

EDB Committee

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Subject: SUPPORT of the Wākiu Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing project

Aloha Chair Kelly T. King and members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee,

My name is Kaimana Cabebe. I am providing testimony in **SUPPORT** of the Wākiu Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing project.

I, like many generations before me was raised in Hāna, Maui. After graduating from Hāna High and Elementary School in 2005, I attended college at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. After having our first child in 2015, my wife and I knew it was time to return home to raise him. The hardest obstacle that we've encountered since moving home is housing.

Both my wife and I have professional level jobs in education. But we cannot afford to buy a home for the current prices in the housing market in Hāna. Currently our family is living in teacher housing, in a year or two, we do not know where we will be able to live. The Wākiu Affordable Housing project will open doors for many families who are currently living in single-family homes with two to three generations occupying them and filled to capacity. I urge this committee to support this project.

Mahalo for your time.

me ka 'oia'i'o,

Kaimana Cabebe