

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2025-2027) on 2026-04-13 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 04-13-26 18:00

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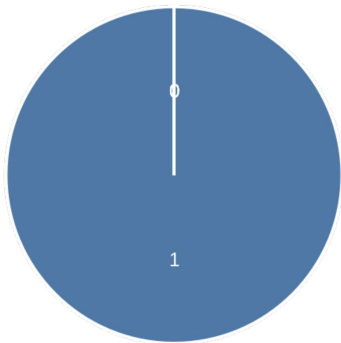
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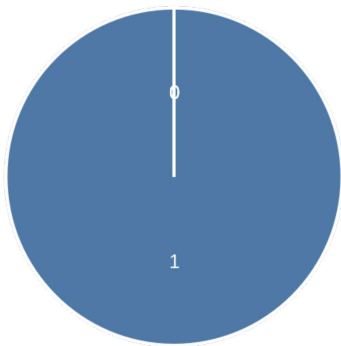
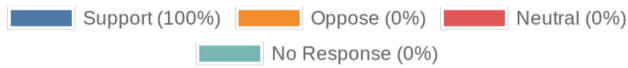
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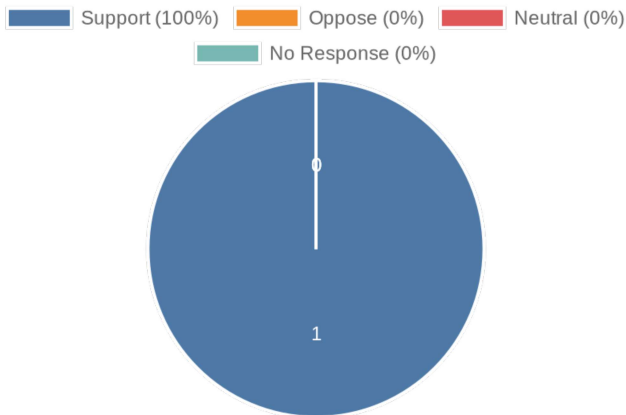
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Overall Sentiment



Overall Sentiment



Lani Ozaki

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26pm 04-12-26

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Council Members,

My name is Lani Ozaki, Executive Director of P_lama Ka Heke. I am writing in strong support of continued funding for k_puna services on Moloka_i, including the proposed Adult Day Health program and the Moloka_i Community Rural Health Association's K_puna Program.

P_lama Ka Heke has been fortunate to receive funding through the Office of Economic Development and the Department of Human Concerns. Through our Lawena Ola Pono program, and in partnership with I Ola L_hui, we have provided behavioral health services to more than 200 individuals across Moloka_i. For Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, P_lama Ka Heke has been allocated \$175,000 per year to continue delivering behavioral health services, including both in-person and telehealth sessions, as well as group programming for k_puna and neurodivergent youth.

In collaboration with the Moloka_i Community Rural Health Association's K_puna Program, we have also implemented a social calls initiative that reaches over 800 k_puna each quarter. This program serves as a critical touchpoint, allowing us to identify needs, reduce isolation, and connect k_puna to resources.

Despite these efforts, significant gaps in k_puna care remain. While N_Pu_uwai offers Adult Day Care services, access is limited, particularly for k_puna with Med-QUEST coverage. This leaves many working families without reliable daytime care options for their loved ones.

To address this need, P_lama Ka Heke has been working alongside Hale Makua, Hale Mahaolu, and the Department of Health to establish an Adult Day Health program on Moloka_i. The proposed program will serve up to 10 k_puna at Home Pumehana and include appropriate clinical staffing. We support the \$200,000 allocation in the County budget for this initiative and commend the collaborative efforts underway to bring this program to fruition.

Equally important is the Moloka_i Community Rural Health Association's K_puna Program, which is not currently included in the Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 budget. This program provides essential services—including wellness activities, social engagement, and outreach—that help prevent isolation and support the overall well-being of more than 800 k_puna.

Without continued funding, this vital safety net will be at risk. The loss of these services would significantly impact the health and quality of life of our k_puna, particularly those who do not qualify for or have access to other forms of care.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to support funding for both the Adult Day Health program and the Moloka_i Community Rural Health Association's K_puna Program. In addition, continued funding for P_lama Ka Heke is essential to ensure the availability of behavioral health services continue on Molokai in partnership with I Ola Lahui. Next steps include providing access to telehealth services for k_puna at our office at the Molokai Community Health Center.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Ozaki
Executive Director
P_lama Ka Heke