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## TESTIMONY OF CAPT. MICHAEL A. LILLY ON Bill 110 CD 1

I am a Vietnam War combat veteran with 30 years' service in the U.S. Navy. I am also a member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Veteran Affairs and the Maui Council on Aging. I also served as Hawaii's Attorney General in the 1980s.

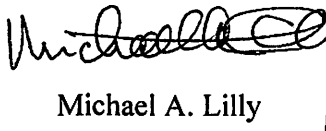
I am submitting this testimony on Bill 110 CD 1 in my individual capacity.

While I support the intent of the law, to provide tax relief to certain disabled veterans and their surviving unmarried spouses, I cannot support a bill that would reduce benefits to some veterans.

This bill provides property tax relief to veterans with 70-99% disabilities. However, it would increase the current property tax paid by 100% disable veterans and surviving spouses of veterans killed in the line of duty. While the amount of the property tax increase is relatively small, any increase is not acceptable.

For that reason, I cannot support this bill as written. I recommend that the former \$150 cap on property tax be reinstated in the draft bill.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Lilly

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Aloha e nā kānaka 'o Maui County Council.

My name is Nalu Kaleilani Pili Robinson, and I am a teacher here at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani. My family and I are from Waiehu, Maui. Our family has, in many shapes and forms, been caretakers of Iao Valley for many generations. My great grandfather, Charles Keau, was the caretaker for Kepaniwai Park for many years. My mother is Kahu Kekai Robinson who is now the Po'o Kula of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani. And I have been a teacher at this school for 6 years now. I believe with all my being that there is no better choice than to have Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani be the stewards of this place. Our program allows the children of Maui to learn and grow in a way that is not available elsewhere, and having this place is crucial to our success, and the success of our future generations. Should we become the caretakers of this place it would allow us to better serve our children through education. There are much needed safety and quality of life improvements that we are currently unable to make due to us not being the owners. With your support we will be able to make these improvements and so much more. Together we can help to grow strong, intelligent Hawaiian people. Thank you for all that you do for Maui, and I hope you will find it in your hearts to help us, help Hawai'i's future. Me ke aloha, Nalu.

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Nalu Robinson,  
Kumu Papa 'Ekahe, Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani

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Aloha,

I am in full support of this bill, BILL NO. 123, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND”.

Mahalo,

Christina Cervantes

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Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit my written support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani and the acquisition of the 'Īao Valley space, formerly Hawai'i Nature Center, located above Kepaniwai Heritage Garden.

My name is Leah Santos and I am a Maui girl who was born and raised here and who learned 'Ōlelo Hawai'i and numerous hana no'eau skills from Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani through po'o kula, Kekai Robinson. Her oversight and community involvement in regards to championing Hawaiian immersion education and place based 'ike kupuna is infectious. She has recruited amazingly dedicated staff, taught numerous students and engaged language learners, all within our Maui community. Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani has become a home for so many of us and I am proud to say that I am an avid supporter of this organization.

I am writing in support of the purchase and acquisition of the land, buildings, and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 located at 875 'Īao Valley Road. This purchase agreement made on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani will solidify their permanent school site and will center a great community and educational asset within the valley. This partnership between school officials and the County of Maui, will allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani and its growing keiki the opportunity to be true stewards of the 'āina, to uplift a continued native Hawaiian presence in this sacred space, and to authentically share the essence of 'ike kūpuna with others (both visitors and locals alike).

Mahalo nui for taking the time to hear my thoughts regarding this advantageous community partnership which places cultural education and Hawaiian language acquisition at the forefront, where it belongs.

Leah Santos

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Ano ai Council,

It is a pleasure to submit testimony in support of Ke Kula o Piilani, an independent immersion language program at Iao Valley worthy of County interest as to the land and its school.

I am Johanna Kamaunu of Waihe'e Valley. Am wife to Kaniloa and mother to 6 children, Mama to 12 grand children. I am a registered voter and an advocate for kanaka and kanaka concerns with a predilection for Kingdom of Hawaii law. I have been a mortgage loan processor and a bank Records Manager for 10years+. The DOE Hawaiian Studies Kupuna program was home for 12 years, with 3 years teaching music at King Kekaulike@ substitute teaching as well. Currently, I am an insurance agent specializing in Appearance Bonds, bailing people who have been arrested working alongside law enforcement, attorneys, and the courts. Been doing it about 12 years.

As a descendant of the Mahihelelima ohana of Iao the council's decision to support Ke Kula O Piilani is timely, appropriate for the place, and very dear to me for honoring generations of kupuna who lived and walked this valley, and for those of us who are present to reflect upon the traditions of this great, storied landscape. Let's work with Ke Kula O Piilani, Kekai Robinson and staff to establish new traditions of learning, traditions of malama, traditions of kuleana in our community that thereby we may restore and return mana to the valley, our homes and Maui.

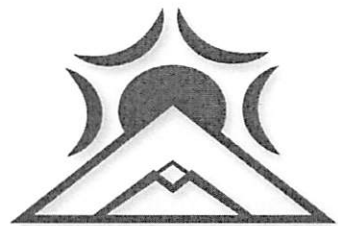
As a long time advocate of culture, customary and traditional practices there is no greater pleasure than to see growth and understanding in governance, community and advocacy. Kekai is one of this generation that will establish new, beneficial traditions with governance. She has worked hard, put in her time, struggled and prepared for this opportunity. You would do well to invest in her.

Please FUND - KE KULA 'O PI'ILANI ohana and their efforts. Approve acquisition of the land and kuleana for the school and site.

Mahalo,

Johanna Kamaunu

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Aloha mai kākou,

I'm writing today to ask you to please consider providing written testimony in strong support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani to the Maui County Council. They will be meeting this Friday to authorize the purchase and acquisition of the former 'Īao Lodge at Māniana, mauka of Kepaniwai Park, from its current owners on behalf of the community, specifically to provide a home for Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. Now that the sale is public, there is an urgency to preserve our presence on this campus as we move into this next school year.

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani is a non-profit, independent Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school. We encourage our community of learners to become the living manifestations of aloha, *kindness, compassion and charity*, kuleana, *responsibility, authority and privilege tempered by care and concern*—and 'imi 'ike (*a life-long commitment to seeking awareness, understanding, knowledge, and wisdom*). This purchase and agreement between the County of Maui and Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani will allow us the opportunity to be the stewards of this sacred place, to uplift a continued native Hawaiian presence in the valley, to authentically share the essence of 'ike kūpuna, *traditional wisdom*, and to root these values in a permanent home and 'āina base for the benefit of our community.

The proposal is called, "BILL NO. 123, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND". Through this bill, the Budget Director of the Mayor's Office has asked the Maui County Council to authorize up to \$1,500,000.00 for acquisition of the land, buildings, and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 located at 875 'Īao Valley Road, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i from the Hawai'i Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

Below are some prompts to consider as you compose your written testimony:

- **Address The Maui County Council** - Express your aloha to the Maui County Council.
- **Introduction** - Consider providing information about yourself, your family, where you are from, your connection to Maui, your connection to Hawaiian culture, language, and traditions, and most especially your connection and relationship to Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

HE WAIWAI NUI KA LŌKAHI, HE WAIWAI NUI KE ALOHA

*'O ka nu'u o Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani e kūlia aku nei, 'o ia ke kūlana pa'a o ka na'auao o kēia au i nā haumāna āpau me ka mūlama pū 'ana i ka na'auao o ke au i hala. Aia ka lupalupa mai o ke keiki a mahi pono 'ia kona wahi e ho'ona'auao 'ia ai. Pēia e mau ai kona 'imi na'auao 'ana me ka hiala'ai a lilo ai ho'i 'o ia i mea nāna e alaka'i i ke kaiūlu ma ke ala e pa'a mau ai ka 'ike a me nā loina o ko Hawai'i.*

- **Clearly State Your Position** - Be concise and clear on your position of support. Your written testimony does not need to be extensive, a few sentences to a few paragraphs will do. Speak from your heart and be guided by your na‘au. Let them know why you support Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani and why you support our continued presence in ‘Īao Valley.

Testimony should be e-mailed to the Office of the County Clerk at [county.clerk@mauicounty.us](mailto:county.clerk@mauicounty.us) or faxed to 1-(808)-270-7171. Since our item was expeditiously added to the agenda, we’re also asking you to cc each of the councilmembers.

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FUND - KE KULA ‘O PI‘ILANI, ‘ĪAO, MAUI, HAWAII‘I

Nui nō ku‘u aloha iā ‘oukou pākahi āpau. So much appreciation to our keiki, ‘ohana, the Hui Ho‘okahua ‘o Pi‘ilani School Board of Directors, the Hui Ka‘a‘āina ‘o Pi‘ilani, and our many community partners over the years. I am so grateful for your time, prompt support, and kōkua.

‘O wau iho nō,

Kahu Kekai Robinson, Po‘okula  
Head of School, Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani



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Aloha Maui County Council members,

Mahalo ā nui! Thank you so much for all of your hard work helping our community! I am writing this testimony in hopes that you will support the continuity of Hawaiian cultural survival in a time of great change.

I was born on Molokai and raised on Maui. At Baldwin High School in 1993 I was in one of the first Hawaiian Language 101 classes to finally be offered again in the public school system. I volunteered then at Pūnana Leo O Maui in Wailuku and that is when I knew right away that there was no greater feeling of such a deep connection to this place than being a part of our Hawaiian Renaissance through the language revitalization in the educational system.

I graduated with honors from UH Maui in 2002 and took many Hawaiian Language and cultural classes. In 2015 my own keiki was accepted to Pūnana Leo Hawaiian Immersion Preschool in Wailuku for two years and then at Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani in 2017 until today where she is in her 5th and final year there. My other daughter who is a cancer survivor was accepted to Pūnana Leo but was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma simultaneously. After finishing her treatments she started at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani and has been there the last 4 years as well as she enters her 3rd grade year. It is a dream come true for me to offer this experience of Hawaiian immersion education as I got to see it grow so much in the last 30 years!

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani has taught our family so much! Thanks to this school we know how to farm and produce traditional food for our family with our very own papa ku'i 'ai and pōhaku ku'i 'ai so we can make our own pa'i 'ai! Our children also learned how to carve their very own Pahu drum last year as the culmination of the Kalai Pahu class. Hearing them play their Pahu when they are learning a chant is chicken skin and these important cultural utensils and implements will be with us for generations to come.

I support the continued presence of KKOP in Īao Valley. This school at this particular location is an integral part of the growth in our community as we shift our focus to cultural survival and sustainability; to uplift the Hawaiian values that are ingrained in the history of this land.

The learning environment at the Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani campus is perfect for the programs it supports as 'Āina focused curriculum. The educational experience that my children have had at this wahi pana (storied / sacred place) is



priceless. They have learned invaluable knowledge of this land and will be strong leaders in our community because of this amazing foundation in Hawaiian culture and language.

Hawaiian language and culture is so important and if it is not given a strong space in our community for our keiki o Ka 'Āina it will not survive all the changes in the social fabric of our islands; especially with so many local families having to move away and newcomers are replacing them who are not necessarily interested in assimilating into a Hawaiian cultural lifestyle.

Our language is our cultural identity and it is so great to be a part of the new generations that knows it's language and values again and especially to be a part of the time for enlightenment in the Hawaiian Islands.

Today, less than 2% of the Hawaii population can speak 'Ōlelo Hawa'ii. The 'Ōlelo must live, so that we can live and preserve for our posterity the legacy of Mālamalama, Oia'i'o, Kuleana, Kanawai, Mana, Na'auao, Ola, Ohana, and Aloha, handed down from our kupuna I ka wa mamua.

Mahalo,

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Aloha Maui County Council,

As a Pacific Islander born in the Northern Marianas and raised here in Kihei along with my three siblings. I've been very fortunate to have spent so much time in 'Āao as a child and now getting the opportunity to enroll my son into Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani is something I feel very grateful for. Coming from a culture with strong values of respect, caring for others and taking care of the land I feel that having my child enrolled at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani will strengthen these in him.

By granting stewardship to Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani I believe that they will continue to give our keiki the eyes to see the land through our Hawaiian culture, the ears to listen to our elders and the hearts to discern the many choices to be made in their future.

I humbly request that you grant them stewardship.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Andrew Perry  
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Welina mai ke aloha Maui County Council,

My name is Kalele Kekauoha-Schultz and I am writing in 100% support of Bill No. 123. As an educator for the Hawaii Department of Education for over twenty years, I see that Ke Kula o Pi'ilani (KKOP) has proven to deliver quality education that is culturally rich and steeped in language. It is vital that our keiki of Hawai'i learn of the traditions of our special place, because, it is a kuleana that we all have simple living here whether you are of Hawaiian ancestry or not.

I know firsthand the value of 'āina-based education and Ke Kula o Pi'ilani offers education aligned with the ancestral principles that drive it including building healthy 'ohana, love for ones land, sense of belonging and indigenous knowledge and wisdom. For example, KKOP provide family strengthening activities such as a stone and board workshop to provide families with tools to feed themselves physically and spiritually. Families have learned how to carve pahu or traditional drums and other native arts that awaken their senses to their environment and to one another. We need this type of connectivity more than ever in Maui as we are overwhelmed with an influx of changes and many feel edged out of 'āina all together. I believe KKOP teaches children not just to be hosts but to be stewards of this precious land and protect it for future generations.

With your approval, Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani will provide such stewardship for what is currently their site of the Hawai'i Nature Center. This aloha naturally extends to the greater parts of the valley as the leadership and kumu of the school already instill that in the keiki as they regularly help to mālama 'āina beyond the boundaries of their campus, because, it is the right thing to do.

Please approve Bill No. 123 and ensure the continued presence of KKOP in 'īao. Keep our 'āina in caring hands dedicated to the children of this land who will benefit directly.

Me ka 'Oia'i'o,

Kaleleonālani Kekauoha-Schultz, MSCP

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Aloha e nā 'aha kūkā o ka moku o Mauinuiākama! Mahalo nui loa no kou lohe  
'ana i kēia noi e kōkua 'ana iā Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.

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(Hello council members of the island of Mauinuiākama! Thank you so much for  
hearing this plea to help Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.)

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My name is Krystin Kanani Duarte and I am a resident of Maui that was born and raised in Wailuku. I am truly happy that you are taking the time to read/listen to all the letters coming in that are in support of you folks voting in favor of the proposal of Bill No. 123, to help purchase the property of the old Hawai'i Nature Center in Iao Valley. In doing so, you will be in support of the property to be the property of the independent Hawaiian immersion elementary school, Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani to continue using the property for many years to come. They are a great group of people, from the Kahu (Principal), to the teachers and guest speakers who come to teach all the keiki of Maui the importance of the Hawaiian values, 'ōlelo, and cultural practices in a way to keep our history and stories alive for the future generations.

Please hear not only with your ears but with your heart in the stories that the school on the property of TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 has touched and means so much to a bunch of people from various walks of life and for different reasons. Whether it being a parent of a student, family members of the staff involved with with school, or a member of the Hawaiian communtiy and a resident of the island of Maui.

Thank you again for helping our community in perpetuating the Hawaiian culture activities, history and language by voting in favor of Bill No. 123.

With warm positive thoughts,

Krystin Kanani Duarte

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Aloha mai kākou to The Maui County Council

My name is Diana Pōhaikealoha Naihe, also known as Pōhaikealoha. I am born and raised in Hāna, Maui. I am a proud mother of 3 boys that all 'ōlelo Hawai'i. The language has become the core foundation of my family and of who are today. I am also now a teacher at Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Hāna.

My first teaching experience came from Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, and I would not be on the path of education if it wasn't for my experience there. All my life, I never knew what I wanted to be, but I knew I've always wanted to give back to my community. After my first week of volunteering with Kekai Robinson and being around the culture-based, Hawaiian Language environment in the beautiful valley's of our ali'i, I found a new and profound love in giving to the future generation, through educating our keiki. I soon became a substitute teacher, then teacher's assistant, to teaching mākau'ōlelo and eventually having a class of my own. I left to finish my degree and an opportunity came for me to return home. I am now giving back to my community as I have always wanted to, and I have took what I've learned from Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani to Hāna.

There's a lot of trust in the program, and you can trust that they will do right with this 'āina, to continue the culture, and preserve the language. You can trust the partnership that they bring, and how it will help these students find their new and profound love, to follow their passion, and have aloha for what they do, as I did. I am writing this letter to you, because I support the purchase and acquisition of the former 'Īao Lodge at Māniana, mauka of Kepaniwai Park, from its current owners on behalf of the community, specifically to provide a home for Ke Kulam 'o Pi'ilani.

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Pōhaikealoha Naihe

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Aloha County of Maui Counsel,

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I, Julie Marie Niem, and keiki are part of the Ohana of Ke Kula o Piilani. I am not born of these islands however, appreciate and embrace the history, recent and ancient of these lands. The ike (knowledge) of the Hawaiian culture is of ultimate importance to me and my family.

To nurture and perpetuate this information in a way of living now and for the future is not only essential for the people of this land but the entire planet. I am Caucasian and part Native Indian and have respected the similarities in understanding the world in which we live.

These teachings should be shared and cultivated as long as we are able to access this information. Ke Kula o Piilani being located in Iao Valley is one of the most important places for completely encompassing the potential and ability to continue this education.

We can always learn things anywhere although, this school is hands on with all the elements of education and involvement with nature. Iao Valley holds an abundance of wisdom for our children and Ohana to learn from.

I am in full support of Ke Kula o Piilani to remain in this location for the best outcome of Hawaiian culture and Native Intelligence.

Mahalo Nui for your time and understanding in our aloha for this program being here.

Julie, Chad, Evan, and Pohaku

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**From:** Paul Robinson <imua2377@gmail.com>  
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Aloha County Council,

My name is Paul Robinson and I am writing to you to express my extreme support of this bill and of the land acquisition for Ke Kula o Pi'ilani. I was born and raised in Wailuku and still reside there. I'm a practitioner of oli and hula under Kumukapono'ai Molitau of Na Hanona Kulike o Pi'ilani. I am happily married to Kekai Robinson, Pouhana of Ke Kula o Pi'ilani and we have raised three boys here.

Kekai practically grew up in Kepaniwai since her Grandpa Charlie Keau took care of the park as a County Parks employee. She has a deep love and connection for this 'aina because of him and wants nothing but the best for that space. Her love for the Hawaiian language, arts, and culture is evident if you've ever talked to her. She instills this same love and passion, in all the keiki that come through Ke Kula o Pi'ilani. I can't think of a better steward of Kepaniwai, Maniania, than Ke Kula o Pi'ilani.

But, this school needs your help to call Maniania a permanent home, to learn those things that the school teaches. To have a place for the keiki to learn Hawaiian things in a Hawaiian space is key to the school's educational goals. Maniania is a special place that holds a lot of cultural significance, mana and history that needs to be in the hands of people who know how to champion and protect it. Ke Kula o Pi'ilani is the right organization to be in that space. So please support this bill not only for the keiki, for the aina, for the culture & language, but because it's the right thing to do.

Mahalo a nui,  
Paul Robinson

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Welina me ke aloha nui Maui County Council,

I am the chairperson of a Hanona, a small non-profit located in Wailuku here on Maui. Our mission is to elevate Native Hawaiian wisdom and intellect by providing cultural learning opportunities for our communities to perpetuate Native Hawaiian traditional practices while respecting the integrity of how indigenous knowledge is taught and learned.

Hanona fully **SUPPORTS** Bill No. 123 and Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani (KKOP). The caliber of cultural educators at KKOP are outstanding. Their curriculum prioritizes Hawaiian Language, culture, history and values which is key to the perpetuation of our culture. Hanona has the honor and pleasure of working with KKOP in development of curriculum for our current apprentice project which provides intense traditional apprentice training involving intergenerational interactions between masters, instructors, and students. Its focus is training the next generation of cultural practitioners in the areas of traditional hale building, dry stack masonry, land steward practices, archaeology and Hawaiian prayers and protocols.

Being a Generation X born, with roots here on Maui, the revival of the Hawaiian Language was pivotal in the Hawaiian Renaissance. The language has been revived through the diligence of the (now) educators at KKOP and it thrives through curriculums they have developed and teach. KKOP's is helping to prepare for that next step, which is "normalizing" traditional practices for all ages, especially our keiki.

KKOP's site at the Hawai'i Nature Center is the perfect venue for training and growing Maui's next generation. This will benefit our native Hawaiian children and families of Nā Wai 'Ehā and the Maui Community at large.

As chair of Hanona and member of the Maui community, please **APPROVE** Bill No. 123.



Ke aloha nui a me ka mahalo piha iā 'oukou,  
Carmela Noneza  
Chairperson, HANONA

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Ke aloha nui iā kākou,

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My name is Leimana Pu'u and I am the Po'o Kumu (Head Teacher) at Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. I have been working as a teacher at Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani for about 2 ½ years now and although I never thought I would be a teacher, I find myself being drawn deeper into the teaching world and the ability to teach our future generations ancestral knowledge due to the location that are able to be in daily. I was born and raised in Wailuku and after completing my college career, I was blessed to be able to work and serve the children and families of my home community via Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. This has made all my hard work and dedication to my education worthwhile. The opportunity to get educated and return home to serve my community has always been the dream's of my kūpuna. My responsibility to my community and home lands have always been a priority and goal while growing up.

I am writing in support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, the acquisition of land in 'Īao, as well as the relationship that will be created and nurtured between the County of Maui and Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani due to this land. I believe that 'Īao is a key aspect in helping to revive the language and culture that has once thrived on these lands while also attempting to re-build and strengthening our community. With that being said, I fully support the allocation of funds to purchase this land from the Hawaii Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

Mahalo,  
Leimana Pu'u

Ka 'Ohana Poepoe-Criste  
% Miki'ala K. Poepoe  
163 Elilani St.  
Makawao, HI 96768

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August 04, 2022

**Maui County Council**  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing this letter in support of passing **Bill No. 123** which will help ensure that beloved Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani will have a permanent home in sacred 'Īao Valley, a most appropriate cultural space for haumāna to learn and thrive.

We are the Poepoe-Criste 'Ohana, born and raised here on Maui. We are mākua to 3 keiki - Naupaka, Kamalani and Keakanui. As Hawaiians raised in households affected by the disconnect of generations past, the 'i'ini *desire*, and inherent pull to connect back to our roots is why the youngest of our keiki, Keakanui, will be attending his second year at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.

Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani is truly a Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian Culture immersion school. Haumāna of this wonderful school are not only learning 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, they are also learning what it is to be a Hawaiian. And to have that confidence and solid foundation in knowing who you are, as well as who and where you come from is priceless.

I humbly ask for your kōkua to pass Bill No. 123. That Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani may continue to revive and build this firm foundation of 'ike kūpuna for our community in this special place for generations to come.

Mahalo Council Members for the opportunity to share our support of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani and Bill No. 123.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Miki'ala Poepoe, Makua 'o Keakanui Criste

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Mahalo,  
Leimana Pu'u

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Dear Council Members of Maui County,

My name is Kaleilani Olsen and I grew up in the town of Wailuku. I am writing to you in support of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani and BILL NO. 123.

Mahalo,

Kaleilani Olsen

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Aloha kākou,

I am writing in support of bill no. 123 so Ke Kula O Piilani can continue to provide Hawaiian immersion education to our keiki as well as provide cultural tools and education to families within our community in order to perpetuate our native practices.

I have worked there as a counselor and support for the kumu. I could see first hand how passionate Kekai Robinson & the kumu are about our keiki, culture, language community and 'ohana. I saw how they care for the place that they are in the which has direct benefits to the environment. I ask that you support bill no. 123 so our keiki & community can continue to have an educational space such as Ke Kula o Piilani.

Ke aloha nō,  
Konane de la Nux  
Wai'ehu, Maui

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Aloha Kakou,

It has come to my attention that the Maui County Council will be meeting this Friday to authorize the purchase and acquisition of the former ʻĪao Lodge at Māniania, mauka of Kepaniwai Park, from its current owners on behalf of the community, specifically to provide a home for Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani is a non-profit, independent Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school. We encourage our community of learners to become the living manifestations of aloha, kindness, compassion and charity, kuleana, responsibility, authority and privilege tempered by care and concern—and ʻimi ʻike (a life-long commitment to seeking awareness, understanding, knowledge, and wisdom). This purchase and agreement between the County of Maui and Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani will allow us the opportunity to be the stewards of this sacred place, to uplift a continued native Hawaiian presence in the valley, to authentically share the essence of ʻike kūpuna, traditional wisdom, and to root these values in a permanent home and ʻāina base for the benefit of our community.

“BILL NO. 123, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/ SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND”. Through this bill, the Budget Director of the Mayor’s Office has asked the Maui County Council to authorize up to \$1,500,000.00 for acquisition of the land, buildings, and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 located at 875 ʻĪao Valley Road, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaiʻi from the Hawaiʻi Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

I strongly support the passage of this bill. In the long term it will benefit our community by helping to perpetuate Hawaii’s Language and culture. Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani has a proven track record of helping these children to grow in their language skills and they are immersed in the culture, history and traditions of the Hawaiian people.

I live in the Wailuku district of Maui and have been practicing Hawaiian culture by raising Kalo in the Hawaiian tradition for more than 40 years. These traditions have been passed down from our Kupuna from generation to generation, and we will continue to pass on this tradition to our Keiki and Moʻopuna.

Please consider passing Bill No. 123 in favor of Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

Mahalo Nui

Gary A.L. Brito

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Aloha kakou,

Over the past 7 years, I have been involved in the development and support of Maui's home-grown independent Hawaiian immersion elementary school, Ke Kula O Piilani. My involvement began in 2015 when a friend asked me to host her daughter's class at our family's kalo farm. Since that first encounter, I've fallen in love with the children and the school, it's vision and potential. I've enrolled both of my children, have become the resource teacher for mahi'ai (agricultural studies), hosted many hana no'eau (cultural arts/crafts) workshops, helped with staff training and professional development, and written grants for school programs.

As an independent school that doesn't receive funding or support from the Dept. of Education, Ke Kula O Piilani is supported by the school community (parents, staff, families), the Maui community-at-large, and other partners. And in these last 7 years watching the school grow exponentially, I have come to realize how enriched our community really is. When we pool our resources (human, cultural, financial), and invest in ourselves, we are empowered to do great things. Since the school is independent, the onus to take care of everything from the curriculum development, staffing, to grounds maintenance, is on us. What a fantastic model of self-efficacy we have demonstrated for our children!

Moving forward, we require 2 main things in order to maintain the growth of the school and the quality of educational experience our children receive. First, is continued community investment. Second, and more critical in this moment, is a secured permanent aina base. We need our home base secured. Hawaiian education is a study of our natural world and our place as humans in the ecosystem. With our Maui County Council's support to purchase the land that the school currently occupies, we are relieved of the worry of relocation. Instead, focus can remain on the programs that the school delivers.

Lastly, as a resident of Iao Valley, I am very pleased at the prospect of the County purchasing the aina at Maniana. The natural beauty of the area is obvious. So many people, both locals and visitors, are drawn to experience that beauty. The area is also very rich with mo'olelo and the aina itself is a cultural resource. It is important that we protect and preserve that area in perpetuity. The County's purchase of the property will help ensure that. And through a partnership with Ke Kula O Piilani, a legacy plan for its stewardship is already woven in.

Mahalo nui loa for seizing this opportunity to protect one of Maui's most precious natural and cultural treasures and supporting our home-grown educational program.

Ola Piilani!

Me ke aloha,  
Lani Eckart-Dodd



252 Iao Valley Road  
Wailuku, Maui

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Aloha mai kākou,

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My name is Lahela Mata-Goldman and I am the third grade teacher at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani. I have been working at Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani for about two years now and have loved being in the role of someone who has the ability to teach the future generations the importance of 'āina-based learning and the importance of being connected to the place that can provide them ancestral knowledge which will then help them be successful in their future.

I was born and raised in Wailuku and currently reside right next in Waiehu. I am currently going to school for Elementary Education with a minor in Hawaiian Studies so I am blessed to be given the opportunity to educate our up and coming keiki.

I am writing in support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, in support of the acquisition of land at Māniana 'Īao, and in support of a relationship between the County of Maui and Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani in regards to these lands. I fully support the allocation of funds to purchase this land from the Hawaii Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

Mahalo,  
Lahela Mata-Goldmann

# Hālau Ke‘alaokamaile

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Aloha Mai e Nā Moho o Ke Kalana o Maui,

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We are writing to you in strong support of the purchase of the Hawai‘i Nature Center by the County of Maui followed by the transfer of stewardship to Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani. We are Keali‘i Reichel and Henohea Kāne, nā Kumu Hula of Maui based hālau, Hālau Ke‘alaokamaile.

In previous years we were both teachers at Pūnana Leo o Maui, Maui's first Hawaiian language medium pre-school. Keali‘i was a kumu at the inception of the school followed by Henohea nearly 20 years later. We both understand the tremendous impact that a community could potentially have on culturally grounded organizations. Through this purchase, Maui County could once again be a brilliant example of the promotion of Hawaiian language and culture similar to the support that you have so graciously bestowed upon our hālau which is to be built in Pi‘iholo as well as the construction of Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Arts.

Through our experiences with Pūnana Leo and as Kumu Hula, we understand firsthand the daunting task in trying to obtain a space in which culture and language can thrive. The County of Maui could help alleviate that for Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani so that they can channel their energies and aloha into providing the best educational experience possible for our keiki.

Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani has thus far produced brilliant keiki and strong families. They have supported a community through the pandemic by becoming an approved vaccination site on several occasions. They continue to support other organizations through their charitable nature and the understanding of the role that they play within our community.

It is for all of these reasons and more that we are in strong support of BILL NO. 123 as well as your assistance of Ke Kula ‘o Pi‘ilani and our community by purchasing the Hawai‘i Nature Center located in ‘Īao and transfer stewardship to the school for a better and brighter Maui.

Na māua nō me ke aloha a me ka ha‘aha‘a,

*Kealii Reichel*

Keali‘i Reichel

Nā Kumu Hula

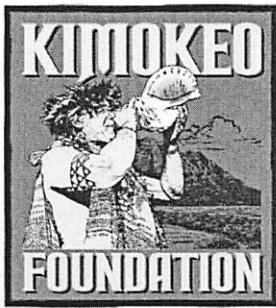
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Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

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August 4, 2022

Maui County Council  
200 S. High St.  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

RE: **WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT BILL NO. 123**, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND - KE KULA 'O PI'ILANI, 'ĀO, MAUI, HAWAII'

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Kimokeo Foundation, a Maui non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we voice our strong support for Bill No. 123 to support funds which will enable Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani to purchase property in 'Āo Valley.

Founded in 2015, the mission of the Kimokeo Foundation is to preserve and perpetuate the Native Hawaiian culture, its traditions, practices and language, Maui's environment and community's health through educational programs which benefit the people of Hawai'i.

In 2019, we entered into a partnership with Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani to assist them with purchasing land so that their school's property would be secured. We did so because we understood that they were under an annual lease with the Hawai'i Nature Center and that this jeopardized their school every 10 – 12 months. We supported them financially with assistance with their monthly rent, education materials and projects and also upgrades to the property to ensure that it was a safe place to be. We held an aggressive campaign to raise the funds to purchase the property in Wailuku but unfortunately, it was sold before we could raise the full amount.

We do not want to see this happen again. Knowing that the land is up for sale directly threatens the school and more importantly, the potential that the students who attend the school can have if they have a secured school environment.

Please join us in supporting Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani and pass Bill 123 so that they can have a secured location where the next generation of native speakers can thrive.

Mahalo nui,

  
Joylynn Paman  
Executive Director

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2022 Board of Directors: President Kimokeo Kapahulehua, Vice President Nāpua Aloy, Treasurer Michael Phillips  
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**From:** Anna Eckart-Dodd <pohuboy@gmail.com>  
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Aloha Council Members,

I am writing in support of Bill No. 123 which will authorize funds for the acquisition of TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 in Iao Valley on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

I attended medical school at John A. Burns School of Medicine and did residency at the University of Hawaii. Following training, I worked for several years at Kapiolani Medical Center and The Queen's Medical Center. I have dedicated myself to the Queen's mission of caring for the people of Hawai'i. I currently serve as a physician at Maui Memorial. Viewed from that lens, I recognize the important role Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani plays in the health of our community. The educational programs provided by the school strengthen cross-generational, community, and familial relationships. These connections are protective of mental health and well being.

In addition, Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani was a pillar of support for the community during the pandemic. During the early days of COVID-19, the school partnered with Kaiser Permanente to host COVID-19 vaccine clinics. These clinics provided early access to vaccines for hundreds of high-risk members of the Maui community. Additionally, the school addressed the economic hardships by providing food boxes for several families.

The county acquisition of the land in Iao will provide a stable home for Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. This stability will help ensure that the school will continue its' good work in perpetuity.

As a Board Member, a parent, a community member, and a physician, I wholeheartedly support this bill. I am grateful to the County Council for their support.

Anna Eckart-Dodd, MD

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**From:** Ellenn K. Raiser <ekraiser@hawaii.rr.com>  
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Aloha Kakou, Members of Maui County Council

My name is Ellen Kahanu Raiser. I have been a resident of Maui for 40 years. I worked as an RN in the OR at Maui Memorial Medical Center until my retirement in 2009.

As a kupuna, I lived in an era in which being Hawaiian wasn't encouraged. We heard the Hawaiian language spoken in hushed tone, behind closed doors and never ever in public. My use of the language was limited to the hymns and songs that we sang. We were encouraged to be "American". I looked Hawaiian but didn't feel like one.

After my retirement, I became a member of Na Hanona Kulike O Pi'ilani. Under the guidance of Na Kumu Kaponoa'i Molitau and Sissy Lake Farm, I found my Hawaiian identity buried under the label of RN. I was able to expand on my knowledge of my Hawaiian culture, traditions and values. I want better for the keiki of today.

It was through this halau that I became a strong supporter of Ke Kula O Pi'ilani. I was impressed with their curriculum, the immersion of Hawaiian in all activities and the use of Hawaiian core values in their interaction with one another. Most important is the need for a healthy, nurturing and secure environment for learning. The present location for Ke Kula O Pi'ilani is a perfect place. In the calmness of lao, their minds can focus on the task of learning about themselves, their culture and the world around them. They will be stewards of the aina, be a continued Hawaiian presence in the valley, to malama aina and care for the land and to have a strong identity about being Hawaiian.

I support Bill No 123 because it will provide a permanent home for Ke Kula O Pi'ilani. The purchase of this property will offer security to the staff, students and parents. It will relieve the fear of worrying whether or not they will have a place to study each school year. I believe that our community will benefit from the education the keiki receive from Ke Kula O Pi'ilani.

Mahalo to the county council members for considering this bill and its effect on the Maui community.

Ellen Kahanu Raiser

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Aloha mai kākou,

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My name is Kapua Chang and I am writing testimony in support of Bill No. 123, which would allow the Maui County Council to authorize \$1,500,000.00 for the aquisition of the land, buildings and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. 3-3-003-008 locatd at 875 'Iao Valley Rd. Wailuku, HI from the Hawaii Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.

I am the former Manager of the Hawaii Nature Center ['Iao site] and spent 11 years working for the organization. I no longer work for HNC, but am still an active volunteer and supporter of both HNC and Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.

I grew up in the small town of Mā'ili, located in the moku of Wai'anae on O'ahu. I moved to Maui in 2009 and began working at the Hawaii Nature Center in 2010. Although my work for HNC introduced me to 'Iao, my aloha for that wahi has grown immensely and it has become my 'ohana's favorite and most cherished place. We have raised our three keiki in that kahawai (stream) and spent years learning about the hisotry and significance of that area.

The stewardship of that space deserves an entity that is intrinsically connected to our kūpuna, our keiki and our community. I cannot think of a better option than Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani.

I truly hope you will vote in support of Bill No. 123 and further the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture, tradition and knowledge in that space.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Me ke aloha,

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Chaylise K. Chang

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To whom it may concern,

Aloha mai kakou,

I am writing in support of "Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani" becoming the stewards of the property above Kepaniwai park which has been managed formerly by Hawai'i Nature Center.

I was the former HNC programs manager and caretaker of that facility from 2007-2010 and am very pleased with the marked improvements and upkeep of the property under the current stewardship of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. The historic legacy of the area is well served by their learning community and they have the presence and resources to maintain the constant needs of the facilities. Furthermore, their ties with Hawaiian cultural learning provides the needed understanding of the kuleana of taking care of such sacred lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

John "Jay" Franey

326 Pukalani St.

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Jay Franey, adventure specialist

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TESTIMONY ON COUNTY BILL 110, CD1 (2022),  
HOMES OF UNMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO DIED WHILE ON  
DUTY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO  
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAUI

BY

RONALD P. HAN JR.  
DIRECTOR, STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

AUGUST 3, 2022

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Members of the County Council of Maui.

I am Ron Han, Director, State Office of Veterans Services (OVS) and I am providing written testimony in **OPPOSITION** of Bill 110, CD1 (2022).

First and foremost, I appreciate the County Council of Maui for exploring initiatives that can help to support our totally disabled Veterans and unmarried surviving spouses of Veterans who died while on duty as this measure attempts to accomplish.

However, the Office of Council Services has provided an analysis that Under Bill 110, CD1 (2022), eligible totally disabled Veterans would see their real property tax raised from \$150 to \$175, 50 percent of the \$350 minimum real property tax set by in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget by Ordinance 5392. This increase of \$25 would be a 16.67 percent increase. Severely disabled veterans would for the first time be eligible for lower real property tax under Section 3.48.575.

Many of our totally disabled Veterans and surviving spouses of Veterans who died while on duty are on fixed incomes and any increase that is above the current statute may affect them adversely, especially while living in one of the highest costs of living areas in the Nation.

Therefore, I recommend that the former \$150 cap on property tax be reinstated in the draft bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of our Veterans and their loved ones.

Director Ron Han; [ronald.p.han@hawaii.gov](mailto:ronald.p.han@hawaii.gov) , (808) 433-0422

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Aloha Mai Kakou Maui County Council,

We are Ivan & Maria'Dalena Akau of Kahului , Maui. We are of Hawaiian ancestry and everyday is a learning day of our culture , language and traditions. We have 3 grandchildren that have and will attend this school year 2022-2023 at Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani a non-profit Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school.

We are in awe of how well our grandchildren have learned their culture Hawaiian language so quickly in a matter of months and come home and teaches us the adults on how to speak our language that was not so easily assessable to us growing up. It is a beautiful thing to see the students learn both indoors curriculum in Olelo Hawaii , language ,math, color, science , art etc. .. and outdoors one on one with the aina the land, learning how to plant and harvest sustainable food to carry into their/our future of sustainability and more...

The students also learn Aloha which is kindness, compassion etc.. Kuleana which is responsibility , care and concern , 'imi 'ike commitment to lifelong seeking awareness , understanding ,knowledge and wisdom.

We as grandparents( open to others too) are also invited to participate in cultural work shops and learning of our Hawaiian language too. We are very honored to be a part of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani Ohana.

We are firm supporters of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani and the education they provide to our students and families. The property that is currently owned by the Hawaii Nature Center would be an awesome property to be owned by Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani , they would be now and into the future committed stewards of both the area and land, in the sense of the history the whole area has and a place that families are welcomed to learn a life time of commitment to the Hawaiian culture. As well as having a place to provide or expand on to more grade levels in the future.

We appreciate this opportunity to speak on behalf of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani and we thank you Maui County Council for your support and aloha.

Sincerely,  
Ivan and Maria'Dalena Akau

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Aloha kākou to the County Council of Maui, gathered here today to consider this amendment for Fiscal Year 2023 County of Maui Budget.

I appreciate this opportunity to support your work as Council in determining the importance of our children's education and cultural enrichment upon the future of our island.

My name is Gloria Marlowe, a resident on Maui for the past fifty years, currently living in upcountry Kula. In the past twenty-two years, I have made a personal commitment to support and perpetuate the Hawaiian Culture through my studies of 'ōlelo Hawai'i, the hana no'eau traditional crafts, through the study and performance of traditional hula, oli and mele, and the performance of Hawaiian music in an 'ukulele band for many years. Through the past twelve years, I have been a member of Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike O Pi'ilani, under the direction of Kumu Kapono'ai Molitau. As a hālau haumana, I have spent time at the facilities of Ke Kula O Pi'ilani in practice and preparation for cultural events, sometimes including members of the staff, as well as students of KKOP who are also students in our Hālau Nā Hanona. The setting at 'Iao is conducive to Native Hawaiian ceremony, knowledge-seeking and nature itself.

I feel deeply the importance of our island keiki starting early in the education and participation of their culture. And I am proud of the way that

Ke Kula O Pi'ilani has been a brilliant expression of that commitment in the years that they have been located in the 'Iao Valley at the wonderful facilities of the former Hawai'i Nature Center, and previously, the 'Iao Lodge. That commitment to the curricula also reflects the guiding principles of aloha and aloha 'āina, good citizenship and building of healthy relationships with one another, with family, and with the community.

This is a request for your consideration to authorize the revolving funds allocated for arts and culture to purchase their existing campus site from the Hawai'i Nature Center and transfer the stewardship to Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. With either ownership thereof or a long-term lease of 50-plus years. This would secure continuity and longevity for the school's program in 'Īao. I believe they are ready to be the stewards of this sacred and special place and that would influence the younger generations to also have a deep relationship with this land.

Please consider the importance of letting Ke Kula O Pi'ilani be assured a continued and permanent home in 'Īao and a continued native Hawaiian presence in the valley as an 'āina base for the benefit of our community.

Thank you for your time and your important service to the life of our island,

Warm aloha,  
Gloria Marlowe

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Aloha Kakou,

It has come to my attention that the Maui County Council will be meeting this Friday to authorize the purchase and acquisition of the former ʻĪao Lodge at Māniania, mauka of Kepaniwai Park, from its current owners on behalf of the community, specifically to provide a home for Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

"BILL NO. 123, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/ SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND". Through this bill, the Budget Director of the Mayor's Office has asked the Maui County Council to authorize up to \$1,500,000.00 for acquisition of the land, buildings, and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 located at 875 ʻĪao Valley Road, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaiʻi from the Hawaiʻi Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

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I come from a long line of kalo famers. Our loʻi kalo (taro patch) is located on the foothills of Mauna Kahalawai. This Kuleana land has been in our ʻohana for over a century. And we still practice our Hawaiian culture in other areas as growing indigenous plants for healing and food, etc. One day, this ʻāina will belong to the next generation of Kanaka Maoli.

I strongly support the passage of this bill. In the long term it will benefit our community by helping to perpetuate Hawaiʻi's Language and culture. Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani has a proven track record of helping these children to grow in their language skills and they are immersed in the culture, history and traditions of the Hawaiian people.

Please consider passing Bill No. 123 in favor of Ke Kula ʻo Piʻilani.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Evelyn (Haleakala) Brito

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Shelley Caparso  
P. O. Box 330977  
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August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To the distinguished members of the Maui County Council,

Aloha, my name is Shelley Caparso and I'm writing to you in support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani that they may keep their presence at Iao Valley and continue to thrive in a place surrounded by our culture. I was born and raised here on Maui and raising my children here as well. Being a part of Hālau Hula Kauluokalā and having been dancing hula my entire life, I have a deep connection with our culture and I know the importance of preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture and language.

This is what Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani is doing for our keiki and why this bill is so important.

Mahalo Nui,  
Shelley Caparso  
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Warm aloha,  
Gloria Marlowe

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Aloha Kakou,

This is a written testimony to the Maui County Council in support of Letter of Support Written Testimony for Land Acquisition BILL NO. 123

I am a mother, educator, and the spouse of a farmer. I was born and raised on the island of Maui, although both of my parents are originally from the East Coast and from European and Jewish Diaspora origins. In recent years I've had the great fortune to be part of the Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani 'ohana. My child is still too young to take classes there, but myself and my husband, who works at a kalo farm affiliated with the school, were invited to take 'olelo classes as well as build a papa ku'i 'ai with the families of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

As someone who is from Hawai'i but not ancestrally from Hawai'i nor Hawaiian, I particularly appreciate the inclusiveness of all types of ancestry that I've found at Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. From my interactions with this program, I have found more ways to contribute to my homeland. They graciously have given me and others a way to feel belonging and understand the kuleana that comes with living here.

Growing up on Maui, I thought I wanted to leave and be a part of the mainstream big cities I saw in the movies. When I did eventually have the opportunity to leave and live outside of Hawai'i, by leaving, I learned how important Maui is. Maui truly is unlike any other place. I believe this richness comes from the Hawaiian culture, aloha culture, and the 'āina of these islands. I've come back to Maui to serve my community and to raise my children. I think programs like Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani create young citizens ready to serve our islands and the world. I believe the Hawaiian cultural elements of their programs offer the types of perspectives and skills that we all need to live in harmony with one another and our one precious planet.

I am in firm support of the Maui County Council authorizing up to \$1,500,00.00 for the acquisition of the land, buildings, and structures associated with TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-006 and TMK No. (2) 3-3-003-008 located at 875 'Īao Valley Road, Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i from the Hawai'i Nature Center on behalf of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani

I firmly support this program having a continued presence in 'Īao Valley. In my opinion, the Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani 'ohana graciously upholds, strengthens and teaches Hawaiian language, culture, and perspective while being inclusive and perpetuating aloha to all. The cultural and academic programs of this school are a blessing to our island. Please consider giving them this chance

Mahalo piha

~ Rebecca McLean

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**From:** "A Nāpua B (napuamaui)" <waiheelimurestoration@gmail.com>  
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Aloha kākou Council

Submitting this Testimony in support of Ke Kula O Piilani, an independent immersion language program school at Iao Valley Worthy of County's Interest as to the land as stewards of land in Iao Valley.

A descendant of the Mahihelelima of Iao Valley, support Ke Kula O Piilani and Maui County in moving to purchase the land upon which The Nature Conservancy sit upon. This is the most appropriate step in acknowledging Ke Kula o Piilani to be stewards of a significant site Historically well known in the History of Hawai'i and highly regarded and respected by the Hawaiian people. This strategic move to honor the generations of Kūpuna not only from the area but throughout Hawai'i nei and beyond due to its rich history. As well as very dear to home to my 'ohana family.

I am a native Hawaiian, an educator in Hawaiian Study Kūpuna Component in the Department of Education DOE, a practitioner restoring Hawai'i's native *limu* aglae, a genealogist, a grandmother, a mother, a wife and a registered voter.

I humbly impress upon you to FUND - KE KULA 'O PI'ILANI 'ohana and their efforts. Approve acquisition of the land and Kuleana for the school and site.

Alyson N Barrows

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Aloha Maui County Council,

Thank you for taking a moment to read through my letter of support for Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. My name is Denby Freeland, I am an educator and cultural practitioner on Maui. My native Hawaiian heritage is rooted in West Maui through both of my parents. I have worked outdoors with students for over 20 years. Including many years as an Environmental Educator and Maui Program Manager at Hawai'i Nature Center, 'Iao Valley. I left Hawai'i Nature Center over 12 years ago and currently work for Hawai'i Land Trust. I occasionally have the pleasure of working with the staff and families from Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani.

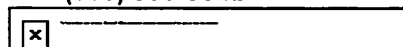
I am very familiar with the property at 875 'Iao Valley Road. It has been extremely disheartening over the years to witness the steady decline of the site. The lack of educational programs offered by Hawai'i Nature Center and the deterioration of the buildings and the 'āina has been incredibly sad to see. The one glimmer of hope I have when I go to 'Iao is knowing that there is already a group of people on Hawai'i Nature Center property that are wanting to nurture the area. Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani and their community have the potential to care for the land while also using it as a resource for their education programs. Please allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani to acquire this kuleana.

I once was a part of an operation that educated children daily while taking pride and honor in being located in a special place in 'Iao. I would love to see some excitement, energy and responsibility again in 'Iao. Therefore, I fully support Bill no. 123, Special Purpose Revenues, for Fiscal Year 2023, Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund – Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, 'Iao, Maui, Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Denby Freeland

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Aloha Mai,

O wai inoa e William E Garcia Jr. of Wailuku. I am writing, as a practitioner of Hawaiian Protocol, in support of the above bill as it pertains to Ke Kula O Pi'ilani. I have known the director of Ke Kula for several years, and she has proven to be a result oriented individual who places the education of her students first. There can be no better surrounding than the present location the Ke Kula O Pi'ilani and the ever present sound of the waters of Kane in the background. Mahalo

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Dear Members of the Maui County Council:

Please accept this letter on behalf and in full support of Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani, a non-profit, independent Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school, presently utilizing 'Iao Lodge at Māniana, mauka of Kepaniwai Park to host its school operations. I understand that considerations are being made to purchase the former 'Iao Lodge at Māniana to ensure a permanent home for Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani. Know that I am in full support.

I had the pleasure of visiting Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani in February 2021 as a representative of the Hawai'i Council of Private Schools. In conducting our Annual Licensing Visit, I found the shared space between Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani and the Hawaii Nature Center facilitates a unique learning experience for the children and the community. Moreover, alignment with the school's mission and vision aligns well under this extraordinary partnership as they permeate all facets of the school program.

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani is a small school, eager to build upon its early successes and strong philosophical and foundational beliefs. With rapid change and adjustment necessary with anything in its infancy, it appears to have a strong sense of what it needs to do and how it can best and most successfully get there. The purpose and intention of Ke Kula O Pi'ilani is undeniable, emanating with great clarity and enthusiasm. Action by the Maui County Council to ensure that Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani remains at 'Iao Lodge at Māniana will ensure its ability to maintain its momentum and to continue its valuable work for its school and the broader Maui Community.

Should you have questions or feel that additional information could be helpful, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric L Dustman".

Eric L Dustman, PhD  
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**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM C.S. PARK ON Bill 110, CD1**

I am a retired Army veteran considered disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. I have served two terms on the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs. I also served as the Veterans Program Director for the Native Hawaiian Health Systems.

I am submitting testimony on Bill 110, CD1 as an individual. I do not support this Bill in its current form. The proposed Bill would change the current benefits for our veterans in a way that makes it more difficult financially for our disabled veterans, even though adding a greater number of veterans and the unmarried spouses.

Aloha,  
William C.S.Park  
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Aloha Maui County Council,

I would like to thank the council for conducting this hearing related to the acquisition of property in Iao Valley. My name is Ivy Lou Hibbitt and I am so very fortunate to have moved to Maui five years ago after my son Keanu was born. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner operating my own primary care clinic in Maui Lani. I was educated on Oahu and my husband is from Kauai which has given us an understanding of how difficult it is to find a school as unique and special as Ke Kula O Piilani.

Neither my husband nor myself are Native Hawaiian but we strongly feel that education in Hawaiian culture and language provides an alternative worldview to our traditional schools and we have enrolled our son in Ke Kula O Piilani in order to give him this. The location of Ke Kula O Piilani is of the utmost importance to the success of the school. We feel the mana there. We respect it and we urge the council to preserve it by passing this measure.

Mahalo,  
Ivy Lou Hibbitt, APRN  
Maui Family Medicine

**From:** Amy Stephens

**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:10 PM

**To:** County Clerk

**Subject:** Support CR22-73, Investigate the Formal Investigation of the Planning Department

Aloha County Council,

I support CR22-73, Tamara Paltin's Committee to launch a Formal Investigation of Planning and Public Works' approvals of Greg Brown's Napili Monster "Hotel". The Planning Department has evaded responsibility for this decision that even Michele McLean admitted was a mistake. The people of Napili and Maui County deserve answers and transparency as to how this plan was approved.

Please approve launching a formal investigation.

Mahalo for your time and doing the right thing,

Amy Stephens

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Aloha e Maui County Council Members,

My name is Margaret Haleloke Garcia Dalzell. I have been a part of the community of Maui all my life. My father's family is deeply rooted in Wailuku. And, I have chosen to make Maui a place to raise my daughter and to share the culture, history, language and aloha that is unique to Maui.

I am a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Kahekili - Na Wahine Hui O Kamehameha Kahekili Helu Eha. I am also haumana of Na Hanona Kulike 'o Pi'ilani.

I am writing to provide testimony in support of Bill No. 123. It will allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani the opportunity to be stewards of the land they are now on and continue the education of our keiki in a very special way.

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani is unique in that the platform of how these keiki are taught is mindful and focused, teaching the values and practices of our culture to care for the aina.

The students learn at an early age to be stewards, care takers of the land they live and learn on. This awareness allows them to become more aware, in a deeper way, building a relationship unique to the special area that surrounds them. "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono"

Please allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani continue their presence as stewards, through Bill 123. And, allow them to continue to offer lessons that go farther than just the borders of a classroom. Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani shares the essence of 'ike kupuna, traditional wisdom. They have been a respectful presence in Iao Valley and act as thoughtful stewards for the land they are on.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Haleloke Garcia Dalzell

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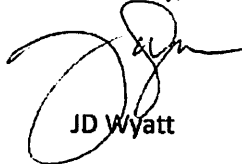
Aloha,

I'm writing this letter in support of Ke Kula O Pi'ilani and their purchase and acquisition of the former Iao Lodge and Hawaii Nature Center. I'm grateful to be heard by the council, and appreciate all the work you do for our community.

As the former Director of Operations for the Hawaii Nature Center Iao Valley from 2002 to 2010, I was fortunate to be a part of the stewardship of the site through our environmental education programs. At our highpoint, we were serving over 5,000 children grades K-5 in Iao Valley, as well as providing hikes, cultural programs and other activities for the community. Unfortunately, the programs we ran were shut down in 2010 based upon a decision from the HNC Board of Directors on Oahu. For several years after the site fell in to disrepair, and the connection to the aina was lost. However, the site came quickly back to life when Ke Kula O Pi'ilani began operating their Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school. I was overjoyed to know the appropriate organization and use was now in Iao.

I can't think of a better organization to take on the stewardship of this sacred place, and hope you will support the acquisition.

Sincerely,



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Aloha mai kākou to the Maui County Council. Mahalo nui for your dedication in making Maui a better place and prioritizing culturally rich education.

I writing with unwavering and unconditional support of Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani receiving full stewardship. ownership of their facility. The staff and community involved are undeniably dedicated to the fullest. I am a mother of a soon to be second grader that attends Ke Kula. We entered the school at the beginning of last year. Coming out of covid, homeschooling and an uncertain future. This was not the easiest financial jump, but after sending our daughter to one summer school session, we knew whole heartedly we wanted our daughter to be part of this community. The staff went over and beyond to guide and support us in clear and consistent ways. Little did we know that as parents, we would be welcomed with the same level of aloha and high expectation of dedication and involvement. From the very first day, we felt at ease knowing where our daughter was learning. We were welcomed with open arms and open hearts. Never have I experienced such authentic aloha and dedication to language, culture and the future generations.

I am a ASL interpreter in the education setting, and have worked in a variety of school settings. None were satisfactory to send my one and only daughter, until we found Ke Kula o` Pi'ilani. Hearing their story of humble beginnings, and witnessing the well rounded, kind and intelligent graduates, inspired us to look towards the future for our daughter at Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani. Through our time at the school I learned about, 'Īao, extensively, Māniana / Kepaniwai Park as a historic site. We learned a chant that in summary praised and honored the place and requested a shield of education as protection. We have received exactly that. This school uplifts the community, specifically the dedicated Hawaiians we have had the honor of knowing. I have never met a harder working more dedicated staff and community. They greet us daily with aloha and reassurance, each person from head of the school to office staff, to teachers that were not even my daughter's teacher, made efforts to communicate and meet our daughters individual needs. They come together on weekends, holidays, after school hours and before the sun rises to take care of the space, full of gratitude for their sacred spaces and their sacred responsibility they have to the children of their community and school grounds. My hope is that without a doubt, the council can see the need for this private Hawaiian Immersion school to be set center stage at one of the most sacred and historic locations in Maui, in perpetuity. The classrooms and space do need substantial updates and work. I am in 100 % support, that they receive all the funds and support they need to reach their fullest potential as a school.

I feel strongly that the children and parents of this community will thrive knowing they have a school to call "home". A place to feel safe, contribute to, feel united and a driving purpose. We gather as families to care for the grounds now, I can only imagine how much more effort and long term improvements will unfold as this community takes on the responsibility to care for the space their children learn and grow every day. I see the the longterm, permanent stewardship of the space to be in no better hands then the Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani. I stand behind them. I speak with my actions, by sending my child here with confidence that she is the best place possible to learn language and culture of the land she was born, as well as the foundational values of culture, compassion, connection to place and accountability. I saw my daughter thrive in this environment. Her language growth, her mathematics skills, her social skills, her hula and chanting, and most importantly her level of happiness was obvious this year. We are dedicated to keeping her in this community and I can only hope, that the staff of the school, the community, and the families feel they have a space to belong and that their vision grows to fruition.

Respectfully, Abigail Llewellyn

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Aloha e Maui County Council ,

Thank you for your time and consideration in authorizing the purchase of 'Tao Lodge at Māniana to provide a home for a wonderful school Ke Kula o Pi'ilani. We 'Ohana Kalawaia had the great privilege to have our daughter attend Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani school this past year in 2021-2022. We highly encourage all our friends and family to have their Keiki attend this school . The education they provide is much needed for the Keiki of Maui and I have witnessed the amazing outcome in my daughter over just one year attending this school in hands on activities , she is more outgoing and vocal , her strength, determination and focus boosted from the outdoor classroom environment and activities they provide . The Kumu (teachers) and assistants are so educated and multitalented which provide both an inspiring and educational space for the keiki to be all they can be and learn many valuable skills .

Mahalo nui for your time again

Aloha

'Ohana Kalawaia

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Welina ke aloha e ko Mauinui,

Eia no au 'o Kapono'ai Molitau ke kumu o ka hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike 'O Pī'ilani. 'O ka 'ōlelo makuahine ku'u 'ōlelo o ka 'āina o Hawai'i. He waiwai no ia no nā po'e āpau ma kahi kihi a kahi kihi a he mea nui no ke a'o 'ana i ka na'auao o ka 'ike o ko kākou honua.

Aloha, my name is Kapono'ai Molitau and I am Kumu Hula of Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike 'O Pī'ilani. My mother tongue is my language of Hawai'i. The richness of this language from border to border is important indeed to all and the vast enlightenment of our ancestral wisdom is found within the lands we learn from. As an educator in both public and private schools in Hawai'i for over 20 years I have seen the amazing growth of our students that have 'āina based educations and have been grounded in ancestral wisdoms, Hawaiian cultural values, and the use of their mother tongue in their own homeland. As a Kumu Hula for the past 29 years I have witnessed the growth of many of my students that have gone on to further their educations to come back and serve our communities of 21 century learners in both Public and Private Schools here on Maui.

Today, this Bill No. 123 has the opportunity to continue to help provide an amazing 'āina based educational School continue to educate the future learners and leaders of Mauinui. I have been involved with Ke Kula O Pī'ilani from its inception and have seen firsthand the amazing determination, will, and aloha that this school, staff, and leadership has shown to its haumāna and its 'ohana that it serves. I strongly encourage and support this bill for Ke Kula O Pī'ilani and their strong stewardship presence in 'Āao Valley.

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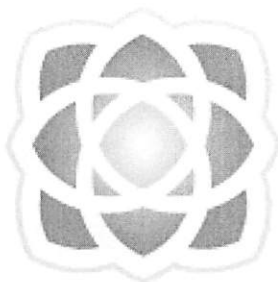
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In a time of change and an ever presence influx of overwhelming uncertainties in our world, it is amazing to see healthy stewardship of 'āina which we know as aloha 'āina and malama 'āina and the ever present sounds of our Keiki thriving in a space that allows them to see the world and learn through the lens of their kūpuna.

Mahalo palena 'ole iā 'oukou pākahi āpau no ka paepae mau i ka pono no nā keiki a me ka 'āina.

Aloha 'āina 'oia 'i'o,

Kapono'aikaulikeikeao Molitau  
Kahuna Nui o Pu'ukoholā Heiau  
Kumu Hula, Nā Hanona Kūlike 'O Pi'ilani  
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**CR 22-73 / Resolution 22-159**  
**Authorizing A Council Committee to Conduct A Formal Investigation of the**  
**Department of Planning and the Department of Public Works**  
**Friday, August 5, 2022**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and  
Members of the Maui County Council,

We believe it is important to have a fair and equitable permitting system with clear rules. As formal investigations are paid for by taxpayer dollars, we like to see a clear definition of the scope of work and a timeline to achieve the goal. We believe at this point, given the audit findings, that this is needed. We commend the Planning Department for acknowledging that mistakes were made in this instance and understand that mistakes happen, but we feel more needs to be done to close loopholes.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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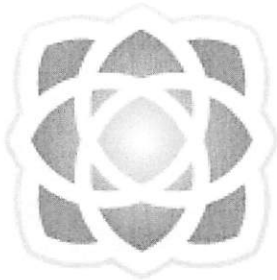
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**CR 22-71 / Bill 101**  
**Fencing for Axis Deer Management**  
**Friday, August 5, 2022**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and  
Members of the Maui County Council,

I sit on the Axis Deer Task Force on behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce and we support this measure to allow the building of fences up to 10ft to protect agricultural land from Axis Deer. Axis Deer are a significant challenge and fencing is critical to mitigate their damage.

While we generally hear 8ft as the required height to keep the deer out, we see in the Committee Report that there are other models that allow fencing up to 10ft, so we support the effort to increase the height without requiring a building permit in these circumstances.

We appreciate the work the Council is doing to help mitigate the Axis Deer issue with this bill, funding for farmers and ranchers and more.

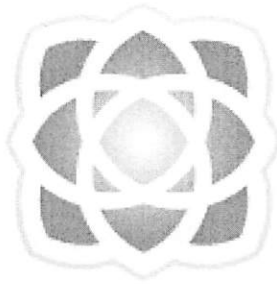
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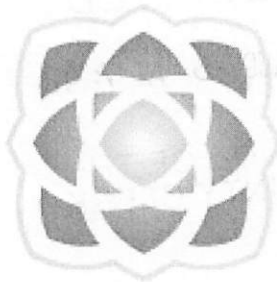
**Establishing a Pilot Project Allowing Houseless Persons to Temporarily Use  
Their Vehicles for the Purposes of Human Habitation on County Property  
Friday, August 5, 2022**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and  
Members of the Maui County Council,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports the intent and idea of this bill to allow homeless persons to park at a county owned property overnight. We are hearing from employers and social workers who are sharing stories of individuals and families who are living in their vehicles and finding places to park overnight, but oftentimes they are getting ticketed or are forced to move their cars several times throughout the night. Sometimes they cannot afford to pay the ticket, the fees build up, and they are then afraid to drive their vehicle to work or to take their children to school, causing tremendous stress.

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**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM C.S. PARK ON Bill 110, CD1**

I am a retired Army veteran considered disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. I have served two terms on the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs. I also served as the Veterans Program Director for the Native Hawaiian Health Systems.

I am submitting testimony on Bill 110, CD1 as an individual. I do not support this Bill in its current form. The proposed Bill would change the current benefits for our veterans in a way that makes it more difficult financially for our disabled veterans, even though adding a greater number of veterans and the unmarried spouses.

Aloha,  
William C.S.Park  
Retired Master Sergeant

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Aloha Maui County Council,

I would like to thank the council for conducting this hearing related to the acquisition of property in Iao Valley. My name is Ivy Lou Hibbitt and I am so very fortunate to have moved to Maui five years ago after my son Keanu was born. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner operating my own primary care clinic in Maui Lani. I was educated on Oahu and my husband is from Kauai which has given us an understanding of how difficult it is to find a school as unique and special as Ke Kula O Piilani.

Neither my husband nor myself are Native Hawaiian but we strongly feel that education in Hawaiian culture and language provides an alternative worldview to our traditional schools and we have enrolled our son in Ke Kula O Piilani in order to give him this. The location of Ke Kula O Piilani is of the utmost importance to the success of the school. We feel the mana there. We respect it and we urge the council to preserve it by passing this measure.

Mahalo,  
Ivy Lou Hibbitt, APRN  
Maui Family Medicine

**From:** Amy Stephens

**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:10 PM

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**Subject:** Support CR22-73, Investigate the Formal Investigation of the Planning Department

Aloha County Council,

I support CR22-73, Tamara Paltin's Committee to launch a Formal Investigation of Planning and Public Works' approvals of Greg Brown's Napili Monster "Hotel". The Planning Department has evaded responsibility for this decision that even Michele McLean admitted was a mistake. The people of Napili and Maui County deserve answers and transparency as to how this plan was approved.

Please approve launching a formal investigation.

Mahalo for your time and doing the right thing,

Amy Stephens

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Aloha e Maui County Council Members,

My name is Margaret Haleloke Garcia Dalzell. I have been a part of the community of Maui all my life. My father's family is deeply rooted in Wailuku. And, I have chosen to make Maui a place to raise my daughter and to share the culture, history, language and aloha that is unique to Maui.

I am a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Kahekili - Na Wahine Hui O Kamehameha Kahekili Helu Eha. I am also haumana of Na Hanona Kulike 'o Pi'ilani.

I am writing to provide testimony in support of Bill No. 123. It will allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani the opportunity to be stewards of the land they are now on and continue the education of our keiki in a very special way.

Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani is unique in that the platform of how these keiki are taught is mindful and focused, teaching the values and practices of our culture to care for the aina.

The students learn at an early age to be stewards, care takers of the land they live and learn on. This awareness allows them to become more aware, in a deeper way, building a relationship unique to the special area that surrounds them. "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono"

Please allow Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani continue their presence as stewards, through Bill 123. And, allow them to continue to offer lessons that go farther than just the borders of a classroom. Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani shares the essence of 'ike kupuna, traditional wisdom. They have been a respectful presence in Iao Valley and act as thoughtful stewards for the land they are on.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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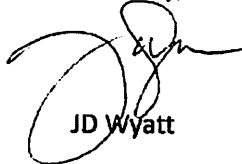
Aloha,

I'm writing this letter in support of Ke Kula O Pi'ilani and their purchase and acquisition of the former Iao Lodge and Hawaii Nature Center. I'm grateful to be heard by the council, and appreciate all the work you do for our community.

As the former Director of Operations for the Hawaii Nature Center Iao Valley from 2002 to 2010, I was fortunate to be a part of the stewardship of the site through our environmental education programs. At our highpoint, we were serving over 5,000 children grades K-5 in Iao Valley, as well as providing hikes, cultural programs and other activities for the community. Unfortunately, the programs we ran were shut down in 2010 based upon a decision from the HNC Board of Directors on Oahu. For several years after the site fell in to disrepair, and the connection to the aina was lost. However, the site came quickly back to life when Ke Kula O Pi'ilani began operating their Hawaiian culture and language immersion elementary school. I was overjoyed to know the appropriate organization and use was now in Iao.

I can't think of a better organization to take on the stewardship of this sacred place, and hope you will support the acquisition.

Sincerely,



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Aloha mai kākou to the Maui County Council. Mahalo nui for your dedication in making Maui a better place and prioritizing culturally rich education.

I writing with unwavering and unconditional support of Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani receiving full stewardship. ownership of their facility. The staff and community involved are undeniably dedicated to the fullest. I am a mother of a soon to be second grader that attends Ke Kula. We entered the school at the beginning of last year. Coming out of covid, homeschooling and an uncertain future. This was not the easiest financial jump, but after sending our daughter to one summer school session, we knew whole heartedly we wanted our daughter to be part of this community. The staff went over and beyond to guide and support us in clear and consistent ways. Little did we know that as parents, we would be welcomed with the same level of aloha and high expectation of dedication and involvement. From the very first day, we felt at ease knowing where our daughter was learning. We were welcomed with open arms and open hearts. Never have I experienced such authentic aloha and dedication to language, culture and the future generations.

I am a ASL interpreter in the education setting, and have worked in a variety of school settings. None were satisfactory to send my one and only daughter, until we found Ke Kula o` Pi'ilani. Hearing their story of humble beginnings, and witnessing the well rounded, kind and intelligent graduates, inspired us to look towards the future for our daughter at Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani. Through our time at the school I learned about, 'Iao, extensively, Māniana / Kepaniwai Park as a historic site. We learned a chant that in summary praised and honored the place and requested a shield of education as protection. We have received exactly that. This school uplifts the community, specifically the dedicated Hawaiians we have had the honor of knowing. I have never met a harder working more dedicated staff and community. They greet us daily with aloha and reassurance, each person from head of the school to office staff, to teachers that were not even my daughter's teacher, made efforts to communicate and meet our daughters individual needs. They come together on weekends, holidays, after school hours and before the sun rises to take care of the space, full of gratitude for their sacred spaces and their sacred responsibility they have to the children of their community and school grounds. My hope is that without a doubt, the council can see the need for this private Hawaiian Immersion school to be set center stage at one of the most sacred and historic locations in Maui, in perpetuity. The classrooms and space do need substantial updates and work. I am in 100 % support, that they receive all the funds and support they need to reach their fullest potential as a school.

I feel strongly that the children and parents of this community will thrive knowing they have a school to call "home". A place to feel safe, contribute to, feel united and a driving purpose. We gather as families to care for the grounds now, I can only imagine how much more effort and long term improvements will unfold as this community takes on the responsibility to care for the space their children learn and grow every day. I see the the longterm, permanent stewardship of the space to be in no better hands then the Ke Kula `o Pi'ilani. I stand behind them. I speak with my actions, by sending my child here with confidence that she is the best place possible to learn language and culture of the land she was born, as well as the foundational values of culture, compassion, connection to place and accountability. I saw my daughter thrive in this environment. Her language growth, her mathematics skills, her social skills, her hula and chanting, and most importantly her level of happiness was obvious this year. We are dedicated to keeping her in this community and I can only hope, that the staff of the school, the community, and the families feel they have a space to belong and that their vision grows to fruition.

Respectfully, Abigail Llewellyn



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Aloha e Maui County Council ,

Thank you for your time and consideration in authorizing the purchase of 'Tao Lodge at Māniana to provide a home for a wonderful school Ke Kula o Pi'ilani. We 'Ohana Kalawaia had the great privilege to have our daughter attend Ke Kula 'o Pi'ilani school this past year in 2021-2022. We highly encourage all our friends and family to have their Keiki attend this school . The education they provide is much needed for the Keiki of Maui and I have witnessed the amazing outcome in my daughter over just one year attending this school in hands on activities , she is more outgoing and vocal , her strength, determination and focus boosted from the outdoor classroom environment and activities they provide . The Kumu (teachers) and assistants are so educated and multitalented which provide both an inspiring and educational space for the keiki to be all they can be and learn many valuable skills .

Mahalo nui for your time again

Aloha

'Ohana Kalawaia

# KUMU KAPONO'AI MOLITAU

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Welina ke aloha e ko Mauiinui,

Eia no au 'o Kapono'ai Molitau ke kumu o ka hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike 'O Pī'ilani. 'O ka 'ōlelo makuahine ku'u 'ōlelo o ka 'āina o Hawai'i. He waiwai no ia no nā po'e āpau ma kahi kihi a kahi kihi a he mea nui no ke a'o 'ana i ka na'auao o ka 'ike o ko kākou honua.

Aloha, my name is Kapono'ai Molitau and I am Kumu Hula of Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike 'O Pī'ilani. My mother tongue is my language of Hawai'i. The richness of this language from border to border is important indeed to all and the vast enlightenment of our ancestral wisdom is found within the lands we learn from. As an educator in both public and private schools in Hawai'i for over 20 years I have seen the amazing growth of our students that have 'āina based educations and have been grounded in ancestral wisdoms, Hawaiian cultural values, and the use of their mother tongue in their own homeland. As a Kumu Hula for the past 29 years I have witnessed the growth of many of my students that have gone on to further their educations to come back and serve our communities of 21 century learners in both Public and Private Schools here on Maui.

Today, this Bill No. 123 has the opportunity to continue to help provide an amazing 'āina based educational School continue to educate the future learners and leaders of Mauiinui. I have been involved with Ke Kula O Pī'ilani from its inception and have seen firsthand the amazing determination, will, and aloha that this school, staff, and leadership has shown to its haumāna and its 'ohana that it serves. I strongly encourage and support this bill for Ke Kula O Pī'ilani and their strong stewardship presence in 'Āao Valley.

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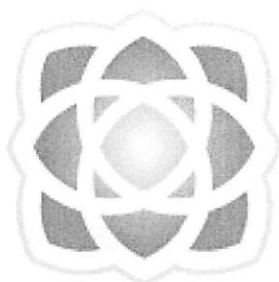
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In a time of change and an ever presence influx of overwhelming uncertainties in our world, it is amazing to see healthy stewardship of 'āina which we know as aloha 'āina and malama 'āina and the ever present sounds of our Keiki thriving in a space that allows them to see the world and learn through the lens of their kūpuna.

Mahalo palena 'ole iā 'oukou pākahi āpau no ka paepae mau i ka pono no nā keiki a me ka 'āina.

Aloha 'āina 'oia 'i'o,

Kapono'aikaulikeikeao Molitau  
Kahuna Nui o Pu'ukoholā Heiau  
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**Authorizing A Council Committee to Conduct A Formal Investigation of the**  
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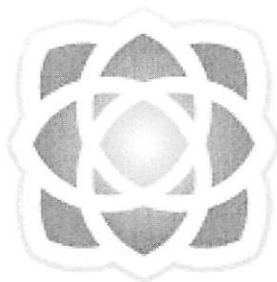
We believe it is important to have a fair and equitable permitting system with clear rules. As formal investigations are paid for by taxpayer dollars, we like to see a clear definition of the scope of work and a timeline to achieve the goal. We believe at this point, given the audit findings, that this is needed. We commend the Planning Department for acknowledging that mistakes were made in this instance and understand that mistakes happen, but we feel more needs to be done to close loopholes.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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**Fencing for Axis Deer Management**  
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Dear Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and  
Members of the Maui County Council,

I sit on the Axis Deer Task Force on behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce and we support this measure to allow the building of fences up to 10ft to protect agricultural land from Axis Deer. Axis Deer are a significant challenge and fencing is critical to mitigate their damage.

While we generally hear 8ft as the required height to keep the deer out, we see in the Committee Report that there are other models that allow fencing up to 10ft, so we support the effort to increase the height without requiring a building permit in these circumstances.

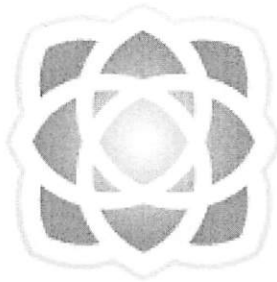
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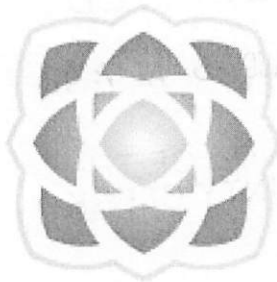
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Aloha Chair Lee and Council Members,

I support opening up a formal investigation into the Napili construction project of Greg Brown.

I believe this investigation will expose multiple instances of fraud by Greg Brown Development, abuses of authority by Department Directors, and even payoffs to Plan Examiners that allowed Greg Brown to get an SMA Permit Exemption that he never qualified for.

Brown's project is unfortunately typical of how a small group of corrupt developers, licensed professionals and complicit County officials abuse the multiple loopholes that for decades have allowed the exploitation of Maui's land development process, violating our community's rights, draining our tax dollars, and destroying our precious coastal environment.

I support Council Member Paltin's bold act as the Administration including and especially Corporation Council, will surely attempt to silence this investigation into their role in these wrongdoings.

I strongly support the Council to hold accountable the individual bad actors as an example to others, and to use what is learned in this investigation to adopt simple legislative fixes that we have proposed to close the loopholes and stop this abuse once and for all.

I support the removal of the building as well.

Mahalo,  
Barbara Barry  
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I am in support of CR22-73.

Tamara Paltin's Committee should immediately proceed to launch a formal investigation of Planning and Public Works' approvals of Greg Brown's structure in Napili.

The Napili Bay Civic Improvement District was written to protect this treasured place for our mo'opuna and generations beyond.

Mahalo for helping us to make this right.

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Aloha,

i am submitting STRONG SUPPORT for Tamara Paltin Committee to launch formal investigation of approvals of Greg Brown's Napili structure.

Mahalo,  
Mary Drayer  
557 Imi Dr  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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Renee S. Bayes  
Napili Resident

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I support Tamara Paltin to investigate this hotel in napili being built by some foreigner.

Mahalo Hau'oli Thielk  
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Hello....

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Thank you,  
Erin Drayer  
37 Maha Road  
Makawao, HI 96768

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**To:** fryrchr@aol.com  
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### First

Both the Mayor and the Planning Director, who's signatures are on this official document submitted in testimony, are named to Defendant to a lawsuit.

Corporation Counsel Director Lutey, is subject to a Board of Ethics complaint, is copied on the document. One would assume Corporation Counsel is defending these official conclusions by the Director, which were not submitted for public review with the agenda. Sunshine law violations may now come into play. These actors must be silenced from this day forward unless they are sworn under oath.

### Second

The Planning Director created the "power point" document as a public official, not a private citizen. She clearly did so at the direction or in consultation with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel. She acknowledges that she was not asked for her review or opinions any longer, yet she insists on trying to sell her position which completely conflict with her prior representations to this body. She admitted she would not have issued the initial SMA Permit exemption. She admits the community was correct. Unfortunately, the harm she has caused in her after the fact admissions are widespread.

This Council needs to recognize a complete report on this violations was submitted to the Mayor, Chief of Staff, Corporation Counsel, and the Planning Director by a staff member of the office of the Mayor. The report was in response to letters to the Mayor and Planning Director by the President of the Napili Bay Foundation, Pat Linquist in early 2021. No response by employers of alleged violations or ordinance is a violation of State employment laws. How would your staff respond if they submitted a report to the Administration and no response was provided?

This process will insure that type of selective enforcement and unethical conduct by the administration and corporation counsel does not continue.

### Third

To a certain degree, we thank Director Mclean from submitting her personal conclusions. They lay the foundation for the investigation to prove how dishonest and deceptive her conflicted personal conclusions are.

Fourth

This Council must establish by rule that the Administration must sit on the sidelines unless they are asked to play.

Respectfully;

Christopher Salem

On Friday, August 5, 2022 at 06:08:44 AM HST, fryrchr@aol.com <fryrchr@aol.com> wrote:

Please respond, in writing, as concisely as possible to the most important discrepancies by Mclean in her answers which mislead the County.



MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
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MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP  
Director  
JORDAN E. HART  
Deputy Director



**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**  
COUNTY OF MAUI  
ONE MAIN PLAZA  
2200 MAIN STREET, SUITE 315  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

May 23, 2022

Honorable Michael Victorino  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

*[Signature]* 5/24/22  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Government Relations, Ethics and Transparency Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina,

**SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION ON LOWER HONOAPIILANI ROAD (NAPILI)  
(GREAT-36)**

In response to your May 18, 2022 letter relating to inquiries received from the public about the home being constructed at 5385 Lower Honoapiilani Road (TMK 4-3-002: 057), please consider the following:

1. The Planning Department (Department) did not take setback measurements at any site visit.
2. When conducting Special Management Area (SMA) review, the Department considers tsunami inundation zones or coastal high hazard areas (flood zones V and VE), which are regulated under Chapter 19.62, Maui County Code (MCC).
3. Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 5233, MCC Section 19.60.030 does not allow a 45-foot tall structure in the Napili Bay Civic Improvement District (NBCID), where building heights are limited to two stories and 30 feet in height. MCC Section 19.14.050 allows a 45-foot tall structure in the HM Hotel District, which provides a maximum building height of 90 feet, and the H-2 Hotel District and the Hotel District, which provide a maximum building height of 100 feet, but not in the H-1 Hotel District, which limits building heights to 35 feet.

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4. The Department did not see a basis to question the valuation provided on the after-the-fact SMA assessment application for the wall, as the application was submitted by a licensed contractor, and did not consult with the Department of Public Works. (The Department requested the documents that were quoted and referenced in this question but we did not receive them; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

5. The referenced building permit is for the home (\$2,000,000 valuation) and the referenced SMA assessment application is for the wall (\$15,000 valuation). The valuation of a project is relevant when the project is a “development” and is not exempt from having to obtain a SMA permit.

When reviewing a SMA assessment application, the Department applies the definitions from Section 205A-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to determine whether the proposed action is a development. If the proposed action is a development, then the valuation determines whether a SMA minor permit or use (major) permit is required. If the proposed action is not a development, then a SMA exemption can be issued, and valuation is not relevant.

(The Department requested the documents that were referenced in this question but we did not receive them; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

6. The Department is not aware that the term “media room” is defined in MCC.

7. a. No, the Department did not order a tool to measure building elevations. After discussions among our enforcement personnel and building inspectors, it was determined that the devices that are accurate to the degree needed are those used by licensed surveyors and engineering professionals, and are quite technical and sophisticated.

b. Yes, the pad height was measured and documented by a licensed surveyor that we hired to perform this task.

c. An after-the-fact SMA minor permit was issued for the wall after reviewing the SMA assessment and applicable criteria.

d. The Department is not aware of the wall having a particular classification.

(The Department requested the document that was quoted in this question but we did not receive it; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

8. The violation was that the wall was constructed without first undergoing SMA review. (The Department requested the document that was referenced and quoted in this question but we did not receive it; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor  
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9. The Department imposes a standard \$1,000 fee for all after-the-fact applications and does not impose an additional fee based on project valuation. (The Department requested the document that was referenced in this question but we did not receive it; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

10. The Senior Land Use and Building Plans Examiner is a working supervisor who reviews building permits like all of the other employees in the Department's plans review section. This building permit was not "elevated" to her review; it was assigned to her like hundreds of others are each year. (The Department requested the document that was quoted in this question but we did not receive it; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

11. The Department has never acknowledged or approved any transient vacation rental use on the property. (The Department requested the document that was quoted in this question but we did not receive it; however, we believe this response is accurate.)

12. Short-term rental home regulations were not considered as part of the Department's review of the permits for this project because the Department has always maintained that the structure would be used for long-term occupancy or as a second home, and that short-term rental use would not be allowed.

13. As noted in the response to question no. 5, when reviewing a SMA assessment application, the Department applies the definitions from HRS Section 205A-22 to determine whether the proposed action is a development. If the proposed action is a development, then the valuation determines whether a SMA minor permit or use (major) permit is required. If the proposed action is not a development, then a SMA exemption can be issued, and valuation is not relevant.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, .



MICHELE MCLEAN, AICP  
Planning Director

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Jordan Molina, Director of Public Works  
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Aloha Councilmembers,

Although I am always veteran-centric, I am OPPOSED to proposed Bill 110. It is disadvantageous to the veterans and I see it costing veterans more in the long run. It is understandable to provide property tax relief to the 100% ers. I would prefer a benefit that would serve all veterans like no vehicle registration fee first vehicle.

Cummins K. Mahoe III

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha e Maui County Council,

My name is Keala Kaopuiki-Santos. As a lifelong citizen of Maui County and an employee of Kamehameha Schools Community Programming for over 13 years, I am writing to voice my support for Maui County's acquisition of the Hawai'i Nature Center (former 'Īao Lodge) at Māniana and for Ke Kula o Pi'ilani to continue to operate out of and steward the existing site.

Through my work with the Kamehameha Schools Ho'olauna Programs, I had the pleasure of hosting students at the Hawai'i Nature Center site for 7 summers. It was amazing to experience the beauty of that 'āina on a daily basis and to connect students with the cultural, historical, and environmental significance of the site and surrounding area. I believe that many future community leaders were cultivated through that program and their ability to participate in hands-on learning in 'Īao. The same is true for the students of Ke Kula o Pi'ilani to this day.

Six years ago, we began to partner with Ke Kula o Pi'ilani out of interest in supporting their innovative approach towards Hawaiian Language and cultural education. Over the past 6 years, we have seen Ke Kula o Pi'ilani's program flourish, and we have witnessed new life return to the 'Īao site. It is beautiful to hear 'ōlelo Hawai'i, oli, and mele at Māniana on a daily basis. The students and 'ohana of Ke Kula o Pi'ilani are blessed with the opportunity to learn in a non-traditional school environment where they can kilo (observe) the power of nature firsthand and learn Hawaiian arts such as kapa-making, farming and carving in a place with immense cultural significance.

I sincerely hope that the Council will consider acquiring the Māniana site and allow Ke Kula o Pi'ilani to continue to operate their program there. I believe in doing so you are helping to build the next generation of cultural practitioners, community leaders and champions for 'olelo Hawai'i and Maui.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Keala Ka'ōpūiki-Santos  
3289 Keha Dr.  
Kihei, HI 96753  
[kekaopul@ksbe.edu](mailto:kekaopul@ksbe.edu)

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Thank you,

Lindsey Drayer  
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Aloha Maui County Council,

I support the acquisition of the land and facilities owned by Hawaii Nature Center located adjacent to County Owned Kepaniwai Park in Iao Valley. These lands are in one of the most historically significant and sacred areas of Maui Island. The area deserves to be maintained in perpetuity for the benefit of current and future generations. I fully support the initiative to secure these premises in order to expand opportunities to educate our community about the importance of land and water stewardship and traditional and customary practices that make Maui no ka oi.

Daniel Ornellas  
128 Kaulana Na Pua Circle  
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possibly let this monstrosity of a structure ruin our wonderful community of Napili Bay. Looking forward to complete resolution of this matter. Thank you, Jeff and Mary Caye Carlson owners at Napili Shores

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Aloha e Maui County Council,

My name is Kayla Shaw and I am a mākua of a keiki who attends Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani in the prestigious valley of 'Īao. I am honored to offer a testimony in support of BILL NO. 123, A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO PART II, SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF REVOLVING/SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND - KE KULA 'O PI'ILANI, 'ĪAO, MAUI, HAWAI'I. I also want to express gratitude to all of you for expediting the process on your agenda.

As mentioned, I SUPPORT this bill and believe that the presence of Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani is essential here in 'Īao Valley. The kula contributes to a rich history and is continuing the existence of that history by its presence alone. Keiki are speaking 'Ōlelo Hawai'i and practicing their culture in authentic and exemplary ways. Lā hana or workdays are conducted frequently to mālama 'āina beyond the grounds of the school. With the passing of this bill, Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani will be able to have further influence on this valley in a way that will be beneficial to all to witness and experience from kama'āina to visitors. Please consider my testimony. Mahalo!

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Me ka 'oia'i'o,  
Kayla Shaw

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