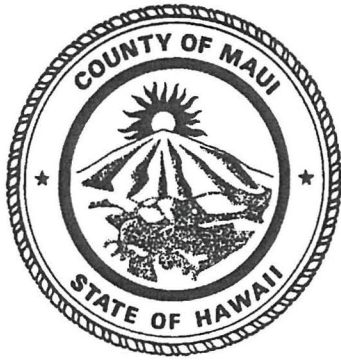
Whatever MCO might need for
funding transportation and any
other program that they have to
support the Molokai community please
confirm to fund them.

~~the~~ MCO continues to support me
and my community and at
the greatest time of need.
Mahalo Hui

Funding Request (if known): \$

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Name: DOMA APUA

Email Address: aluhadens7@gmail.com Phone: 808-213-8624

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 465 City/Zip: 96770

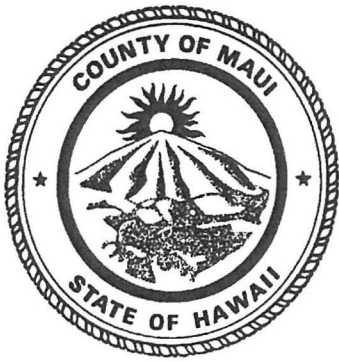
I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: I request the continuation of funding
to support Molokai's transportation system.
Muo has been a great help for my family
and friends to get to town and back home
for years.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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Name: Nohelani Pelekai

Email Address: _____

Phone: 808)658 9679

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1406

City/Zip: Kaunakakai
96748

I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: Aloha,

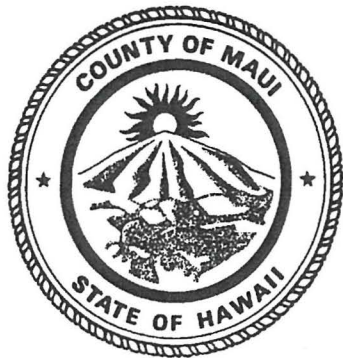
I don't have any issues, I actually enjoy
using the MEO Bus service. It's convenient, and
always a wonderful ride, when you don't wanna
drive.

I use it daily with my ohana for all purposes.
And I truly appreciate the services.

Funding Request (if known): \$ _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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Name:

Malia Grik-Lani

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Phone:

(808) 658-0647

Mailing Address:

PO Box 200 Maunaloa, HI,

City/Zip:

96710

I Represent:



Myself



Organization

Request/Issue:

Bus transportation for MEO Head Start

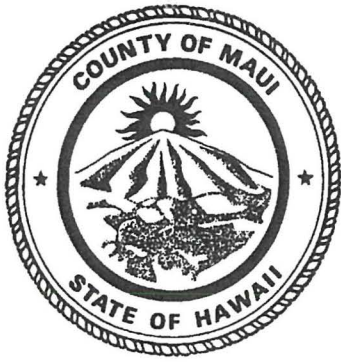
children and Parents to and from Head Start for
school hours. from child's home

Funding Request (if known): \$

unknown

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Name:

Roxane Nakamura

Email Address:

pili aloha 64@gmail.com

Phone:

808-213-4435

Mailing Address:

PO Box 159

City/Zip:

M'loa. 96770

I Represent:



Myself



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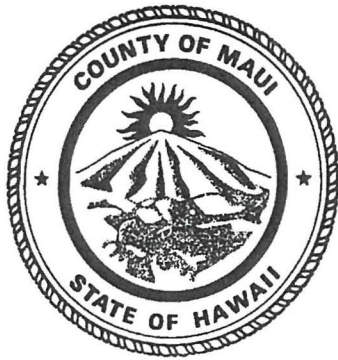
Request/Issue:

I use the bus service. I really
depend on this service. To and from
Dialysis.

Funding Request (if known): \$

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Phone:

808-658-1993

Mailing Address:

90.214 Koaapuu

City/Zip:

96757

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Request/Issue:

SUPPORT MED PLEASE

Funding Request (if known): \$

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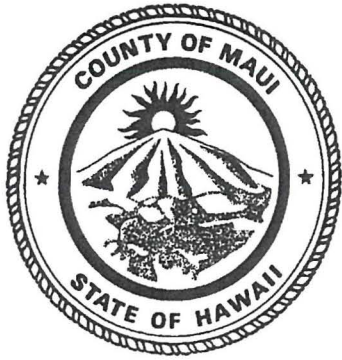
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Name:

Carolyn Evans

Email Address:

N/A

Phone:

808 213-5363

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 5 Maunaloa

City/Zip:

Hi 96770

I Represent:



Myself



Organization

Request/Issue:

For the 10:30 shuttle bus to get
back to working for us.

We need some more Bus Drivers,
and am told. So lets work on that!

Thank you,

Carolyn Evans

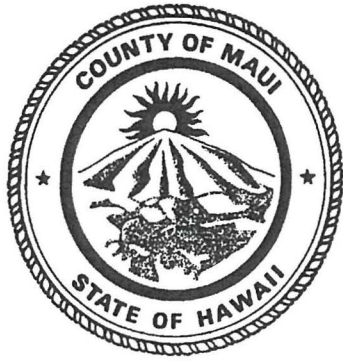
Funding Request (if known): \$

N/A

Responsible County Department:

Molokai part of Maui

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Name: Bill Schelar

Email Address: ~~WSh~~ WSchelar53@Mail.com Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

I Represent: ☒ Myself
☐ Organization _____

Request/Issue: We use The MEO system weekly
For Doctor and Groceries very much
Appreciate the service that it
Provides us on the Island there is
absolutely a need to keep it in
service Thank you very much
Bill & Karen Schelar

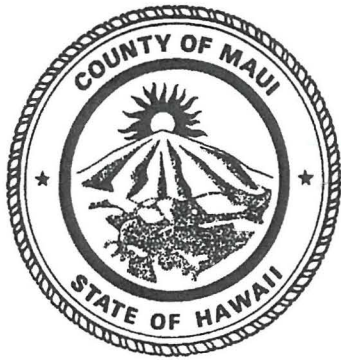
Funding Request (if known): \$ N/A

Responsible County Department: Molokai Part of Maui

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Or emailed: budget.office@co.maui.hi.us



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Name:

Milan K. Wood

Email Address:

- None -

Phone:

- None -

Mailing Address:

General Delivery

City/Zip:

96748

I Represent: ☒ Myself

☐ Organization

Request/Issue:

The bus service is excellent and has
been for years in my opinion. Only request
would be for a longer Saturday schedule.

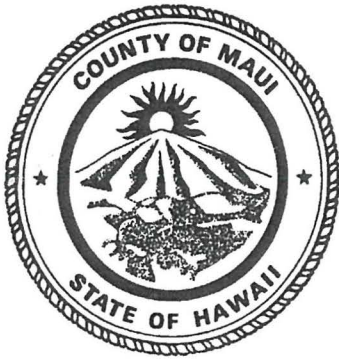
Mahalo !!

(MW)

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Liliani Colon

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Colon.Liliani@gmail.com

Phone:

808 321-1475

Mailing Address:

1000 Mamalahai Place

City/Zip:

Honolulu HI

96729-Honolulu
P.O. Box 189

I Represent:

☒

Myself

☐

Organization

Request/Issue:

Please Keep MEO Bus running.

I'm so grateful for the MEO Bus, I look forward for Tuesday + Thursday. Army at MEO transit Dept. schedule my pick up and drop off at my residence.

Love her, she + Maheo are my food Bank coordinator - their always looking out for us Senior Citizens

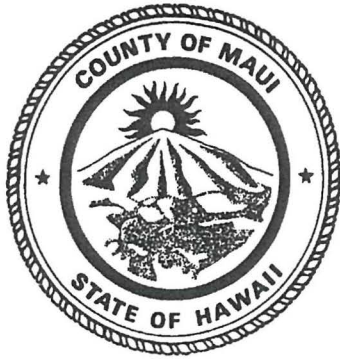
Love them All

Liliani Colon

Funding Request (if known): \$

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Name: LAMBERT KALANI HAN

Email Address: dlokelani.han@gmail.com Phone: 808 658 5381

Mailing Address: PO Box 34 City/Zip: HOOLEHUA 96729

I Represent: ☒ Myself

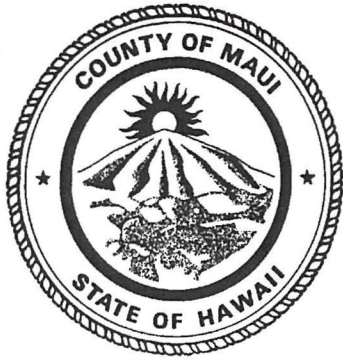
☐ Organization

Request/Issue: I ask that ^{full} funding be continued for the MEO Bus Service. Their services are critical to many of us on island and particularly to myself as I was recently diagnosed as being legally blind. In my time of transitioning from seeing to being blind, the MEO Bus Service provided transportation to my doctor's appts, physical therapy appts, dentist appts. Their service is critical to my physical and mental health.

Funding Request (if known): \$ as requested

Responsible County Department: _____

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Name: Jane Richardson

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City/Zip:** _____

I Represent: ☐ Myself
☐ Organization

Request/Issue:

Funding Request (if known): \$

Responsible County Department:

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4/11/25

Hui Ohana - My name is Greta
and I'm a resident here on MoloKai.

I've been riding med buses for
the past 18 yrs. I don't have a
car & the bus is my main transpo
to do business, errands, appts, &
grocery shopping & meetings.

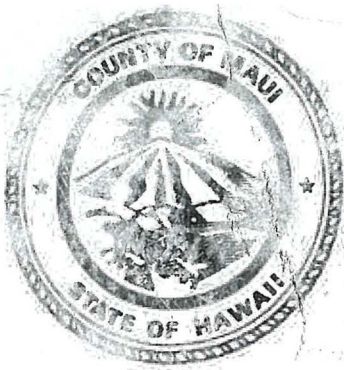
I am grateful for med from
Amy who takes the phone
calls of pickups & drop offs
to all the drivers. Everyone
involved w/med are kind, respectful
& courteous. They all do their
jobs extremely well.

My Ohana & I are grateful
to be able to receive this
service and with great hopes
that it remains in place.

Respectfully

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COUNTY OF MAUI
Office of the Mayor
Fiscal Year 2026
Community Budget Request

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Organization

Request/Issue:

Aloha,

THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY
WITH ASSISTANCE IN A RENTAL DEPOSIT WHEN I
COULD NOT AFFORD PAYMENT AT THE TIME.
I REALLY APPRECIATE THE HELP AND HOPE
MEO CAN CONTINUE RELIEVING FUNDING TO
ASSIST OTHERS IN DESPERATE NEED.

AUNTY NANI AND HER STAFF WORKS HARD
TO HELP OUR PEOPLE ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

MAHAU,

LACEY SANTIAGO

Funding Request (if known): \$

Responsible County Department:

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Aloha esteemed members of the Maui County Council and especially to our council member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez,

My name is Robert Nerveza-Shizuma and I am the Molokai Clean Energy Hui Coordinator in our Energy Sovereignty program at Sustainable Molokai.

First, mahalo nui to all of you on the council and the broader Maui County for your consistent support across Sustainable Molokai's initiatives. Although Energy Sovereignty and the Molokai Clean Energy Hui has not received direct funding from the County of Maui, the Molokai Clean Energy Hui will have a renewable energy implementation plan within 1-3 years and we will return with opportunities to support us in the future.

Second, we are grateful that this council continues to invest in hazard mitigation. Molokai has worked toward having its own Hazard Mitigation Plan in addition to Maui County's HazMit plan. We would like to ask your help in requesting TetraTech to use existing reports such as CERAP 1.0 and the council funded Climate Change Sea Level Adaptation and Resiliency plans that have comprehensive summaries of Community outreach and engagement. These results can be used to drive emergency planning as it relates to critical infrastructure.

TetraTech's intention to utilize an online-only one-time survey is not only duplicative, but it would be a fraction of the results that we collected in the past 4 years community outreach done in CERAP and CCSLAR. TetraTech's proposed method of community engagement was open for a short time with an unknown amount of marketing for Molokai residents to participate. As outlined in the CERAP 1.0 report, online surveying is not a community-preferred method of engagement and outreach. It would be strategic for Molokai's HazMit plan to incorporate published community outreach and engagement results instead of going strictly off of the online surveys administered from TetraTech. The County of Maui's HazMit plan for Molokai is essential for unlocking FEMA funding for community co-designed renewable energy solutions for bolstering Molokai communities' disaster and energy resiliency.

Third, some of you may recall Leilani Chow's presentation last year on Molokai's CERAP (Community Energy Resilience Action Plan). One of the projects you have already learned about and will be coming to fruition soon is the Fast-Tracked Community Based Renewable Energy project at Kualapu'u Rec Center. Big mahalo for the council's support in this process and shout out to Ho'ahu Energy Cooperative for spearheading the planning and development of this project. We have been working with National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to advance the next projects in CERAP. The projects that we are pursuing are geared to provide energy sovereignty and

clean energy to the Molokai community in a way that provides economic relief to our residents in the long run. I hope you all share the pride and excitement we feel because as partners you have excelled in being staunch allies of CERAP.

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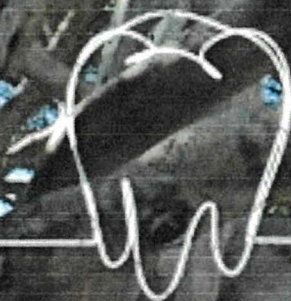
Dental Program GRAND OPENING

August

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Aloha and welcome County of Maui leaders!

April 11, 2025

Ka Hale Pomaila'i staff, alumni and haumana would like to have been present to meet and greet you tonight. However, if you are reading this, it means that we were not able to present our comments in person. Why is that, you might ask (since we always show up)? It is because in a nearby safe and secure, warm and welcoming home, known as the KHP Sober house, more than 20 of us are gathering to encourage, support and join in fellowship to celebrate our shared recovery journey. Each Friday KHP sponsors an ohana-welcoming sobriety support group and dinner. We have been in attendance at every County Budget session on Molokai since 2003, and while coming to share our mana'o with you tonight is extremely valuable and important, our ability to do so is contingent on the very thing we meet each week to support and honor. This being said, we are hoping that Council will understand and accept this written testimony in our absence.

The first and foremost comment we have tonight is that we have tremendous gratitude for our County's continued support of Ka Hale Pomaika'i (KHP)'s mission to continue its recovery oriented array of addiction reduction services on Moloka'i. We can assuredly say that this support has helped to improve the quality of life for persons on Moloka'i, in the County of Maui, who have succumbed to substance misuse while struggling with food insecurity and/or houselessness. The goal of reducing addiction and the effects that surround it are addressed with our services. These include food production and distribution, sober shelter, and the comprehensive continuum of recovery support. Our program embraces values that has instilled a sense of cultural pride and resilience for many. In meeting the potential haumana (client) where they are at, KHP uses a culturally respectful approach. By improving total wellness with a continuum of treatment service modalities and/or harm-reducing prevention strategies, persons avoid incarceration, seek emergency medical treatment less, and improve home life stability.

For over 25 years, KHP has been keeping the doors open of the **only** Sober Living Residence (Shelter) on Moloka'i. Up to 730 annual safe bed days and nights are available for homeless recovering adults seeking sober shelter. A very large part of this service has been the support of the County by continuing to ensure this as an option to chronic homelessness.

KHP's ongoing community service continues with our own productive Victory Farm. Each week, KHP supplies individuals, families and Kupuna with fresh organic produce grown and distributed by KHP's clients in recovery along with food boxes from the KHP Food Pantry. Because pilina is so very vital in our community, this outreach service has bridged the gap of fear, breaking barriers of shame, that have resulted in sustained recovery, alumni retention, and the welcoming of new haumana to the world of treatment and sobriety. It is this service that has attracted folks to stay in recovery as Recovery Ambassadors who in welcome new folks. It is this pilina that has made the Friday night recovery dinners so popular.

With the cost of rent for a room in a house on Molokai being \$1286/month, a newly sober person would have to earn \$25+/hr or \$52,000/yr. Drug use has been associated with over 90% of local confirmed child abuse cases and contributes to the violence and property crimes locally.



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Providing housing, food security and treatment options (relative to usual care) improves major outcomes in these areas. Psychological distress and intimate partner violence also decline when services are utilized. KHP believes that clients who are supported along their journey into sobriety are better able to achieve and maintain a crime-free life, improved wellness and long-term recovery saving the County tens of thousands of dollars spent on crisis responsive measures and incarceration costs.

The staff at KHP have all been in long term recovery with lived experience as well as completing higher education certifications to assist persons with chronic substance use disorders to find sobriety. As a team, our desire is for haumana to become safer within the community by offering them Substance Use Assessments & Referrals, Motivational Outreach with Peer Mentorship, Monthly Recovery Dinners, evening 12-step meeting facilitation and Transportation.

Most recently our deepest appreciation is again going out to our County for the support and belief in our relocation efforts. Although we did not plan or want to relocate from the East End, our lease with DHHL will expire on 09/30/2025. This termination will assist the DHHL to move forward with a fire station and homestead lots, both worthy and needed projects.

In closing, as the Executive Director of KHP since 1996, I have heard the whispering of people who think our County has a history of forgetting about our community. I can say with the most sincerity that this is NOT the case. For us, our pilina with the County has been a life line in these times of Federal change. We live better, thrive more, and are examples to others because the County has never forgotten us. Our successful haumana routinely share their stories of gratitude, celebrations, and power over former struggles. Data backs this up, but facts and numbers don't change minds, feelings and emotions do. Self-perception and stigma can impair community relationships, but the pilina that empowers our recovering folks is changing this one soul at a time.

Mahalo once again for your time in reading this comment, for your faithfulness, and for honoring our support of next year's proposed Council's recommendation to the Mayor's budget.

Ame ke ha'a ha'a,

Shari Lynn, MEd, CSAC, CCS, CCJP, CPS, NCAC-II, SAP, CSAPA, ICADC

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FUTURE MPD MOLOKAI STATION - (RENOVATION OF EXISTING NATIONAL GUARD FACILITY)
TOTAL PROJECT COST SUMMARY - April 1, 2025

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	SUB TOTALS	GROUP TOTALS
LAND COST					
Land Cost - N/A (Assume Renovation of existing National Guard Bui	0	SF	\$	-	\$ -
Entitlements, Change in Zoning - N/A	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
TOTAL LAND COST					\$ -
DESIGN & ENGINEERING FEES					
Architectural Design & Engineering (12% Construction Costs)	1	LS	\$	1,365,270	\$ 1,365,270
Architectural Design Fees -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Construction Administration -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Civil Engineering -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Land Surveying	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Structural Engineering -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Mechanical Engineering -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Electrical Engineering -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Landscape Architecture -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Interior Design Consultant -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Kitchen Consultant - N/A	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Laundry Consultant - N/A	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Graphics Consultant - N/A	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Signage Consultant - N/A	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Geotechnical Engineering	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Geotechnical Monitoring & Testing -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Hazmat Survey	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Traffic Engineer -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Archaeological Consultant/ Inventory Survey	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Archaeological Monitoring	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Coastal Engineer - N/A	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Quantity Survey & Cost Estimating Services -	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
Planning Consultant	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Project & Construction Management	1	LS	\$	800,000	\$ 800,000
Design Reimbursables (Travel/Printing, etc.)	1	LS	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000
Low Voltage Design - (Tel, cable, security, audio, spec. lighting, etc.)	1	LS	\$	Included	\$ -
TOTAL DESIGN & ENGINEERING FEES					\$ 2,215,270
PERMITS, LICENSES & FEES					
Bldg. Permit - Bldg. Plan Review Fees	1	LS	\$	17,000	\$ 17,000
Bldg. Permit - Fire Dept Plan Review Fees	1	LS	\$	10,000	\$ 10,000
Building Permit Fees /Permit Expediting	1	LS	\$	265,000	\$ 265,000
NPDES Permit Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Traffic Assessment Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Sewer Assessment Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Park Assessment Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Water Meter Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Fire Department Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Affordable Housing Assessment	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Maui Electric Fees (Upgrade Infrastructure)	1	LS	\$	75,000	\$ 75,000
Telephone Company Fees (Upgrade Infrastructure)	1	LS	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000
Cable / Low Voltage Wiring (Upgrade Infrastructure)	1	LS	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000
Other Permits, Licenses & Fees	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
TOTAL PERMITS, LICENSES & FEES					\$ 467,000
CONSTRUCTION					
Renovate existing National Guard Facilities	5,872	SF	\$	1,000.00	\$ 5,872,000
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Add New 2nd Floor - on top of existing one-story building	2,320	SF	\$	1,000.00	\$ 2,320,000
Site Improvements - Roadways, Parking Lot, & Utilities (Water, Fire, Sewer, Drainage, Electrical, Landscaping)-	2,517	AC	\$	250,000	\$ 629,250
Off-Site Improvements - Allowance	1	LS	\$	-	\$ -
Photo Voltaic Solar Power System (PV)	1	LS	\$	750,000.00	\$ 750,000
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION					\$ 11,377,250

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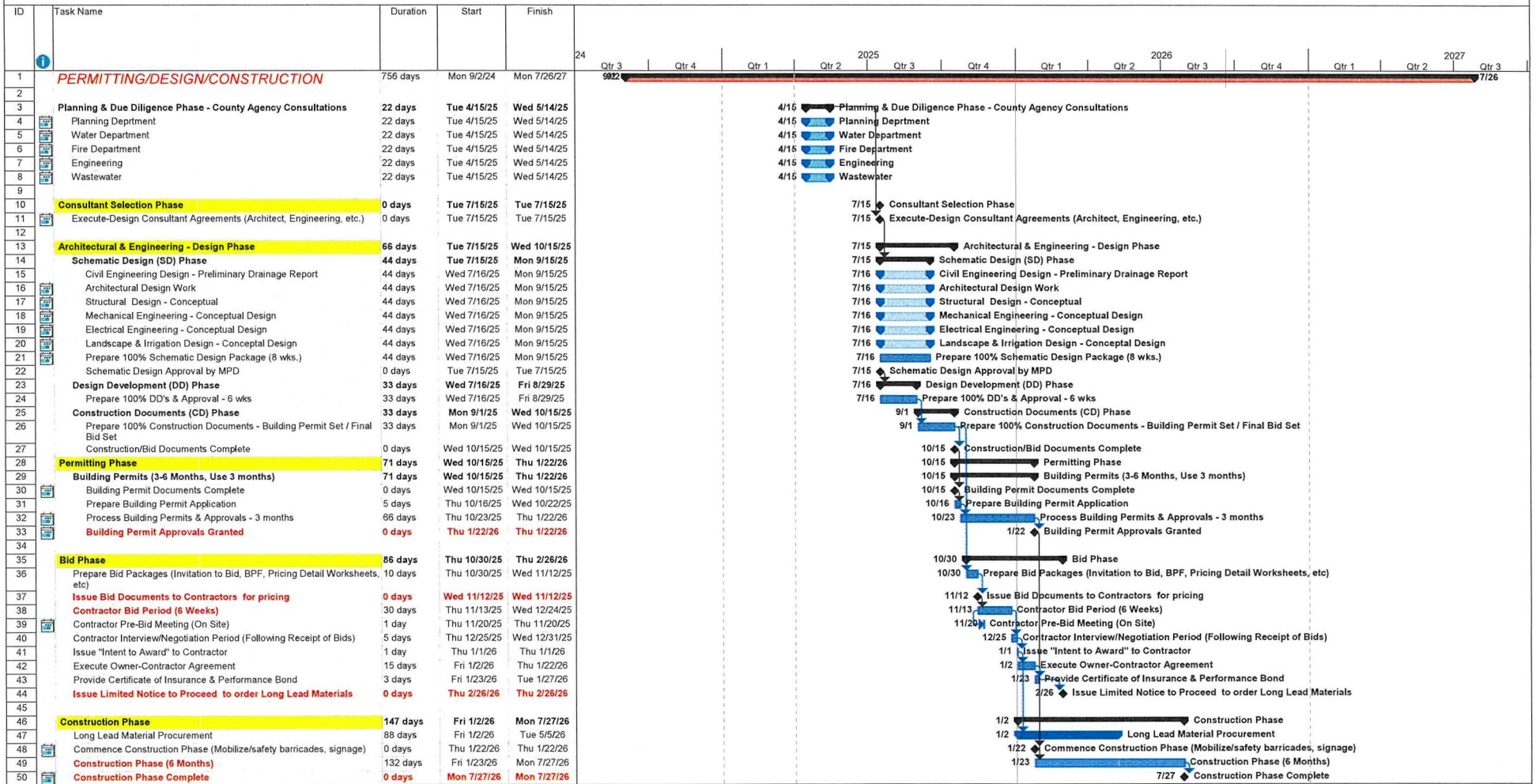
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FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT -					
Furniture - Desks, tables chairs, storage cabinets, etc.	9,998	SF	\$ 20.00	\$ 199,960	
Men's & Women's Lockers	1	LS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000	
Office Equipment	25	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75,000	
Office Equipment, = computers, printers, copiers, etc.	1	LS	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000	
Fitness & Training Equipment	1	LS	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000	
Kitchen Equipment/Grease Interceptor	1	LS	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000	
Yard & Facilities Maintenance Equipment	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000	
Freight (25%)	0.25	LS		\$ 196,240.00	
Installation (13.5%)	0.135	LS		\$ 132,462	
HI State Taxes (4.712%)	0.04712	LS		\$ 46,234	
TOTAL FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT					\$ 1,159,896
OTHER OWNER FURNISHED EQUIPMENT					
Communications Equipment	1	LS	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000	
TOTAL OTHER OWNER FURNISHED EQUIPMENT					\$ 500,000
PROJECT INSURANCE					
Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP 3%)				Excluded	
Builder's Risk (0.5%)				Excluded	
TOTAL PROJECT INSURANCE					\$ -
PROJECT-WIDE CONTINGENCY					
Project-Wide "Owner's" Contingency (15% Total Cost)	1	LS	\$ 2,357,912	\$ 2,357,912	
TOTAL PROJECT-WIDE CONTINGENCY					\$ 2,357,912
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 18,077,329

COST ESTIMATE ASSUMPTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

1. Construction cost estimate based on renovating existing National Guard Facility (5,872 SF + 1806 SF = 7,678 SF Total)
2. Includes new construction of a second floor mezzanine area of 2,320 SF
3. Offsite improvements excluded
4. Design & Engineering Fees included
5. Project Management Fees included
6. Permit Fees included
7. Furniture/ Fixtures, and Equipment included
8. Communication Equipment Allowance of \$500,000 included
9. Project-wide Contingency of 15% included

**MAUI POLICE DEPARTMENT - MOLOKAI STATION
HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD RENOVATION PROJECT
Preliminary Schedule - April 1, 2025**



WEO BUS 7.0.25
Budget Meeting

ALLOHA, THANK YOU
FOR OUR WEO BUS on
Molokai. OUR BUS
IS VERY dependable
AND we have excellent
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the bus to go to
TOWN for DRAPPOINTMENTS
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