

HHT Committee

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Aloha, Housing, Human Services and Transportation Committee,

Attached please find our testimony for your upcoming meeting on March 23, 2016.

We support affordable housing in Maui County. Thank you for your efforts to improve our current policies to simplify, streamline and shorten the path to affordable housing for Maui families. We applaud your hard work and effort.

Na Hale O Maui would like to continue to partner with the County of Maui to provide truly affordable housing in perpetuity.

Aloha,

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Changing lives, one home at a time.

Mission Statement: *"To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County."*

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March 21, 2017

Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
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Subject: ONE-STOP SHOP FOR PROCESSING PERMITS (HHT-4)
INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY BUILDING PLAN REVIEW PROCESS (HHT-5)
EXPEDITING BUILDING PLAN REVIEW PROCESS BY DEVELOPING A CATALOG
OF PRE-APPROVED PLANS (HHT-6)

Dear Ms. Crivello and Committee Members:

Na Hale O Maui (NHOM) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 created “To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County.” We encourage efforts to increase the amount of affordable housing in Maui County. We appreciate the opportunity to engage in discussions to explore potential solutions to the affordable housing crisis facing our community.

Each of the above captioned proposals (HHT-4, 5 & 6) appear to have merit. We read the information that other municipalities shared – their affordable housing needs, experience, regulations, policies, challenges and successes – demonstrate that change, while often stressful, can be implemented to increase housing in a meaningful way. Translating and incorporating the best practices of other jurisdictions, where it makes sense for our community, could simplify and shorten our path to more affordable housing, sooner.

Kauai County’s Affordable Housing Development Strategy and Resolution No 2016-54 Draft were particularly interesting, as they outline S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant; and Timely) goals with action steps to the goal of increased numbers for affordable housing, sooner.

Thank you for continuing to consider the most efficient and effective methods to increase affordable housing in Maui County.

Sincerely,

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